



# U.S. Wheat Associates

## Weekly Price Report

December 16, 2016

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Export Region	Percent Protein 12% (Dry) Moisture Basis		JAN (H17)			JAN (H17)		FEB (H17)		MAR (H17)		APR (K17)		MAY (K17)		JUN (N17)		JUL (N17)		Year Ago (nearbys) \$/MT
			(nearbys) 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 13.0 (14.8)	M	closed	N/A	N/A	closed	N/A	closed	N/A	closed	N/A	221	60	221	60	222	60	222	60	N/A
	NS/DNS 13.5 (15.3)	M	closed	N/A	N/A	closed	N/A	closed	N/A	closed	N/A	221	60	221	60	222	60	222	60	N/A
	NS/DNS 14.0 (15.9)	M	closed	N/A	N/A	closed	N/A	closed	N/A	closed	N/A	224	70	224	70	225	70	225	70	N/A
Gulf of Mexico	NS/DNS 13.0 (14.8)	M	7.04	0.13	5	259	160	257	155	257	155	254	150	254	150	255	150	255	150	247
	NS/DNS 13.5 (15.3)	M	7.09	0.13	5	261	165	259	160	259	160	256	155	256	155	257	155	257	155	247
	NS/DNS 14.0 (15.9)	M	7.19	0.13	5	264	175	262	170	262	170	259	165	259	165	260	165	260	165	255
	HRW Ord	K	4.95	0.06	2	182	80	180	75	180	75	181	65	181	65	183	60	183	60	207
	HRW 11.0 (12.5)	K	5.00	0.06	2	184	85	182	80	182	80	182	70	182	70	185	65	185	65	208
	HRW 11.5 (13.1)	K	5.15	0.06	2	189	100	187	95	187	95	188	85	188	85	191	80	191	80	210
	HRW 12.0 (13.6)	K	5.30	0.06	2	195	115	193	110	193	110	193	100	193	100	196	95	196	95	212
	HRW 12.5 (14.2)	K	5.65	0.06	2	208	150	206	145	206	145	206	135	206	135	209	130	209	130	216
SRW	C	4.84	-0.02	-1	178	75	176	70	176	70	179	65	179	65	180	55	180	55	206	
Pacific N. West	NS/DNS 13.0 (14.8)	M	6.89	0.13	5	253	145	250	135	248	130	245	125	245	125	249	135	249	135	229
	NS/DNS 13.5 (15.3)	M	6.94	0.13	5	255	150	251	140	250	135	246	130	246	130	251	140	251	140	229
	NS/DNS 14.0 (15.9)	M	7.09	0.18	7	261	165	257	155	255	150	252	145	252	145	257	155	257	155	233
	HRW Ord	K	5.45	0.01	0	200	130	196	120	196	120	197	110	197	110	202	110	202	110	214
	HRW 11.5 (13.1)	K	5.60	0.01	0	206	145	202	135	202	135	203	125	203	125	207	125	207	125	216
	HRW 12.0 (13.6)	K	5.80	0.01	0	213	165	209	155	209	155	210	145	210	145	214	145	214	145	218
	HRW 13.0 (14.8)	K	6.65	0.01	0	244	250	241	240	241	240	241	230	241	230	246	230	246	230	227
	SW Unspecified	\$	5.25	0.00	0	193	5.25	189	5.15	189	5.15	186	5.05	186	5.05	186	5.05	186	5.05	211
	SW 10.5 (11.9) Max	\$	5.25	0.00	0	193	5.25	189	5.15	189	5.15	186	5.05	186	5.05	186	5.05	186	5.05	255
	SW 9.5 (10.8) Max	\$	5.50	0.00	0	202	5.50	198	5.40	198	5.40	195	5.30	195	5.30	195	5.30	195	5.30	312
	WW with 10% Club	\$	5.35	0.00	0	197	5.35	193	5.25	193	5.25	189	5.15	189	5.15	189	5.15	189	5.15	265
WW with 20% Club	\$	5.45	0.00	0	200	5.45	197	5.35	197	5.35	193	5.25	193	5.25	193	5.25	193	5.25	274	

