

Weekly Price Report January 15, 2021

U.S. Wheat FOB & Export Basis Estimates

Export Region	Class & Percent Protein 12% (Dry) Moisture Basis		JAN (H21)				JAN (H21)		FEB (H21)		MAR (H21)		APR (K21)		MAY (K21)		JUN (N21)		JUL (N21)	
			(nearbys) FOB \$/bu	week change		1 year ago \$/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
				\$/bu	\$/MT															
Great Lakes	NS/DNS 13.5 (15.3)*	M	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	269	80	269	80	270	80	270	80
	NS/DNS 14.0 (15.9)*	M	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	271	85	271	85	272	85	272	85
	NS/DNS 14.5 (16.5)*	M	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	273	90	273	90	274	90	274	90
Gulf of Mexico	NS/DNS 13.5 (15.3)*	M	8.53	0.32	12	264	314	210	306	190	304	185	306	180	304	175	305	175	305	175
	NS/DNS 14.0 (15.9)*	M	8.58	0.32	12	268	315	215	308	195	306	190	307	185	306	180	307	180	307	180
	NS/DNS 14.5 (16.5)*	M	8.68	0.32	12	269	319	225	312	205	310	200	311	195	309	190	311	190	311	190
	HRW Ord	K	8.03	0.46	17	226	295	160	295	160	293	155	294	155	292	150	292	150	292	150
	HRW 11.0 (12.5)	K	8.03	0.46	17	230	295	160	295	160	293	155	294	155	292	150	292	150	292	150
	HRW 11.5 (13.1)	K	8.08	0.46	17	237	297	165	297	165	295	160	296	160	294	155	294	155	294	155
	HRW 12.0 (13.6)	K	8.18	0.46	17	244	301	175	301	175	299	170	300	170	298	165	298	165	298	165
	HRW 12.5 (14.2)	K	8.28	0.46	17	252	304	185	304	185	302	180	303	180	302	175	301	175	301	175
	SRW	W	8.06	0.35	13	255	296	130	292	120	292	120	291	115	287	105	280	105	282	110
Pacific N.West	NS/DNS 13.5 (15.3)*	M	8.23	0.17	6	268	302	180	297	165	293	155	293	145	293	145	294	145	294	145
	NS/DNS 14.0 (15.9)*	M	8.28	0.17	6	268	304	185	299	170	295	160	295	150	295	150	296	150	296	150
	NS/DNS 14.5 (16.5)*	M	8.43	0.17	6	273	310	200	304	185	301	175	300	165	300	165	302	165	302	165
	HRW Ord	K	8.43	0.36	13	237	310	200	308	195	306	190	305	185	305	185	305	185	305	185
	HRW 11.5 (13.1)	K	8.43	0.36	13	239	310	200	308	195	306	190	305	185	305	185	305	185	305	185
	HRW 12.0 (13.6)	K	8.53	0.36	13	244	313	210	312	205	310	200	309	195	309	195	309	195	309	195
	HRW 13.0 (14.8)	K	8.73	0.36	13	264	321	230	319	225	317	220	316	215	316	215	316	215	316	215
	SW Unspecified	\$	7.45	0.00	0	231	274	745	270	735	270	735	268	730	266	725	265	720	261	710
	SW 9.5 (10.8) Min	\$	7.50	0.00	0	233	276	750	272	740	272	740	270	735	268	730	266	725	263	715
	SW 10.5 (11.9) Max	\$	7.45	0.00	0	231	274	745	270	735	270	735	268	730	266	725	265	720	261	710
	SW 9.5 (10.8) Max	\$	7.50	0.00	0	235	276	750	272	740	272	740	270	735	268	730	266	725	263	715
WW with 10% Club	\$	7.55	0.00	0	243	277	755	274	745	274	745	272	740	270	735	268	730	265	720	
WW with 20% Club	\$	7.60	0.00	0	252	279	760	276	750	276	750	274	745	272	740	270	735	266	725	

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

Northern Durum offers from the Great Lakes for April/May 2021 delivery are quoted at \$8.03/bu (\$295/MT). For **Desert Durum** offers, contact your supplier.

