



# U.S. Wheat Associates

## Weekly Price Report

September 28, 2018

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Export Region	Percent Protein 12% (Dry) Moisture Basis		OCT (Z18) <i>(nearbys)</i>			OCT (Z18)		NOV (Z18)		DEC (Z18)		JAN (H19)		FEB (H19)		MAR (H19)		APR (K19)		Year Ago <i>(nearbys)</i>
			FOB \$/bu	week change \$/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	6.13	-0.01	0	225	40	227	45	227	45	closed	N/A	closed	N/A	closed	N/A	232	35	242
	NS/DNS 14.0 (15.9)	M	6.23	-0.01	0	229	50	231	55	231	55	closed	N/A	closed	N/A	closed	N/A	235	45	249
	NS/DNS 14.5 (16.5)	M	6.43	-0.01	0	236	70	238	75	238	75	closed	N/A	closed	N/A	closed	N/A	243	65	268
Gulf of Mexico	NS/DNS 13.5 (15.3)	M	6.98	-0.11	-4	256	125	258	130	260	135	265	135	265	135	267	140	270	140	279
	NS/DNS 14.0 (15.9)	M	7.08	-0.11	-4	260	135	262	140	264	145	269	145	269	145	271	150	274	150	286
	NS/DNS 14.5 (16.5)	M	7.28	-0.11	-4	267	155	269	160	271	165	276	165	276	165	278	170	281	170	305
	HRW Ord	K	6.26	-0.29	-11	230	115	232	120	234	125	243	125	244	130	243	125	247	125	192
	HRW 11.0 (12.5)	K	6.31	-0.29	-11	232	120	234	125	236	130	244	130	246	135	244	130	249	130	199
	HRW 11.5 (13.1)	K	6.36	-0.29	-11	234	125	236	130	237	135	246	135	248	140	246	135	251	135	218
	HRW 12.0 (13.6)	K	6.41	-0.29	-11	236	130	237	135	239	140	248	140	250	145	248	140	253	140	232
HRW 12.5 (14.2)	K	6.51	-0.29	-11	239	140	241	145	243	150	252	150	254	155	252	150	257	150	275	
SRW	C	5.79	-0.13	-5	213	70	216	80	220	90	221	75	221	75	223	80	225	75	196	
Pacific N. West	NS/DNS 13.5 (15.3)	M	6.73	-0.26	-10	247	100	249	105	251	110	254	105	256	110	258	115	259	110	275
	NS/DNS 14.0 (15.9)	M	6.78	-0.26	-10	249	105	251	110	253	115	256	110	258	115	260	120	261	115	281
	NS/DNS 14.5 (16.5)	M	6.83	-0.26	-10	251	110	253	115	254	120	258	115	260	120	262	125	266	130	288
	HRW Ord	K	6.51	-0.14	-5	239	140	241	145	243	150	244	130	246	135	248	140	253	140	221
	HRW 11.5 (13.1)	K	6.56	-0.14	-5	241	145	243	150	245	155	246	135	248	140	250	145	255	145	229
	HRW 12.0 (13.6)	K	6.66	-0.14	-5	245	155	247	160	248	165	250	145	252	150	254	155	258	155	240
	HRW 13.0 (14.8)	K	6.76	-0.14	-5	248	165	250	170	252	175	254	155	255	160	257	165	262	165	280
	SW 9.5 (10.8) Min	\$	6.45	N/A	N/A	237	6.45	237	6.45	237	6.45	241	6.55	241	6.55	243	6.60	244	6.65	N/A
	SW 10.5 (11.9) Max	\$	6.30	0.10	4	231	6.30	231	6.30	231	6.30	235	6.40	235	6.40	237	6.45	239	6.50	206
	SW 9.5 (10.8) Max	\$	6.35	0.10	4	233	6.35	233	6.35	233	6.35	237	6.45	237	6.45	239	6.50	241	6.55	209
WW with 10% Club	\$	6.33	0.10	4	233	6.33	233	6.33	233	6.33	236	6.43	236	6.43	238	6.48	240	6.53	208	
WW with 20% Club	\$	6.36	0.10	4	234	6.36	234	6.36	234	6.36	237	6.46	237	6.46	239	6.51	241	6.56	209	

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

Northern Durum offers from the Lakes range from \$6.40 to \$6.70/bu (\$235 to \$246/MT), and offers from Gulf ports range from \$7.35 to \$7.60/bu (\$270 to \$279/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 September 28, 2018