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

Northern Durum offers from the Lakes range from \$8.25 to \$8.40/bu (\$303 to \$309/MT), and offers from Gulf ports range from \$8.65 to \$8.90/bu (\$318 to \$327/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 December 16, 2016

Grey positions not quoted on specific exchange

	MAR (H17)	JAN (F17)	week change	MAR (H17)	week change	MAY (K17)	week change	JUL (N17)	week change	AUG (Q17)	week change	SEP (U17)	week change	DEC (Z17)	week change	JAN (F18)	week change
	\$/MT	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu
Chicago BOT SRW	150.37			4.0925	(0.0700)	4.2175	(0.0475)	4.3475	(0.0375)			4.4825	(0.0425)	4.6450	(0.0550)		
Kansas City BOT HRW	152.39			4.1475	0.0125	4.2650	0.0125	4.3850	0.0100			4.5325	0.0000	4.7150	(0.0300)		
Minneapolis MGE NS/DNS	199.97			5.4425	0.1325	5.4075	0.0700	5.4350	0.0625			5.4825	0.0500	5.5575	0.0350		
Chicago BOT Corn	130.90			3.5625	(0.0325)	3.6300	(0.0325)	3.7050	(0.0300)			3.7775	(0.0250)	3.8650	(0.0200)		
Chicago BOT Soybeans	380.93	10.3675	(0.0075)	10.4675	(0.0175)	10.5425	(0.0200)	10.5900	(0.0275)	10.5550	(0.0350)	10.3625	(0.0425)			10.2075	(0.0550)

