

# Weekly Price Report January 20, 2023

## U.S. Wheat FOB & Export Basis Estimates

Export Region	Class & Percent Protein 12% (Dry) Moisture Basis		FEB (H23)				FEB (H23)		MAR (H23)		APR (K23)		MAY (K23)		JUN (N23)		JUL (N23)		AUG (U23)	
			(nearbys)	week change		1 year ago	FOB	Basis	FOB	Basis	FOB	Basis	FOB	Basis	FOB	Basis	FOB	Basis	FOB	Basis
			FOB \$/bu	\$/bu	\$/MT	\$/MT	\$/MT	\$/MT	\$/bu	\$/MT	\$/bu	\$/MT	\$/bu	\$/MT	\$/bu	\$/MT	\$/bu	\$/MT	\$/bu	\$/MT
Great Lakes	HRS 14.5 (16.5) Min	M	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	369	100	367	100	367	100	359	100
	HRS 14.0 (15.9) Min	M	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	368	95	365	95	365	95	358	95
	HRS 14.5 (16.5) Min	M	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	369	100	367	100	367	100	359	100
Gulf of Mexico	HRS 13.5 (15.3) Min	M	11.23	-0.05	-2	426	413	210	413	210	410	210	410	210	407	210	407	210	400	210
	HRS 14.0 (15.9)*Min	M	11.28	-0.04	-2	428	414	215	414	215	412	215	412	215	409	215	409	215	402	215
	HRS 14.5 (16.5)	M	11.38	-0.04	-2	431	418	225	418	225	415	225	415	225	413	225	413	225	405	225
	HRW Ord	K	10.28	-0.01	0	372	378	180	376	175	373	175	373	175	371	175	371	175	372	175
	HRW 11.0 (12.5) Min	K	10.33	-0.01	0	376	380	185	378	180	375	180	375	180	373	180	373	180	374	180
	HRW 11.5 (13.1) Min	K	10.38	-0.01	0	390	381	190	380	185	377	185	377	185	375	185	375	185	376	185
	HRW 12.0 (13.6)	K	10.38	-0.01	0	439	381	190	380	185	377	185	377	185	375	185	375	185	376	185
	HRW 12.5 (14.2) Min	K	10.43	-0.01	0	405	383	195	381	190	379	190	379	190	377	190	377	190	378	190
SRW	W	8.77	-0.07	-3	340	322	135	320	130	321	125	321	125	317	110	317	110	316	100	
Pacific N. West	HRS 13.5 (15.3) Min	M	10.93	-0.10	-3	417	402	180	402	180	397	175	397	175	395	175	395	175	387	175
	HRS 14.0 (15.9) Min	M	10.93	-0.10	-3	417	402	180	402	180	397	175	397	175	395	175	395	175	387	175
	HRS 14.5 (16.5)	M	11.03	-0.10	-3	419	405	190	405	190	401	185	401	185	398	185	398	185	391	185
	HRW Ord	K	10.68	0.04	2	412	392	220	392	220	392	225	392	225	391	230	397	245	398	245
	HRW 11.5 (13.1)	K	10.68	0.04	2	442	392	220	392	220	392	225	392	225	391	230	397	245	398	245
	HRW 12.0 (13.6) Min	K	10.73	0.04	2	418	394	225	394	225	394	230	394	230	393	235	399	250	400	250
	HRW 13.0 (14.8) Min	K	10.93	0.04	2	429	402	245	402	245	401	250	401	250	401	255	406	270	407	270
	SW Unspecified	\$	8.75	0.00	0	365	322	875	322	875	322	875	323	880	323	880	323	880	323	880
	SW 9.5 (10.8) Min	\$	8.90	0.00	0	365	327	890	327	890	327	890	329	895	329	895	329	895	329	895
	SW 9.5 (10.8) Max	\$	8.70	0.00	0	438	320	870	320	870	320	870	322	875	322	875	322	875	322	875
	SW 10.5 (11.9) Max	\$	8.70	0.00	0	438	320	870	320	870	320	870	322	875	322	875	322	875	322	875
	WW 11.0 (12.5) with 10% Club	\$	8.80	0.00	0	458	323	880	323	880	323	880	325	885	325	885	325	885	325	885
WW 11.0 (12.5) with 20% Club	\$	8.90	0.00	0	471	327	890	327	890	327	890	329	895	329	895	329	895	329	895	

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

Northern Durum offers from the Great Lakes for April 2023 delivery are quoted at \$11.85/bu (\$435.00/MT). For Desert Durum offers, contact your supplier.

