



U.S. Wheat Associates

Weekly Price Report (page 1)

October 4, 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	\$/bu																
Great Lakes	NS/DNS 13.5 (15.3)	M	6.46	-0.11	-4	237	110	239	115	241	120	closed	N/A	closed	N/A	closed	N/A	249	120	232
	NS/DNS 14.0 (15.9)	M	6.51	-0.11	-4	239	115	241	120	243	125	closed	N/A	closed	N/A	closed	N/A	251	125	236
	NS/DNS 14.5 (16.5)	M	6.56	-0.11	-4	241	120	243	125	245	130	closed	N/A	closed	N/A	closed	N/A	253	130	243
Gulf of Mexico	NS/DNS 13.5 (15.3)	M	7.21	-0.11	-4	265	185	265	185	267	190	270	185	270	185	270	185	273	185	272
	NS/DNS 14.0 (15.9)	M	7.26	-0.11	-4	267	190	267	190	269	195	272	190	272	190	272	190	275	190	276
	NS/DNS 14.5 (16.5)	M	7.31	-0.11	-4	269	195	269	195	270	200	274	195	274	195	274	195	277	195	280
	HRW Ord	K	5.44	0.01	1	200	140	200	140	200	140	203	135	203	135	203	135	207	135	235
	HRW 11.0 (12.5)	K	5.49	0.02	1	202	145	202	145	202	145	205	140	205	140	205	140	209	140	237
	HRW 11.5 (13.1)	K	5.64	0.02	1	207	160	207	160	207	160	211	155	211	155	211	155	214	155	239
	HRW 12.0 (13.6)	K	5.79	0.01	1	213	175	213	175	213	175	216	170	216	170	216	170	220	170	240
	HRW 12.5 (14.2)	K	5.94	0.01	1	218	190	218	190	218	190	222	185	222	185	222	185	225	185	244
SRW	C	5.86	0.03	1	215	95	217	100	219	105	223	110	223	110	225	115	227	115	219	
Pacific N. West	NS/DNS 13.5 (15.3)	M	7.41	-0.11	-4	272	205	274	210	274	210	277	205	279	210	281	215	284	215	256
	NS/DNS 14.0 (15.9)	M	7.46	-0.11	-4	274	210	276	215	276	215	279	210	281	215	283	220	286	220	258
	NS/DNS 14.5 (16.5)	M	7.71	-0.06	-2	283	235	285	240	285	240	288	235	290	240	292	245	295	245	259
	HRW Ord	K	6.04	0.12	4	222	200	222	200	222	200	225	195	227	200	227	200	231	200	246
	HRW 11.5 (13.1)	K	6.09	0.12	4	224	205	224	205	224	205	227	200	229	205	229	205	233	205	248
	HRW 12.0 (13.6)	K	6.29	0.11	4	231	225	231	225	231	225	235	220	236	225	236	225	240	225	251
	HRW 13.0 (14.8)	K	6.79	0.12	4	249	275	249	275	249	275	253	270	255	275	255	275	258	275	255
	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	0.10	4	231	6.30	231	6.30	231	6.30	233	6.35	235	6.40	237	6.45	237	6.45	231
	SW 9.5 (10.8) Max	\$	6.40	0.10	4	235	6.40	235	6.40	235	6.40	237	6.45	239	6.50	241	6.55	241	6.55	233
	WW with 10% Club	\$	6.50	0.25	9	239	6.50	239	6.50	239	6.50	241	6.55	243	6.60	244	6.65	244	6.65	233
WW with 20% Club	\$	6.60	0.30	11	242	6.60	242	6.60	242	6.60	244	6.65	246	6.70	248	6.75	248	6.75	234	