**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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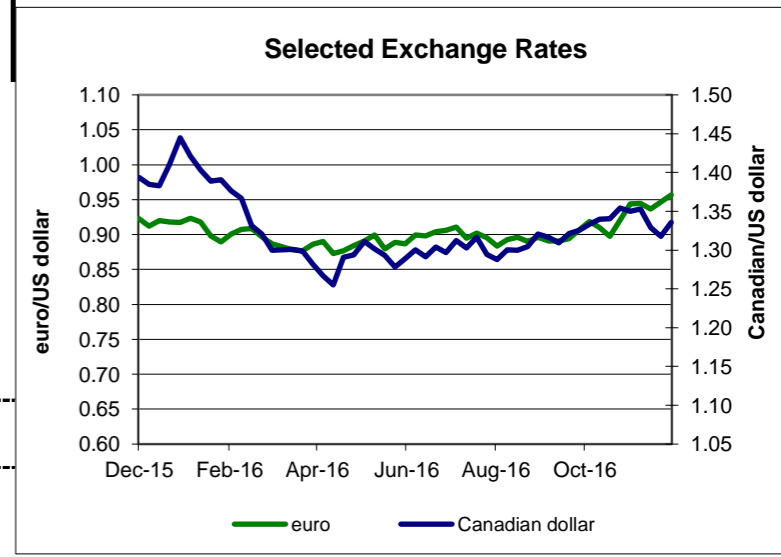
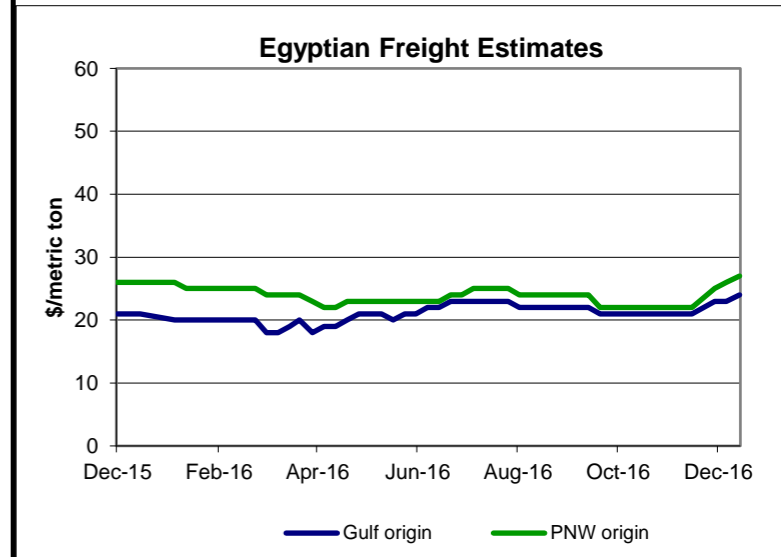
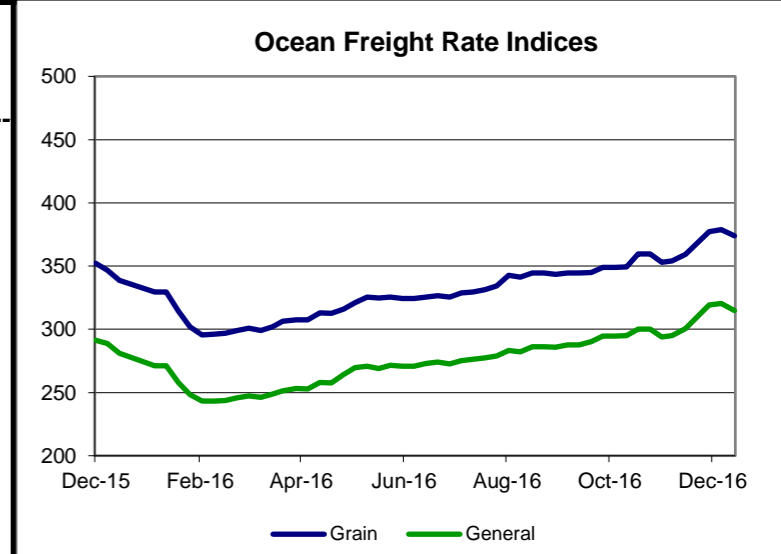
Ocean Freight Rate Estimates by Origin*		U.S. dollars/metric ton			Freight Index**	General Index	Grain Freight Index	Number of Fixtures
Export Region	Import Region	Handy 25-30 TMT	Handymax 40-46 TMT	Panamax 54+ TMT				
US Gulf	Mexico (Veracruz)	17	15		12/9/2016	314.7	373.9	643
	W. South America (Peru/Ecu)	28			12/2/2016	320.4	378.8	644
	S. South America (Chile)	26			11/25/2016	319.2	377.2	686
	N. South America (Colombia)	19			11/18/2016	312.2	372.6	663
	E. South America (Brazil)	27			11/11/2016	300.5	359.1	639
	West Africa (Nigeria)	56			11/4/2016	295.1	354.1	525
	East Mediterranean (Italy)	36			10/28/2016	293.8	353.1	601
	West Mediterranean (Morocco)	34			10/21/2016	300.2	359.5	694
	Middle East (Egypt)				10/14/2016	295.0	349.4	619
	Japan			35	34	10/7/2016	293.0	347.7
Mid Atlantic	N. South America (Venezuela)	28			9/30/2016	294.6	348.9	618
	West Africa (Nigeria)	55			9/23/2016	293.2	348.1	551
	Middle East (Egypt)			46	9/16/2016	290.2	345.0	551
St. Lawrence	N. South America (Venezuela)	24			9/9/2016	287.7	344.4	597
	Europe/Rotterdam	20			9/2/2016	285.7	343.6	542
	Middle East (Egypt)			24	8/26/2016	284.2	342.7	614
Great Lakes	East Mediterranean (Italy)	49			8/19/2016	286.1	344.4	576
	West Mediterranean (Spain)	44			8/12/2016	284.4	343.1	515
	Rotterdam	40			8/5/2016	282.3	341.3	472
	West Africa (Morocco/Algeria)	44			7/29/2016	283.3	342.6	495
PNW	W. South America (Peru/Ecu)	26			7/22/2016	279.0	334.3	589
	S. South America (Chile)	29			7/15/2016	277.3	331.4	383
	N. South America (Colombia)	27			7/8/2016	276.4	329.3	355
	Middle East (Egypt)			27	7/1/2016	275.2	328.8	454
	East Africa (Djibouti/Mombasa)		45		6/24/2016	272.6	325.6	522
	South Asia (Mal/Indon/Phil/Sing)		38	28	6/17/2016	274.2	326.4	480
	Taiwan		26	24	6/10/2016	272.8	325.5	532
	South Korea		25	23	6/3/2016	270.6	324.2	477
	Japan		20	19	5/27/2016	268.0	321.6	573

