



U.S. Wheat Associates

Weekly Price Report (page 1)

May 22, 2020

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Export Region	Percent Protein 12% (Dry) Moisture Basis		JUN (N20)			JUN (N20)		JUL (N20)		AUG (U20)		SEP (U20)		OCT (Z20)		NOV (Z20)		DEC (Z20)		Year Ago (nearbys) \$/MT
			(nearbys)		week change	FOB	Basis	FOB	Basis	FOB	Basis	FOB	Basis	FOB	Basis	FOB	Basis	FOB	Basis	
			FOB	\$/bu																
Great Lakes	NS/DNS 13.5 (15.3)*	M	6.03	0.07	2	222	90	222	90	222	80	222	80	238	110	238	110	240	115	216
	NS/DNS 14.0 (15.9)*	M	6.13	0.07	2	225	100	225	100	226	90	226	90	242	120	242	120	244	125	220
	NS/DNS 14.5 (16.5)*	M	6.18	0.07	2	227	105	227	105	228	95	228	95	244	125	244	125	245	130	220
Gulf of Mexico	NS/DNS 13.5 (15.3)*	M	6.58	0.07	2	242	145	242	145	244	140	244	140	253	150	255	155	256	160	258
	NS/DNS 14.0 (15.9)*	M	6.68	0.07	2	245	155	245	155	248	150	248	150	256	160	258	165	260	170	260
	NS/DNS 14.5 (16.5)*	M	6.78	0.07	2	249	165	249	165	251	160	251	160	260	170	262	175	264	180	262
	HRW Ord	K	5.70	-0.08	-3	209	125	209	125	212	125	212	125	217	125	218	130	220	135	214
	HRW 11.0 (12.5)	K	5.80	-0.08	-3	213	135	213	135	216	135	216	135	220	135	222	140	224	145	216
	HRW 11.5 (13.1)	K	5.90	-0.08	-3	217	145	217	145	219	145	219	145	224	145	226	150	228	155	221
	HRW 12.0 (13.6)	K	6.00	-0.08	-3	220	155	220	155	223	155	223	155	228	155	229	160	231	165	227
	HRW 12.5 (14.2)	K	6.10	-0.08	-3	224	165	224	165	227	165	227	165	231	165	233	170	235	175	232
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Pacific N. West	NS/DNS 13.5 (15.3)*	M	6.68	0.07	2	245	155	245	155	244	140	248	150	253	150	255	155	256	160	242
	NS/DNS 14.0 (15.9)*	M	6.68	0.07	2	245	155	245	155	244	140	248	150	253	150	255	155	256	160	242
	NS/DNS 14.5 (16.5)*	M	6.78	0.07	2	249	165	249	165	248	150	251	160	256	160	258	165	260	170	244
	HRW Ord	K	6.10	-0.08	-3	224	165	224	165	225	160	225	160	229	160	231	165	233	170	236
	HRW 11.5 (13.1)	K	6.15	-0.08	-3	226	170	226	170	227	165	227	165	231	165	233	170	235	175	238
	HRW 12.0 (13.6)	K	6.30	-0.08	-3	231	185	231	185	232	180	232	180	237	180	239	185	240	190	245
	HRW 13.0 (14.8)	K	6.85	-0.08	-3	252	240	252	240	252	235	252	235	257	235	259	240	261	245	260
	SW 9.5 (10.8) Min	\$	6.28	-0.20	-7	231	6.28	231	6.28	227	6.18	229	6.23	231	6.28	233	6.33	234	6.38	N/A
	SW 10.5 (11.9) Max	\$	6.25	-0.10	-4	230	6.25	230	6.25	226	6.15	228	6.20	230	6.25	231	6.30	233	6.35	228
	SW 9.5 (10.8) Max	\$	6.40	-0.10	-4	235	6.40	235	6.40	231	6.30	233	6.35	235	6.40	237	6.45	239	6.50	228
WW with 10% Club	\$	6.55	-0.10	-4	241	6.55	241	6.55	237	6.45	239	6.50	241	6.55	243	6.60	244	6.65	229	
WW with 20% Club	\$	6.80	-0.10	-4	250	6.80	250	6.80	246	6.70	248	6.75	250	6.80	252	6.85	254	6.90	230	

