



U.S. Wheat Associates

Weekly Price Report (page 1)

May 1, 2020

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Export Region	Percent Protein 12% (Dry) Moisture Basis		MAY (N20)** (nearbys) week change			MAY (N20)**		JUN (N20)		JUL (N20)		AUG (U20)		SEP (U20)		OCT (Z20)		NOV (Z20)		Year Ago (nearbys) \$/MT
			FOB \$/bu	\$/bu	\$/MT	FOB \$/MT	Basis ¢/bu	FOB \$/MT	Basis ¢/bu	FOB \$/MT	Basis ¢/bu	FOB \$/MT	Basis ¢/bu	FOB \$/MT	Basis ¢/bu	FOB \$/MT	Basis ¢/bu	FOB \$/MT	Basis ¢/bu	
Great Lakes	NS/DNS 13.5 (15.3)*	M	6.02	0.13	5	221	95	219	90	219	90	220	80	220	80	236	110	236	110	203
	NS/DNS 14.0 (15.9)*	M	6.12	0.18	7	225	105	223	100	223	100	223	90	223	90	239	120	239	120	205
	NS/DNS 14.5 (16.5)*	M	6.17	0.13	5	227	110	225	105	225	105	225	95	225	95	241	125	241	125	207
Gulf of Mexico	NS/DNS 13.5 (15.3)*	M	6.62	0.08	3	243	155	241	150	241	150	242	140	242	140	252	155	252	155	244
	NS/DNS 14.0 (15.9)*	M	6.72	0.08	3	247	165	245	160	245	160	245	150	245	150	256	165	256	165	244
	NS/DNS 14.5 (16.5)*	M	6.82	0.03	1	250	175	249	170	249	170	249	160	249	160	259	175	259	175	245
	HRW Ord	K	6.13	0.08	3	225	130	225	130	225	130	228	130	228	130	231	130	233	135	200
	HRW 11.0 (12.5)	K	6.18	0.08	3	227	135	227	135	227	135	230	135	230	135	233	135	235	140	202
	HRW 11.5 (13.1)	K	6.28	0.08	3	231	145	231	145	231	145	233	145	233	145	237	145	239	150	206
	HRW 12.0 (13.6)	K	6.43	0.08	3	236	160	236	160	236	160	239	160	239	160	243	160	244	165	208
HRW 12.5 (14.2)	K	6.53	0.08	3	240	170	240	170	240	170	242	170	242	170	246	170	248	175	211	
SRW	C	6.07	-0.15	-6	223	90	219	80	217	75	219	75	221	80	227	90	229	95	193	
Pacific N. West	NS/DNS 13.5 (15.3)*	M	6.57	-0.07	-3	241	150	241	150	243	155	244	145	244	145	248	145	248	145	225
	NS/DNS 14.0 (15.9)*	M	6.57	-0.07	-3	241	150	241	150	243	155	244	145	244	145	248	145	248	145	225
	NS/DNS 14.5 (16.5)*	M	6.67	-0.07	-3	245	160	245	160	247	165	247	155	247	155	252	155	252	155	227
	HRW Ord	K	6.38	0.08	3	234	155	234	155	236	160	237	155	239	160	243	160	244	165	215
	HRW 11.5 (13.1)	K	6.43	0.08	3	236	160	236	160	238	165	239	160	241	165	244	165	246	170	217
	HRW 12.0 (13.6)	K	6.58	0.08	3	242	175	242	175	244	180	244	175	246	180	250	180	252	185	220
	HRW 13.0 (14.8)	K	7.13	0.08	3	262	230	262	230	264	235	264	230	266	235	270	235	272	240	224
	SW 9.5 (10.8) Min	\$	6.48	0.20	7	238	6.48	238	6.48	238	6.48	234	6.38	234	6.38	238	6.48	238	6.48	N/A
	SW 10.5 (11.9) Max	\$	6.45	-0.05	-2	237	6.45	237	6.45	237	6.45	233	6.35	233	6.35	237	6.45	237	6.45	222
	SW 9.5 (10.8) Max	\$	6.60	0.00	0	243	6.60	243	6.60	243	6.60	239	6.50	239	6.50	243	6.60	243	6.60	222
WW with 10% Club	\$	6.75	-0.05	-2	248	6.75	248	6.75	248	6.75	244	6.65	244	6.65	248	6.75	248	6.75	223	
WW with 20% Club	\$	7.00	-0.05	-2	257	7.00	257	7.00	257	7.00	254	6.90	254	6.90	257	7.00	257	7.00	224	

