



# U.S. Wheat Associates

## Weekly Price Report

July 20, 2018

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Export Region	Percent Protein 12% (Dry) Moisture Basis		AUG (U18)			AUG (U18)		SEP (U18)		OCT (Z18)		NOV (Z18)		DEC (Z18)		JAN (H19)		FEB (H19)		Year Ago (nearbys) \$/MT
			(nearbys) FOB \$/bu	week change \$/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	FOB \$/MT	Basis ¢/bu	
Great Lakes	NS/DNS 13.5 (15.3)	M	6.05	0.23	9	222	50	224	55	236	70	236	70	236	70	closed	N/A	closed	N/A	301
	NS/DNS 14.0 (15.9)	M	6.30	0.23	9	231	75	233	80	245	95	245	95	245	95	closed	N/A	closed	N/A	312
	NS/DNS 14.5 (16.5)	M	6.65	0.23	9	244	110	246	115	258	130	258	130	258	130	closed	N/A	closed	N/A	N/A
Gulf of Mexico	NS/DNS 13.5 (15.3)	M	7.15	0.18	7	263	160	265	165	280	190	280	190	280	190	282	180	282	180	324
	NS/DNS 14.0 (15.9)	M	7.40	0.18	7	272	185	274	190	289	215	289	215	289	215	291	205	291	205	335
	NS/DNS 14.5 (16.5)	M	8.00	0.18	7	294	245	296	250	311	275	311	275	311	275	313	265	313	265	N/A
	HRW Ord	K	6.24	0.17	6	229	115	229	115	244	130	244	130	244	130	249	125	249	125	204
	HRW 11.0 (12.5)	K	6.34	0.17	6	233	125	233	125	248	140	248	140	248	140	252	135	252	135	215
	HRW 11.5 (13.1)	K	6.44	0.17	6	236	135	236	135	251	150	251	150	251	150	256	145	256	145	232