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 May 22, 2020

Grey positions not quoted on specific exchange

	JUL (N20)	JUL (N20)	week	AUG (Q20)	week	SEP (U20)	week	DEC (Z20)	week	JAN (F21)	week	MAR (H21)	week	MAY (K21)	week	JUN (N21)	week
	\$/MT	\$/bu	change	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	change	\$/bu	change	\$/bu	change	\$/bu	change	\$/bu	change	\$/bu	change
Chicago BOT SRW	186.93	5.0875	0.0850			5.1275	0.0975	5.2150	0.0875			5.2925	0.0750	5.3200	0.0675	5.2925	0.0725
Kansas City BOT HRW	163.33	4.4450	(0.0775)			4.5175	(0.0700)	4.6425	(0.0625)			4.7550	(0.0625)	4.8300	(0.0600)	4.8550	(0.0375)
Minneapolis MGE NS/DNS	188.50	5.1300	0.0675			5.2425	0.0625	5.3775	0.0650			5.5075	0.0575	5.5875	0.0500	5.6450	0.0450
Chicago BOT Corn	116.84	3.1800	(0.0125)			3.2275	(0.0025)	3.3275	0.0075			3.4525	0.0050	3.5275	0.0075	3.5800	0.0050
Chicago BOT Soybeans	306.16	8.3325	(0.0525)	8.3650	(0.0425)	8.3850	(0.0275)			8.4850	0.0050	8.4475	0.0475	8.4475	0.0775	8.5275	0.0875

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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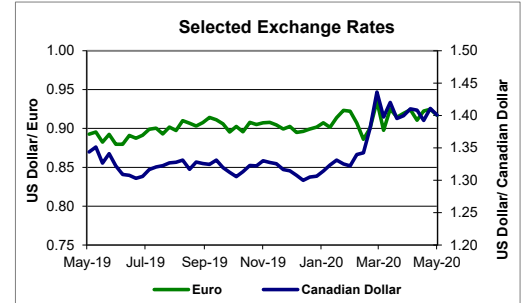
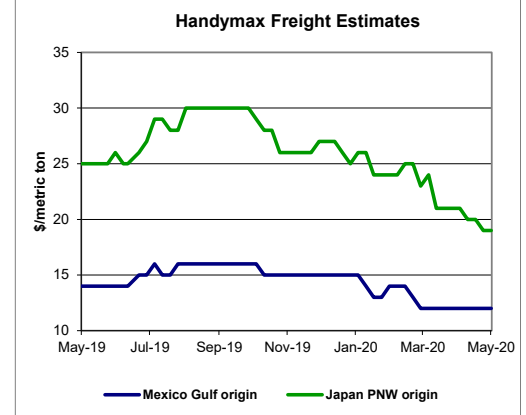
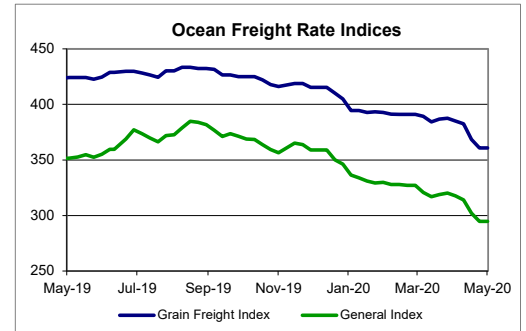
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Ocean Freight Rate Estimates by Origin*		U.S. dollars/metric ton			Freight Index**	General Index	Grain Freight Index	Number of Fixtures
Export Region	Import Region	Handy 25-30 TMT	Handymax 40-46 TMT	Panamax 54+ TMT				
US Gulf	Mexico (Veracruz)	15	12		5/22/2020	298.6	363.3	443
	W. South America (Peru/Ecu)	28			5/15/2020	294.7	360.8	537
	S. South America (Chile)	26			5/8/2020	302.1	368.4	346
	N. South America (Colombia)	17	14		5/1/2020	314.0	382.5	362
	E. South America (Brazil)	13			4/24/2020	317.6	385.0	511
	West Africa (Nigeria)	57			4/17/2020	320.1	387.5	457
	East Mediterranean (Italy)	39			4/10/2020	318.9	386.8	360
	West Mediterranean (Morocco)	32			4/3/2020	316.9	384.2	538
	Persian Gulf (Iraq)				3/27/2020	320.8	389.3	552
	Middle East (Egypt)				3/20/2020	327.1	391.0	510
Mid Atlantic	Japan		35	34	3/13/2020	327.2	391.0	579
	N. South America (Venezuela)	16			3/6/2020	329.0	391.0	590
	West Africa (Nigeria)	56			2/28/2020	327.9	391.2	577
St. Lawrence	Middle East (Egypt)			56	2/21/2020	329.8	392.7	479
	N. South America (Venezuela)	10			2/14/2020	329.3	393.4	536
Great Lakes	Europe/Rotterdam			8	2/7/2020	330.9	392.7	486
	East Mediterranean (Italy)	45			1/24/2020	336.4	394.4	571
	West Mediterranean (Spain)	46			1/17/2020	346.2	405.0	588
	Rotterdam	41			1/10/2020	350.1	410.1	580
PNW	West Africa (Morocco/Algeria)	42			1/3/2020	358.9	415.4	537
	W. South America (Peru/Ecu)	26			12/20/2019	358.9	415.4	537
	S. South America (Chile)	30			12/13/2019	363.8	418.8	604
	N. South America (Colombia)	27			12/6/2019	365.2	418.8	491
	Persian Gulf (Iraq)			47	11/22/2019	356.5	416.2	612
	Middle East (Egypt)			20	11/15/2019	359.4	417.9	525
	East Africa (Djibouti/Mombasa)		43	41	11/8/2019	363.8	422.0	541
	South Asia (Mal/Indon/Phil/Sing)		37	29	11/1/2019	368.4	425.0	442
	Taiwan		21	20	10/25/2019	368.8	425.0	500
	South Korea		20	19	10/18/2019	371.3	425.0	563
Japan		19	18	10/11/2019	373.6	426.5	617	

