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 May 8, 2020

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Export Region	Percent Protein 12% (Dry) Moisture Basis		JUN (N20)			JUN (N20)		JUL (N20)		AUG (U20)		SEP (U20)		OCT (Z20)		NOV (Z20)		DEC (Z20)		Year Ago (nearbys) \$/MT	
			(nearbys)		week change		FOB	Basis	FOB	Basis	FOB	Basis	FOB	Basis	FOB	Basis	FOB	Basis	FOB		Basis
			FOB	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/MT	\$/MT	¢/bu	\$/MT	¢/bu	\$/MT	¢/bu	\$/MT	¢/bu	\$/MT	¢/bu	\$/MT	¢/bu	\$/MT		¢/bu
Great Lakes	NS/DNS 13.5 (15.3)*	M	6.06	0.04	2	223	90	223	90	223	80	223	80	238	110	238	110	240	115	205	
	NS/DNS 14.0 (15.9)*	M	6.16	0.04	2	226	100	226	100	226	90	226	90	242	120	242	120	244	125	207	
	NS/DNS 14.5 (16.5)*	M	6.21	0.04	2	228	105	228	105	228	95	228	95	244	125	244	125	246	130	209	
Gulf of Mexico	NS/DNS 13.5 (15.3)*	M	6.61	-0.01	0	243	145	243	145	245	140	245	140	253	150	253	150	253	150	227	
	NS/DNS 14.0 (15.9)*	M	6.71	-0.01	0	247	155	247	155	248	150	248	150	257	160	257	160	257	160	246	
	NS/DNS 14.5 (16.5)*	M	6.81	-0.01	0	250	165	250	165	252	160	252	160	260	170	260	170	260	170	248	
	HRW Ord	K	6.10	-0.03	-1	224	130	224	130	227	130	227	130	231	130	233	135	233	135	189	
	HRW 11.0 (12.5)	K	6.15	-0.03	-1	226	135	226	135	229	135	229	135	233	135	235	140	235	140	191	
	HRW 11.5 (13.1)	K	6.25	-0.03	-1	230	145	230	145	232	145	232	145	236	145	238	150	238	150	194	
	HRW 12.0 (13.6)	K	6.40	-0.03	-1	235	160	235	160	238	160	238	160	242	160	244	165	244	165	198	
HRW 12.5 (14.2)	K	6.50	-0.03	-1	239	170	239	170	241	170	241	170	246	170	247	175	247	175	202		
SRW	C	5.97	-0.10	-3	219	75	218	70	219	70	222	80	229	90	231	95	231	95	187		
Pacific N. West	NS/DNS 13.5 (15.3)*	M	6.61	0.04	2	243	145	245	150	247	145	247	145	251	145	251	145	253	150	229	
	NS/DNS 14.0 (15.9)*	M	6.61	0.04	2	243	145	245	150	247	145	247	145	251	145	251	145	253	150	229	
	NS/DNS 14.5 (16.5)*	M	6.71	0.04	2	247	155	248	160	250	155	250	155	255	155	255	155	257	160	231	
	HRW Ord	K	6.30	-0.08	-3	231	150	233	155	234	150	236	155	240	155	242	160	242	160	209	
	HRW 11.5 (13.1)	K	6.35	-0.08	-3	233	155	235	160	236	155	238	160	242	160	244	165	244	165	211	
	HRW 12.0 (13.6)	K	6.50	-0.08	-3	239	170	241	175	241	170	243	175	247	175	249	180	249	180	217	
	HRW 13.0 (14.8)	K	7.05	-0.08	-3	259	225	261	230	262	225	264	230	268	230	270	235	270	235	218	
	SW 9.5 (10.8) Min	\$	6.43	-0.05	-2	236	6.43	236	6.43	233	6.33	234	6.38	238	6.48	238	6.48	238	6.48	N/A	
	SW 10.5 (11.9) Max	\$	6.40	-0.05	-2	235	6.40	235	6.40	231	6.30	233	6.35	237	6.45	237	6.45	237	6.45	224	
	SW 9.5 (10.8) Max	\$	6.55	-0.05	-2	241	6.55	241	6.55	237	6.45	239	6.50	243	6.60	243	6.60	243	6.60	224	
WW with 10% Club	\$	6.70	-0.05	-2	246	6.70	246	6.70	243	6.60	244	6.65	248	6.75	248	6.75	248	6.75	225		
WW with 20% Club	\$	6.95	-0.05	-2	255	6.95	255	6.95	252	6.85	254	6.90	257	7.00	257	7.00	257	7.00	226		

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

Northern Durum offers from the Lakes range from \$7.21 to \$7.89/bu (\$265 to \$290/MT), and offers from Gulf ports range from \$8.16 to \$8.71/bu (\$300 to \$320/MT). For Desert Durum offers, contact your supplier.