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 4, 2019

Grey positions not quoted on specific exchange

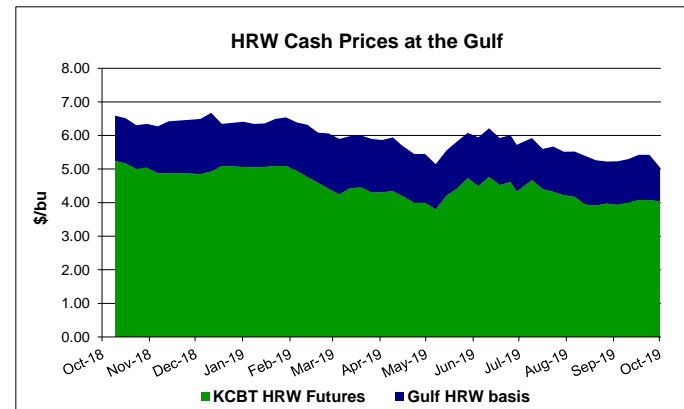
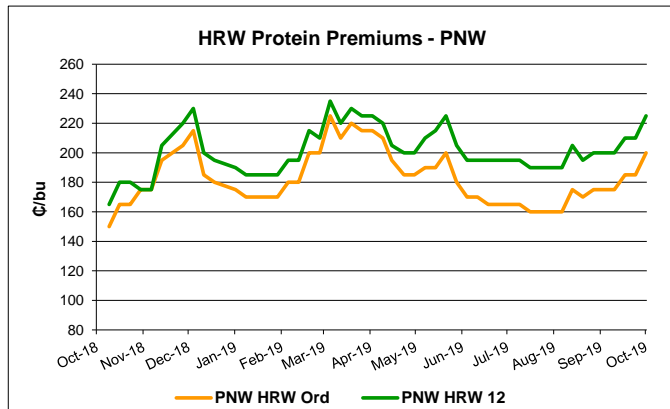
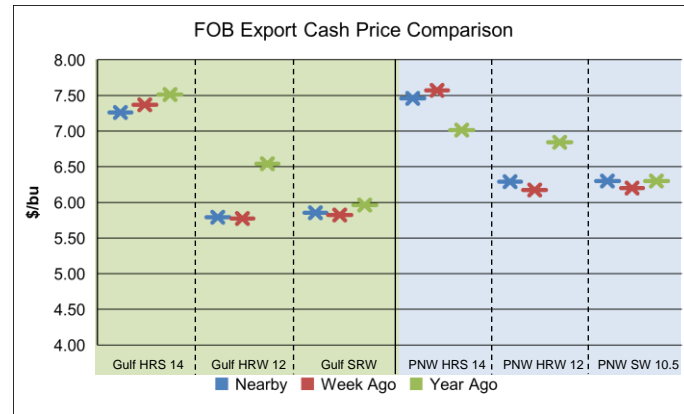
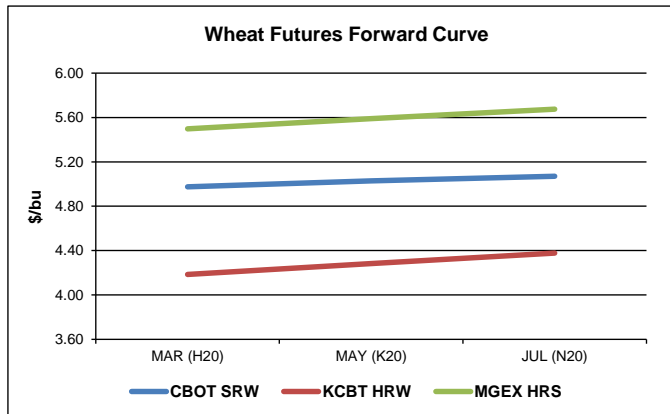
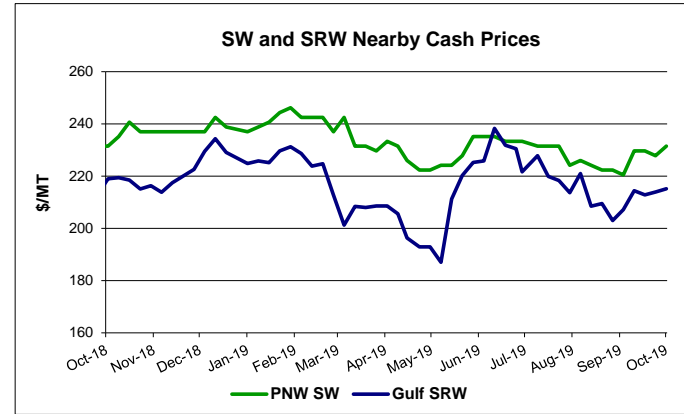
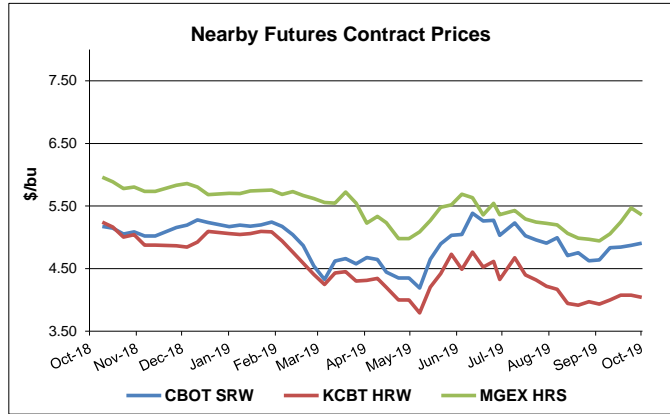
	DEC (Z19)		week change	JAN (F20)		week change	MAR (H20)		week change	MAY (K20)		week change	JUL (N20)		week change	AUG (Q20)		week change	SEP (U20)		week change	DEC (Z20)		week change
	\$/MT	\$/bu		\$/bu	\$/bu		\$/bu	\$/bu		\$/bu	\$/bu		\$/bu	\$/bu		\$/bu	\$/bu		\$/bu	\$/bu		\$/bu	\$/bu	
Chicago BOT SRW	180.23	4.9050	0.0325			4.9750	0.0375	5.0275	0.0425	5.0700	0.0475					5.1500	0.0500	5.2825	0.0525					
Kansas City BOT HRW	148.44	4.0400	(0.0350)			4.1850	(0.0225)	4.2825	(0.0200)	4.3775	(0.0150)					4.4900	(0.0175)	4.6425	(0.0325)					
Minneapolis MGE NS/DNS	196.95	5.3600	(0.1100)			5.4975	(0.1075)	5.5900	(0.1075)	5.6750	(0.1025)					5.7575	(0.0975)	5.8700	(0.1000)					
Chicago BOT Corn	141.37	3.8475	0.1325			3.9700	0.1325	4.0250	0.1150	4.0575	0.0925					4.0050	0.0225	4.0425	0.0125					
Chicago BOT Soybeans				9.3025	0.3275	9.4075	0.3075	9.5000	0.2950	9.5825	0.2875	9.6150	0.2750											