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

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

## Futures Exchange Settlements

Exchange & Commodity		MAR (H23)			MAY (H23)		JUL (K23)		AUG (K23)		SEP (N23)		NOV (N23)		DEC (U23)		JAN (H23)	
		close	wk chng		close	wk chng	close	wk chng	close	wk chng	close	wk chng	close	wk chng	close	wk chng	close	wk chng
		\$/MT	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu
Chicago BOT SRW	W	272.45	7.4150	(0.0225)	7.4900	(0.0300)	7.5150	(0.0225)			7.6000	(0.0075)			7.7500	0.0025		
Kansas City BOT HRW	K	311.58	8.4800	0.0425	8.4125	0.0100	8.3550	0.0050			8.3800	0.0100			8.4400	0.0075		
Minneapolis MGE NS/DNS	M	335.37	9.1275	0.0050	9.0525	(0.0075)	8.9900	(0.0175)			8.7825	(0.0400)			8.8275	(0.0450)		
Chicago BOT Corn	C	248.47	6.7625	0.0125	6.7450	0.0075	6.6350	(0.0025)			6.1050	(0.0375)			5.9575	(0.0275)		
Chicago BOT Soybeans	S	553.53	15.065	(0.2125)	15.0175	(0.2550)	14.9300	(0.3200)	14.1938	(0.7038)	14.1938	(0.0587)	13.5200	(0.4100)			15.0650	(0.2650)

**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.

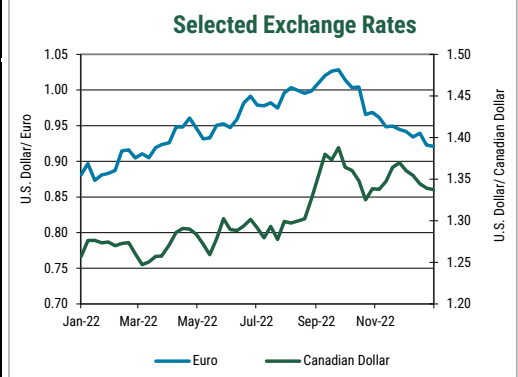
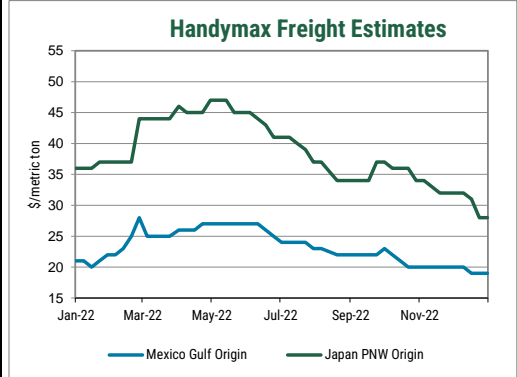
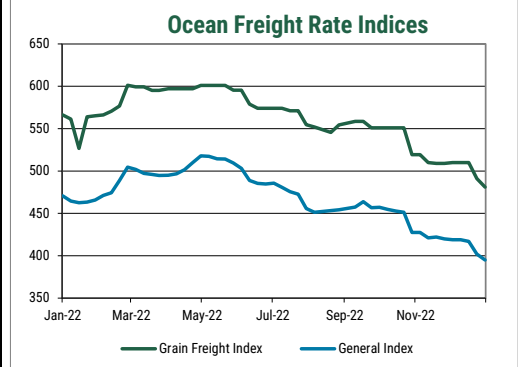
**All prices are based upon U.S. number two grade or better as certified by the Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS).**