*Hard Red Spring: HRS price indications in this report are for a 65% DHV content out of the PNW and a 40% DHV content out of the Gulf; for specific NS/DNS DHV premium spreads, contact your supplier.

Futures Settlements as of
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Grey positions not quoted on specific exchange

	JUL (N20)	JUL (N20)	week change	AUG (Q20)	week change	SEP (U20)	week change	DEC (Z20)	week change	JAN (F21)	week change	MAR (H21)	week change	MAY (K21)	week change	JUN (N21)	week change
	\$/MT	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu
Chicago BOT SRW	191.80	5.2200	0.0550			5.2525	0.0500	5.3375	0.0475			5.4150	0.0500	5.4325	0.0575	5.3750	0.0825
Kansas City BOT HRW	176.37	4.8000	(0.0300)			4.8725	(0.0250)	4.9850	(0.0150)			5.0875	(0.0025)	5.1475	0.0000	5.1300	0.0325
Minneapolis MGE NS/DNS	189.60	5.1600	0.0925			5.2625	0.0850	5.3825	0.0700			5.5050	0.0550	5.5875	0.0475	5.6500	0.0450
Chicago BOT Corn	117.30	3.1925	0.0075			3.2475	(0.0075)	3.3575	(0.0100)			3.4900	(0.0125)	3.5650	(0.0175)	3.6200	(0.0175)
Chicago BOT Soybeans	312.50	8.5050	0.0100	8.5200	0.0125	8.5175	0.0075			8.5650	(0.0125)	8.4125	(0.0750)	8.3725	(0.1075)	8.4475	(0.1100)