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).





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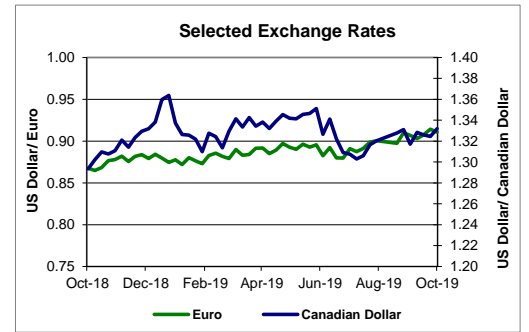
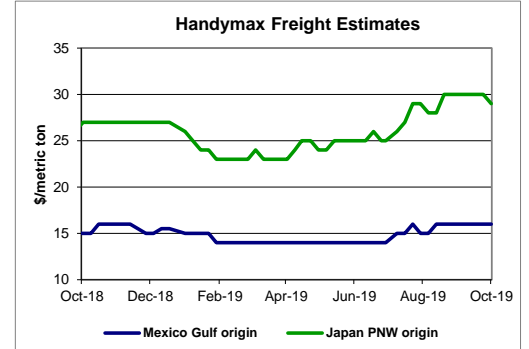
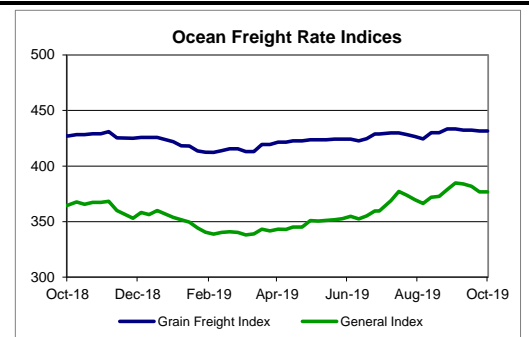
Ocean Freight Rate Estimates by Origin*		U.S. dollars/metric ton			Freight Index**	General Index	Grain Freight Index	Number of Fixtures
Export Region	Import Region	Handy 25-30 TMT	Handymax 40-46 TMT	Panamax 54+ TMT				
US Gulf	Mexico (Veracruz)	19	16		10/4/2019	371.1	426.5	571
	W. South America (Peru/Ecu)	28			9/27/2019	376.8	431.5	548
	S. South America (Chile)	26			9/20/2019	381.8	432.3	559
	N. America (Columbia)	21			9/13/2019	383.8	432.3	509
	E. South America (Brazil)	20			9/6/2019	384.8	433.4	547
	West Africa (Nigeria)	55			8/30/2019	378.9	433.4	455
	East Mediterranean (Italy)	40			8/23/2019	372.6	430.1	596
	West Mediterranean (Morocco)	38			8/16/2019	371.9	430.1	494
	Persian Gulf (Iraq)				8/9/2019	366.3	424.4	520
	Middle East (Egypt)				8/2/2019	369.7	426.6	529
	Japan		53	51	7/26/2019	373.7	428.3	565
Mid Atlantic	N. South America (Venezuela)	33			7/19/2019	377.1	429.9	559
	West Africa (Nigeria)	57			7/12/2019	368.8	429.9	567
	Middle East (Egypt)			56	7/2/2019	359.5	428.8	502
St. Lawrence	N. South America (Venezuela)	18			6/28/2019	359.5	428.8	502
	Europe/Rotterdam	23			6/21/2019	355.1	424.6	555
Great Lakes	East Mediterranean (Italy)	55			6/7/2019	354.7	424.3	489
PNW	W. South America (Peru/Ecu)	26			5/10/2019	350.5	423.7	584
	S. South America (Chile)	30			5/3/2019	350.9	423.7	474
	N. South America (Colombia)	31			4/26/2019	347.4	424.3	514
	Persian Gulf (Iraq)			60	4/18/2019	345.0	422.7	442
	Middle East (Egypt)			32	4/12/2019	343.0	421.5	621
	East Africa (Djibouti/Mombasa)		43	41	4/5/2019	343.2	421.5	576
	South Asia (Mal/Indon/Phil/Sing)		37	29	3/29/2019	341.6	419.4	558
	Taiwan		35	33	3/22/2019	343.1	419.4	642
	South Korea		27	26	3/15/2019	338.9	413.0	587
		Japan	30	29		3/8/2019	338.0	413.0

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
10/4/19	N/A	57.56	1.478	4.059	1.332	16.26	0.911	106.9	64.68
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
9/13/19	116.9	55.92	1.454	4.084	1.328	16.37	0.903	108.1	64.33
10/4/18	114.8	38.59	1.413	3.874	1.292	17.84	0.868	113.9	66.98
10/4/14	97.98	8.449	1.143	2.494	1.120	7.170	0.794	109.1	39.79
1 year change	N/A	49.15%	4.54%	4.75%	3.06%	-8.86%	4.87%	-6.18%	-3.43%
5 year change	N/A	581.20%	29.22%	62.71%	18.90%	126.77%	14.75%	-2.07%	62.54%



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.