*Grey positions not quoted on specific exchange*

	DEC (Z18)		week change	JAN (F19)		week change	MAR (H19)		week change	MAY (K19)		week change	JUL (N19)		week change	AUG (Q19)		week change	SEP (U19)		week change	DEC (Z19)		week change	
	\$/MT	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	
Chicago BOT SRW	187.02	5.0900	(0.1275)			5.2725	(0.1350)	5.3825	(0.1475)	5.4075	(0.1500)			5.5175	(0.1375)	5.6750	(0.1300)								
Kansas City BOT HRW	187.85	5.1125	(0.1400)			5.3525	(0.1350)	5.4825	(0.1300)	5.5000	(0.1075)			5.6250	(0.0900)	5.8100	(0.0850)								
Minneapolis MGE NS/DNS	210.35	5.7250	(0.1000)			5.8725	(0.1025)	5.9525	(0.1025)	6.0225	(0.0950)			6.0850	(0.0725)	6.1650	(0.0625)								
Chicago BOT Corn	140.25	3.5625	(0.0100)			3.6800	(0.0125)	3.7575	(0.0150)	3.8125	(0.0200)			3.8500	(0.0250)	3.9125	(0.0250)								
Chicago BOT Soybeans	315.81		(0.0175)	8.5950	(0.0175)	8.7275	(0.0150)	8.8575	(0.0175)	8.9600	(0.0175)	9.0050	(0.0150)	9.0400	(0.0150)										