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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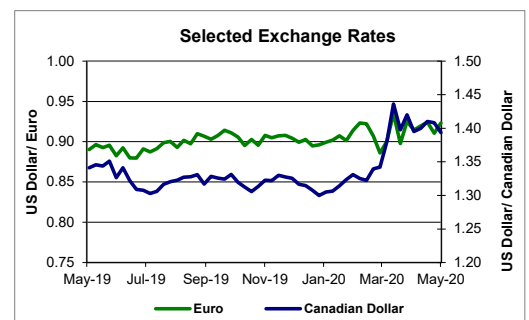
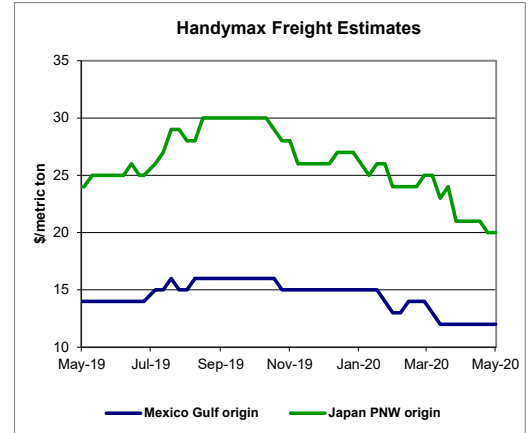
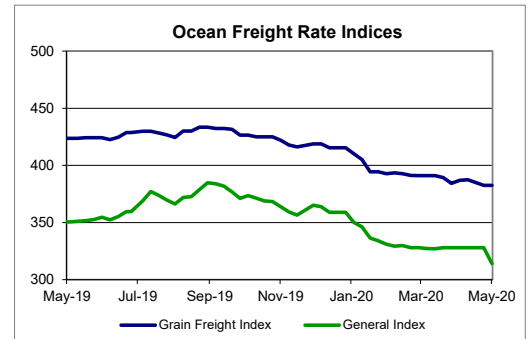
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Ocean Freight Rate Estimates by Origin*		U.S. dollars/metric ton			Freight Index**	General Index	Grain Freight Index	Number of Fixtures
Export Region	Import Region	Handy 25-30 TMT	Handymax 40-46 TMT	Panamax 54+ TMT				
US Gulf	Mexico (Veracruz)	15	12		5/8/2020	302.1	368.4	346
	W. South America (Peru/Ecu)	28			5/1/2020	314.0	382.5	362
	S. South America (Chile)	26			4/24/2020	317.6	385.0	511
	N. South America (Colombia)	17	14		4/17/2020	320.1	387.5	457
	E. South America (Brazil)	13			4/10/2020	318.9	386.8	360
	West Africa (Nigeria)	57			4/3/2020	316.9	384.2	538
	East Mediterranean (Italy)	39			3/27/2020	320.8	389.3	552
	West Mediterranean (Morocco)	33			3/20/2020	327.1	391.0	510
	Persian Gulf (Iraq)				3/13/2020	327.2	391.0	579
	Middle East (Egypt)				3/6/2020	329.0	391.0	590
Mid Atlantic	Japan		36	35	2/28/2020	327.9	391.2	577
	N. South America (Venezuela)	16			2/21/2020	329.8	392.7	479
	West Africa (Nigeria)	56			2/14/2020	329.3	393.4	536
St. Lawrence	Middle East (Egypt)			56	2/7/2020	330.9	392.7	486
	N. South America (Venezuela)	10			1/31/2020	333.9	394.4	418
	Europe/Rotterdam			8	1/24/2020	336.4	394.4	571
Great Lakes	East Mediterranean (Italy)	45			1/10/2020	350.1	410.1	580
	West Mediterranean (Spain)	46			1/3/2020	358.9	415.4	537
	Rotterdam	41			12/20/2019	358.9	415.4	537
	West Africa (Morocco/Algeria)	42			12/13/2019	363.8	418.8	604
PNW	W. South America (Peru/Ecu)	26			12/6/2019	365.2	418.8	491
	S. South America (Chile)	30			11/22/2019	356.5	416.2	612
	N. South America (Colombia)	27			11/15/2019	359.4	417.9	525
	Persian Gulf (Iraq)			48	11/8/2019	363.8	422.0	541
	Middle East (Egypt)			22	11/1/2019	368.4	425.0	442
	East Africa (Djibouti/Mombasa)		43	41	10/25/2019	368.8	425.0	500
	South Asia (Mal/Indon/Phil/Sing)		37	29	10/18/2019	371.3	425.0	563
	Taiwan		21	20	10/11/2019	373.6	426.5	617
	South Korea		20	19	10/4/2019	371.1	426.5	571
	Japan		20	19	9/27/2019	376.8	431.5	548

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
5/8/20	N/A	67.27	1.533	5.750	1.394	15.70	0.923	106.7	73.48
5/1/20	123.5	66.61	1.558	5.486	1.408	15.70	0.910	106.9	75.21
4/24/20	124.5	66.29	1.566	5.591	1.410	15.78	0.924	107.5	74.40
4/17/20	123.2	65.80	1.571	5.236	1.400	15.70	0.919	107.5	73.84
5/9/19	115.8	45.22	1.431	3.946	1.348	17.11	0.891	109.8	65.22
5/9/15	104.84	8.922	1.264	3.010	1.210	7.608	0.891	119.9	50.81
1 year change	N/A	48.76%	7.10%	45.73%	3.41%	-8.24%	3.58%	-2.80%	12.66%
5 year change	N/A	653.95%	21.25%	91.05%	15.17%	106.36%	3.65%	-11.00%	44.61%