Hard White: a range of prices are available depending upon various quality attributes and logistics

***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 Exchange Settlements

Exchange & Commodity	MAR (H21)			MAY (K21)		JUL (N21)		AUG (Q21)		SEP (U21)		NOV (X21)		DEC (Z21)		JAN (F22)	
	close	wk chng		close	wk chng	close	wk chng	close	wk chng	close	wk chng	close	wk chng	close	wk chng	close	wk chng
	\$/MT	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu
Chicago BOT SRW	248.20	6.7550	0.3675	6.7650	0.3575	6.5775	0.2600			6.5750	0.2350			6.6225	0.2050		
Kansas City BOT HRW	236.26	6.4300	0.4825	6.4600	0.4675	6.4550	0.4300			6.4850	0.4125			6.5500	0.4000		
Minneapolis MGE NS/DNS	236.35	6.4325	0.3550	6.5175	0.3550	6.5600	0.3650			6.5900	0.3650			6.6125	0.3275		
Chicago BOT Corn	209.24	5.3150	0.3525	5.3475	0.3725	5.3200	0.3725			4.8550	0.2900			4.6000	0.1950		
Chicago BOT Soybeans	520.57	14.1675	0.4200	14.1475	0.4350	14.0100	0.4300	13.5425	0.4225	12.5675	0.3850	11.9775	0.3600			11.9175	0.3300

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; c/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.

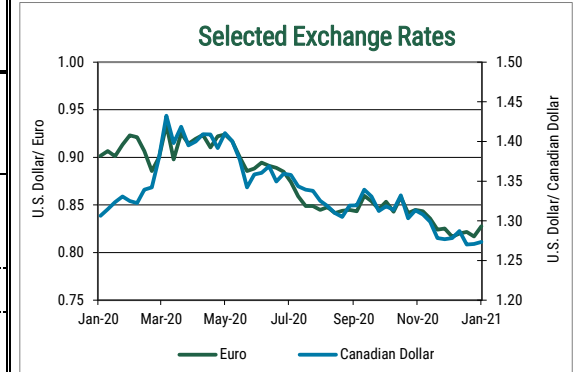
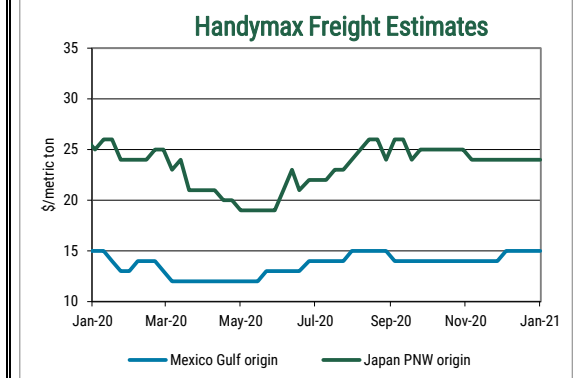
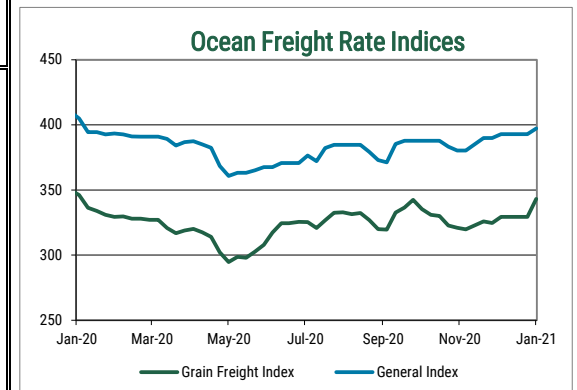
All prices are based upon U.S. number two grade or better as certified by the Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS).