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
5/22/20	N/A	67.94	1.531	5.580	1.401	15.81	0.917	107.5	71.47
5/15/20	124.0	67.59	1.559	5.855	1.411	15.69	0.925	107.0	73.32
5/8/20	122.9	67.27	1.532	5.732	1.393	15.70	0.923	106.7	73.32
5/1/20	123.5	66.61	1.558	5.486	1.408	15.70	0.910	106.9	75.21
5/23/19	116.2	45.01	1.449	4.039	1.347	16.84	0.894	109.6	64.84
5/23/15	105.84	8.967	1.269	3.050	1.223	7.608	0.901	121.1	49.93
1 year change	N/A	50.95%	5.65%	38.15%	3.98%	-6.12%	2.52%	-1.90%	10.22%
5 year change	N/A	657.68%	20.64%	82.98%	14.58%	107.82%	1.82%	-11.21%	43.13%



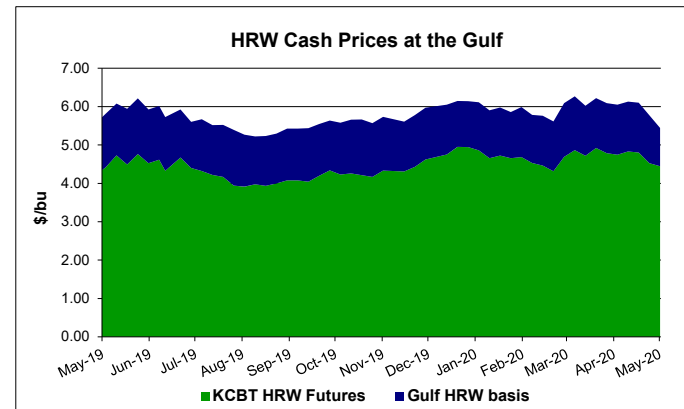
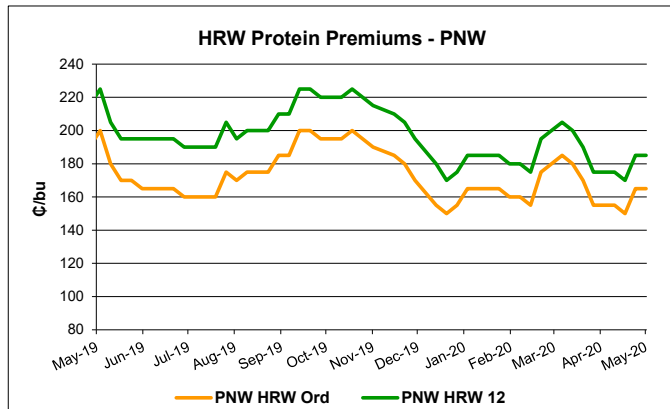
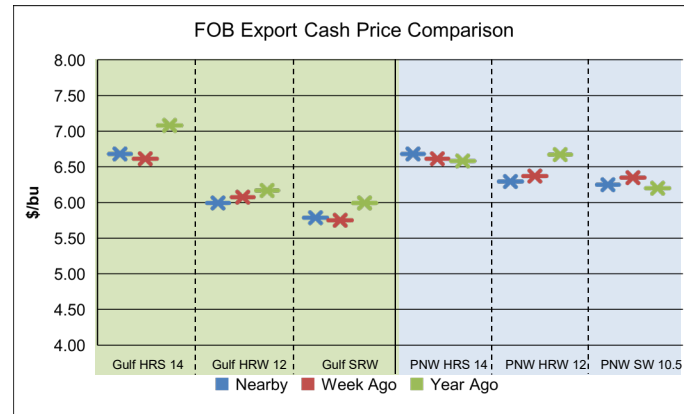
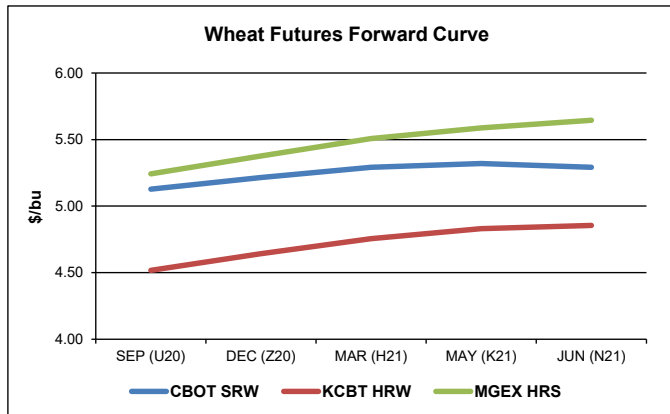
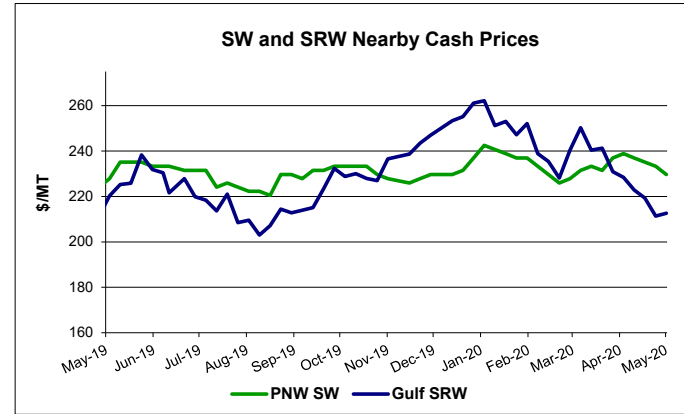
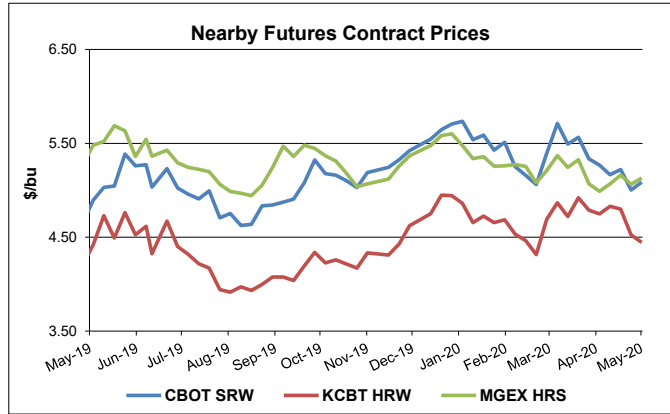
The weekly prices as reported by U.S. Wheat Associates are compiled through research from numerous market sources, including U.S. wheat exporters of all classes from various U.S. ports. The prices reported are representative of the value of number two grade and the proteins indicated. **They are not 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.

