

Grain Market Review

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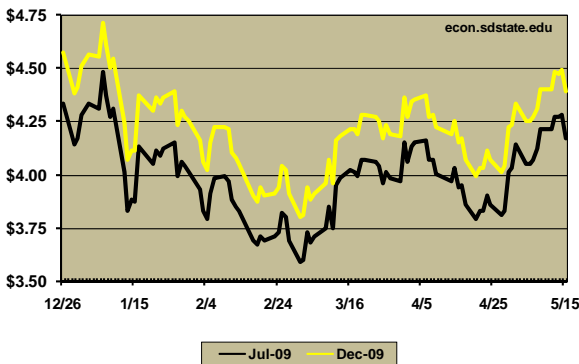
CORN

Chicago CORN Futures			
Futures Month	This Week	Last Week	Week's Change
Jul	417	421	-4
Sep	427	429	-2
Dec	439	440	-1
Mar	449	451	-2
May	456	458	-2
Jul	463	466	-3
Sep	449	457	-8

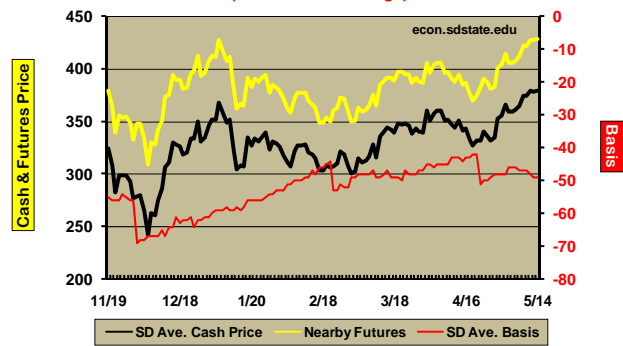
South Dakota Cash Corn			
	This Week	Last Week	Change
Cash bids	348-399	333-385	
Ave. price	379	365	14
New Crop	350-405	331-386	
Ave. price	383	365	18

Other crops	S.D. Ave.
Sunflower	1401
Oats	198
Milo	277
Millet	599

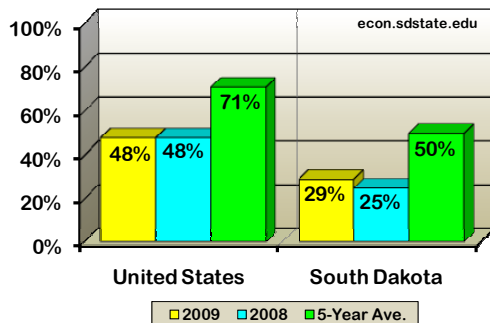
Daily CORN Futures
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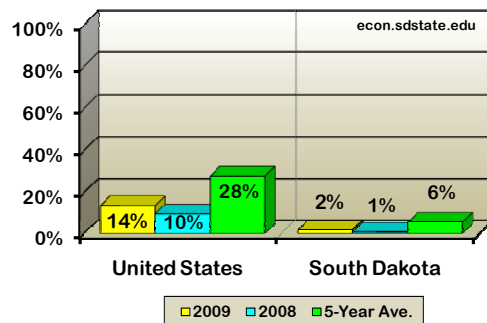
CORN
Daily Cash - Futures - Basis
(South Dakota Average)



Corn - % Planted
(as of May 10, 2009)



Corn - % Emerged
(as of May 10, 2009)



Source: USDA - National Agricultural Statistics Service

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The South Dakota average price for corn late this past week was \$3.79 per bushel, 14 cents higher than a week ago.

The average bid for new crop corn in South Dakota this past week was \$3.83, 18 cents higher than a week ago.

By the end of the week, corn futures had lost some modest ground after a relatively quiet week of trading. The biggest day (and best day) for corn was Tuesday when corn futures rose six to eight cents from the previous day thanks to a bullish World Ag Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) report. The May WASDE is the first report of the season in which USDA's Economic Research Service offers its first projections for supply and demand for the 2009 crop. USDA lowered the carryover supply from the 2008 crop by 100 million bushels and its projections for 2009-10 shows a carryover of 1.14 billion bushels, a rather significant reduction from the current carryover supply of old crop corn. It must be noted, however, that this projection is based on a trend line yield based on the last eighteen years and the acres planted are taken directly from the March Planting Intentions report. As a result, it must be remembered that this is a basic first projection and while it does give an indication of what is possible for supply and demand, we still have an entire growing season ahead of us.