Ocean Freight Rate Estimates for Nearby Delivery		U.S. dollars/metric ton			Freight Index** Week Ending	General Index	Grain Freight Index	Number of Fixtures
Export Region	Import Region	Handy 25-30 TMT	Handymax 40-46 TMT	Panamax 54+ TMT				
U.S. Gulf	Mexico (Veracruz)	18	15		1/15/2021	343.1	397.2	542
U.S. Gulf	W. South America (Peru/Ecu)			16	1/8/2021	329.4	392.9	491
U.S. Gulf	S. South America (Chile)			20	12/18/2020	329.4	392.9	491
U.S. Gulf	N. South America (Colombia)	20	16	13	12/11/2020	324.7	389.9	546
U.S. Gulf	E. South America (Brazil)		22		12/4/2020	325.9	389.9	499
U.S. Gulf	West Africa (Nigeria)	29			11/20/2020	319.8	380.4	504
U.S. Gulf	East Mediterranean (Italy)	41			11/13/2020	321.0	380.4	470
U.S. Gulf	West Mediterranean (Morocco)	40			11/6/2020	322.7	383.2	440
U.S. Gulf	Persian Gulf (Iraq)			67	10/30/2020	330.1	387.9	422
U.S. Gulf	Middle East (Egypt)			28	10/23/2020	330.9	387.9	500
U.S. Gulf	Japan		44	42	10/16/2020	335.4	387.9	467
Mid Atlantic	N. South America (Venezuela)	16			10/9/2020	342.4	387.9	452
Mid Atlantic	West Africa (Nigeria)	29			10/2/2020	336.6	387.9	405
Mid Atlantic	Middle East (Egypt)			27	9/25/2020	332.7	385.4	458
St. Lawrence	N. South America (Venezuela)	19			9/18/2020	319.6	371.3	413
St. Lawrence	Europe/Rotterdam			17	9/11/2020	320.0	373.0	445
Great Lakes	East Mediterranean (Italy)	Closed			9/4/2020	327.0	379.3	404
Great Lakes	West Mediterranean (Spain)	Closed			8/28/2020	332.3	384.6	469
Great Lakes	Europe/Rotterdam	Closed			8/21/2020	331.5	384.6	433
Great Lakes	West Mediterranean (Morocco)	Closed			8/14/2020	332.8	384.6	435
PNW	W. South America (Peru/Ecu)	26			8/7/2020	332.6	384.6	434
PNW	S. South America (Chile)	30			7/31/2020	326.8	382.3	404
PNW	N. South America (Colombia)	30			7/24/2020	320.8	372.2	537
PNW	Persian Gulf (Iraq)			54	7/17/2020	325.3	376.4	456
PNW	Middle East (Egypt)			29	7/10/2020	325.6	370.7	410
PNW	East Africa (Djibouti/Mombasa)		43	41	7/2/2020	324.5	370.7	434
PNW	South Asia (Mal/Indon/Phil/Sing)			24	6/26/2020	324.5	370.7	434
PNW	Taiwan		25	25	6/19/2020	317.4	367.6	478
PNW	South Korea		24	24	6/12/2020	307.9	367.6	506
PNW	Japan		24	24	6/5/2020	302.7	365.1	419

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
1/15/21	N/A	85.73	1.297	5.295	1.273	15.63	0.828	103.9	73.58
1/8/21	111.6	85.11	1.287	5.388	1.271	15.67	0.817	104.0	74.11
1/1/21	N/A	85.05	1.301	5.192	1.270	15.82	0.822	103.2	73.91
12/25/20	N/A	82.69	1.313	5.215	1.287	15.54	0.820	103.3	74.03
1/16/20	115.1	45.17	1.450	4.184	1.304	15.80	0.898	110.2	61.63
1/16/16	N/A	13.174	1.456	4.045	1.454	7.688	0.916	117.0	77.71
1 year change	N/A	89.80%	-10.49%	26.57%	-2.35%	-1.06%	-7.81%	-5.73%	19.39%
5 year change	N/A	550.76%	-10.88%	30.92%	-12.40%	103.31%	-9.62%	-11.22%	-5.32%