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
12/16/16	N/A	15.945	0.733	3.366	1.336	18.458	0.957	118.060	61.581
12/9/16	127.11	15.980	0.745	3.377	1.318	18.106	0.947	115.360	62.465
12/2/16	127.14	15.920	0.746	3.475	1.329	17.861	0.937	113.540	63.923
11/25/16	127.86	15.540	0.743	3.421	1.353	17.509	0.944	113.060	64.865
12/17/15	123.28	9.782	1.394	3.888	1.384	7.806	0.922	122.510	70.738
12/17/11	101.10	4.286	1.003	1.857	1.034	6.040	0.767	77.859	31.911
1 year change	N/A	63.00%	-47.39%	-13.43%	-3.50%	136.45%	3.82%	-3.63%	-12.95%
5 year change	N/A	272.03%	-26.88%	81.20%	29.18%	205.62%	24.67%	51.63%	92.98%



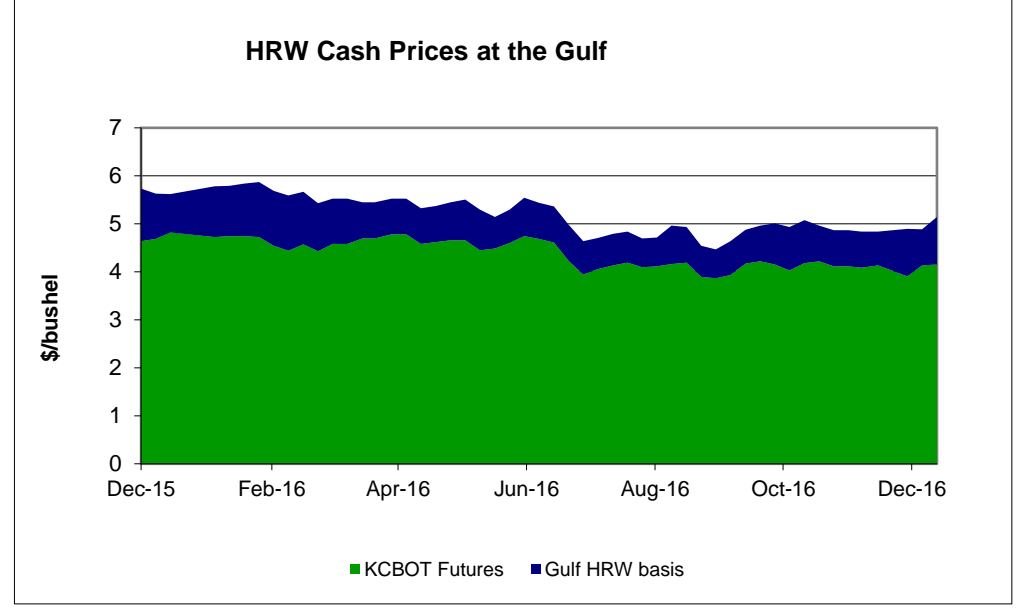
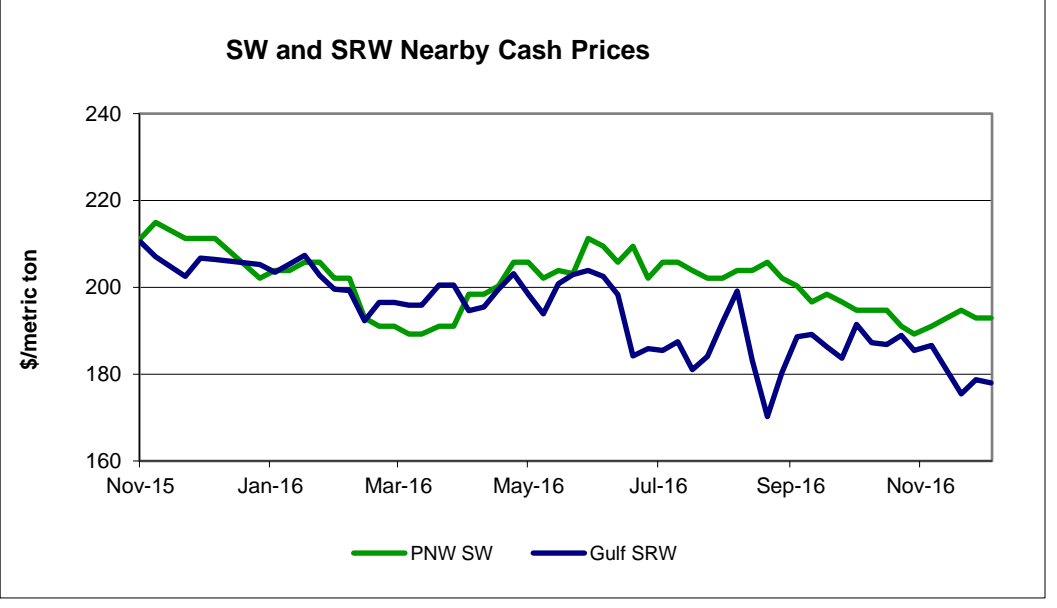
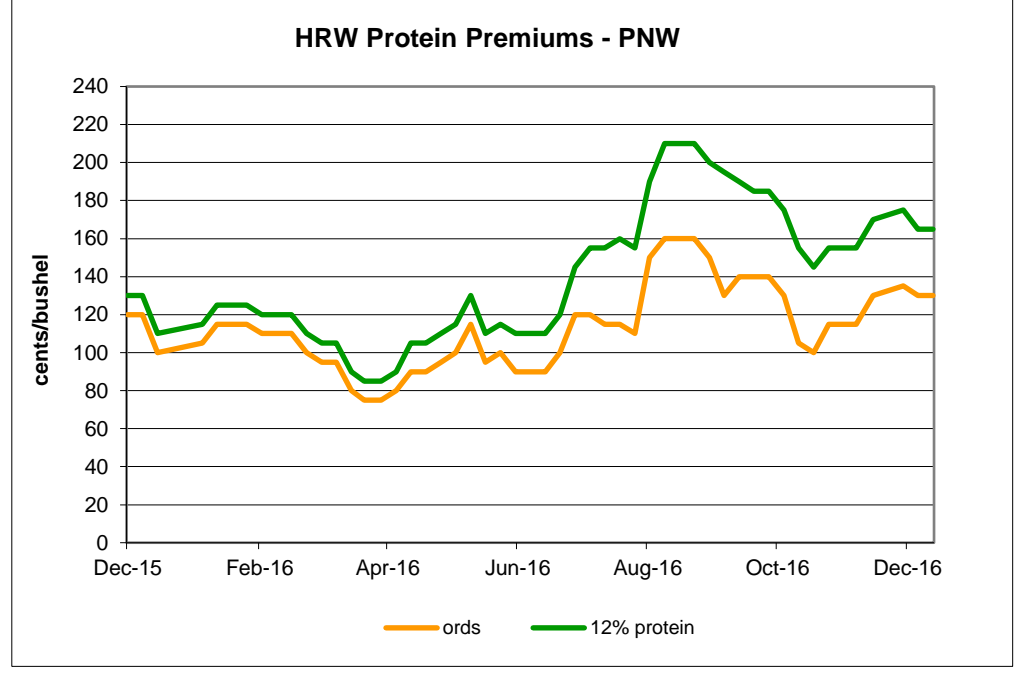
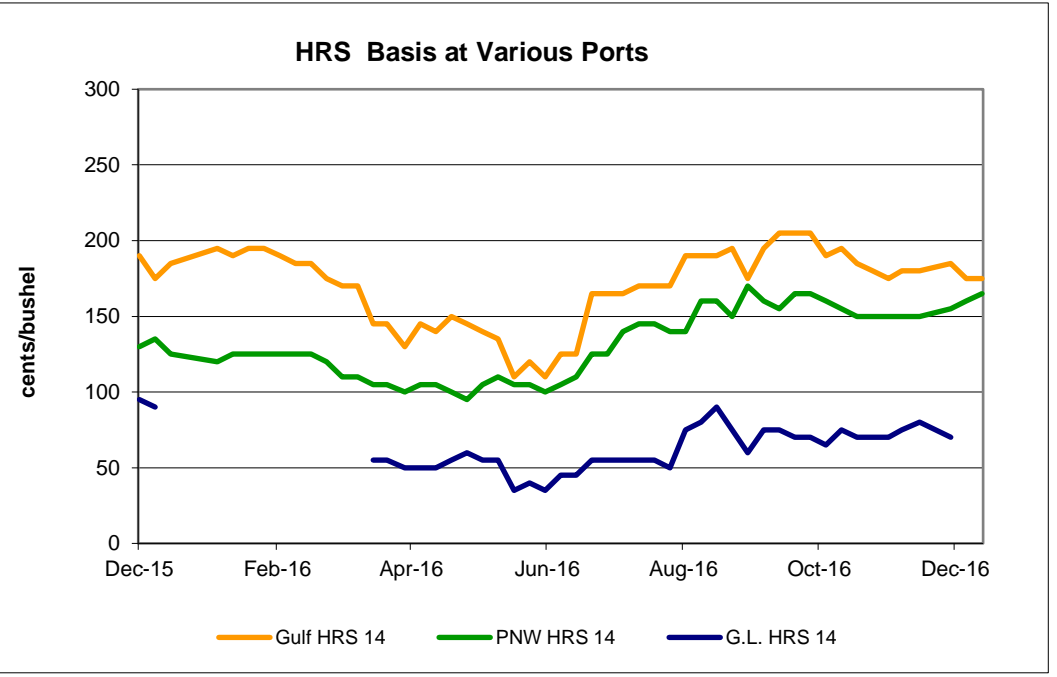
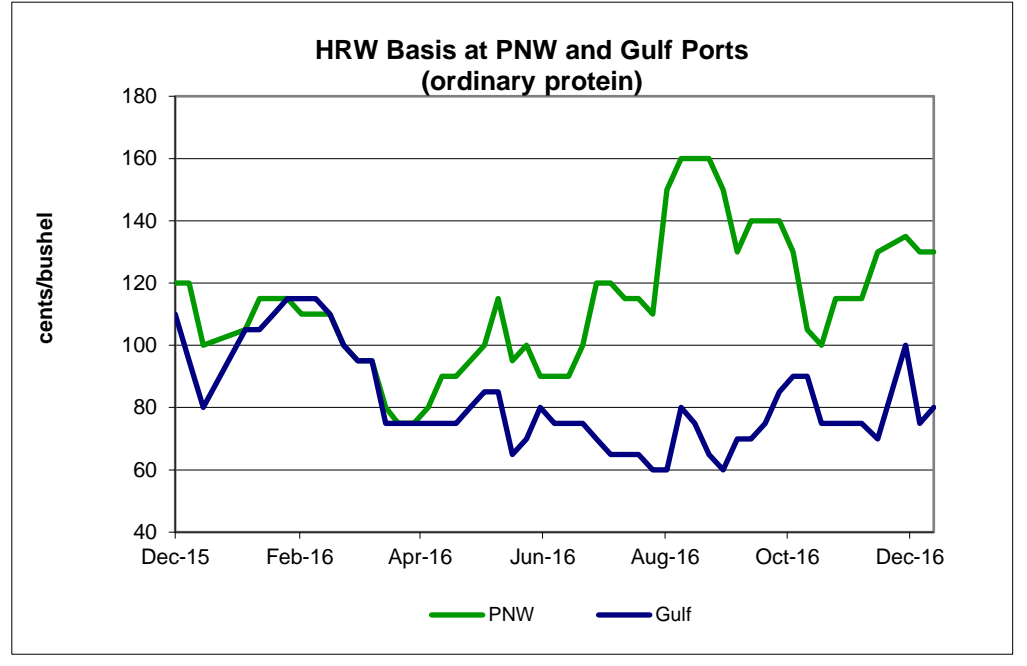
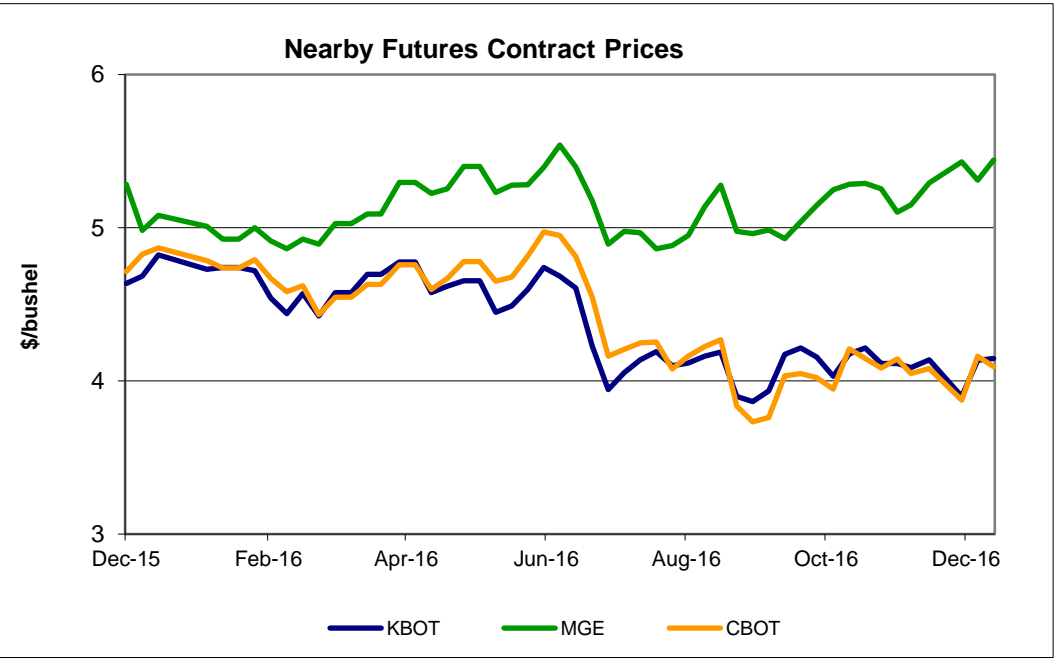
The weekly prices as reported by U.S. Wheat Associates are compiled through research from numerous market sources, including U.S. wheat exporters of all classes from various U.S. ports. The prices reported are representative of the value of number two grade and the proteins indicated. **They are not 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 Stephanie Bryant-Erdmann at (703) 650-0241 or sbe@uswheat.org.