**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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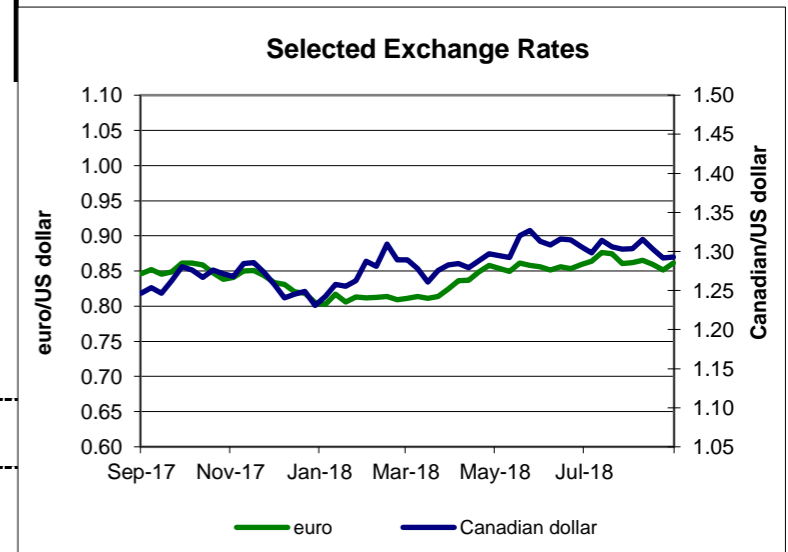
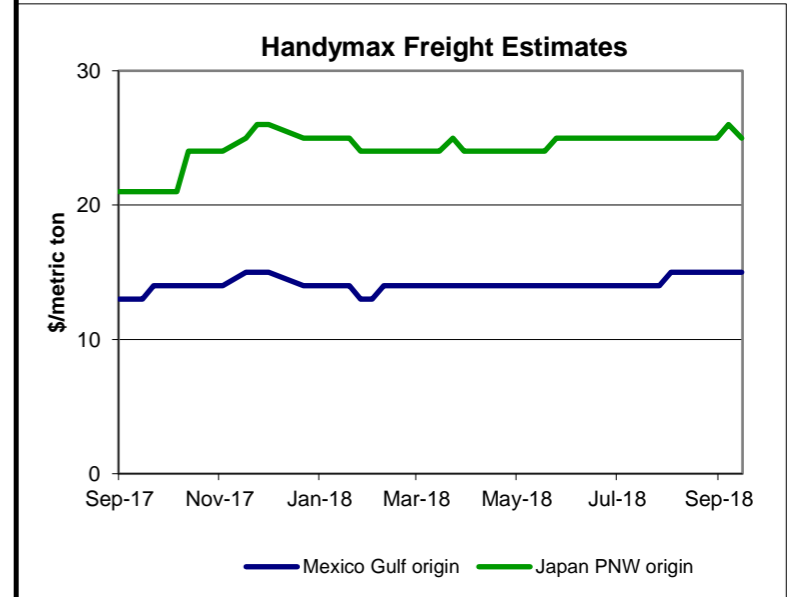
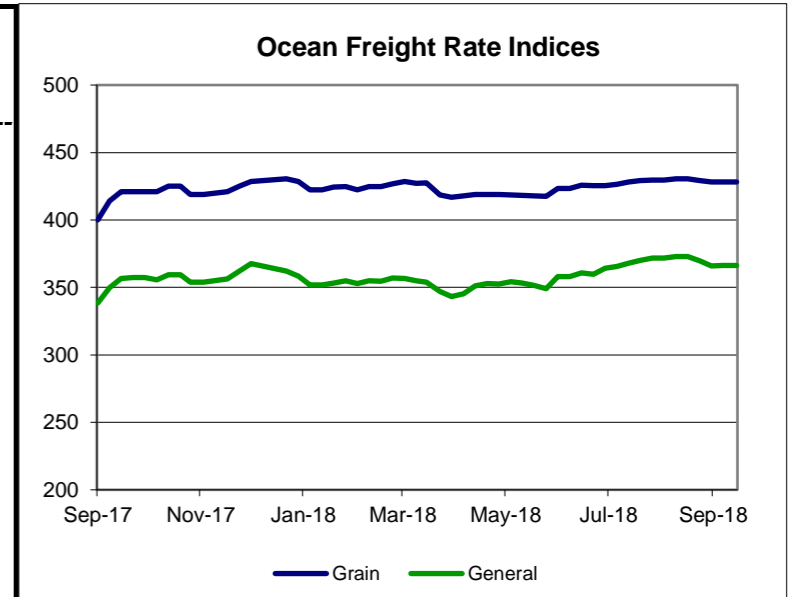
Ocean Freight Rate Estimates by Origin*		U.S. dollars/metric ton			Freight Index**	General Index	Grain Freight Index	Number of Fixtures
Export Region	Import Region	Handy 25-30 TMT	Handymax 40-46 TMT	Panamax 54+ TMT				
US Gulf	Mexico (Veracruz)	17	15		9/21/2018	363.0	427.1	598
	W. South America (Peru/Ecu)	28			9/14/2018	366.3	428.3	597
	S. South America (Chile)	26			9/7/2018	365.9	428.3	588
	N. South America (Colombia)	20			8/31/2018	369.8	429.1	503
	E. South America (Brazil)	29			8/24/2018	372.9	430.5	560
	West Africa (Nigeria)	45			8/17/2018	372.9	430.5	586
	East Mediterranean (Italy)	33			8/10/2018	371.8	429.7	521
	West Mediterranean (Morocco)	33			8/3/2018	372.6	430.3	534
	Persian Gulf (Iraq)				7/27/2018	370.0	429.1	625
	Middle East (Egypt)				7/20/2018	368.1	428.3	506
	Japan		48	47	7/13/2018	365.6	426.6	567
Mid Atlantic	N. South America (Venezuela)	32			7/6/2018	364.2	425.5	587
	West Africa (Nigeria)	45			6/29/2018	359.7	425.5	573
	Middle East (Egypt)			43	6/22/2018	360.9	425.9	521
St. Lawrence	N. South America (Venezuela)	28			6/15/2018	358.1	423.2	589
	Europe/Rotterdam	26			6/8/2018	355.7	421.4	511
	Middle East (Egypt)			29	6/1/2018	349.1	417.5	503
Great Lakes	East Mediterranean (Italy)	60			5/25/2018	351.6	418.0	584
	West Mediterranean (Spain)	55			5/18/2018	353.1	418.2	612
	Rotterdam	44			5/11/2018	354.3	418.4	588
	West Africa (Morocco/Algeria)	45			5/4/2018	352.6	418.8	481
PNW	W. South America (Peru/Ecu)	26			4/27/2018	352.7	418.8	639
	S. South America (Chile)	30			4/20/2018	351.2	418.8	513
	N. South America (Colombia)	29			4/13/2018	345.2	417.7	559
	Persian Gulf (Iraq)			55	4/6/2018	343.4	416.9	457
	Middle East (Egypt)			35	3/30/2018	347.1	418.6	602
	East Africa (Djibouti/Mombasa)		43	41	3/23/2018	354.0	427.6	657
	South Asia (Mal/Indon/Phil/Sing)		37	29	3/16/2018	355.0	427.2	541
	Taiwan		34	32	3/9/2018	356.7	428.4	666
	South Korea		28	26	3/2/2018	356.9	426.7	639
	Japan		26	25	2/23/2018	354.7	424.6	494