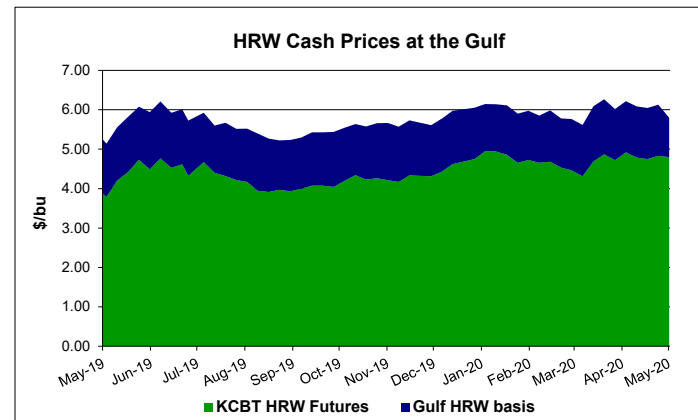
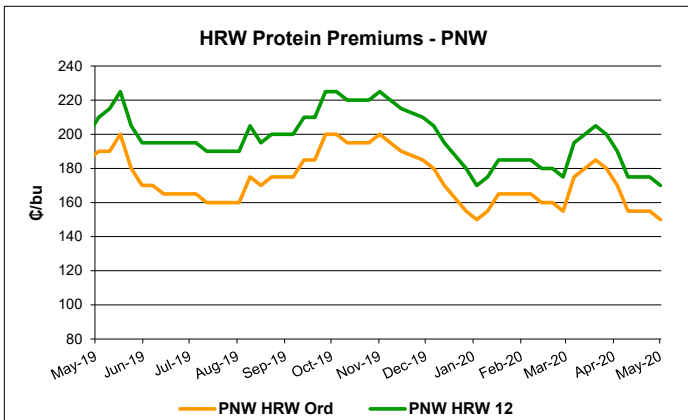
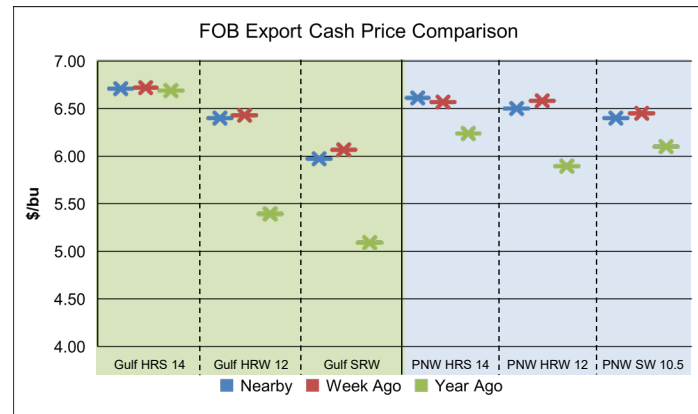
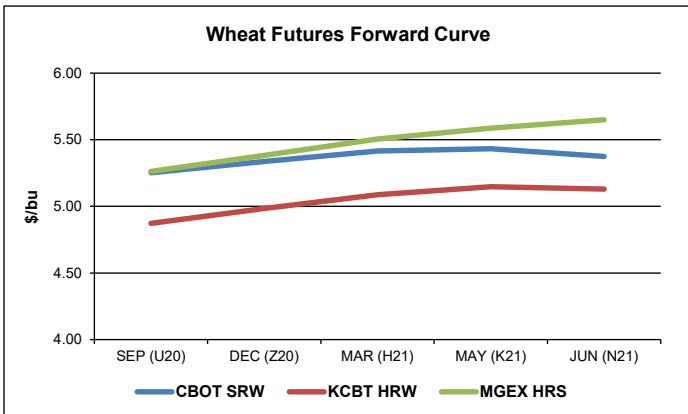
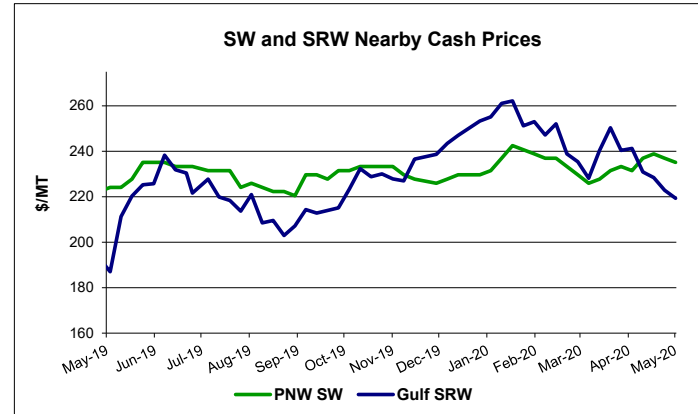
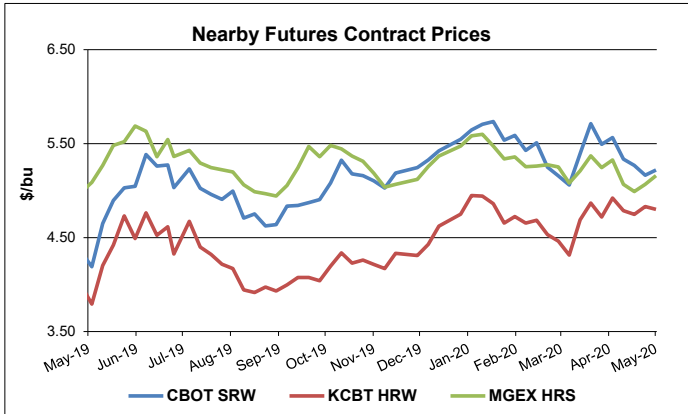
The weekly prices as reported by U.S. Wheat Associates are compiled through research from numerous market sources, including U.S. wheat exporters of all classes from various U.S. ports. The prices reported are representative of the value of number two grade and the proteins indicated. **They are not 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 tariff reports 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.