	HRW 12.0 (13.6)	K	6.54	0.17	6	240	145	240	145	255	160	255	160	255	160	260	155	260	155	250
HRW 12.5 (14.2)	K	6.74	0.17	6	247	165	247	165	262	180	262	180	262	180	267	175	267	175	287	
SRW	C	5.91	0.19	7	217	75	219	80	227	85	231	95	231	95	233	85	233	85	207	
Pacific N. West	NS/DNS 13.5 (15.3)	M	6.70	0.18	7	246	115	246	115	258	130	258	130	258	130	260	120	260	120	341
	NS/DNS 14.0 (15.9)	M	6.80	0.18	7	250	125	250	125	261	140	261	140	261	140	264	130	264	130	343
	NS/DNS 14.5 (16.5)	M	6.95	0.18	7	255	140	255	140	267	155	267	155	267	155	269	145	273	155	N/A
	HRW Ord	K	6.39	0.12	4	235	130	236	135	246	135	246	135	246	135	249	125	249	125	226
	HRW 11.5 (13.1)	K	6.54	0.12	4	240	145	242	150	251	150	251	150	251	150	254	140	254	140	234
	HRW 12.0 (13.6)	K	6.74	0.12	4	247	165	249	170	259	170	259	170	259	170	261	160	261	160	252
	HRW 13.0 (14.8)	K	7.04	0.12	4	258	195	260	200	270	200	270	200	270	200	272	190	272	190	289
	SW Unspecified	\$	6.10	-0.05	-2	224	6.10	226	6.15	228	6.20	230	6.25	231	6.30	231	6.30	231	6.30	215
	SW 10.5 (11.9) Max	\$	6.10	-0.05	-2	224	6.10	226	6.15	228	6.20	230	6.25	231	6.30	231	6.30	231	6.30	217
	SW 9.5 (10.8) Max	\$	6.15	-0.05	-2	226	6.15	228	6.20	230	6.25	231	6.30	233	6.35	233	6.35	233	6.35	220