Ocean Freight Rate Estimates for Nearby Delivery			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					
U.S. Gulf	Mexico (Veracruz)	22	19		1/20/2023	395.0	481.0	506	
U.S. Gulf	W. South America (Peru/Ecu)			40	1/13/2023	402.0	491.0	492	
U.S. Gulf	S. South America (Chile)			57	1/6/2023	417.0	510.0	422	
U.S. Gulf	N. South America (Colombia)		29	27	12/30/2022	419.0	510.0	333	
U.S. Gulf	E. South America (Brazil)		36		12/23/2022	419.0	510.0	333	
U.S. Gulf	West Africa (Nigeria)	47			12/16/2022	420.0	509.0	394	
U.S. Gulf	East Mediterranean (Italy)	44			12/9/2022	422.0	509.0	394	
U.S. Gulf	West Mediterranean (Morocco)	34			12/2/2022	421.0	510.0	393	
U.S. Gulf	Persian Gulf (Iraq)			98	11/25/2022	427.6	519.4	398	
U.S. Gulf	Middle East (Egypt)			32	11/18/2022	427.6	519.4	398	
U.S. Gulf	Japan		51	51	11/11/2022	451.4	550.9	504	
Mid Atlantic	N. South America (Venezuela)				11/4/2022	452.9	550.9	471	
Mid Atlantic	West Africa (Nigeria)	46			10/28/2022	454.7	550.9	361	
Mid Atlantic	Middle East (Egypt)				10/21/2022	457.2	550.9	492	
St. Lawrence	N. South America (Venezuela)				10/14/2022	456.6	550.9	444	
St. Lawrence	Europe/Rotterdam			61	10/7/2022	463.8	558.5	449	
Great Lakes	East Mediterranean (Italy)				9/30/2022	457.4	558.5	422	
Great Lakes	West Mediterranean (Spain)				9/16/2022	454.3	554.5	404	
Great Lakes	Europe/Rotterdam				9/9/2022	453.2	545.5	445	
Great Lakes	West Mediterranean (Morocco)				8/26/2022	451.4	552.0	432	
PNW	W. South America (Peru/Ecu)	57			8/19/2022	455.8	554.6	428	
PNW	S. South America (Chile)	60			8/12/2022	472.7	571.0	428	
PNW	N. South America (Colombia)	50			8/5/2022	475.7	571.0	417	
PNW	Persian Gulf (Iraq)			84	7/29/2022	480.7	574.1	414	
PNW	Middle East (Egypt)			33	7/22/2022	485.8	574.1	467	
PNW	East Africa (Djibouti/Mombasa)				7/15/2022	484.8	574.1	452	
PNW	South Asia (Mal/Indon/Phil/Sing)			38	7/8/2022	485.4	574.1	435	
PNW	Taiwan			32	7/1/2022	488.8	579.0	447	
PNW	South Korea		40	46	6/24/2022	503.1	595.5	420	
PNW	Japan		28	28	6/17/2022	509.5	595.5	497	

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
1/20/23	N/A	183.43	1.435	5.206	1.338	29.82	0.921	129.6	68.22
1/13/23	119.2	181.25	1.433	5.095	1.339	29.52	0.923	127.8	68.97
1/6/23	121.2	179.25	1.454	5.224	1.344	27.16	0.939	132.1	72.47
12/30/22	121.5	176.72	1.466	5.286	1.354	24.72	0.934	131.1	73.72
1/21/22	114.7	104.34	1.393	5.457	1.257	15.68	0.882	113.7	77.56
1/26/18	106.7	19.544	1.233	3.150	1.232	17.647	0.804	108.6	56.21
1 year change	NA	75.80%	3.05%	-4.59%	6.38%	90.11%	4.50%	13.98%	-12.04%
5 year change	NA	838.55%	16.41%	65.30%	8.59%	68.96%	14.51%	19.29%	21.36%



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.**

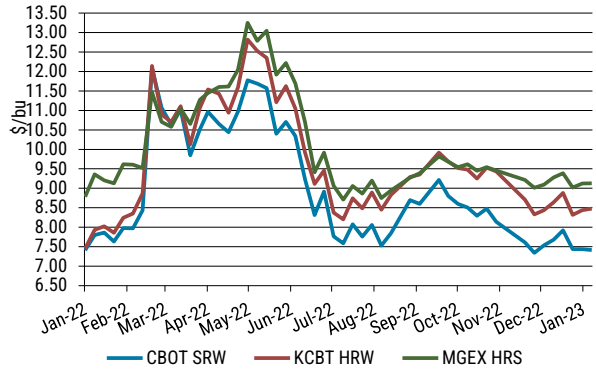
These factors may include: (1) payment terms (differing from cash against documents which are the terms used in the U.S. Wheat Associates price report); (2) various quality factors, and method of quality certification; (3) loading terms (USW prices represent Free on Board and do not include loading rate 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.

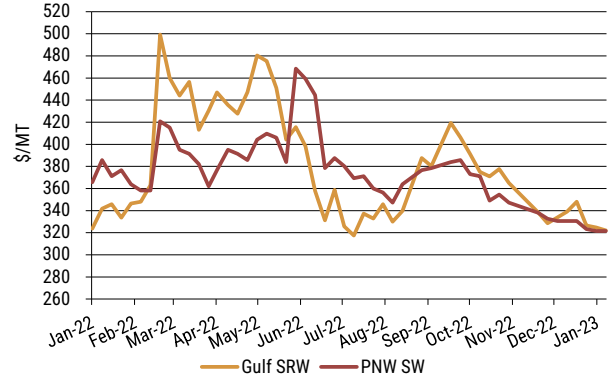
This contact will allow importers to review contract terms and better understand the U.S. grading system, role and function of the Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS).