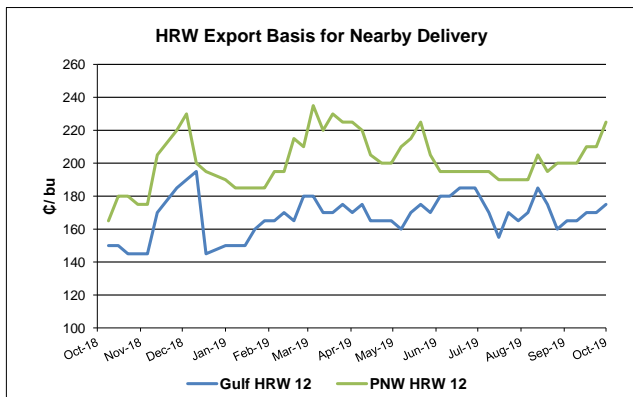
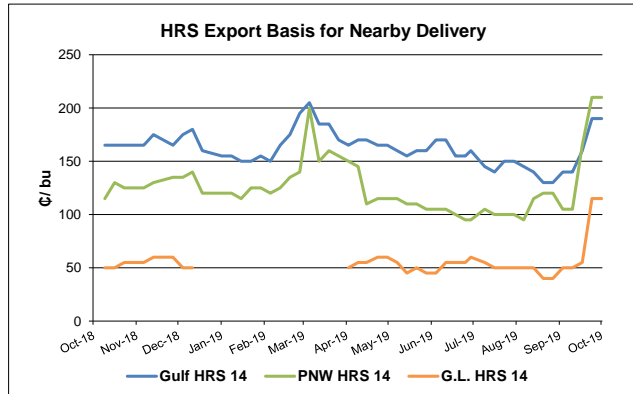
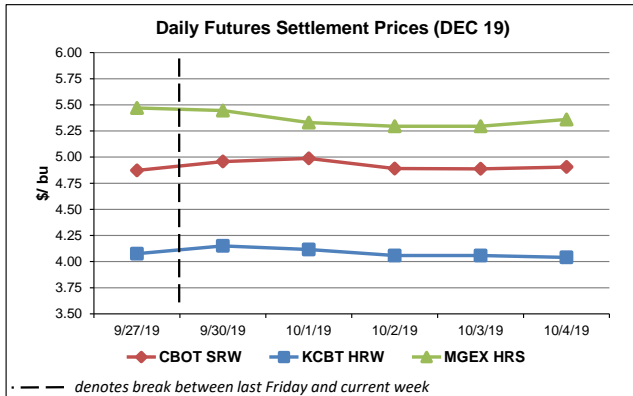
U.S. Wheat Associates recommends regular contact with exporters of U.S. wheat in order to receive offers representative of your requirements.

