



U.S. Wheat Associates

Weekly Price Report (page 1)

October 11, 2019

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Export Region	Percent Protein 12% (Dry) Moisture Basis		OCT (Z19)			OCT (Z19)		NOV (Z19)		DEC (Z19)		JAN (H20)		FEB (H20)		MAR (H20)		APR (K20)		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	6.58	0.12	4	242	110	244	115	245	120	closed	N/A	closed	N/A	closed	N/A	254	120	234
	NS/DNS 14.0 (15.9)	M	6.63	0.12	4	244	115	245	120	247	125	closed	N/A	closed	N/A	closed	N/A	256	125	237
	NS/DNS 14.5 (16.5)	M	6.68	0.12	4	245	120	247	125	249	130	closed	N/A	closed	N/A	closed	N/A	257	130	245
Gulf of Mexico	NS/DNS 13.5 (15.3)	M	7.38	0.17	6	271	190	271	190	273	195	276	190	276	190	276	190	280	190	276
	NS/DNS 14.0 (15.9)	M	7.43	0.17	6	273	195	273	195	275	200	278	195	278	195	278	195	281	195	280
	NS/DNS 14.5 (16.5)	M	7.48	0.17	6	275	200	275	200	277	205	280	200	280	200	280	200	283	200	283
	HRW Ord	K	5.55	0.11	4	204	135	204	135	204	135	206	130	206	130	206	130	210	130	242
	HRW 11.0 (12.5)	K	5.60	0.11	4	206	140	206	140	206	140	208	135	208	135	208	135	212	135	244
	HRW 11.5 (13.1)	K	5.85	0.21	8	215	165	215	165	215	165	218	160	218	160	218	160	221	160	246
	HRW 12.0 (13.6)	K	6.05	0.26	9	222	185	222	185	222	185	225	180	225	180	225	180	228	180	248
HRW 12.5 (14.2)	K	6.25	0.31	11	229	205	229	205	229	205	232	200	232	200	232	200	236	200	251	
SRW	C	6.08	0.23	8	223	100	223	100	225	105	227	105	227	105	227	105	229	105	219	
Pacific N. West	NS/DNS 13.5 (15.3)	M	7.58	0.17	6	279	210	280	215	280	215	284	210	285	215	287	220	291	220	259
	NS/DNS 14.0 (15.9)	M	7.63	0.17	6	280	215	282	220	282	220	285	215	287	220	289	225	292	225	261
	NS/DNS 14.5 (16.5)	M	7.88	0.17	6	290	240	291	245	291	245	295	240	297	245	298	250	302	250	263
	HRW Ord	K	6.20	0.16	6	228	200	228	200	228	200	230	195	232	200	232	200	236	200	248
	HRW 11.5 (13.1)	K	6.25	0.16	6	229	205	229	205	229	205	232	200	234	205	234	205	238	205	250
	HRW 12.0 (13.6)	K	6.45	0.16	6	237	225	237	225	237	225	240	220	241	225	241	225	245	225	253
	HRW 13.0 (14.8)	K	6.95	0.16	6	255	275	255	275	255	275	258	270	260	275	260	275	263	275	257
	SW 9.5 (10.8) Min	\$	6.33	0.05	2	233	6.33	233	6.33	233	6.33	234	6.38	236	6.43	238	6.48	238	6.48	N/A
	SW 10.5 (11.9) Max	\$	6.30	0.00	0	231	6.30	231	6.30	231	6.30	233	6.35	235	6.40	237	6.45	237	6.45	235
	SW 9.5 (10.8) Max	\$	6.40	0.00	0	235	6.40	235	6.40	235	6.40	237	6.45	239	6.50	241	6.55	241	6.55	237
WW with 10% Club	\$	6.60	0.10	4	243	6.60	243	6.60	243	6.60	244	6.65	246	6.70	248	6.75	248	6.75	236	
WW with 20% Club	\$	6.90	0.30	11	254	6.90	254	6.90	254	6.90	255	6.95	257	7.00	259	7.05	259	7.05	237	

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

Northern Durum offers from the Lakes range from \$6.25 to \$6.40/bu (\$230 to \$235/MT), and offers from Gulf ports range from \$7.48 to \$7.62/bu (\$275 to \$280/MT). For Desert Durum offers, contact your supplier.