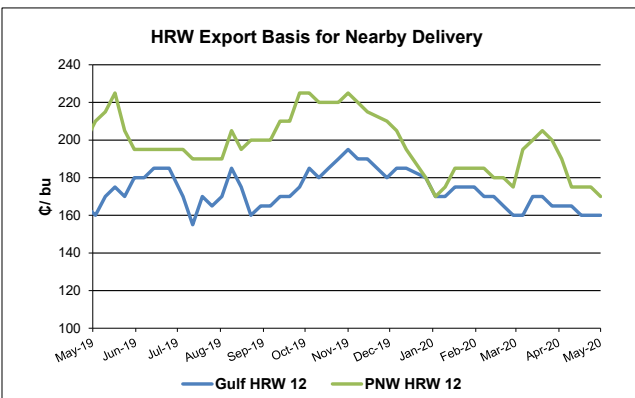
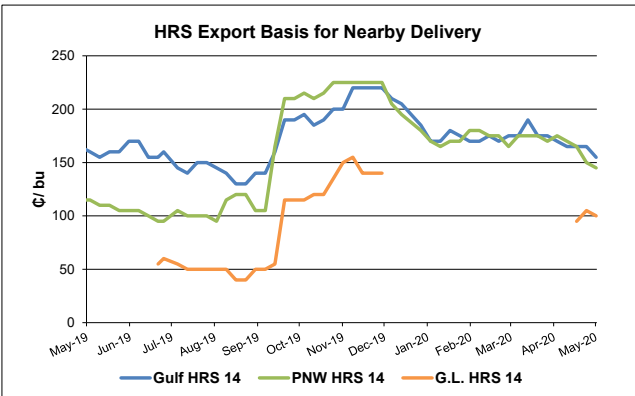
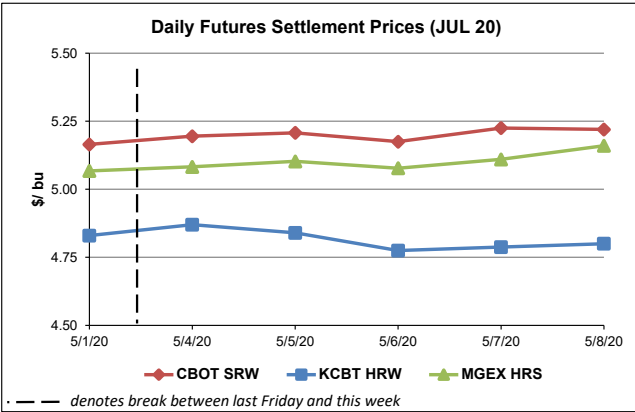
This contact will allow importers to review contract terms and better understand the U.S. grading system, role and function of the Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS).

Contact: For questions, please contact Claire Hutchins at (703) 650-0244 or chutchins@uswheat.org.