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



- Wheat futures ended mixed week-over-week as limited export demand pressured hard red winter (HRW) and hard red spring (HRS) futures prices while short-covering supported soft red winter (SRW) futures prices. HRW December futures lost 3 cents to close at \$4.04/bu. HRS December futures fell 11 cents from last week to end at \$5.36/bu. SRW December futures gained 3 cents to close at \$4.90/bu. CBOT December corn futures gained 13 cents to close at \$3.85/bu. CBOT January soybean futures gained 3 cents to end at \$9.30/bu.
- Crop quality concerns due to rain on late harvested and unharvested HRS fields and minimal farmer selling kept Pacific Northwest (PNW) and Gulf HRS export basis steady and high week-over-week. Minimal farmer selling due to low futures values supported PNW and Gulf HRW export basis for October and November deliveries. News of an unexpected white wheat sale to China (see below) boosted soft white (SW) wheat export prices in the PNW for nearby and deferred delivery months.
- Heavy, persistent rain has severely delayed the 2019 HRS harvest. On Sept. 30, USDA reported spring wheat harvest at 90% complete, compared to 100% last year and the 5-year average of 99%. U.S. winter wheat is 39% planted compared to 41% last year and the 5-year average of 38%.
- USDA released its Small Grains Summary on Sept. 30 noting that 2019/20 U.S. wheat production increased to 53.3 million metric tons (MMT), up 4 percent from last year due to significant improvements in yield despite lower planted area. Total area planted to wheat decreased 6% year-over-year to 45.2 million acres (18.3 million hectares) while the national average yield increased 8% from 2018/19 levels to 51.6 bu/acre (3.47 MT/hectare) in 2019/20.
- Net U.S. wheat sales of 328,000 metric tons (MT) as of Sept. 26 were 16% greater than last week's 283,000 MT and in line with trade expectations of 200,000 MT to 600,000 MT. Year-to-date commercial sales of 12.9 million metric tons (MMT) are 14% ahead of last year's pace. USDA currently forecasts 2019/20 U.S. wheat exports will total 26.5 MMT, 4% more than 2018/19, if realized.
- On Oct. 3, USDA confirmed sales of 130,000 MT of "white wheat to China." It is not yet confirmed whether the buyer is a government agency or a private buyer. "We are glad for this purchase ahead of the latest round of trade discussions between the U.S. and China," said Doug Goyings, USW Chairman and a wheat farmer from Paulding, Ohio. "It remains to be seen if this is the start of a return to steady purchases by China. In the long run, that is what our farmers need, along with good progress toward an agreement and continued support for the rules-based trading system that has given them access to more markets."
- The U.S. Drought Monitor indicates that ongoing heat in the Southeast and southern Midwest SRW production regions is increasing drought conditions. Warm and dry conditions continued in the western Great Plains and areas under abnormal dryness spread in southwestern Kansas and southeastern Colorado while cooler temperatures and heavy precipitation were reported in the eastern Great Plains. Steady showers continue to eliminate drought conditions in western Washington and western Oregon. Looking ahead, precipitation and cooler than average temperatures are expected across the Pacific Northwest (PNW) and Great Plains.
- According to Eduardo Sierra, meteorologist consultant to the Buenos Aries Grain Exchange, dry weather in Argentina could hurt the country's 2019/20 wheat production. Sierra believes dryness impacting as much as 30% of the country's wheat area could reduce Argentina's wheat harvest 13% year-over-year to 17.0 MMT in 2019/20.
- Ukraine's Ministry of Agriculture reported Ukrainian total wheat exports, as of Oct. 1, at 8.62 MMT, 61% higher than export levels a year ago. USDA estimates Ukraine will export 19.0 MMT of wheat in marketing year 2019/20, up 21% from 2018/19 levels, if realized. So far, all Ukrainian grain exports total 13.6 MMT, up 49% from this time last year. Ukrainian farmers have sown 8.69 million acres (3.52 million hectares) of winter grains for harvest in 2020, 48% of the total expected area.
- As of Oct. 4, Russia's Ministry of Agriculture reported the country's wheat harvest now totals 75.6 MMT compared to 69.7 MMT this time last year. The Ministry estimates Russia will harvest 78.0 MMT of wheat in 2019. Russian farmers have sown 25.4 million acres (10.3 million hectares) of winter grains for harvest in 2020, or 77% of total expected planted area.
- According to Reuters, wet weather delayed winter wheat planting in France this week. By Oct. 4, French farmers have only sown 1% of expected soft (non-durum) wheat area, unchanged from last week.
- The Baltic Dry Index fell 6% week-over-week to close at 1,757.
- The U.S. Dollar Index fell from last week's 99.11 to close at 98.83.