Contact: For questions, please contact tyllorledford@uswheat.org

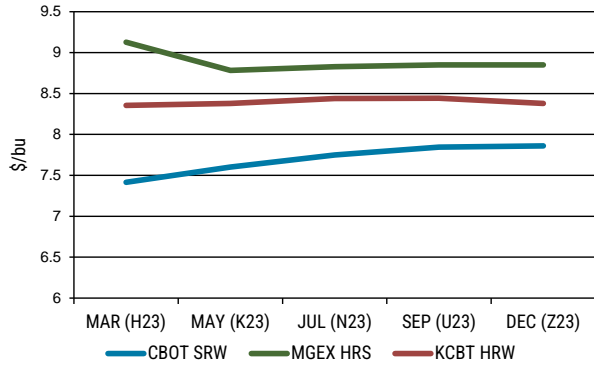
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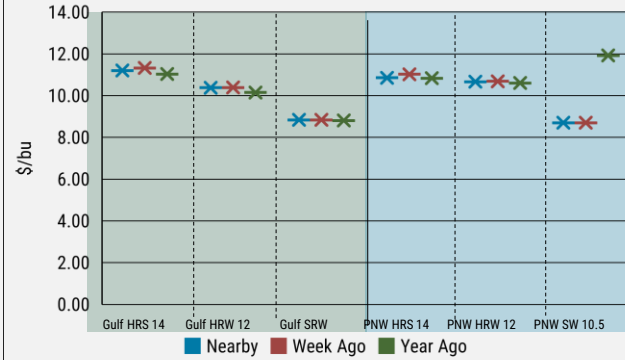
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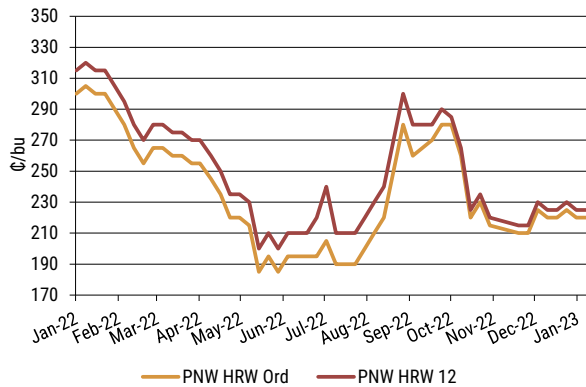
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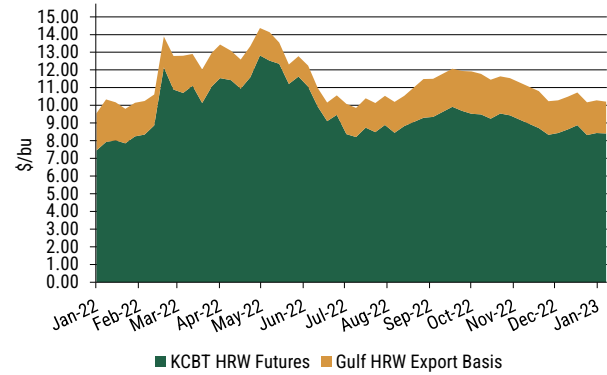
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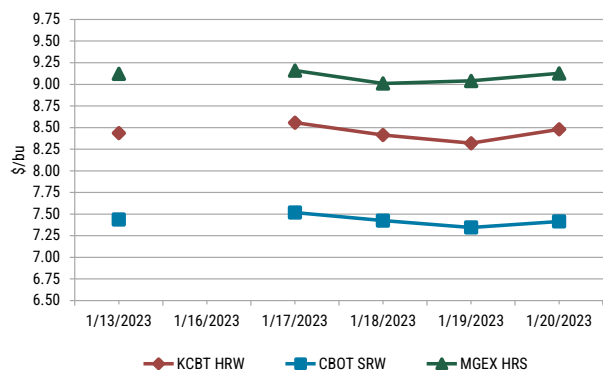
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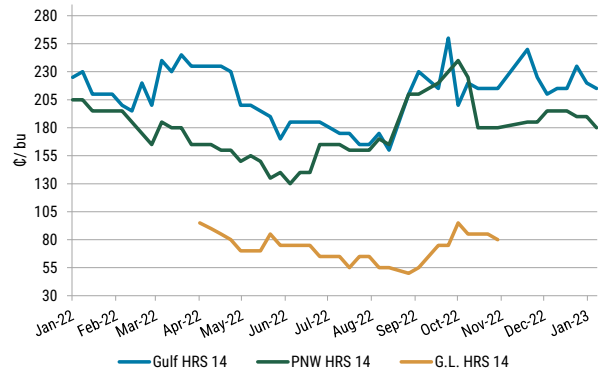
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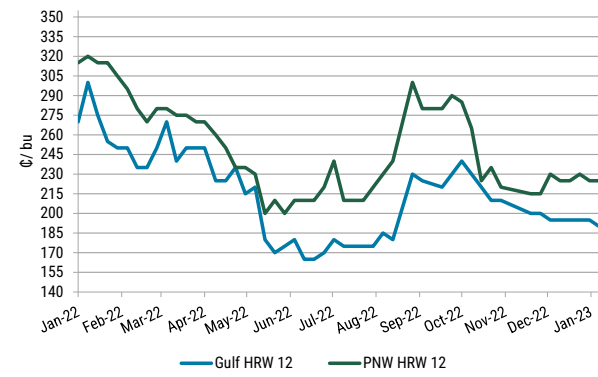
## Daily Futures Settlement Prices