** MAY (N20) indicates basis and FOB prices for delivery in May 2020 are based on the July 2020 futures contract.

Durum: a range of prices are available depending upon various quality attributes and logistics.

Northern Durum offers from the Lakes range from \$7.21 to \$7.89/bu (\$265 to \$290/MT), and offers from Gulf ports range from \$8.16 to \$8.71/bu (\$300 to \$320/MT). For Desert Durum offers, contact your supplier.

*Hard Red Spring: HRS price indications in this report are for a 65% DHV content out of the PNW and a 40% DHV content out of the Gulf; for specific NS/DNS DHV premium spreads, contact your supplier.

Futures Settlements as of

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Grey positions not quoted on specific exchange

	JUL (N20)	JUL (N20)	week change	AUG (Q20)	week change	SEP (U20)	week change	DEC (Z20)	week change	JAN (F21)	week change	MAR (H21)	week change	MAY (K21)	week change	JUN (N21)	week change
	\$/MT	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu
Chicago BOT SRW	189.78	5.1650	(0.1400)			5.2025	(0.1300)	5.2900	(0.1125)			5.3650	(0.0900)	5.3750	(0.0750)	5.2925	(0.0525)
Kansas City BOT HRW	177.47	4.8300	(0.0025)			4.8975	(0.0025)	5.0000	(0.0025)			5.0900	(0.0150)	5.1475	(0.0150)	5.0975	(0.0100)
Minneapolis MGE NS/DNS	186.20	5.0675	(0.0650)			5.1775	(0.0675)	5.3125	(0.0700)			5.4500	(0.0650)	5.5400	(0.0675)	5.6050	(0.0675)
Chicago BOT Corn	117.03	3.1850	(0.0450)			3.2550	(0.0200)	3.3675	0.0000			3.5025	0.0100	3.5825	0.0250	3.6375	0.0350
Chicago BOT Soybeans	312.13	8.4950	0.1000	8.5075	0.1075	8.5100	0.1200			8.5775	0.1575	8.4875	0.1925	8.4800	0.2000	8.5575	0.2025

Legend: M = Minneapolis Grain Exchange; K = Kansas City Board of Trade; C = Chicago Board of Trade;
 \$ = cash price quote; N/A = quote not available; closed = Great Lakes are closed to vessels for winter; ¢/bu = cents per bushel;
 Futures Contract Month: H = March; K = May; N = July; U = September; Z = December
 NS/DNS=Northern Spring/Dark Northern Spring (subclasses of Hard Red Spring); HRW=Hard Red Winter; SRW=Soft Red Winter; SW=Soft White; WW=Western White (White Club & Soft White)
 F.O.B. = "Free on board" - Seller is responsible for placing grain at the end of the loading spout. Buyer is responsible for providing the ocean vessel and for all other costs after the grain is delivered on board.
 Basis: The difference between the cash price and futures month for specific quality, shipping period and geographical location.

Cash: Durum, SW and WW are quoted in dollars per bushel (\$/bu.) rather than basis for each contract month.

Convert: To compute cash price, add basis level and current futures to get price per bushel. Multiply by 36.743 to get price per metric ton.
Example: Basis = 70 and Future Price = \$9.00, the price per bushel is \$9.00 + .70 = \$9.70/bu. Price per metric ton is \$9.70 * 36.743 = \$356/MT.

All prices are based upon U.S. number two grade or better as certified by the Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS).