WW with 10% Club	\$	6.13	-0.05	-2	225	6.13	227	6.18	229	6.23	231	6.28	233	6.33	233	6.33	233	6.33	219	
WW with 20% Club	\$	6.16	-0.05	-2	226	6.16	228	6.21	230	6.26	232	6.31	234	6.36	234	6.36	234	6.36	220	

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

Northern Durum offers from the Lakes range from \$6.80 to \$7.75/bu (\$250 to \$285/MT), and offers from Gulf ports range from \$8.15 to \$9.10/bu (\$300 to \$334/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 July 20, 2018

Grey positions not quoted on specific exchange

	SEP (U18)	AUG (Q18)	week change	SEP (U18)	week change	DEC (Z18)	week change	JAN (F19)	week change	MAR (H19)	week change	MAY (K19)	week change	JUL (N19)	week change	AUG (Q19)	week change
	\$/MT	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu
Chicago BOT SRW	189.59		0.1900	5.1600	0.1900	5.3300	0.2050			5.4875	0.2125	5.5750	0.1900	5.6050	0.1775		
Kansas City BOT HRW	186.84		0.1675	5.0850	0.1675	5.3375	0.1750			5.5150	0.1675	5.6075	0.1550	5.6575	0.1575		
Minneapolis MGE NS/DNS	203.92		0.2325	5.5500	0.2325	5.7125	0.2200			5.8800	0.2325	5.9800	0.2300	6.0725	0.2250		
Chicago BOT Corn	139.85		0.1400	3.5525	0.1400	3.6900	0.1425			3.8000	0.1350	3.8625	0.1300	3.9200	0.1275		