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. dollar)

Week Ending	Index***	Argentina	Australia	Brazil	Canada	Egypt	EU	Japan	Russia
9/28/18	N/A	41.280	1.384	4.053	1.293	17.790	0.861	113.670	65.520
9/21/18	125.45	37.100	1.373	4.040	1.292	17.870	0.851	112.610	66.532
9/14/18	126.06	39.736	1.398	4.174	1.303	17.860	0.860	112.040	68.017
9/7/18	126.54	36.924	1.407	4.059	1.315	17.840	0.865	111.050	69.874
9/28/17	119.45	17.525	1.273	3.182	1.242	17.630	0.848	112.330	57.907
9/28/13	101.16	5.787	1.071	2.252	1.031	6.910	0.740	98.586	32.364
1 year change	N/A	135.55%	8.76%	27.36%	4.06%	0.91%	1.53%	1.19%	13.15%
5 year change	N/A	613.31%	29.19%	79.95%	25.34%	157.45%	16.33%	15.30%	102.44%



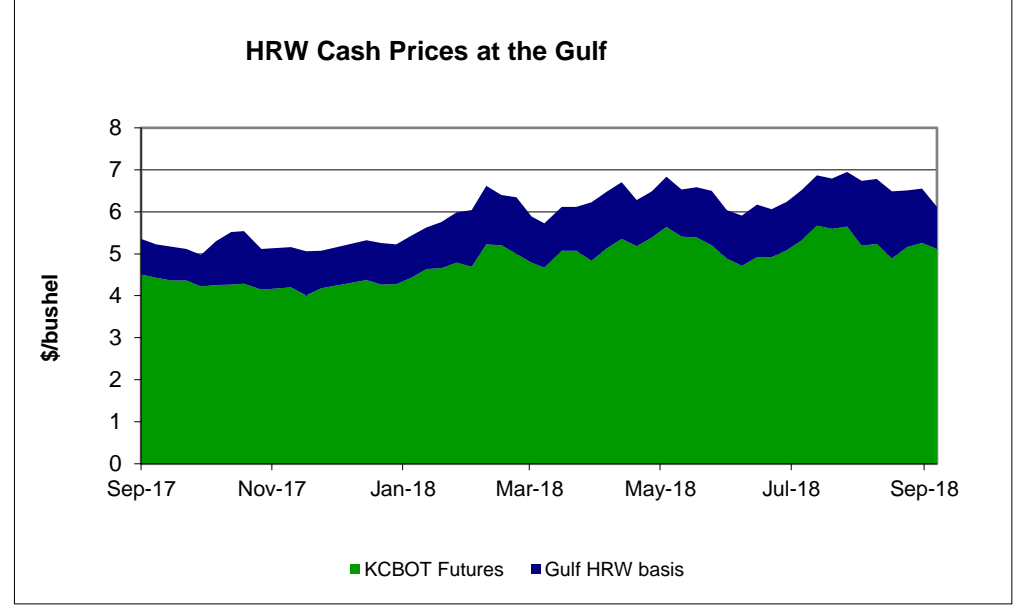
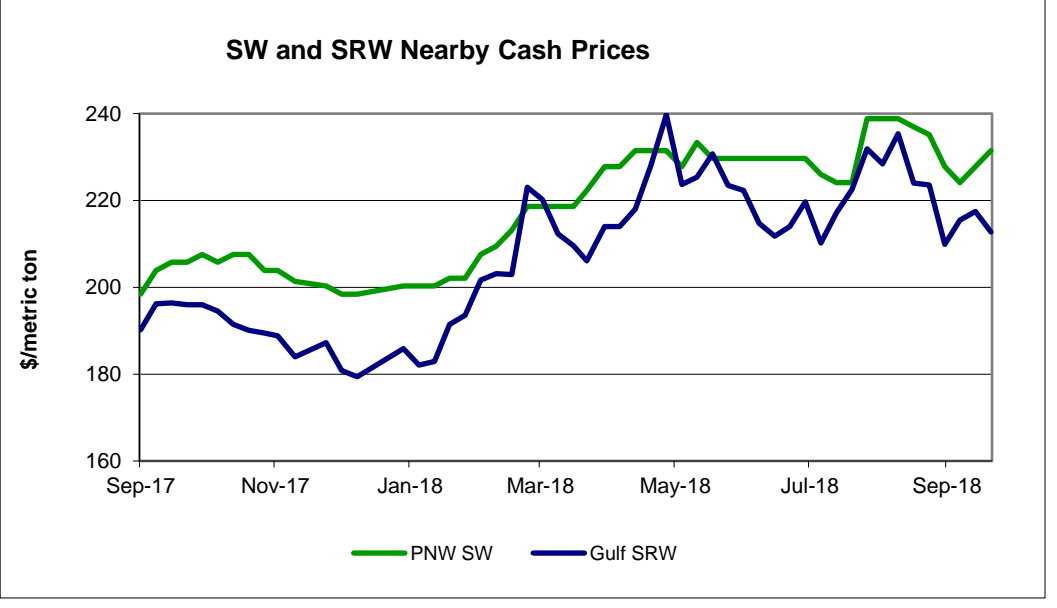
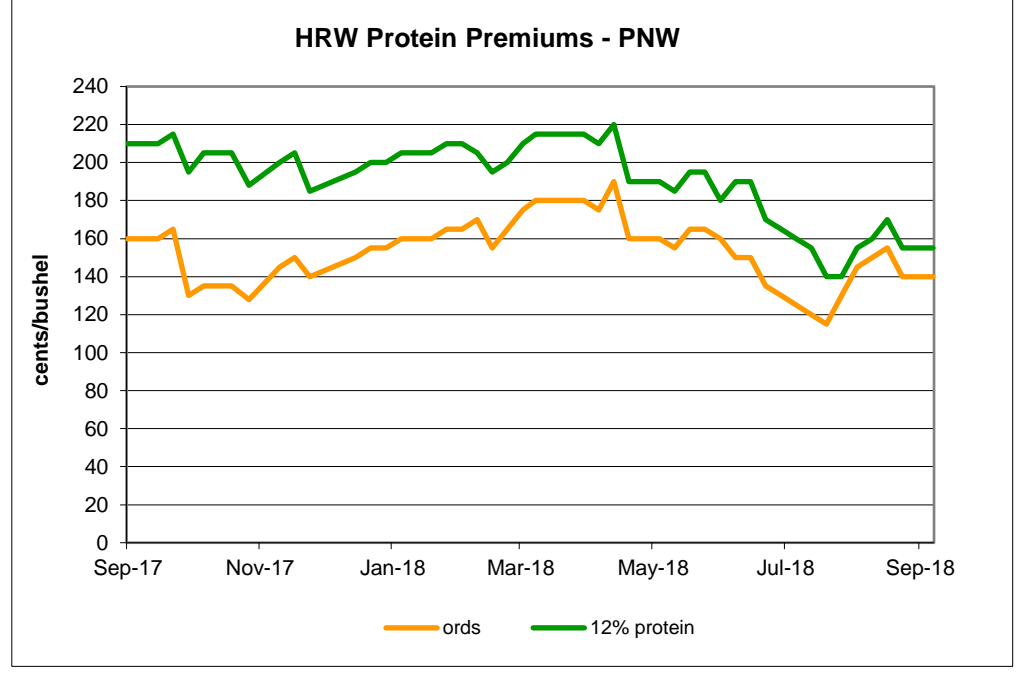
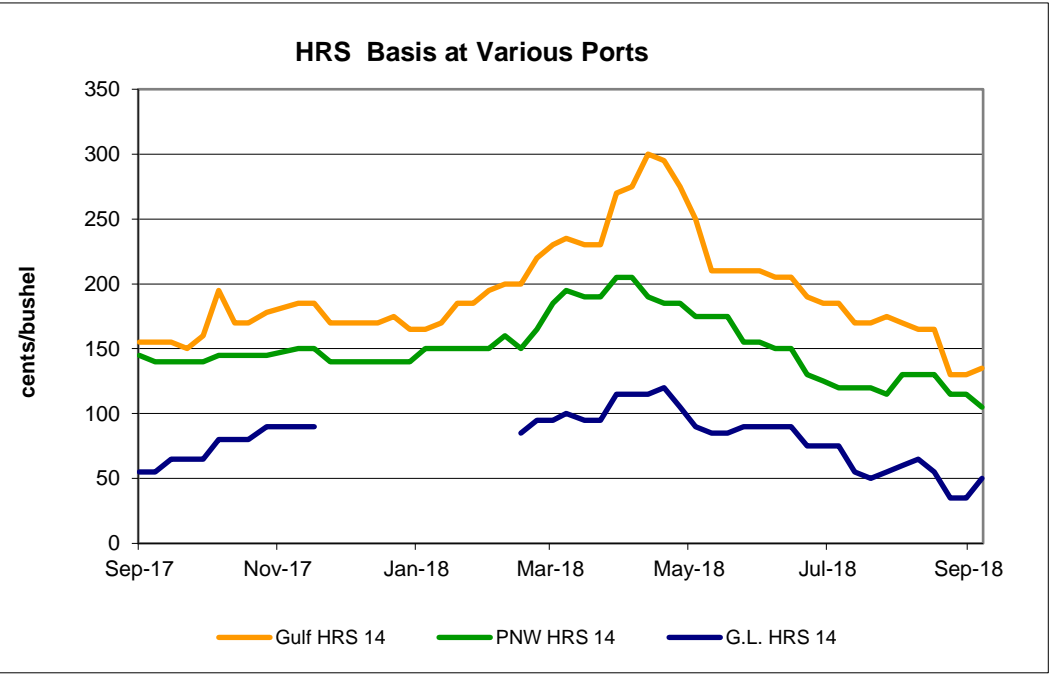