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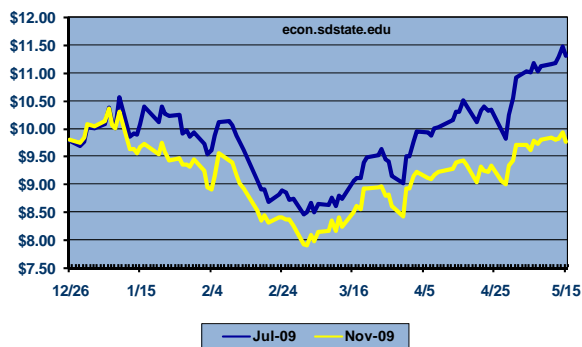
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SOYBEANS

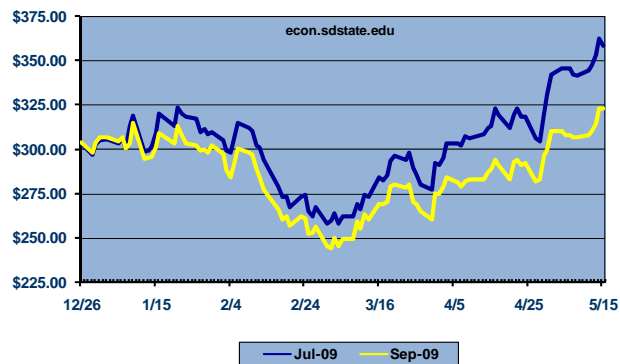
Chicago SOYBEAN Futures			
Futures Month	This Week	Last Week	Week's Change
Jul	1131	1111	20
Aug	1085	1073	12
Sep	1023	1021	2
Nov	976	979	-3
Jan	979	983	-4
Mar	975	981	-6

South Dakota Cash Soybeans			
	This Week	Last Week	Change
Cash bids	1042-1106	1002-1062	
Ave. price	1084	1040	44
New Crop	872-921	852-908	
Ave. price	904	883	21

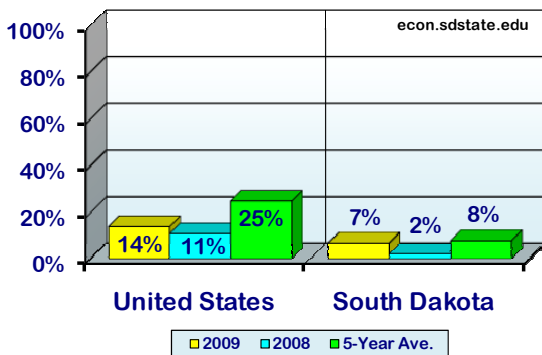
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Chicago Board of Trade



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Chicago Board of Trade

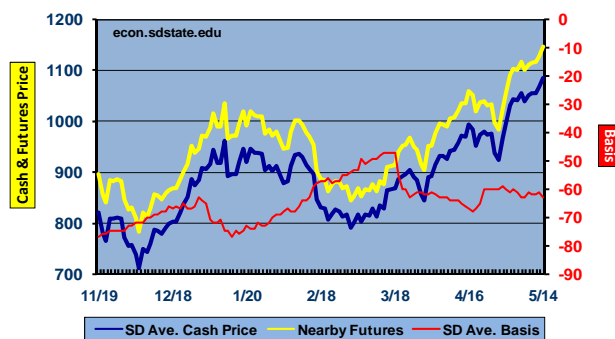


Soybeans - % Planted
(as of May 10, 2009)



SOYBEANS

DAILY Cash - Futures - Basis
(South Dakota Average)



Source: USDA - National Agricultural Statistics Service

The South Dakota average price for soybeans late this past week was \$10.84 per bushel, 44 cents higher than a week ago.

The average bid for new crop soybeans in South Dakota this past week was \$9.04, 21 cents higher than a week ago.

USDA's World Ag Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) report was issued on May 12 and the information contained in that report concerning soybeans was no real surprise and should have been viewed as a bullish report. The interesting thing, however, is that soybean futures did not react much to that report on the day it was issued, with some arguments that the data was already built into the market. However, the two days following the release of the WASDE report, old crop contracts gained additional ground thanks to an ever tighter supply of old crop (2008) soybeans. USDA lowered its estimate for old crop carryover supplies to 130 million bushels, the second lowest estimated carryover supply in over thirty years. However, USDA also gave its first projections for the 2009 crop and projected a carryover supply of 230 million bushels for the crop that is currently being planted. It must be noted that this projection is based on a trend line yield based on the last eighteen years and the acres planted are taken directly from the March Planting Intentions report. As a result, it must be remembered that this is a basic first projection and while it does give an indication of what is possible for supply and demand, we still have an entire growing season ahead of us.

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WHEAT

Minneapolis WHEAT Futures			
Futures Month	This Week	Last Week	Week's Change
Jul	705	700	5
Sep	701	696	5
Dec	709	705	4
Mar	715	714	1
May	718	719	-1

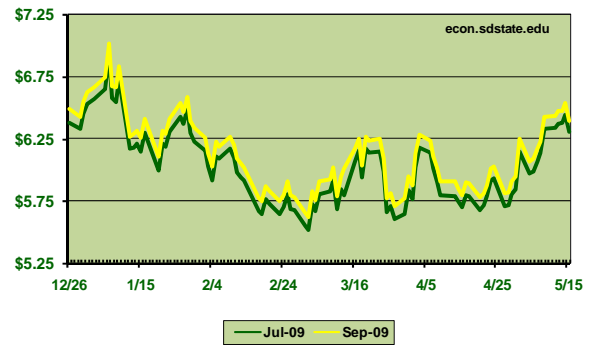
Chicago WHEAT Futures			
Futures Month	This Week	Last Week	Week's Change
Jul	577	591	-14
Sep	604	617	-13
Dec	626	639	-13
Mar	641	655	-14
May	651	663	-12

Kansas City WHEAT Futures			
Futures Month	This Week	Last Week	Week's Change
Jul	631	633	-2
Sep	640	643	-3
Dec	655	659	-4
Mar	668	673	-5
May	671	681	-10

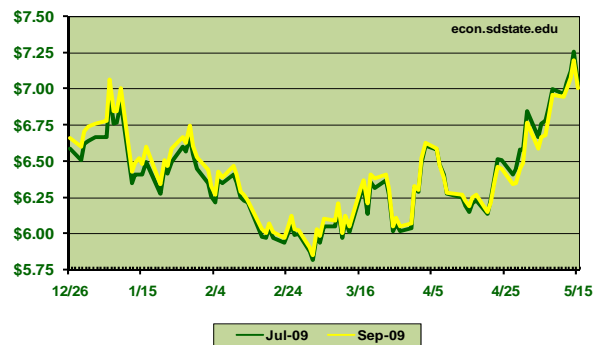
South Dakota Cash Spring Wheat			
	This Week	Last Week	Change
Cash bids	644-753	656-718	
Ave. price	706	691	15

South Dakota Cash Winter Wheat			
	This Week	Last Week	Change
Cash bids	513-625	482-595	
Ave. price	593	564	29

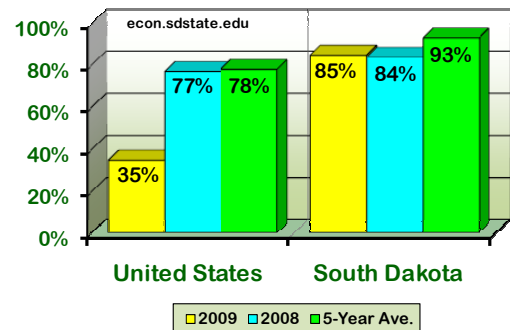
Daily WINTER WHEAT Futures
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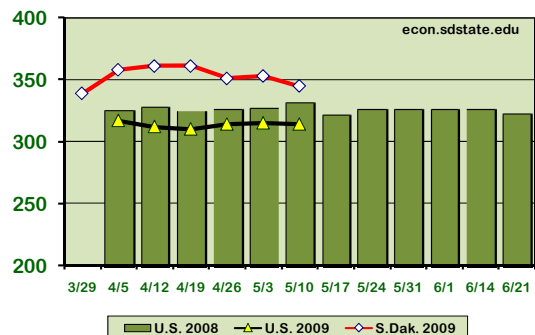


Spring Wheat - % Planted
(as of May 10, 2009)



Source: USDA - National Agricultural Statistics Service

WINTER WHEAT: Crop Condition Index
(as of May 10, 2009)



Source: USDA - National Agricultural Statistics Service

The South Dakota average price for spring wheat late this past week was \$7.06 per bushel, 15 cents higher than a week ago.

The South Dakota average price for winter wheat last this past week was \$5.93 per bushel, 29 cents higher than a week ago.

Wheat futures were pulled in both directions again this past week. Delayed planting of spring wheat, particularly in North Dakota was a factor for price support. Large domestic supply of all wheat was a primary factor for price pressure. Even with a lower production expectation for wheat in the U.S. this year, preliminary projections for carryover supply from the 2009 crop are similar to current estimates of carryover supply from the 2008 wheat crop. A somewhat steady to lower demand is anticipated for the 2009-10 wheat marketing year and while we still have a growing season ahead of us that could change production estimates, it might be likely that wheat supplies will not tighten up significantly keeping a lid on any significant price rallies into the harvest period. This is not to say that weather conditions could not worsen to further reduce domestic production but one must be prepared for the possibility of little change in demand that would simply lead to the maintenance of larger domestic wheat supplies.

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