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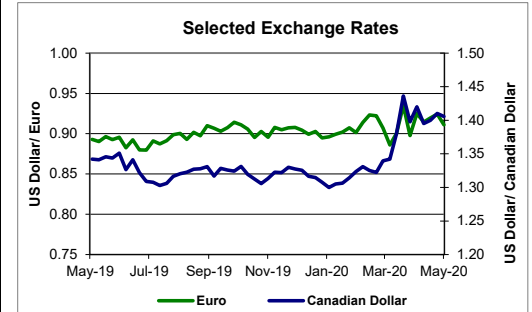
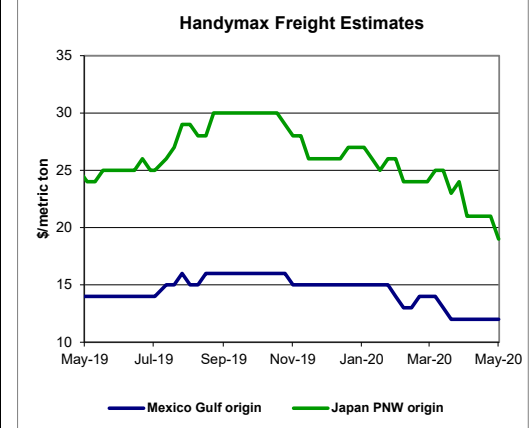
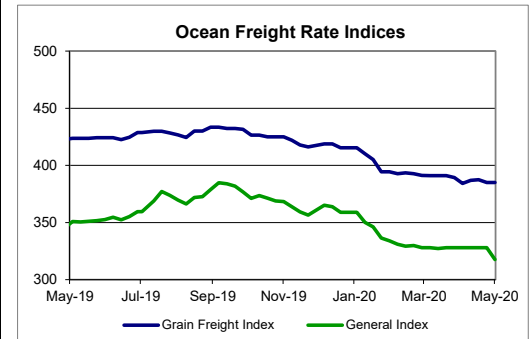
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Ocean Freight Rate Estimates by Origin*		U.S. dollars/metric ton			Freight Index**	General Index	Grain Freight Index	Number of Fixtures
Export Region	Import Region	Handy 25-30 TMT	Handymax 40-46 TMT	Panamax 54+ TMT				
US Gulf	Mexico (Veracruz)	15	12		5/1/2020	314.0	382.5	362
	W. South America (Peru/Ecu)	28			4/24/2020	317.6	385.0	511
	S. South America (Chile)	26			4/17/2020	320.1	387.5	457
	N. South America (Colombia)	17	14		4/10/2020	318.9	386.8	360
	E. South America (Brazil)	18			4/3/2020	316.9	384.2	538
	West Africa (Nigeria)	57			3/27/2020	320.8	389.3	552
	East Mediterranean (Italy)	39			3/20/2020	327.1	391.0	510
	West Mediterranean (Morocco)	33			3/13/2020	327.2	391.0	579
	Persian Gulf (Iraq)				3/6/2020	329.0	391.0	590
	Middle East (Egypt)				2/28/2020	327.9	391.2	577
Mid Atlantic	Japan		37	36	2/21/2020	329.8	392.7	479
	N. South America (Venezuela)	16			2/14/2020	329.3	393.4	536
	West Africa (Nigeria)	56			2/7/2020	330.9	392.7	486
St. Lawrence	Middle East (Egypt)			56	1/31/2020	333.9	394.4	418
	N. South America (Venezuela)	16			1/24/2020	336.4	394.4	571
	Europe/Rotterdam			9	1/17/2020	346.2	405.0	588
Great Lakes	1/3/2020				1/3/2020	358.9	415.4	537
	East Mediterranean (Italy)	45			12/20/2019	358.9	415.4	537
	West Mediterranean (Spain)	46			12/13/2019	363.8	418.8	604
	Rotterdam	41			12/6/2019	365.2	418.8	491
PNW	West Africa (Morocco/Algeria)	42			11/22/2019	356.5	416.2	612
	W. South America (Peru/Ecu)	26			11/15/2019	359.4	417.9	525
	S. South America (Chile)	30			11/8/2019	363.8	422.0	541
	N. South America (Colombia)	27			11/1/2019	368.4	425.0	442
	Persian Gulf (Iraq)			48	10/25/2019	368.8	425.0	500
	Middle East (Egypt)			23	10/18/2019	371.3	425.0	563
	East Africa (Djibouti/Mombasa)		43	41	10/11/2019	373.6	426.5	617
	South Asia (Mal/Indon/Phil/Sing)		37	29	10/4/2019	371.1	426.5	571
	Taiwan		21	20	9/27/2019	376.8	431.5	548
	South Korea		20	19	9/20/2019	381.8	432.3	559
	Japan		20	19				