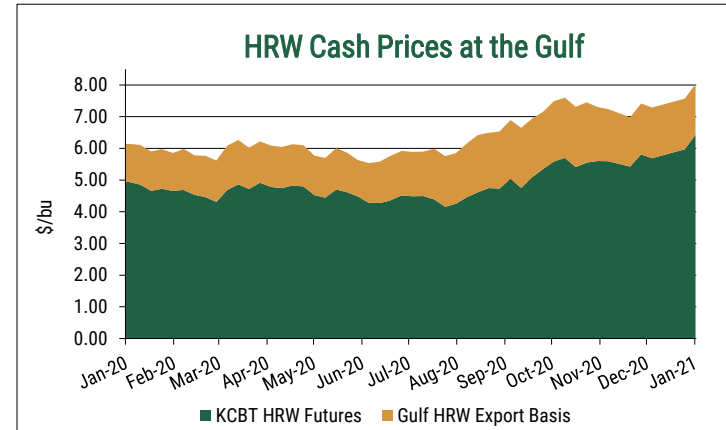
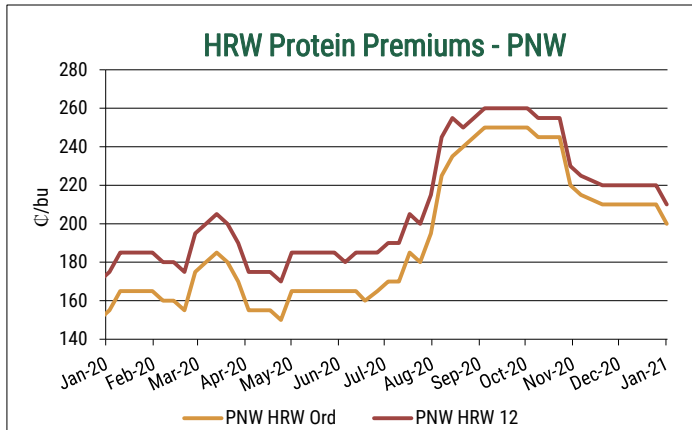
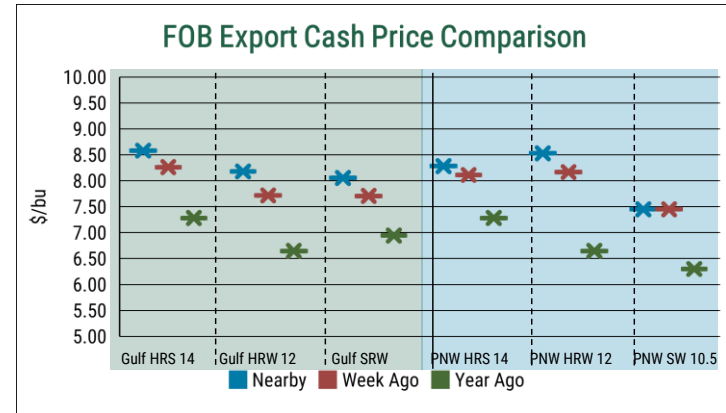
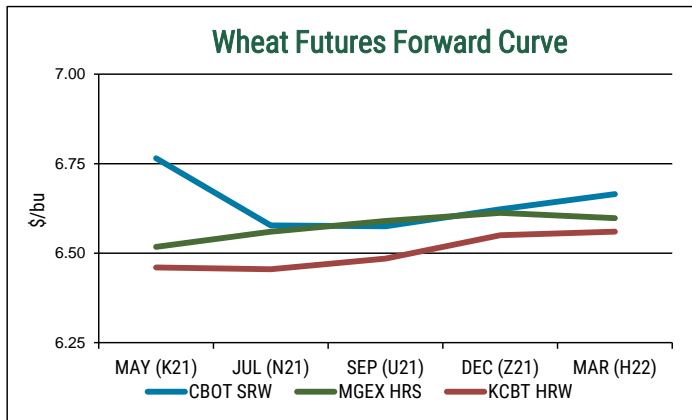
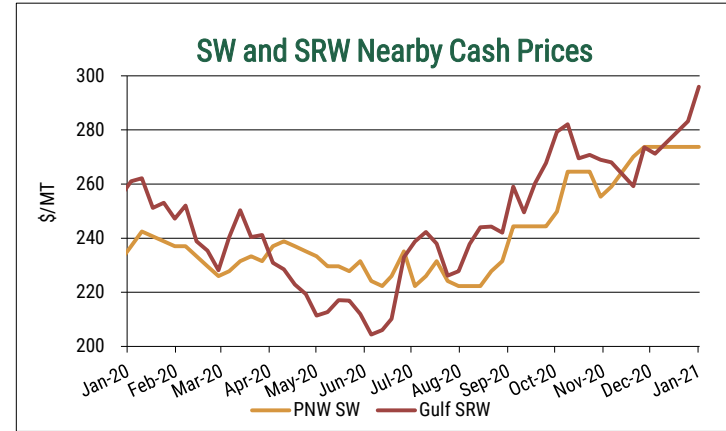
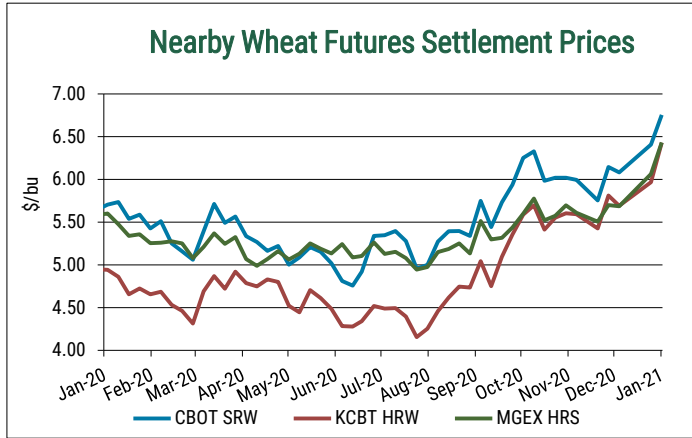
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These factors may include: (1) payment terms (differing from cash against documents which are the terms used in the U.S. Wheat Associates price report); (2) various quality factors, and method of quality certification; (3) loading terms (USW prices 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.