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

Futures Settlements as of October 11, 2019

Grey positions not quoted on specific exchange

	DEC (Z19)		week change	JAN (F20)		week change	MAR (H20)		week change	MAY (K20)		week change	JUL (N20)		week change	AUG (Q20)		week change	SEP (U20)		week change	DEC (Z20)		week change
	\$/MT	\$/bu		\$/bu	\$/bu		\$/bu	\$/bu		\$/bu	\$/bu		\$/bu	\$/bu		\$/bu	\$/bu		\$/bu	\$/bu		\$/bu	\$/bu	
Chicago BOT SRW	186.66	5.0800	0.1750			5.1400	0.1650	5.1850	0.1575	5.2225	0.1525					5.2925	0.1425	5.4100	0.1275					
Kansas City BOT HRW	154.14	4.1950	0.1550			4.3200	0.1350	4.4175	0.1350	4.5075	0.1300					4.6100	0.1200	4.7600	0.1175					
Minneapolis MGE NS/DNS	201.36	5.4800	0.1200			5.6200	0.1225	5.7075	0.1175	5.7800	0.1050					5.8375	0.0800	5.9425	0.0725					
Chicago BOT Corn	146.15	3.9775	0.1300			4.0775	0.1075	4.1275	0.1025	4.1650	0.1075					4.0775	0.0725	4.1000	0.0575					
Chicago BOT Soybeans				9.5050	0.2025	9.6100	0.2025	9.6850	0.1850	9.7675	0.1850		9.7875	0.1725	9.7225	0.1250								

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.