Sources: *Trade representatives and recent shipments, **Maritime Research, Inc., ***Nominal Major Currencies, Federal Reserve Board

Summary of Foreign Currency Exchange Rates (versus \$1 U.S.)

Week Ending	Index***	Argentina	Australia	Brazil	Canada	Egypt	EU	Japan	Russia
5/1/20	N/A	66.61	1.558	5.486	1.406	0.00	0.911	106.8	75.30
4/24/20	124.5	66.29	1.566	5.591	1.410	15.78	0.924	107.5	74.40
4/17/20	123.2	65.80	1.571	5.236	1.400	15.70	0.919	107.5	73.84
4/10/20	122.4	64.53	1.575	5.106	1.395	15.72	0.914	108.5	73.44
5/2/19	115.5	44.73	1.429	3.965	1.347	17.13	0.895	111.5	65.38
5/2/15	105.63	8.850	1.271	3.020	1.211	7.529	0.891	119.8	51.37
1 year change	N/A	48.93%	9.07%	38.34%	4.35%	-100.00%	1.83%	-4.21%	15.18%
5 year change	N/A	652.64%	22.64%	81.66%	16.05%	-100.00%	2.26%	-10.87%	46.60%



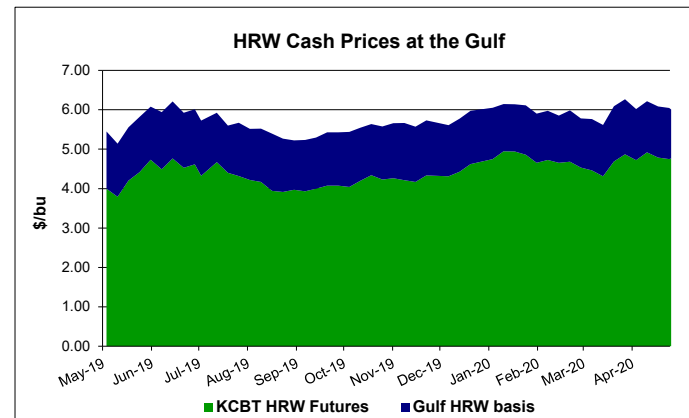
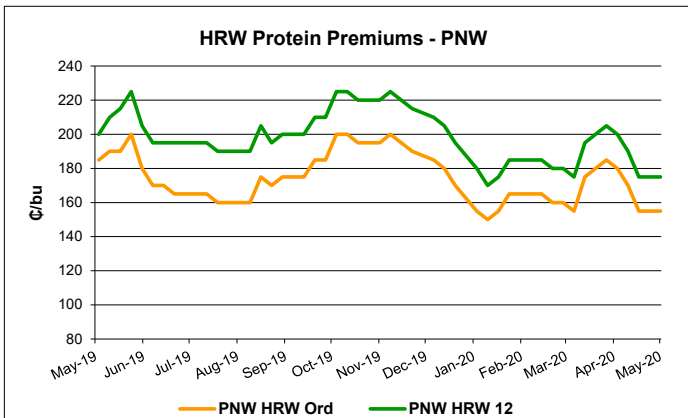
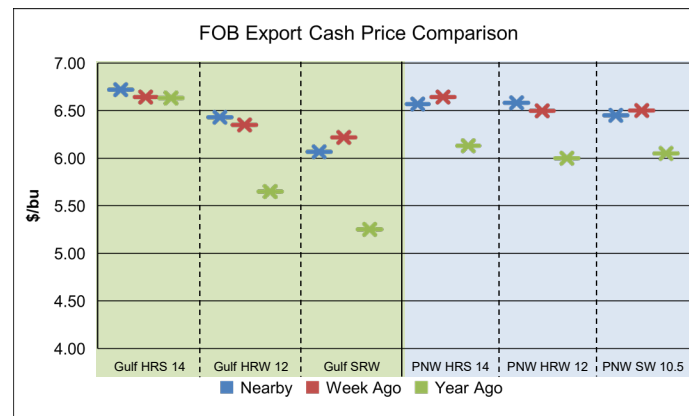
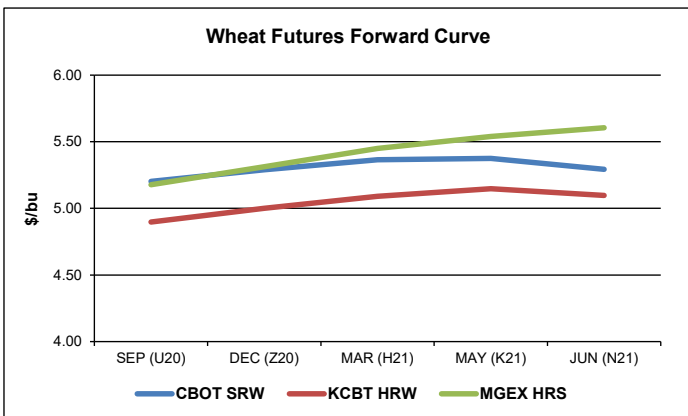
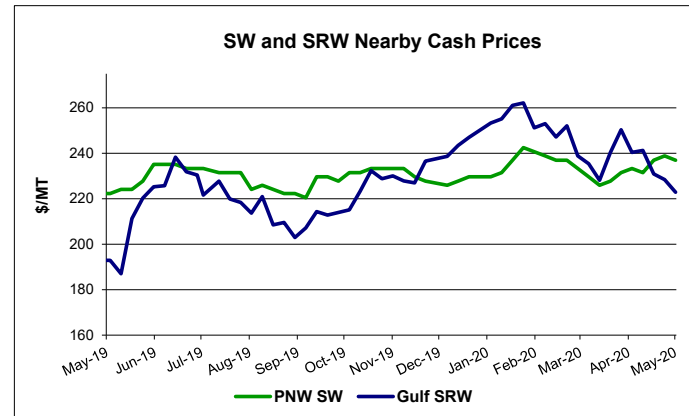