Chicago BOT Soybeans	312.23	8.4975	0.3100	8.5525	0.3075			8.7500	0.3075	8.8375	0.3025	8.9300	0.3025	9.0100	0.2925	9.0250	0.2950

**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\*

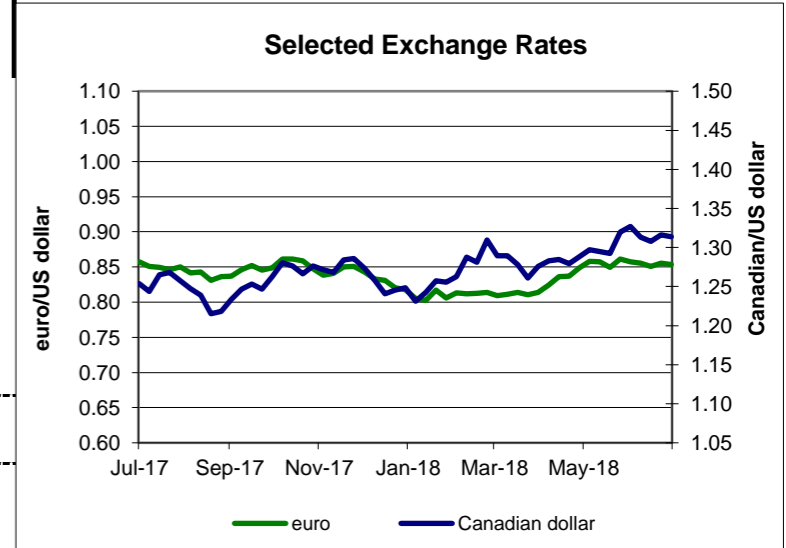
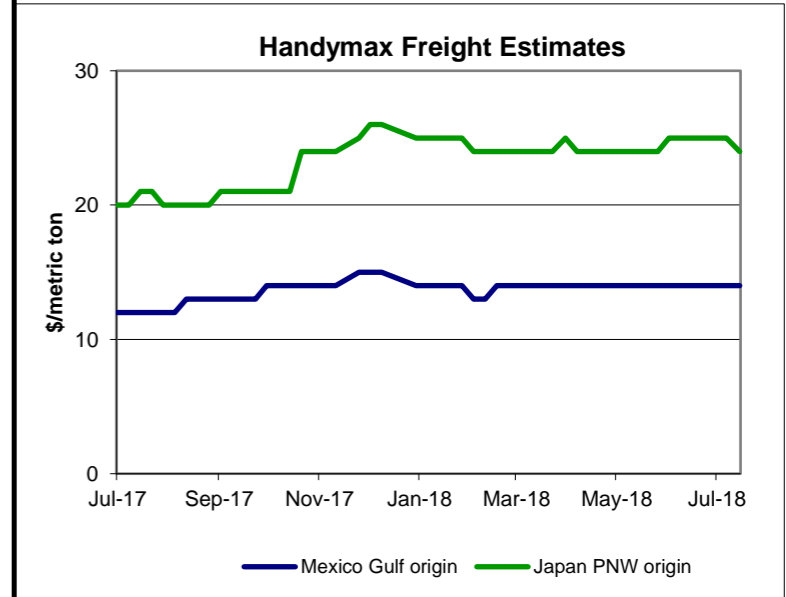
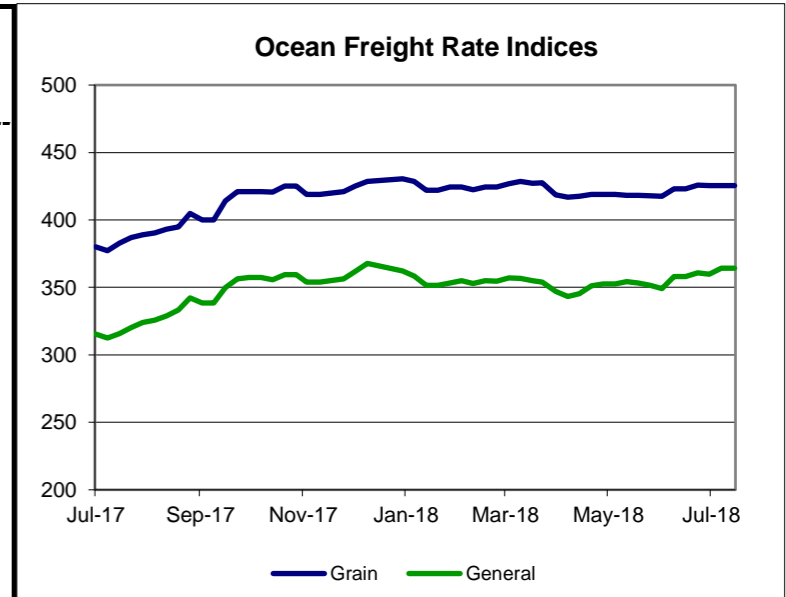
		U.S. dollars/metric ton			Freight Index** Week Ending	General Index	Grain Freight Index	Number of Fixtures
Export Region	Import Region	Handy 25-30 TMT	Handymax 40-46 TMT	Panamax 54+ TMT				
US Gulf	Mexico (Veracruz)	16	14		7/13/2018	365.6	426.6	567
	W. South America (Peru/Ecu)	28			7/6/2018	364.2	425.5	587
	S. South America (Chile)	26			6/29/2018	359.7	425.5	573
	N. South America (Colombia)	21			6/22/2018	360.9	425.9	521
	E. South America (Brazil)	28			6/15/2018	358.1	423.2	589
	West Africa (Nigeria)	43			6/8/2018	355.7	421.4	511
	East Mediterranean (Italy)	33			6/1/2018	349.1	417.5	503
	West Mediterranean (Morocco)	33			5/25/2018	351.6	418.0	584
	Persian Gulf (Iraq)				5/18/2018	353.1	418.2	612
	Middle East (Egypt)				5/11/2018	354.3	418.4	588
Japan			44	43	5/4/2018	352.6	418.8	481
Mid Atlantic	N. South America (Venezuela)	31			4/27/2018	352.7	418.8	639
	West Africa (Nigeria)	45			4/20/2018	351.2	418.8	513