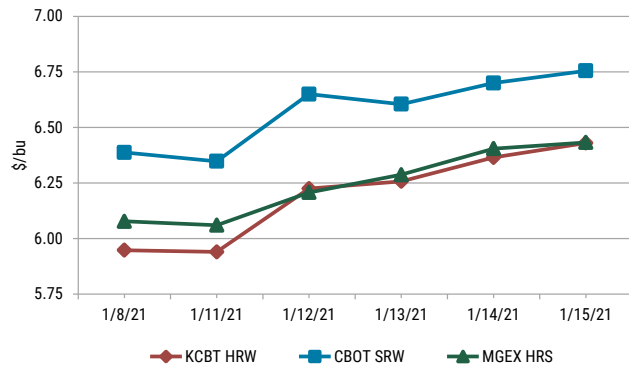
U.S. Wheat Associates recommends regular contact with exporters of U.S. wheat in order to receive offers representative of your requirements.

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).

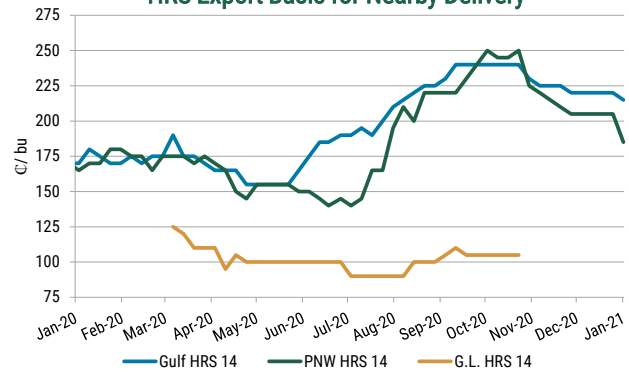
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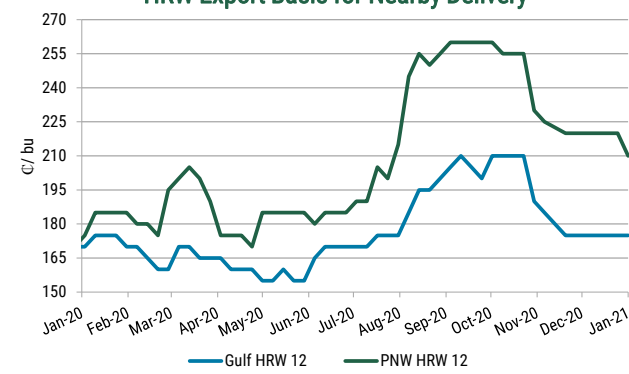
Daily Futures Settlement Prices (MAR 21)