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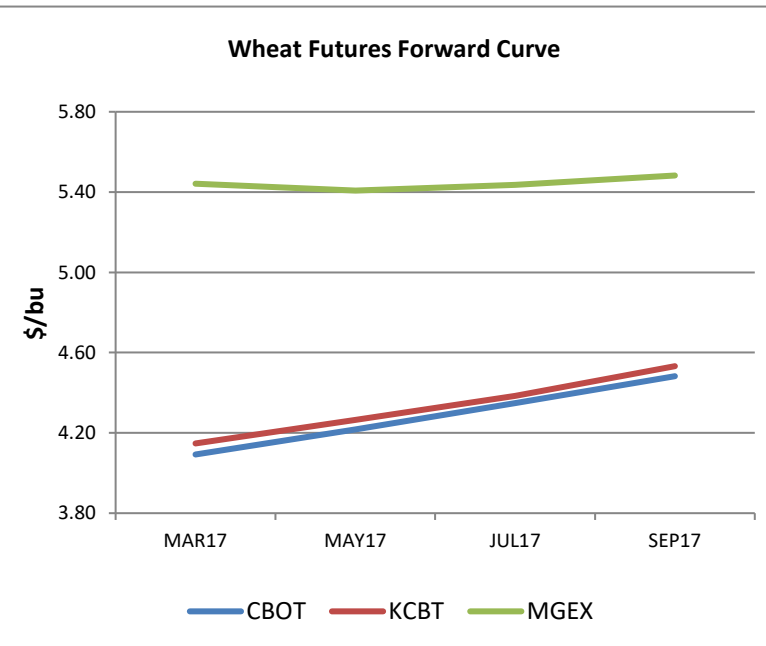
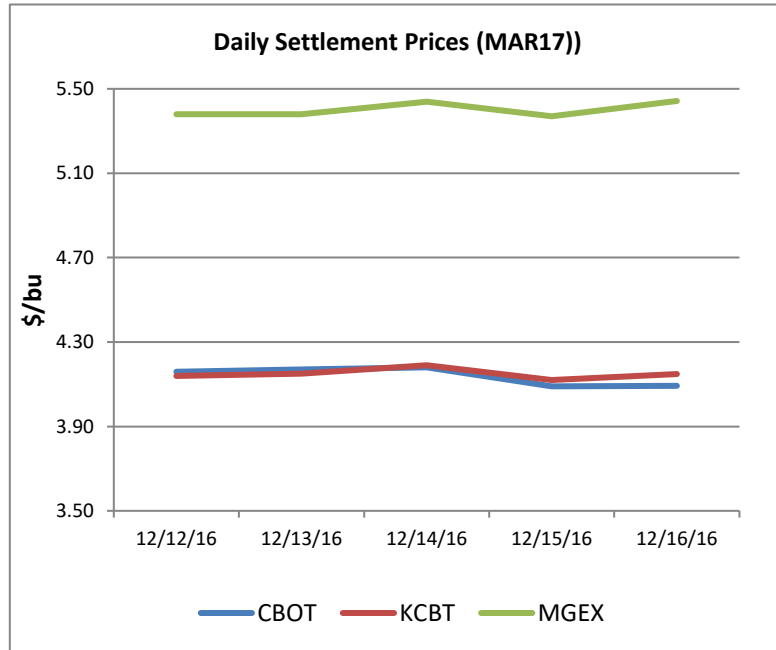