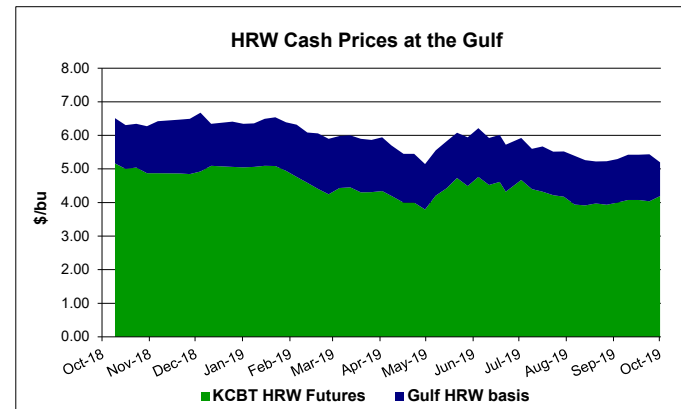
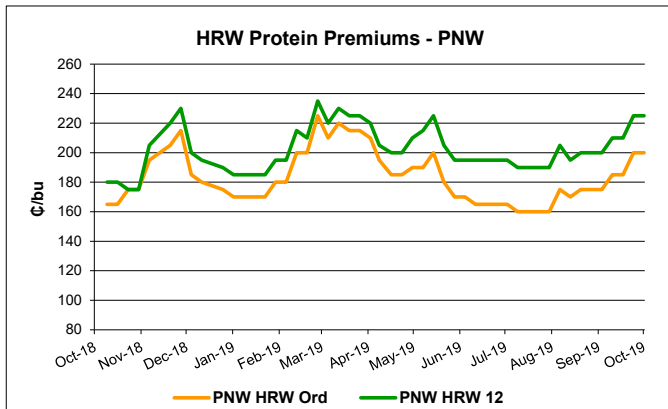
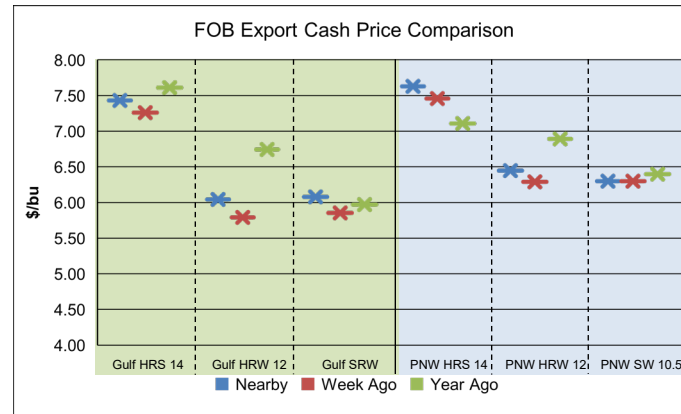
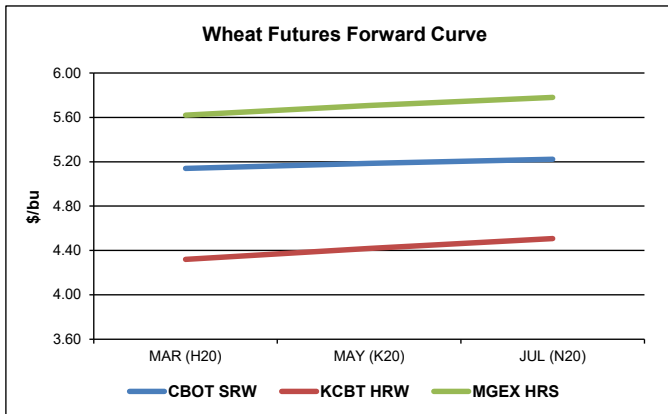
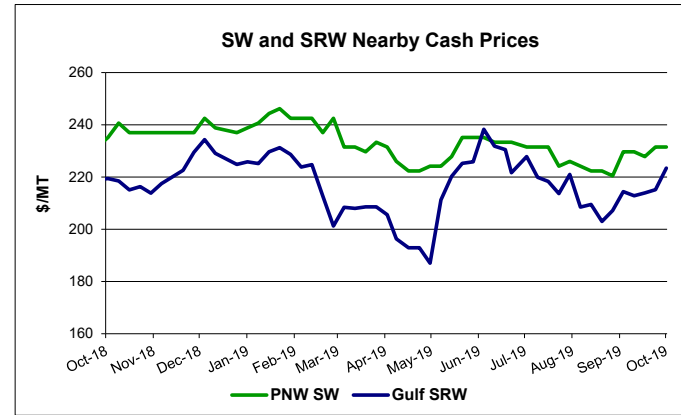
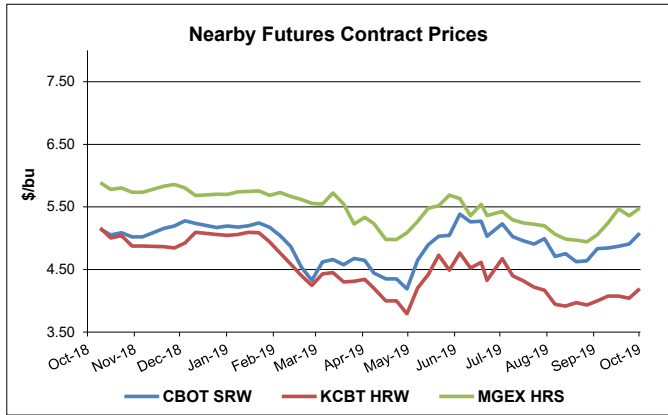
Basis: The difference between the cash price and futures month for specific quality, shipping period and geographical location.