## HRS Export Basis for Nearby Delivery



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- March '23 wheat futures ended the week mixed after a mid-week rally. CBOT soft red winter (SRW) futures were down 2 cents on the week, closing at \$7.42/bu. KCBT hard red winter (HRW) futures were up 4 cents, at \$8.48/bu. MGE hard red spring (HRS) futures were unchanged at \$9.12/bu. CBOT corn futures were up 1 cent, at \$6.76/bu. CBOT soybean futures were down 21 cents, at \$15.07/bu.
- HRS basis decreased in both the Gulf and the PNW as exporters anticipate increased demand for U.S. spring wheat. Likewise, Gulf HRW fell slightly, while PNW HRW remained steady in the nearby terms. A flat HRW market with no carry and the domestic milling demand continue to prop up HRW basis as the 2023/24 crop conditions remain uncertain. SRW basis continues to slip to stay competitive with other origins. SW prices remained relatively steady this week, following active buying from steady customers last week.
- For the week ending Jan. 12, 2023, net U.S. commercial wheat sales of 473,100 metric tons (MT) were reported for delivery in 2022/23, up drastically from last week and above trade expectations of 75,000 to 400,000 MT. Year-to-date 2022/23 commercial sales total 15.5 million metric tons (MMT), 6% behind last year's pace. USDA expects 2022/23 U.S. wheat exports of 21.09 MMT.
- U.S. Southern Plains weather remains in a holding pattern with little improvement to chronic dryness. Benefits in areas that received snow cannot be accurately evaluated until the weather warms. Yet next week's forecast predicts snow and freezing rain in the Central Plains. Above-average precipitation helped replenish moisture across the Pacific Northwest, though drought conditions expanded in north central Oregon and the Willamette Valley.
- World markets reacted to comments from Russian President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday, alluding to the potential need for [restricted exports](#) to achieve a stable food supply. Euronext wheat increased from a ten-month low of €282.25 (\$305.89)/MT on Tuesday after the comments, in line with U.S. futures hitting their highest point of the week. In the January World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE), the USDA pegged Russian wheat production at 91.0 MMT and ending stocks at 14.3 MMT, 30% higher than 2021/22.
- The Egyptian government plans to import 4.0 MMT of wheat in 2023 for the subsidized bread program, down 5 percent from 2022. The government intends to purchase 5.0 MMT from local farmers at a [local wheat procurement](#) price that is 40% higher than last year, 1,250 Egyptian pounds per 150 kg (about \$281.53/MT). The Egyptian Supply and Internal Trade Ministry also announced that the government would start selling [discounted bread](#) to people not enrolled in the subsidy program to stop accelerating inflation, on top of the 70.0 million already receiving subsidized bread.
- As of Jan. 18, 121 ships are awaiting inspection by the Joint Coordination Center (JCC) in Turkey, 28 are loaded with agricultural products, and 93 are headed into port for loading. The average waiting time for inspection is between 2 and 5 weeks. The JCC in the last two weeks has increased average inspections to five per day.
- According to [the Canadian Principle Field Crop Outlook](#), the 2023/24 Canadian wheat seeded area is forecast to increase by 4% on the year to 8.2 million hectares as higher prices and a tight global balance sheet incentivize planting.
- The Baltic Dry Index (BDI), an assessment of the average cost to ship raw materials such as grains, coal, and iron ore, decreased by 19% on the week to end at 763, marking the 4th straight week of rate decreases.
- The U.S. Dollar Index decreased slightly from last week's 102.46 to 102.21. Since its peak in late September, the dollar index has decreased steadily. Recent [U.S. consumer data](#) has shown signs that economic growth has slowed, and inflation has reached its peak. In December, the U.S. consumer price index fell by 0.1%, the first monthly decline since May 2020.

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