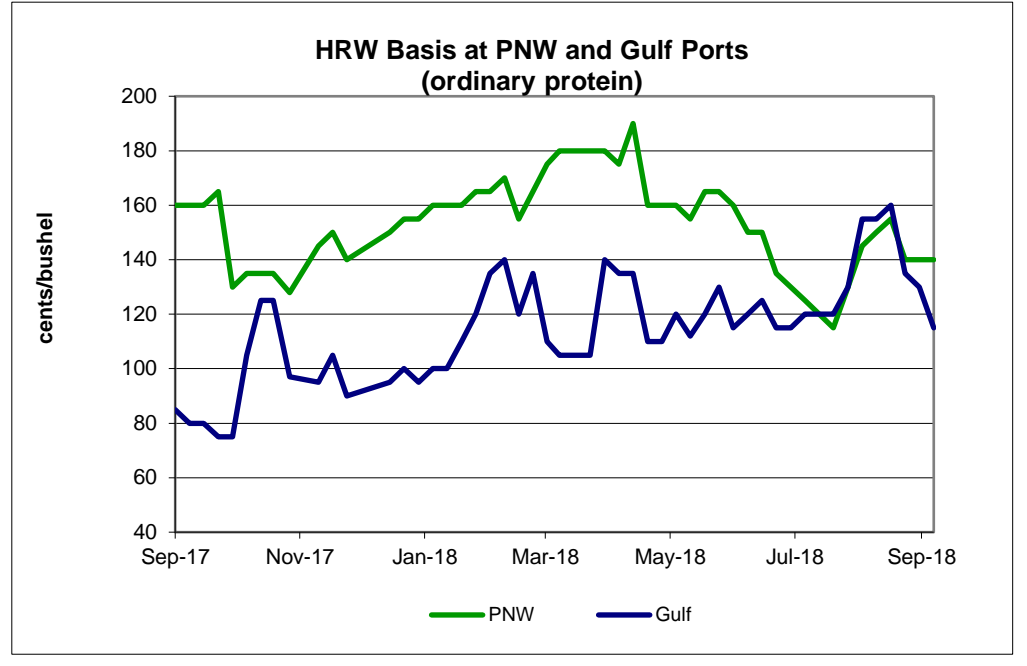
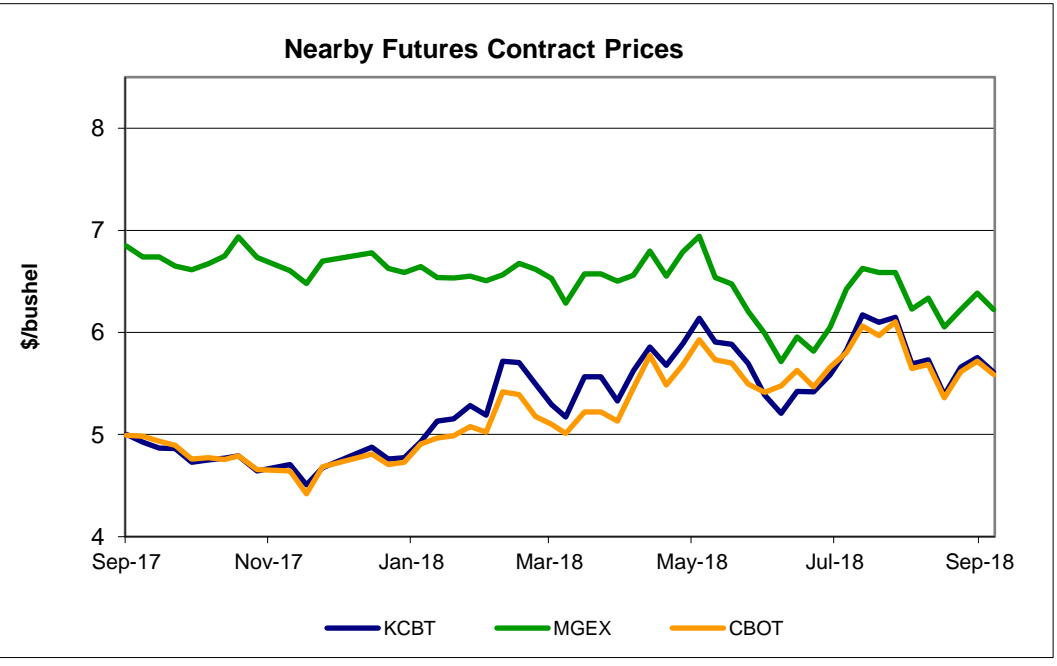
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These factors may include: (1) payment terms (differing from cash against documents which are the terms used in the U.S. Wheat Associates price report); (2) various quality factors, and method of quality certification; (3) loading terms (USW prices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