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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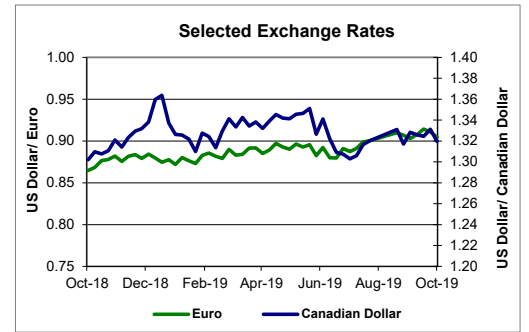
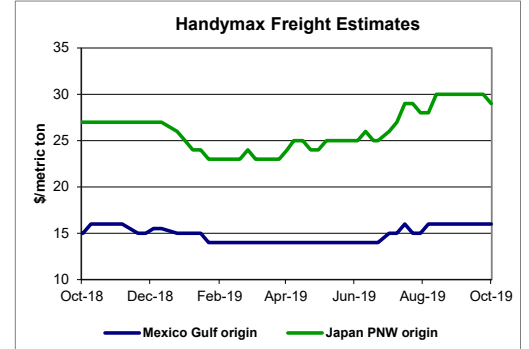
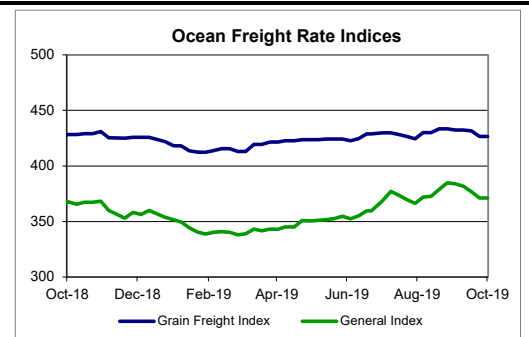
Ocean Freight Rate Estimates by Origin*		U.S. dollars/metric ton			Freight Index**	General Index	Grain Freight Index	Number of Fixtures
Export Region	Import Region	Handy 25-30 TMT	Handymax 40-46 TMT	Panamax 54+ TMT				
US Gulf	Mexico (Veracruz)	19	16		10/11/2019	373.6	426.5	617
	W. South America (Peru/Ecu)	28			10/4/2019	371.1	426.5	571
	S. South America (Chile)	26			9/27/2019	376.8	431.5	548
	N. America (Columbia)	20			9/20/2019	381.8	432.3	559
	E. South America (Brazil)	26			9/13/2019	383.8	432.3	509
	West Africa (Nigeria)	55			9/6/2019	384.8	433.4	547
	East Mediterranean (Italy)	40			8/30/2019	378.9	433.4	455
	West Mediterranean (Morocco)	38			8/23/2019	372.6	430.1	596
	Persian Gulf (Iraq)				8/16/2019	371.9	430.1	494
	Middle East (Egypt)				8/9/2019	366.3	424.4	520
	Japan		52	51	8/2/2019	369.7	426.6	529
Mid Atlantic	N. South America (Venezuela)	33			7/26/2019	373.7	428.3	565
	West Africa (Nigeria)	57			7/19/2019	377.1	429.9	559
	Middle East (Egypt)			56	7/12/2019	368.8	429.9	567
St. Lawrence	N. South America (Venezuela)	20			7/2/2019	359.5	428.8	502
	Europe/Rotterdam			20	6/28/2019	359.5	428.8	502
Great Lakes	East Mediterranean (Italy)	55			6/14/2019	352.4	422.6	527
PNW	W. South America (Peru/Ecu)	26			5/17/2019	351.1	423.7	555
	S. South America (Chile)	30			5/10/2019	350.5	423.7	584
	N. South America (Colombia)	31			5/3/2019	350.9	423.7	474
	Persian Gulf (Iraq)			60	4/26/2019	347.4	424.3	514
	Middle East (Egypt)			32	4/18/2019	345.0	422.7	442
	East Africa (Djibouti/Mombasa)		43	41	4/12/2019	343.0	421.5	621
	South Asia (Mal/Indon/Phil/Sing)		37	29	4/5/2019	343.2	421.5	576
	Taiwan		27	26	3/29/2019	341.6	419.4	558
	South Korea		26	25	3/22/2019	343.1	419.4	642
	Japan	30	29		3/15/2019	338.9	413.0	587

Note: Rates for freight leaving the Great Lakes are quoted for 18,000 MT "Salties."