Highlights



- The threat of a late spring frost in the Midwest (see below) supported soft red winter (SRW) futures prices week-over-week. Technical buying supported hard red spring (HRS) futures while beneficial rains in Europe and the Black Sea (see below) pressured hard red winter (HRW) futures from last week. CBOT July SRW futures gained 5 cents to close at \$5.22/bu. MGEX July HRS futures gained 9 cents to close at \$5.16/bu. KCBT HRW July futures lost 3 cents to end at \$4.80/bu. CBOT July corn futures gained 1 cent to close at \$3.19/bu. CBOT July soybean futures added 1 cent to end at \$8.50/bu.
- Slow export demand pressured Pacific Northwest (PNW) HRW and HRS export basis and soft white wheat export prices for June and July deliveries. Limited export demand also pressured Gulf HRS and SRW export basis for nearby and deferred deliveries.
- On April 1, USDA increased the total U.S. winter wheat crop rated as good to excellent from 54% last week to 55% this week. However, worsening dryness, earlier freeze damage and recent high temperatures continue to challenge crop development across the Great Plains. Total crop ratings improved in Kansas from 40% good to excellent on April 27 to 42% on May 4. Colorado's total crop ratings increased slightly this week to 38% good to excellent as beneficial rains fell in the northeastern part of the state. The U.S. Drought Monitor (see below) shows the areas of concern, however. Despite increasing dryness, Nebraska's winter wheat is rated as 67% good to excellent, up from last week's 64%.
- U.S. spring wheat for harvest in fall 2020 is only 22% planted, significantly lagging the 5-year average of 49% on cool weather and surplus soil moisture levels across the Northern Plains.
- On May 5, a group of Oklahoma crop experts forecasted Oklahoma's 2020 winter wheat harvest at 2.63 million metric tons (MMT) or 96.5 million bushels on concerns of freeze damage and worsening dryness in the western half of the state. If realized, that would be 12% below last year. Oklahoma is the third largest HRW-producing state in the country. "We still have to be really concerned about moisture conditions in western Oklahoma. If we turn extremely hot, we are going to see a yield impact," said Mike Schulte, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Wheat Commission. This time last year, USDA rated 74% of Oklahoma's winter wheat in good to excellent condition, significantly higher than this year's 64%.
- Unfortunately, with the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic, the annual Wheat Quality Council (WQC) winter wheat tour had to be cancelled this year. Instead, Kansas Wheat and Kansas State University Research and Extension, in conjunction with the Kansas Department of Agriculture and other industry partners, have announced plans to hold a virtual tour exhibiting the state's HRW conditions between May 18 and May 21. Click [here](#) to read more about the virtual tour.
- This week's commercial sales of 245,000 metric tons (MT) for delivery in 2019/20, through April 30, were down 48% from last week's 467,000 MT but near the high end of the trade's 50,000 MT to 300,000 MT expectation. Year-to-date commercial sales for delivery in 2019/20 total 26.2 MMT 2% ahead of last year's pace. USDA forecasts total 2019/20 U.S. wheat exports will reach 26.8 MMT, up 5% from last year, if realized.
- This week's commercial sales for delivery in 2020/21, through April 23, totaled 135,000 MT. Year-to-date commercial sales for delivery in 2020/21 total 2.13 MMT, 17% behind last year's new marketing year pace.
- The U.S. Wheat Associates (USW) [Commercial Sales Report](#) now features new marketing year export sales information by class, destination and marketing year. USW will continue to publish new marketing year information until May 31, 2020.
- This week, the Drought Monitor introduced extreme drought in east-central Colorado and part of west-central Kansas. This week, moderate drought and abnormal dryness spread into western and central Kansas and western Oklahoma. Beneficial precipitation alleviated some dryness in northeastern Colorado and southwestern Nebraska. Looking ahead, cooler temperatures and moderate precipitation are expected across the central Great Plains and above normal temperatures are forecast across the Southern Plains. Late spring frosts could impact SRW development in Midwestern and southeastern states.
- In its April [Principle Field Crops](#) report, Statistics Canada (StatsCan) pegged all Canadian wheat planted area for harvest in 2020 at 10.3 million hectares (25.4 million acres), up 3% from last year.
- According to Reuters, beneficial rains fell this week in France and Germany and are expected in parts of Russia and Ukraine in the near future. "Good precipitation is coming a bit late, but it will relieve the hydric stress of winter crops and facilitate the quick growth of spring crops," said French agriculture consultancy Agritel.
- On May 4, the European Commission increased its 2020/21 European Union (EU) soft (non-durum) wheat export forecast to 28.0 MMT, up 5% from its last report. The European Commission also cut its 2020/21 EU soft wheat production forecast to 126 MMT, down 4% from 2019/20, if realized.
- Argentina is expected to plant 6.7 million hectares (16.5 million acres) for harvest in 2020/21, up 2% from last year on favorable weather and beneficial soil moisture levels due to recent rain. Argentinian wheat planting will begin in mid-May.
- The Baltic Dry Index (BDI), an assessment of the average cost to ship raw materials like grains, coal and iron ore, fell 17% from last week to end at 514.
- The U.S. Dollar Index jumped from last week's 99.08 to close at 99.75.