HRS Export Basis for Nearby Delivery



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- USDA's lower than expected global wheat ending stocks estimate and news that Russia could further increase its 2020/21 wheat export tax (see below) supported all wheat futures prices week-over-week. CBOT soft red winter (SRW) futures jumped 37 cents to end at \$6.75/bu. KCBT hard red winter (HRW) futures added 48 cents to close at \$6.43/bu. MGE hard red spring (HRS) futures gained 35 cents to end at \$6.43/bu. CBOT corn futures jumped 35 cents to close at \$5.31/bu. CBOT March soybean futures added 42 cents to end at \$14.2/bu.
- Increased farmer selling pressured Pacific Northwest (PNW), Gulf and Great Lakes HRS export basis for nearby and deferred deliveries. The Great Lakes - St. Lawrence Seaway System will be closed from early January to mid-March 2021.
- According to USDA, total U.S. winter wheat planted area for harvest in 2021 is expected to reach 32.0 million acres, up 5% from last year on strong prices during fall planting. HRW acreage is pegged at 22.3 million acres, up slightly from last year. The SRW planted area forecast hit 6.23 million acres, up 12% from the year prior. Soft white (SW) planted area is up slightly from 2020 at 3.48 million acres.
- In its January Grain Stocks report, USDA reduced its total 2020/21 global wheat ending stocks estimate by 3.30 MMT to 313 MMT, below industry expectations, on reduced supplies and increased consumption. Despite a significant reduction month-over-month, record global ending stocks would still be 4% more than last year and 13% more than the 5-year average.
- This week's commercial sales of 222,000 metric tons (MT) for delivery in 2020/21 were down 19% from last week's 275,000 MT and slightly less than trade expectations for 250,000 MT to 500,000 MT. Year-to-date commercial sales now total 21.1 million metric tons (MMT), 8% ahead of last year's pace. USDA forecasts total U.S. wheat exports will reach 26.8 MMT in 2020/21, 2% ahead of last year, if realized.
- Most of the Great Plains are now abnormally to exceptionally dry. Extreme dryness continues to plague winter wheat producers in western Nebraska, eastern Colorado and western Kansas. Looking ahead, windy, dry conditions are expected to persist from the Southern to Northern Plains.
- French farm office FranceAgriMer now estimates total French soft (non-durum) wheat exports outside the European Union will fall to 7.27 MMT in 2020/21, down 47% from last year on significantly reduced production.
- According to USDA, Chinese domestic wheat consumption is expected to reach a record 135 MMT in 2020/21, up 11% from the 5-year average on increased feed use due to higher domestic corn prices. However, USDA still expects Chinese ending stocks will reach a record 160 MMT in 2020/21, up 5% from last year, if realized.
- As of Jan. 15, Ukrainian wheat exports total 12.7 MMT, down 17% from this time last year on significantly lower production. The 2020 Ukrainian wheat harvest fell 13% on the year to 25.5 MMT on substantial dryness through the growing season.
- According to AgriCensus, Russia is considering increasing its wheat export tax from €25.0/MT (\$30.2/MT) to €50.0/MT (\$60.4/MT) on all wheat exports from March 15 to June 30 in an effort to stabilize domestic food prices. USDA now expects Russia will export 39.0 MMT of wheat in 2020/21, down 1.0 MMT from its December estimate, but 13% more than last year, if realized.
- The Baltic Dry Index (BDI), an assessment of the average cost to ship raw materials like grains, coal and iron ore, increased 12% on the week to end at 1,792.
- The U.S. Dollar Index fell from last week to close at 90.76.
- More Resources: