Idaho Grain Market Report, February 8, 2008
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Prices paid by Idaho Elevators delivered to warehouses in specified locations for barley and wheat on Wednesday, February 6, 2008. Barley prices in $/Cwt. and wheat prices in $/bu.

Selected Locations	Barley (Cwt.)		Wheat (bu.)		
	#2 Feed, 48 lbs or better	Open market malting	#1 SWW	#1 HRW 11.5% protein	#1 DNS 14% protein
Ashton	$13.00	(2-R) NQ (6-R) NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ
Rexburg/ Ririe/ Roberts	NQ	(2-R) NQ (6-R) NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ
Idaho Falls	$9.50	(2-R) $12.50-$14.50 (6-R) $14.50	NQ	$11.30	$16.14
Blackfoot / Pocatello	$8.80-$13.00	(2-R) NQ (6-R) NQ	$13.25	$10.75	$16.14
Grace / Soda Springs	$10.27-$10.50	(2-R) $15.50 (6-R) $15.50	$12.10	$11.09	$15.75
Burley / Rupert Hazelton	$10.00	(2-R) $14.50 (6-R) NQ	$11.70	$10.90	$16.04
Twin Falls / Buhl Eden	$9.25-$10.00	(2-R) NQ (6-R) NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ
Weiser	$9.00	(2-R) NQ (6-R) NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ
Nez Perce / Craigmont	$10.03	(2-R) $10.03 (6-R) $10.03	NQ	$11.70	$17.09
Lewiston	$11.43	(2-R) $11.43 (6-R) $11.43	NQ	$11.88	$17.27
Moscow / Genesee	$9.60-$10.08	(2-R) $10.08 (6-R) $10.08	NQ	$11.67-$12.22	$17.06-$17.20

Trading Prices at Selected Terminal Markets, cash prices FOB

	Barley (Cwt.)			Wheat (bu.)		
	#2 Feed 46 lbs. -- unit trains barge	Single rail cars-domestic	Malting	#1 SWW	#1 HRW 11.5% Protein	#1 DNS 14% protein
Portland	$11.14-$11.19	NQ	NQ	NQ	$12.20-$12.50	$16.41-$17.65
Los Angeles	$13.80	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ
Stockton	$13.75-$14.00	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ
Tulare	$13.80	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ
Ogden	$10.30	NQ	NQ	$12.25	$11.40	$16.65
Great Falls	$8.65-$9.15	NQ	$14.00	NQ	$10.27-$11.40 (12%)	$15.50-$16.26
Minneapolis	$11.45	NQ	$14.58	NQ	NQ	$17.40

Market trends this week

BARLEY – Local barley prices were mixed this week; ranging from $2.00 lower to $1.50 higher in southern Idaho and $1.15 to $2.55 lower in northern Idaho. Export sales last week totaled 2.4 TMT, all for Taiwan. Barley exports last week totaled .7 TMT, were reported for Mexico and Taiwan.

USDA's monthly S&D report for BARLEY – Feb. 8 – USDA made no adjustments to their U.S. barley supply and demand balance sheet this month, except for narrowing the projected farm-gate price range to $3.85-$4.35/bu.

- World barley production is down 3% to 133 MMT, with consumption still just outpacing production. US production is up 18% to 4.6 MMT.
- World barley supplies are down 8% to 153.4 MMT, and US supplies are down 3% to 6.1 MMT.
- World barley trade is expected to increase by 1% to 14.6 MMT. US exports are projected to increase by 89% to 1 MMT.

- World barley consumption is pegged to decrease 5% to 138 MMT, and US usage is expected to decrease 5% to 4.4 MMT.
- World barley carryover stocks are estimated to decline for the third consecutive year by 25% to 15.3 MMT, and US carryout is projected to also decline by 26% to 1.1 MMT.

Barley Competitor/Buyer News – USDA tweaked barley production estimates for several countries this month – raised Russian production by .05 MMT to 15.65 MMT, raised Kazakhstan production by .2 MMT to 2.5 MMT and lowered Ukrainian production by .2 MMT to 6.0 MMT. Stats Canada released their updated grain stock estimates this week, showing Canadian barley stocks at 7.1 MMT compared to 7.5 MMT a year ago.

WHEAT – Local wheat prices were mixed this week: SWW prices ranged from $.75 lower to $3.20 higher; HRW prices ranged from $.80 to $1.28 higher; and DNS prices were $2.20 to $3.43 higher. Net export sales last week came in at 468.2 TMT, 39% below the previous week and 18% below the prior 4-week average. Buyers included Taiwan, Mexico, Nigeria, Venezuela, Colombia, Cuba, the Philippines, Malaysia and the United Kingdom. Export shipments last week totaled 460.4 TMT, 26% below the previous week and 20% below the prior 4-week average. Destinations included Mexico, Japan, Venezuela, Iraq, Taiwan, Nigeria and the Dominican Republic.

USDA's monthly S&D report for WHEAT – Feb. 8 – As expected, USDA raised their US wheat export projection this month by 25 million bu to 1.2 billion bu, but lowered domestic feed usage by 5 million bu to 100 million bu, resulting in a 20 million bu reduction in US ending stocks to 272 million bu. **This year's ending stocks are the lowest since 1947/48**. USDA's projection is slightly below the average pre-report trade estimate of 274 million bu. **USDA also tweaked their global estimates slightly… raising global wheat production by .6 MMT this month** to 603 MMT, with increases for Argentina and FSU-12 more than offsetting a reduction for Afghanistan. **World ending stocks were cut this month by another 1.23 MMT to a very snug 109.7 MMT, which is more than 15 MMT below last year and the lowest level in 30 years.**

- World wheat production is 2% higher at 603.6 MMT, with consumption staying about right in line with production. The US wheat crop is up 14% to 56.2 MMT.
- World wheat supplies are down 2% to 728 MMT, while US supplies are up 6% to 68.7 MMT.
- World wheat trade is expected to fall 6% to 107.7 MMT, while U.S. exports are estimated to increase 32% to 33 MMT.
- World wheat consumption is projected to decrease slightly to 619 MMT, and U.S. consumption is expected to stay just about the same at 31 MMT.
- World wheat carryover stocks are estimated to decline again this year by 12% to 109.7 MMT. US stocks are pegged to fall 40% to 7.4 MMT to the lowest level since 1947/48.

According to USDA's new budget projections, US wheat acres will total 65 million in 2008 (55.3 million harvested), compared to 60.4 million planted last year and 51 million acres harvested.

Wheat Competitor/Buyer News – USDA raised their Argentine wheat production estimate this month by .5 MMT to 15.5 MMT, but left exports unchanged at 10.0 MMT. They raised their export projection for Russia by .5 MMT to 12.5 MMT and Kazakhstan by .5 MMT to 8.5 MMT. EU issued 160 TMT of wheat export licenses this week, bringing the total so far this year to 3.9 MMT, compared to 6.0 MMT for the same period last year. Ukraine decided NOT to Brazil officially cut their wheat import tariff to zero for up to 1 MMT of wheat imports outside of the Mercosur trading bloc.

CORN – Export sales week were on the high end of expectations at 1.029 MMT, 46% below the previous week and 36% below the prior 4-week average. The major buyers included South Korea, Japan, Panama, Cuba, Egypt, Mexico, Taiwan and Costa Rica. Corn exports last week totaled 1.25 MMT, 16% below the previous week and 5% below the prior 4-week average. The major destinations included Japan, Mexico, Taiwan, South Korea, Egypt, Israel and Morocco.

USDA's monthly S&D report for CORN- Feb. 8 – USDA made no adjustments to their U.S. corn supply and demand balance sheet this month, except for narrowing the projected farm-gate price range to $3.75-$4.25/bu. They left U.S. corn exports unchanged at 2.45 billion bu and ending stocks unchanged at 1.438 billion bu. This compares with the average pre-report trade estimate of 1.411 billion bu. **Global corn production was lowered by .5 MMT** to 766.2 MMT, still 62 MMT above last year's level. **Global ending stocks were raised this month by .55 MMT** to 101.9 MMT, which is 5 MMT below a year ago.

- World corn production increased 9% to 766 MMT. The US corn increased 24% to 332 MMT.
- World corn supplies increased 6% to 873 MMT, while US supplies are 15% higher at 365 MMT.
- World corn trade is projected to increase 3% to 93.8 MMT. US corn exports are expected to increase 15% to 62 MMT.
- World corn consumption is pegged to increase by 7% to 772 MMT. US usage is expected to jump 16% to 267 MMT, due to strong ethanol demand.

- World corn carryover stocks are estimated to decrease 5% to 101.8 MMT, while US stocks are expected to increase 10% to 36.5 MMT.

According to USDA's new budget projections, US corn acres will total 88 million in 2008, compared to 93.6 million last year.

Corn Competitor/Buyer News – USDA cut their Argentine corn production estimate this month by 1.0 MMT to 21.5 MMT due to recent moisture stress, but raised South African production by 1.0 MMT to 11.0 MMT. They cut Argentine corn exports by 1.0 MMT to 15.0 MMT (below last year's 15.3 MMT) and raised South African exports by .7 MMT to 1.5 MMT. Chinese corn export estimate was left unchanged at 1.0 MMT. The Buenos Aires Grain Exchange is projecting the Argentine corn crop at 20.5 MMT.

Futures market activity this week

Wheat – Wheat prices closed limit up for the entire week, buoyed by continued export demand and increasing concerns about tight global stocks. MGE has decided to raise **Wheat market closes on Thursday, 2/07 –**

	Mar 08	Weekly Summary	May 08	Weekly Summary
Chicago	$10.63	Up $1.20	$10.79 ¾	Up $1.19
Kansas City	$11.10 ¼	Up $1.20	$11.20 ¼	Up $1.18
Minneapolis DNS	$15.23	Up $1.20	$13.94 ¾	Up $1.20

Corn – The corn market began the week higher on mostly spillover support and strong export demand, but then closed lower for the remainder of the week under profit-taking pressures. **Mar 08 corn contract closed on Thursday 2/07 at $4.99 ½, down 1 cent for the week and the May 08 contact at $5.12 ¼, down 1 cent for the week.**

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