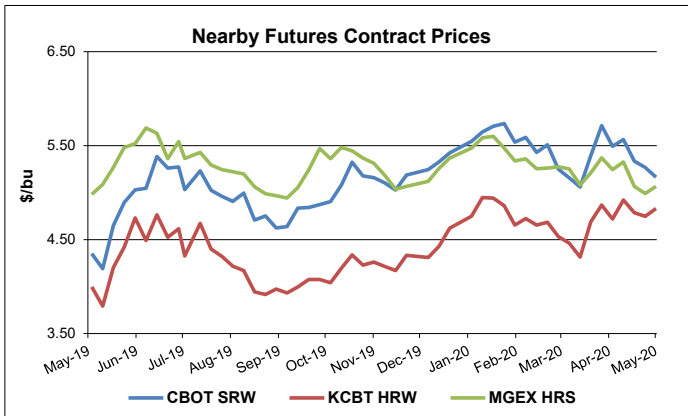
The weekly prices as reported by U.S. Wheat Associates are compiled through research from numerous market sources, including U.S. wheat exporters of all classes from various U.S. ports. The prices reported are representative of the value of number two grade and the proteins indicated. **They are not intended to represent offers nor should importers of U.S. wheat rely upon them as such. Additional factors may alter these prices significantly.**

These factors may include: (1) payment terms (differing from cash against documents which are the terms used in the U.S. Wheat Associates price report); (2) various quality factors, and method of quality certification; (3) loading terms (USW prices represent Free on Board and do not include loading rate guarantees, stevedoring costs or other elevator tariff charges); (4) different delivery periods than indicated in monthly prices reported by U. S. Wheat Associates.