Contact: For questions, please contact Stephanie Bryant-Erdmann at (703) 650-0241 or sbe@uswheat.org.



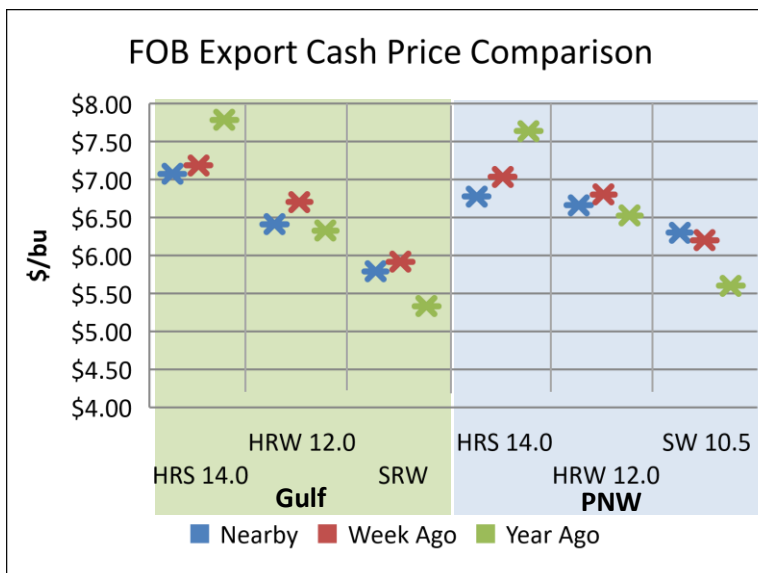
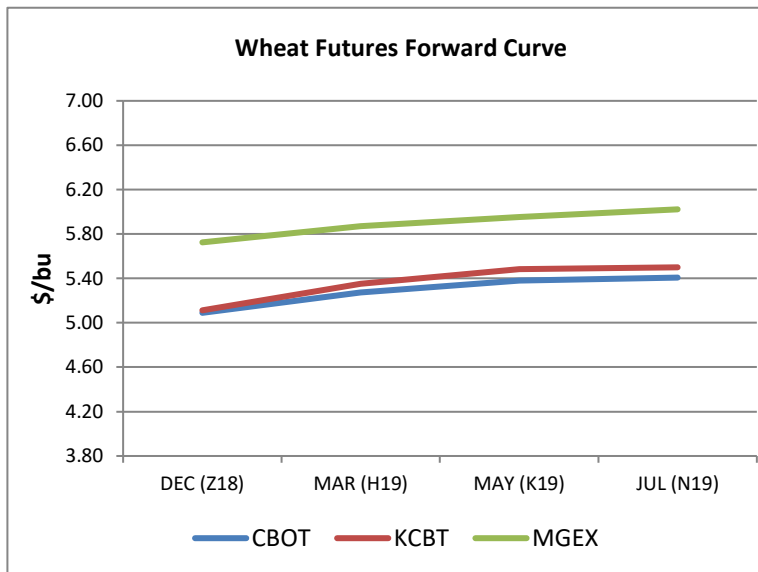
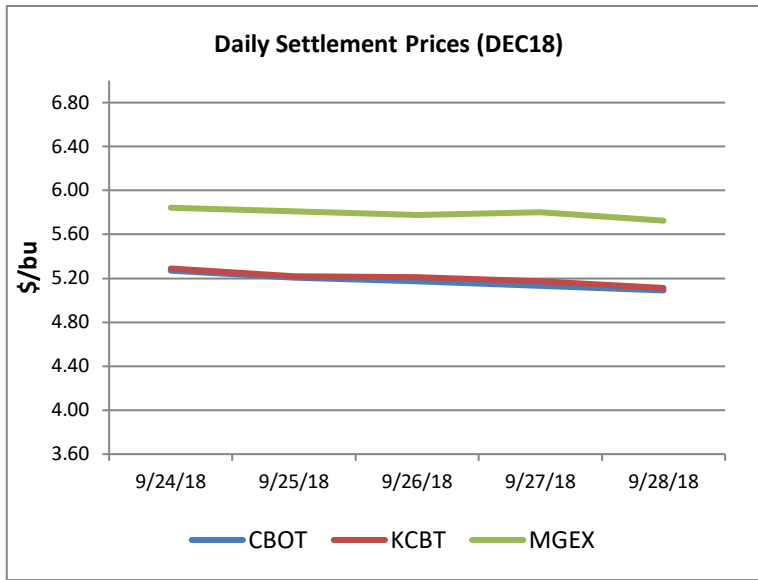