	Middle East (Egypt)			43	4/13/2018	345.2	417.7	559
St. Lawrence	N. South America (Venezuela)	23			4/6/2018	343.4	416.9	457
	Europe/Rotterdam	22			3/30/2018	347.1	418.6	602
	Middle East (Egypt)			28	3/23/2018	354.0	427.6	657
Great Lakes	East Mediterranean (Italy)	43			3/16/2018	355.0	427.2	541
	West Mediterranean (Spain)	38			3/9/2018	356.7	428.4	666
	Rotterdam	27			3/2/2018	356.9	426.7	639
	West Africa (Morocco/Algeria)	38			2/23/2018	354.7	424.6	494
PNW	W. South America (Peru/Ecu)	26			2/16/2018	354.9	424.6	637
	S. South America (Chile)	30			2/9/2018	353.0	422.4	621
	N. South America (Colombia)	28			2/2/2018	354.9	424.6	637
	Persian Gulf (Iraq)			57	1/26/2018	353.1	424.3	609
	Middle East (Egypt)			35	1/19/2018	351.7	422.2	613
	East Africa (Djibouti/Mombasa)		43	41	1/12/2018	360.7	429.8	677
	South Asia (Mal/Indon/Phil/Sing)		37	29	1/5/2018	358.3	428.6	388
	Taiwan		34	32	12/29/2017	362.3	430.5	332
	South Korea		27	25	12/21/2017	365.1	430.5	453
	Japan		25	24	12/14/2017	372.4	434.1	594

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
7/20/18	N/A	27.670	1.349	3.771	1.314	17.850	0.854	111.810	63.394
7/13/18	124.07	27.197	1.347	3.851	1.316	17.840	0.856	112.360	62.533