U.S. Wheat Associates recommends regular contact with exporters of U.S. wheat in order to receive offers representative of your requirements.

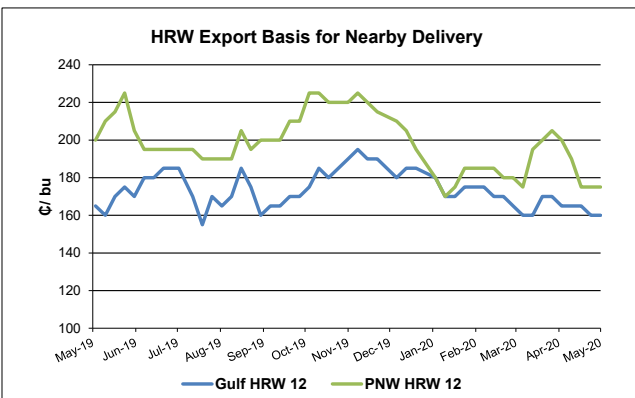
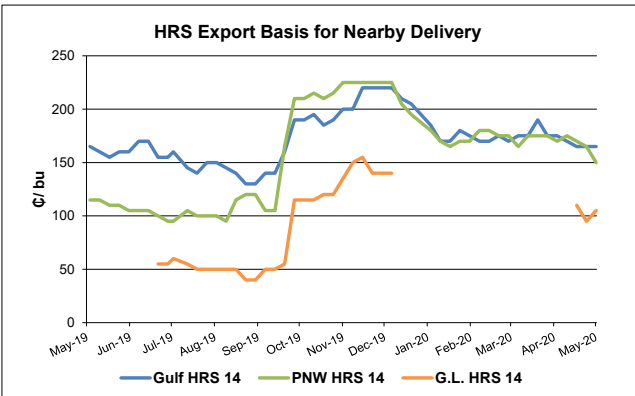
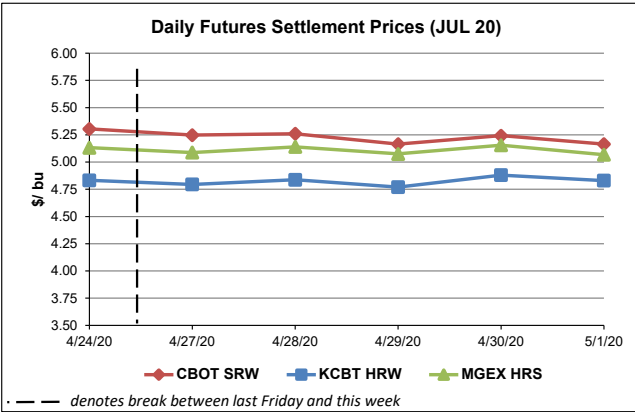
This contact will allow importers to review contract terms and better understand the U.S. grading system, role and function of the Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS).

Contact: For questions, please contact Claire Hutchins at (703) 650-0244 or chutchins@uswheat.org.