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
10/11/19	N/A	58.00	1.471	4.112	1.320	16.23	0.905	108.4	64.11
10/4/19	117.6	57.54	1.478	4.055	1.331	16.26	0.911	106.9	64.65
9/27/19	117.8	57.32	1.478	4.160	1.324	16.26	0.914	107.9	64.65
9/20/19	117.3	56.66	1.478	4.147	1.326	16.26	0.908	107.6	64.00
10/11/18	114.5	36.59	1.404	3.781	1.303	17.88	0.862	112.2	66.29
10/11/14	97.41	8.479	1.145	2.407	1.120	7.172	0.790	107.8	40.30
1 year change	N/A	58.51%	4.78%	8.76%	1.30%	-9.23%	4.89%	-3.36%	-3.29%
5 year change	N/A	584.02%	28.47%	70.84%	17.86%	126.29%	14.56%	0.51%	59.07%



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.

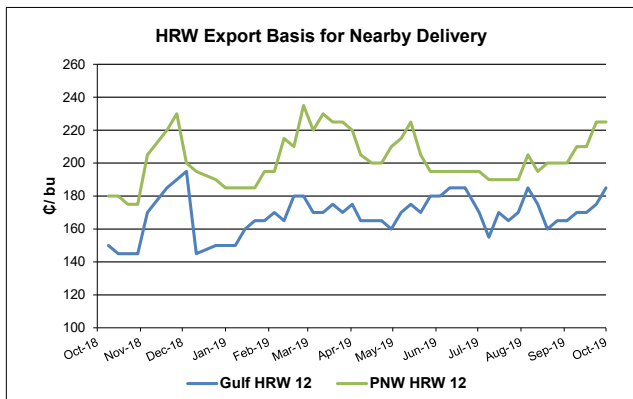
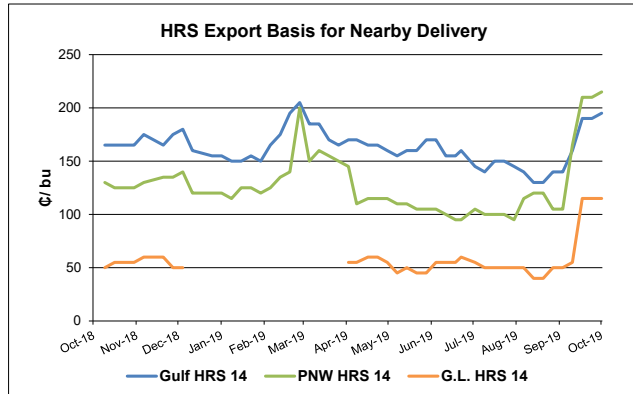
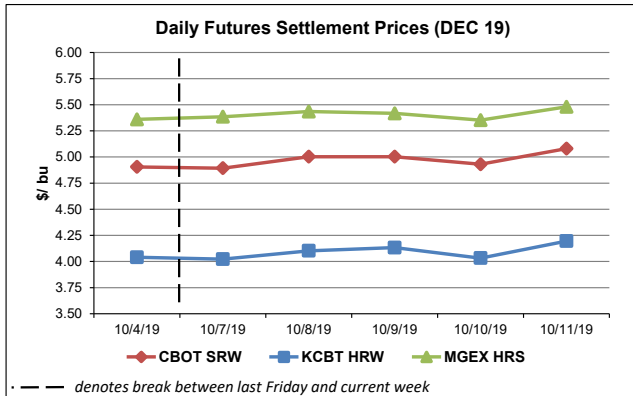
U.S. Wheat Associates recommends regular contact with exporters of U.S. wheat in order to receive offers representative of your requirements.