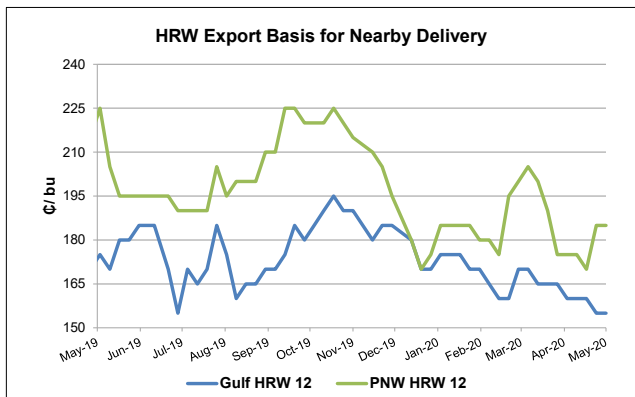
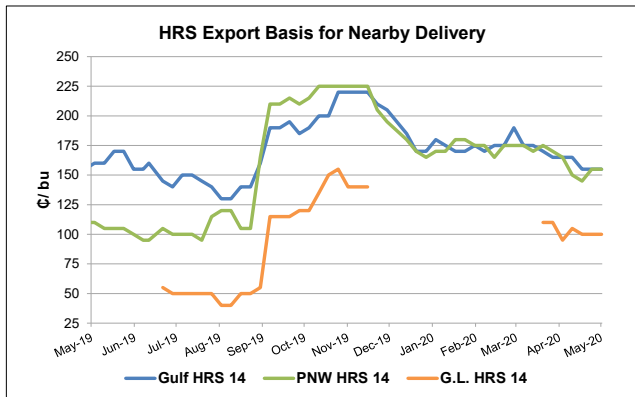
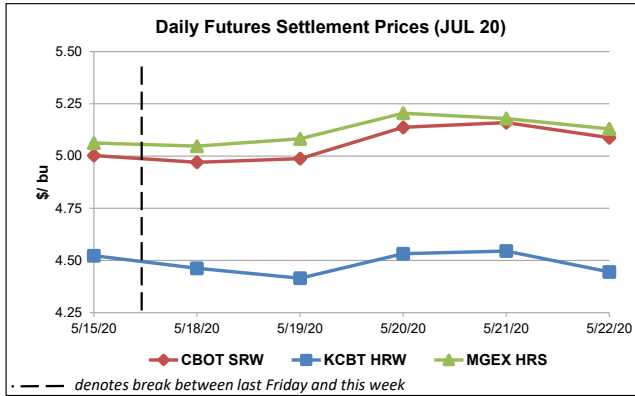
This contact will allow importers to review contract terms and better understand the U.S. grading system, role and function of the Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS).

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





Highlights



- Short-covering midweek supported hard red spring (HRS) and soft red winter (SRW) futures prices while new harvest pressure in Texas and Oklahoma pressured hard red winter (HRW) futures prices week-over-week. MGE HRS futures gained 8 cents to close at \$5.09/bu. CBOT SRW futures added 7 cents to end at \$5.13/bu. KCBT HRW futures lost 8 cents to close at \$4.44/bu. CBOT corn futures fell 1 cent to end at \$3.18/bu. CBOT Soybean futures lost 5 cents to end at \$8.33/bu.
- Slow export demand and new harvest pressure softened SRW export basis for June and July deliveries. Beneficial precipitation in dry regions of the Pacific Northwest (PNW) (see below) pressured soft white wheat export prices from last week. HRS export basis in both the Gulf and PNW are unchanged week-over-week.
- Despite recent precipitation across parts of the Southern and High Plains (see below), USDA reduced the total U.S. winter wheat crop rated as good to excellent from last week's 53% to 52% this week. Total crop ratings increased in Kansas from 38% good to excellent on May 11 to 40% on May 18. Colorado's total crop rating fell significantly from 35% good to excellent last week to 28% this week. In Oklahoma, winter rated as good to excellent fell from 56% last week to 53% this week.
- Unfortunately, with concern over the COVID-19 pandemic, the annual Wheat Quality Council (WQC) Hard Winter Wheat tour was cancelled. Instead, Kansas Wheat and Kansas State University Research and Extension, in conjunction with the Kansas Department of Agriculture and other industry partners, held a virtual tour. Based on a limited sample size, on May 21, the tour participants estimated the 2020/21 Kansas HRW wheat crop potential at 7.73 MMT, 7% below USDA's May 12 estimate of 8.33 MMT and 16% below last year's production volume of 9.20 MMT. Persistent drought conditions and freeze damage across the state, particularly in the west were cited.
- U.S. spring wheat planting for fall 2020 harvest is only 60% complete, slightly behind last year's 63% and well behind the 5-year average of 80% complete. Across much of the Northern Plains, cool temperatures, overly wet field conditions and delayed field work from the 2019 harvest are slowing farmers down.
- This week's commercial sales of 176,000 metric tons (MT) for delivery in 2019/20, through May 14, were down 14% from last week's 203,000 MT but in line with trade expectations of 100,000 to 250,000 MT. Year-to-date commercial sales for delivery in 2019/20 total 24.6 MMT, 3% ahead of last year's pace. USDA's latest forecast of total 2019/20 U.S. wheat exports is 26.4 MMT, up 3% from last year, if realized. Adjustments in commercial sales are often made as the marketing year ends.
- This week's commercial sales for delivery in 2020/21, through May 14, totaled 254,000 MT. Year-to-date commercial sales for delivery in 2020/21 total 2.54 MMT, 24% behind last year's new marketing year pace.
- The 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.
- Beneficial precipitation fell in parts of eastern Colorado and western Kansas this week, but the Drought Monitor still shows severe to extreme drought across that region. Favorable rainfall was also reported in dry areas in eastern Washington and eastern Oregon, boosting yield potential in that region after an extremely dry spring. Moderate drought spread in southwestern Oklahoma and abnormal dryness spread into eastern Nebraska. Looking ahead, more beneficial precipitation is expected in areas across the central and southern Great Plains. Rainfall across the Northern Plains could continue to slow spring wheat planting.
- According to the Russian Ministry of Agriculture, Russian spring wheat planting is now 71% complete at 9.30 million hectares (23.0 million acres). IKAR, a Russian agriculture consultancy, cut its forecast of 2020 Russian wheat production from 77.2 MMT to 76.2 MMT on persistent dryness in several of the country's southern provinces. USDA estimates Russia will produce 77.0 MMT of wheat this year, up 5% from 2019/20 and 6% more than the 5-year average, if realized.
- Kazakhstan's Ministry of Agriculture is working to extend the list of regions able to export wheat to China, namely the central-western province of Aktobe and the eastern-most province of East Kazakhstan. According to Trade Data Monitor, Kazakhstan exported 507,000 MT of wheat to China in 2018/19.
- Dryness persists in northern France, northern Germany and England, countries where the most European Union (EU) wheat is grown. According to DTN, beneficial precipitation is expected to cover the region in the coming week.
- The State Statistical Service of Ukraine estimates the country's wheat ending stocks have fallen to a nine-year low of 2.80 MMT following a significant uptick in exports for the month of April on worries of a possible export ban. Ukrainian wheat exports for the month of April totaled 1.2 MMT, up 33% year-over-year. Ukrainian wheat exports now total 19.1 MMT, up 34% from last year.
- The Baltic Dry Index (BDI), an assessment of the average cost to ship raw materials like grains, coal and iron ore, gained 21% from last week to close at 494.
- The U.S. Dollar Index fell from last week's 100 to end at 99.77.