Highlights



- All wheat futures prices fell week-over-week as crop conditions improved in western Europe as much-needed rain fell in France and Germany (see below). CBOT soft red winter (SRW) July futures fell 14 cents to close at \$5.16/bu. KCBT hard red winter (HRW) July futures fell slightly week-over-week to end at \$4.83/bu. MGEX hard red spring (HRS) July futures lost 6 cents from last week to close at \$5.07/bu. CBOT July corn futures fell 4 cents to end at \$3.18/bu. CBOT July soybean futures gained 10 cents to close at \$8.49/bu.
- This week, minimal export demand pressured Pacific Northwest (PNW) white wheat export prices and Gulf SRW export basis. Increased domestic demand supported Great Lakes HRS export basis for May and June deliveries. PNW HRS export basis for delivery in May fell week-over-week as traders rolled from the May 2020 futures contract to the higher-valued July 2020 futures contract. All Free on Board (FOB) values for May 2020 delivery are now based on the July 2020 futures contract.
- On April 27, USDA reduced the total U.S. winter wheat crop rated as good to excellent from 62% last week to 57% as worsening dryness and freeze damage threaten crop development across the Great Plains. Ratings in Kansas fell from 46% good to excellent on April 20 to 40% on April 27. Several weeks ago, USDA rated 54% of Colorado's winter wheat in good to excellent condition but reduced its rating to 37% this week. Despite localized freezing and dryness, Nebraska's winter wheat crop is rated as 69% good to excellent, in line with last week. Oklahoma's winter wheat conditions fell 3% from last week where 62% of the crop is in good to excellent condition on dryness and freezing temperatures.
- U.S. spring wheat for harvest in fall 2020 is only 14% planted, significantly lagging the 5-year average of 29% on cool weather and surplus soil moisture across the Northern Plains.
- This week's commercial sales of 467,000 metric tons (MT) for delivery in 2019/20, through April 23, were up 91% from last week's 245,000 MT and well above trade expectations of 100,000 MT to 300,000 MT. Year-to-date commercial sales for delivery in 2019/20 total 25.9 million metric tons (MMT), 2% ahead of last year's pace. USDA forecasts total 2019/20 U.S. wheat exports will reach 26.8 MMT, up 5% from last year, if realized.
- This week's commercial sales for delivery in 2020/21, through April 23, totaled 155,000 MT. Year-to-date commercial sales for delivery in 2020/21 total 2.0 MMT, 7% behind last year's new marketing year pace.
- The U.S. Wheat Associates (USW) [Commercial Sales Report](#) now features new marketing year export sales information by class, destination and marketing year. USW will continue to publish new marketing year information until May 31, 2020.
- This week, abnormal dryness expanded significantly in western Kansas, southwestern Nebraska, western Oklahoma and central South Dakota. Severe drought spread into northeastern Colorado. Conditions remain very dry in western Washington and western Oregon and should be monitored carefully. Looking ahead, more dry weather and above-normal temperatures are expected across the Southern Plains.
- European crop monitor MARS said western European winter wheat development and spring wheat sowing have been hurt by the driest spring weather since 1979. This month, MARS lowered its forecast of the average soft (non-durum) wheat yield in the European Union (EU) to 87.3 bu/acre (5.87 MT/ha), down slightly from last month's forecast. According to Reuters, by April 28, widespread, beneficial rain alleviated dryness in France and Germany, the European Union's two largest wheat-producing countries.
- The International Grains Council (IGC) reduced its 2020/21 global wheat output by 4.0 MMT to 764 MMT on months of early spring dryness in Europe and the Black Sea, despite recent rains in western Europe. If realized, 2020/21 global wheat output would tie the 2019/20 record.
- EU soft (non-durum) wheat exports for delivery in 2019/20 now total 28.0 MMT, 63% greater than the volume cleared this time last year.
- As of April 30, the Egyptian wheat harvest is well under way. According to Reuters, Egypt expects to harvest 9.20 MMT of wheat this season, up 5% from last year, if realized.
- Recent rains in Argentina have boosted the country's wheat planting campaign. Previously, weeks of warm dry weather caused concern that soils would be too dry to plant wheat. "The rains have been stronger than expected, and this will be very favorable for wheat planting," said Cristian Russo, crop analyst at the Rosario grains exchange.
- On April 30, APK-Inform, a Ukrainian agriculture consultancy, cut the country's 2020/21 wheat harvest estimate to 24.5 MMT, down from last month's 26.7 MMT estimate on dry weather conditions. If realized, Ukraine's 2020/21 harvest would drop 16% from last year.
- The Baltic Dry Index (BDI), an assessment of the average cost to ship raw materials like grains, coal and iron ore, fell 5% week-over-week to end at 635.
- The U.S. Dollar Index fell from last week's 100 to close at 99.08.