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### Highlights:



\* Buoyed by strong export demand, KCBT and MGEX wheat futures rose week over week. The U.S. dollar continues to strengthen weighing heavily on CBOT soft red winter (SRW) wheat futures, which faces strong competition from other origins. Freezing temperatures across the U.S. Southern Plains lent limited support. CBOT March wheat fell 7 cents to \$4.09, KCBT added 1 cent to \$4.15/bu and MGEX wheat climbed 13 cents to \$5.44/bu. CBOT March corn lost 3 cents to \$3.56/bu and CBOT January soybeans slipped 1 cent to \$10.37/bu.

\* Snow and freezing temperatures are causing logistical challenges resulting in increased U.S. rail and barge freight rates, which supported export basis at all ports as exporters try to move wheat. Limited Pacific Northwest (PNW) export elevation capacity is available in January, resulting in higher export basis levels for all classes that month. The Columbia-Snake river system closure for planned maintenance begins today, Dec. 16. The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway System will close for the season on Dec. 20 and will reopen at the end of March.

\* USDA's weekly Export Sales Report included net wheat sales of 531,300 metric tons (MT) for marketing year 2016/17. Sales were above trade expectations of 300,000 to 500,000 MT. Total known outstanding sales and accumulated exports of all classes of wheat for 2016/17, through Dec. 8, 2016, were 19.9 million metric tons (MMT), 32% higher than a total of 15.0 MMT last year on this date and 7% ahead of the 5-year average pace. USDA expects 2016/17 U.S. wheat exports to reach 26.5 MMT.

\* The Dec. 13 U.S. Drought Monitor shows drought conditions worsening across the U.S. Southern Plains. With drought stress and little to no snow cover, the wheat crop is more vulnerable to freeze damage.

\* On Dec. 15, Bolsa de Cereales, the Argentine Grain Exchange, reported favorable weather for harvest that was 57% complete, up from 41% last week. Southeast Buenos Aires, which accounts for 11% of total wheat planted area, is the only region where harvest is not underway. The average yield to date is 3.09 metric tons per hectare (MT/ha) (46.0 bu/acre) compared to 2.60 MT/ha (38.7 bu/acre) on the same date last year.

\* FranceAgriMer estimates French farmers planted 5.2 million hectares (78 million acres) of winter wheat this fall on par with last year's planted area.

\* The Baltic Index fell to 966, down 14% from last week's close of 1122 due to weaker demand for capsized vessels. However, industry analysts noted stronger demand for grain ships.

\* The Dollar Index rose to 103.04, up 1% from 101.45 last Friday.

\* Current hard red spring (HRS) price indications are for Northern Spring. Dark Northern Spring is available, but premiums vary. Soft red winter (SRW) indications are for a minimum falling number of 250. Higher minimum specifications will carry a premium.