7/6/18	123.55	27.889	1.345	3.862	1.308	17.840	0.851	110.450	62.915
6/29/18	124.12	28.881	1.350	3.877	1.313	17.840	0.856	110.660	62.786
7/20/17	119.52	17.183	1.256	3.121	1.259	17.840	0.860	111.890	58.891
7/20/13	101.60	5.456	1.089	2.232	1.038	7.022	0.762	100.326	32.435
1 year change	N/A	61.03%	7.35%	20.85%	4.36%	0.06%	-0.69%	-0.07%	7.65%
5 year change	N/A	407.18%	23.90%	68.97%	26.62%	154.21%	12.04%	11.45%	95.45%



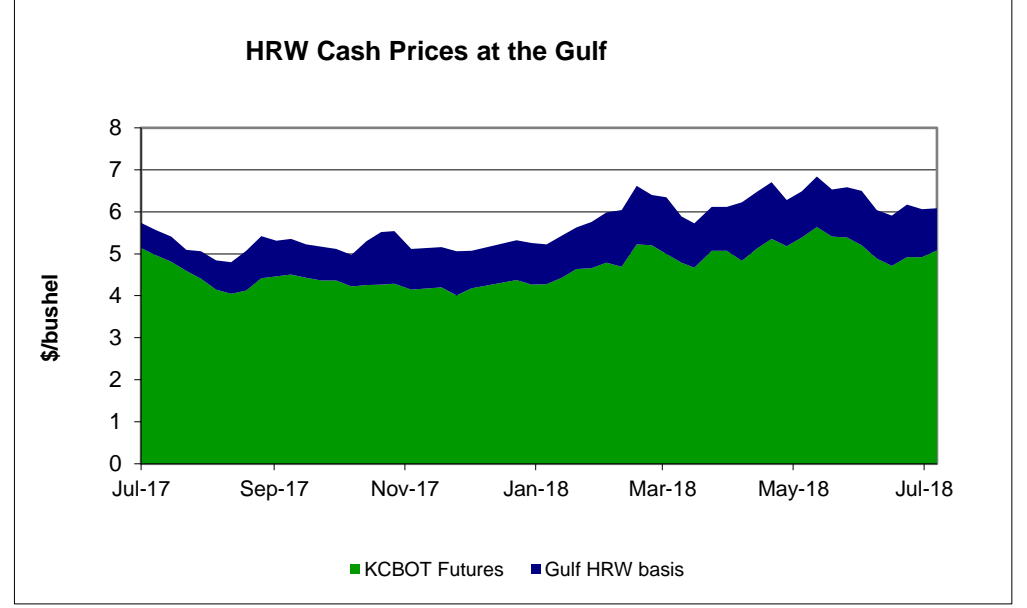
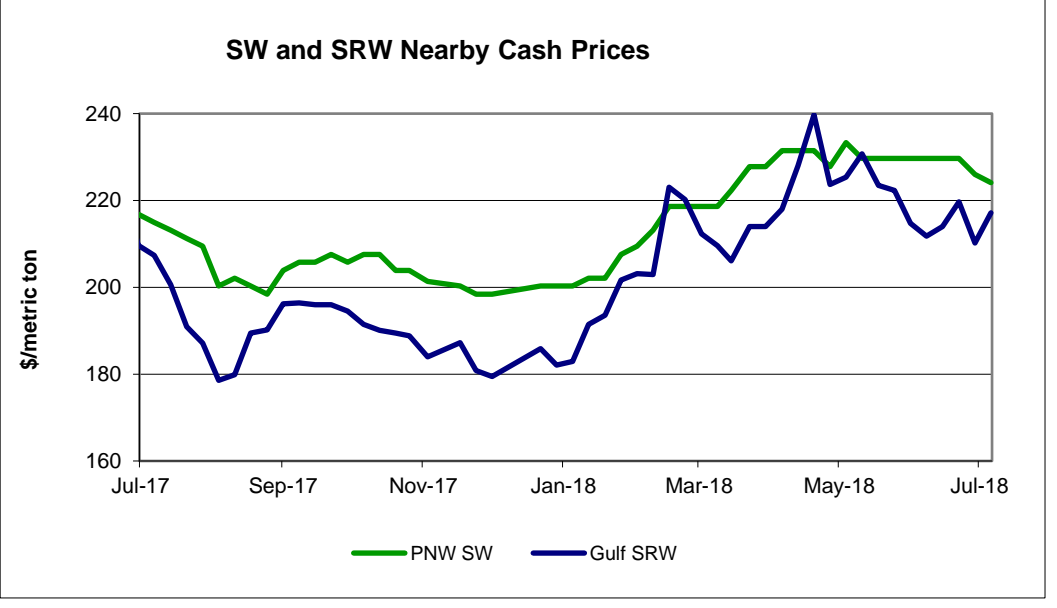
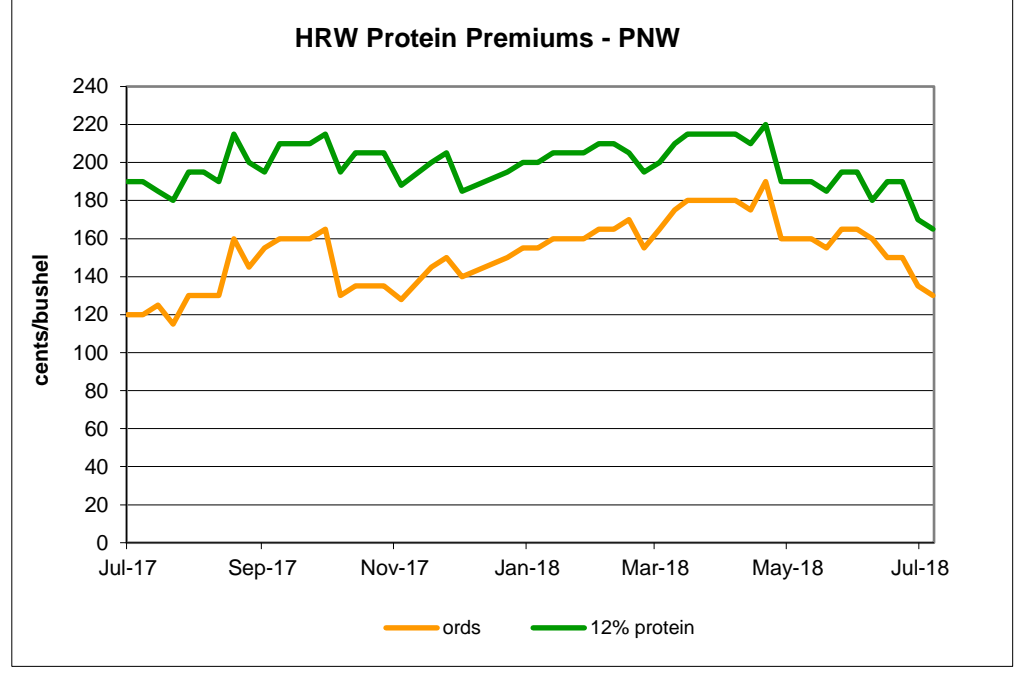
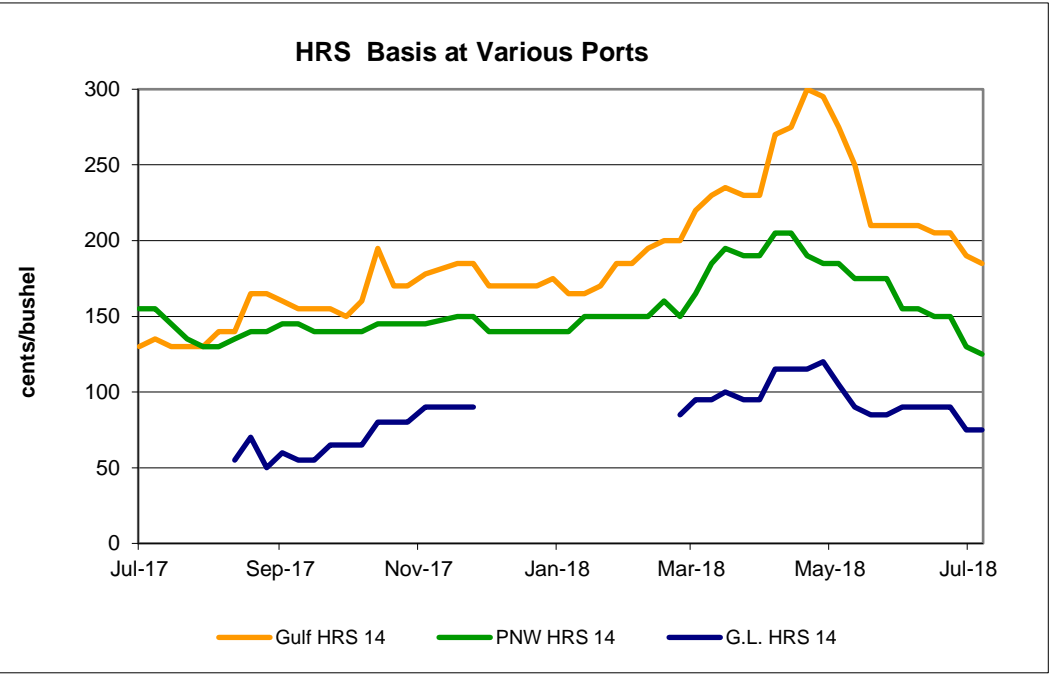
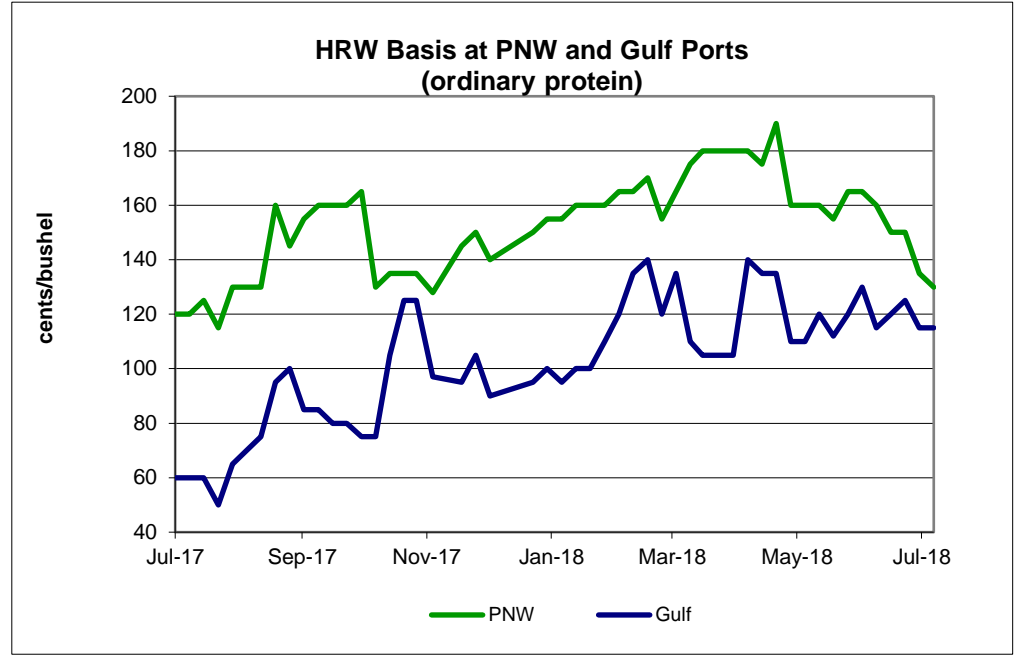
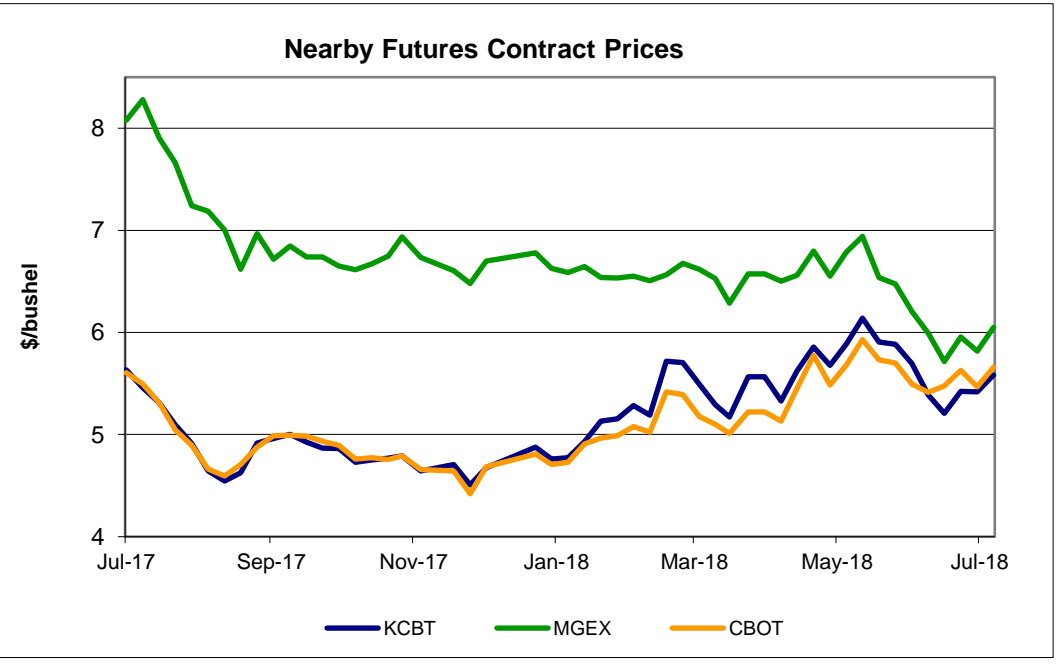
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These factors may include: (1) payment terms (differing from cash against documents which are the terms used in the U.S. Wheat Associates price report); (2) various quality factors, and method of quality certification; (3) loading terms (USW prices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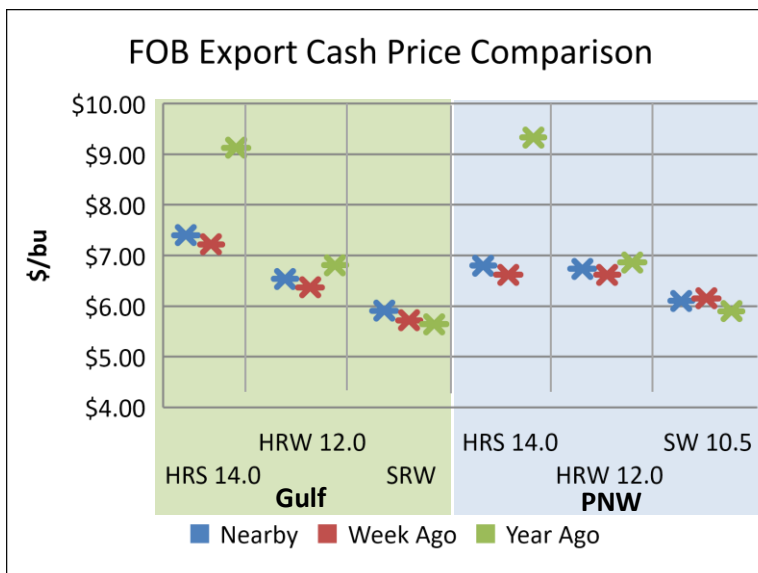
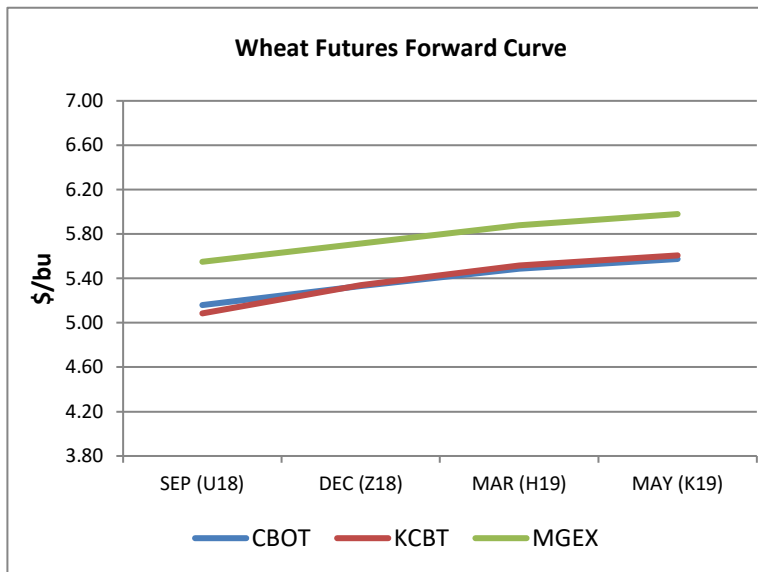
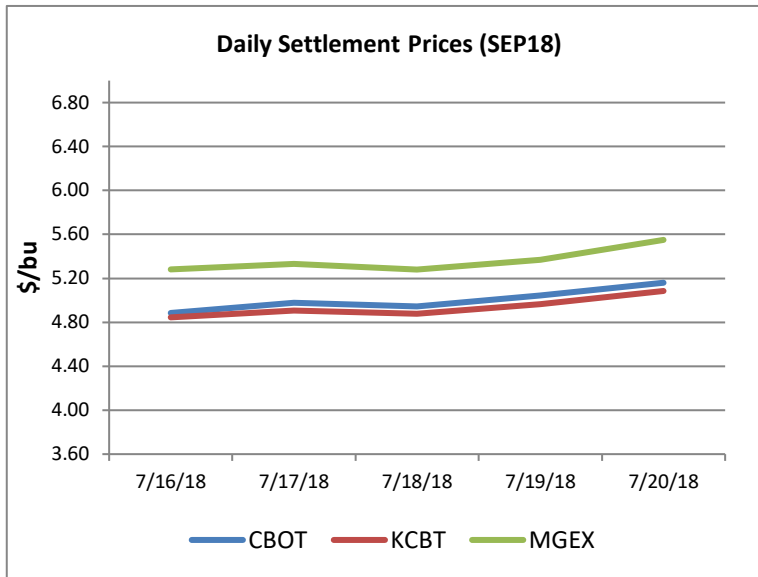


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### Highlights:



- Supported by technical buying and decreasing estimates for Russian and European Union (EU) wheat production, wheat futures rose this week. Slow export demand from a strengthening U.S. dollar and uncertainty surrounding U.S. trade policies limited gains. CBOT September wheat added 19 cents to close at \$5.16/bu, KCBT increased 17 cents to \$5.08/bu and MGEX grew 23 cents to \$5.55/bu. CBOT September corn
- Export basis continued to weaken this week for all classes and ports due to increased farmer selling and slow export demand. Uncertainty surrounding U.S. soybean exports also caused softening of export basis in October and November as exporters try to maintain a steady flow of U.S. grain through their facilities.
- USDA's weekly Export Sales Report included net wheat sales of 300,000 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 were 6.43 million metric tons (MMT), 32% behind last year's year-to-date total of 9.42 MMT. USDA expects 2018/19 U.S. wheat exports to reach 26.5 MMT.
- On July 16, USDA reported winter wheat harvest was 74% complete, ahead of the 5-year average of 71%. USDA reported 93% of U.S. spring wheat has headed, ahead of the 5-year average of 85%. USDA rated 80% of spring in good to excellent condition, unchanged from last week.
- The July 12 U.S. Drought Monitor reported warm, dry weather was common over much of the country. In Oregon, several wildfires are threatening mature wheat. Estimates of losses are not yet available as the focus is on getting them contained. The current forecast expects hot, dry conditions across the Pacific Northwest (PNW), while the U.S. High Plains could receive additional rainfall.
- On July 20, FranceAgriMer reported French wheat harvest is 64% complete, up from 20% last week.
- According to Reuters, Chinese 2018/19 winter wheat production could fall to 128 MMT, down 2% from last year due to poor weather that delayed planting and hurt quality.
- The Russian Agriculture Ministry reported Russian farmers have harvested 24.6 MMT of wheat from 15.6 million acres (6.3 million hectares) as of July 16. Russian wheat harvest got an early start due to hot, dry conditions and farmers are significantly ahead of last year's pace.
- *Bolsa de Cereales*, the Buenos Aires Grain Exchange, reported Argentina wheat planting is 92% complete as of July 19, significantly ahead of last year's pace.
- The Baltic Index rose to another 8-month high of 1,657.
- The Dollar Index grew to 95.09, the highest level in a year.