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### Highlights:



- U.S. wheat futures ended the week down as commercial traders liquidated positions and USDA reported larger than expected U.S. wheat production for 2019. Higher export sales cushioned the decline. CBOT December wheat futures ended the week down 13 cents at \$5.09/bu, KCBT December was down 14 cents to \$5.12/bu and MGEX shed 10 cents for the week to \$5.73/bu. CBOT December corn futures also declined a penny to \$3.57/bu and CBOT January soybeans lost 2 cents to \$8.60/bu.
- With farmer selling slow because of good winter wheat planting weather and sagging prices, export basis stayed generally steady to down for Gulf contracts. Pacific Northwest export basis also remained fairly steady.
- USDA's weekly Export Sales Report included net wheat sales of 657,100 metric tons (MT) for marketing year 2018/19. total known outstanding sales and accumulated exports of all classes of wheat for the 2018/19 marketing year, through September 20, 2018 were 10.9 million metric tons (MMT), 20% behind last year's year-to-date total of 13.5 MMT. USDA expects 2018/19 U.S. wheat exports to reach 27.9 MMT.
- With all but a very few fields on northern durum left to harvest, growers are actively seeding winter wheat. At 28% complete by Sept. 24, seeding is slightly ahead of the 5-year average. Hard red winter states have seeded 40% USDA's total estimate, soft red winter states are just getting in the fields, and Pacific Northwest seeding, in dry conditions are all ahead of the 5-year seeding pace.
- The Sept. 27 U.S. Drought Monitor shows some improvement in soil moisture in the southern and central Plains, with exceptions in the Texas Panhandle. Dry conditions remain challenging in the far northern Plains and significantly so throughout the Pacific Northwest.
- Cold and wet conditions in Canada's western provinces continue to delay the spring wheat harvest. In Alberta, harvest progress is down 23.4 points over last year at this time and the provincial government said given the conditions there, wheat quality may be reduced for acres still out in the field. Harvest progress is farther along in Saskatchewan and Manitoba.
- *Bolsa de Cereales*, the Buenos Aries Grain Exchange, reported a 100,000-hectare uptick in seeded wheat area because of good moisture in June and July. That would be an 8% increase year over year in Argentina. The exchange also reported continued dry conditions in the north that may hurt yield potential there.
- The Baltic Index continues to climb, reaching 1540 on Sept. 28, up from 1396 last week.
- The Dollar Index rose this week to 95.14, up from 93.96 last week.
- Due to increased demand for higher protein SW and the low average protein levels of the 2018/19 crop, the USW Price Report now shows a min 9.5% protein premiums (currently about a 20 cent per bushel premium to max 10.5% SW prices) and no longer shows an unspecified protein level. Unspecified protein SW has priced equal to max 10.5% SW for the last several months. USW will continue to monitor market conditions and make changes to the report as necessary.