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 rose week-over-week on short covering and market optimism about U.S.-China trade talks involving more Chinese imports of U.S. agricultural products. Soft red winter (SRW) December futures gained 17 cents from last week to close at \$5.08/bu and hard red winter (HRW) December futures gained 15 cents to close at \$4.19/bu. Hard red spring (HRW) December futures gained 12 cents to end at \$5.48/bu. CBOT December corn futures gained 13 cents over last week to close at \$3.98/bu. CBOT January soybean futures gained 20 cents to end at \$9.50/bu.
- Crop quality concerns due to excessive rainfall at harvest and minimal farmer and elevator selling supported Pacific Northwest (PNW) and Gulf HRS export basis week-over-week for October and November deliveries. Gulf HRW export basis rose over last week on minimal farmer selling and the potential for increased high protein winter wheat demand due to HRS crop quality concerns. The protein premium spread between HRW 11.0 (12% moisture basis) and HRW 12.0 out of the Gulf increased from 35 cents last week to 45 cents this week. News of reduced 2019 SRW production from the October World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) report (see below) and crop quality concerns supported SRW export basis for nearby deliveries. News of reduced club wheat planted area and crop quality concerns on unharvested club wheat supported western white (WW) wheat premiums week-over-week.
- Heavy, persistent precipitation, including significant snowfall this week in North Dakota and Montana, has all but ended the 2019 HRS harvest. On Oct. 7, USDA reported spring wheat harvest at 91% complete, compared to 90% last week and the 5-year average of 99%. U.S. winter wheat is 52% planted compared to 55% last year and the 5-year average of 53%.
- Net U.S. wheat sales of 522,000 metric tons (MT) as of Oct. 3 were 59% greater than last week's 328,000 MT and in line with trade expectations of 300,000 to 600,000 MT. Year-to-date commercial sales of 13.4 million metric tons (MMT) are 15% ahead of last year's pace. USDA currently forecasts 2019/20 U.S. wheat exports will total 25.9 MMT, 1% more than 2018/19, if realized.
- In its October [WASDE report](#) USDA reduced its 2019/20 HRW exports forecast by 400,000 MT to 10.0 MMT and its HRS exports forecast by 270,000 MT to 9.94 MMT. The 2019/20 SRW production forecast fell 7% from the September forecast to 6.5 MMT in October.
- The U.S. Drought Monitor indicates that drought is increasing in the Southeast and southern Midwest SRW production regions. Warm, dry weather continued in the western Great Plains and areas under abnormal dryness and moderate drought spread in southwestern Kansas and southeastern Colorado. Cooler temperatures, widespread precipitation and the first freeze of the season were reported across the northern and eastern Great Plains. Recent precipitation alleviated areas under abnormal dryness and moderate drought from the Idaho Panhandle to northeast Washington, where much of the country's soft white wheat is grown.
- On Oct. 10, the Buenos Aires Grains Exchange reduced Argentina's 2019/20 wheat harvest estimate from 21.0 MMT to 19.8 MMT on dry weather concerns in the central and southern regions of the country's agricultural belt. On Oct. 10, USDA estimated Argentina will produce 20.5 MMT in 2019/20, unchanged from its September forecast.
- As of Oct. 7, Russia's Ministry of Agriculture reported the country's 2019 wheat production now totals 76.3 MMT and is 96% complete at 66.4 million acres (26.9 million hectares) harvested. The Ministry estimates Russia will harvest 78.0 MMT of wheat in 2019. Russia's Grain Union, a farmer lobbying group, estimates the country's 2019/20 wheat exports will total 34.0 MMT, down 5% from last year but 11% higher than the 5-year average of 30.7 MMT, if realized. Russian farmers have sown 33.1 million acres (13.4 million hectares) of winter grains for harvest in 2020, 77% of the total expected area.
- According to Reuters, European Union (EU) 2019/20 soft (non-durum) wheat exports totaled 6.65 MMT as of Oct. 6, 38% higher than this time last year. USDA currently forecasts total 2019/20 EU wheat exports will reach 28.0 MMT, 17% higher than 2018/19 levels but 3% below the 5-year average of 28.9 MMT, if realized.
- The Baltic Dry Index rose 9% over last week to close at 1,929.
- The U.S. Dollar Index fell from last week's 98.81 to 98.66 this week.