

Grain Market Review

(As of Friday, May 23, 2008)

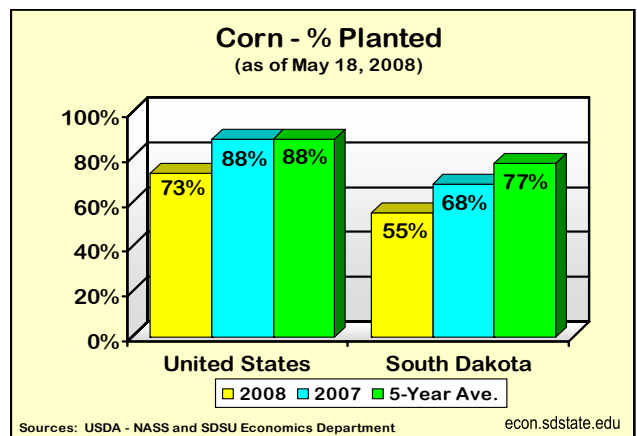
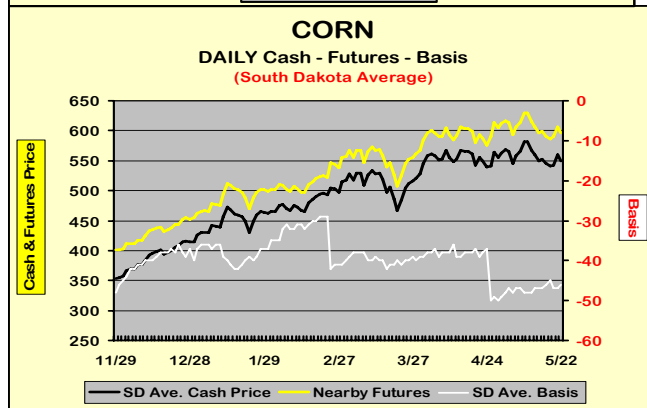
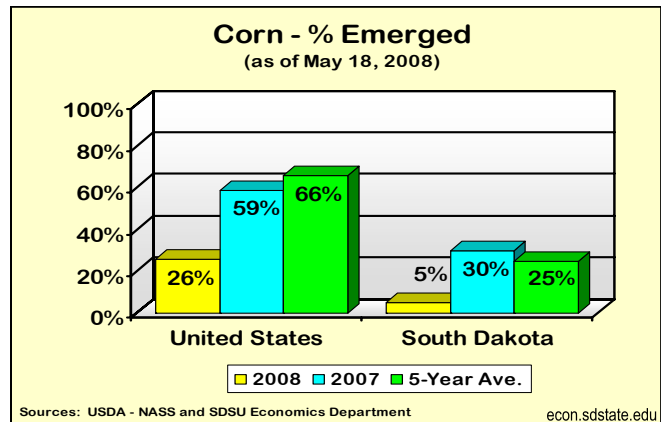
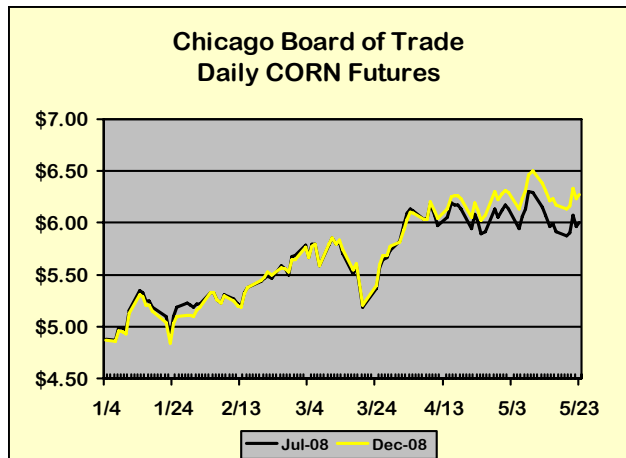
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CORN

Chicago CORN Futures			
Futures Month	This Week	Last Week	Week's Change
Jul	599	591	8
Sep	612	603	9
Dec	627	617	10
Mar	640	629	11
May	648	637	11
Jul	656	645	11
Sep	621	602	19

South Dakota Cash Corn			
	This Week	Last Week	Change
Cash bids	515-573	519-573	
Ave. price	550	552	-2
New Crop	528-588	527-588	
Ave. price	560	560	0

Other crops	S.D. Ave.
Sunflower	2919
Oats	328
Milo	418
Millet	1188



South Dakota range of old crop corn prices late this past week: \$5.15 - \$5.73
South Dakota average old crop corn price late this past week: \$5.50, two cents lower than a week ago.

South Dakota range of new crop corn prices late this past week: \$5.28 - \$5.88
South Dakota average new crop corn price late this past week: \$5.60, unchanged from a week ago.

Corn had an up and down week this past week with modest losses on Monday, modest gains on Tuesday, a very strong day of gains on Wednesday with almost equal losses on Thursday. All in all, corn futures did manage to end the week in positive territory with cash prices steady to modestly lower in most locations around the state. Early in the week, corn futures were influenced by a decent “catch-up” in planting progress but with some concerns over slow emergence of the corn that is planted. Later in the week, a combination of pressure and support from outside markets and the value of the dollar had corn futures moving higher on Wednesday, lower on Thursday and slightly higher on Friday.

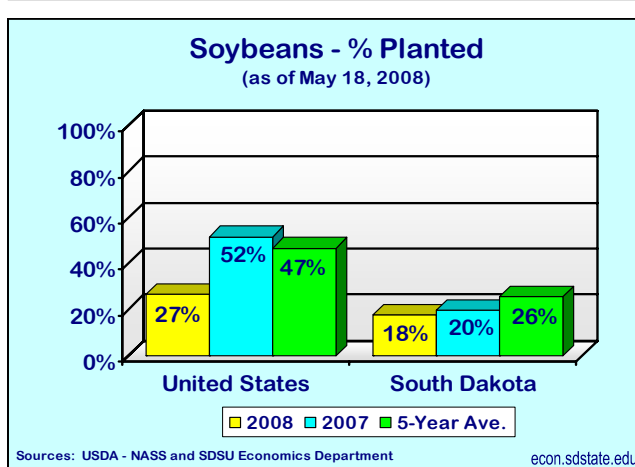
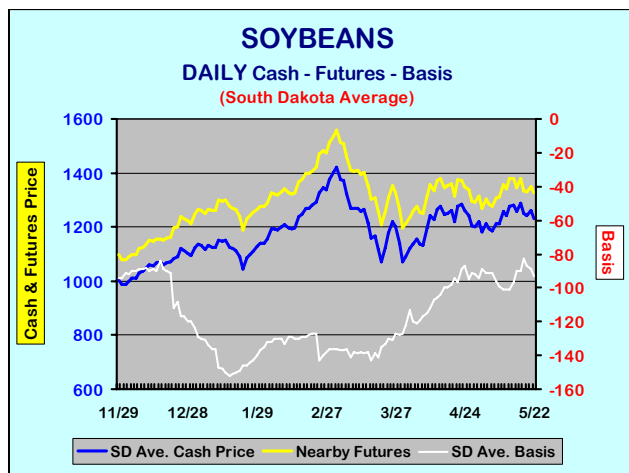
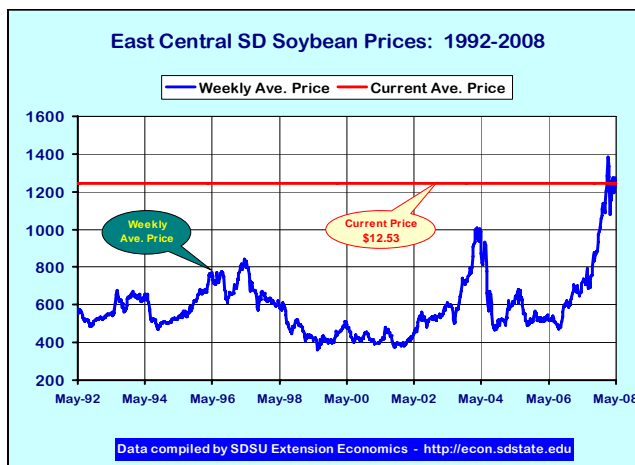
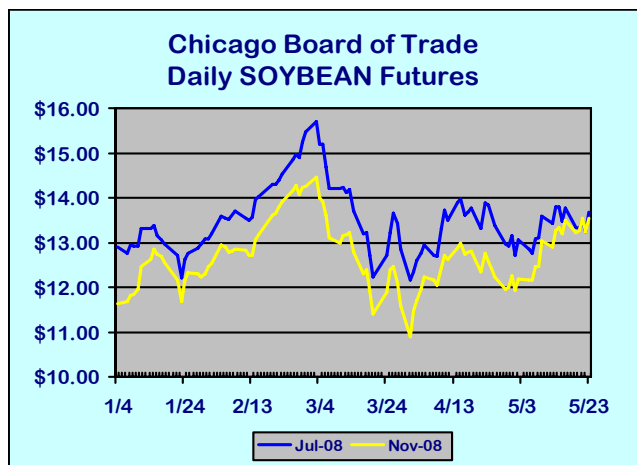
USDA’s monthly supply and demand numbers from the most recent World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates report are summarized in a file that is linked below. For complete details, simply click on the link entitled, “Corn Supply and Demand.”

Corn basis data and cash corn price data for various regions of South Dakota is available by connecting with a link at the bottom of this page. To access the charts showing the corn basis and cash prices for your region of the state, just click on the link entitled “Cash corn price and basis charts”. This basis information is compiled by the Economics Department at South Dakota State University.

SOYBEANS

Chicago SOYBEAN Futures			
Futures Month	This Week	Last Week	Week's Change
Jul	1368	1378	-10
Aug	1370	1377	-7
Sep	1358	1359	-1
Nov	1353	1349	4
Jan	1367	1362	5
Mar	1378	1372	6

South Dakota Cash Soybeans			
	This Week	Last Week	Change
Cash bids	1182-1274	1214-1304	
Ave. price	1232	1257	-25
New Crop	1149-1209	1139-1199	
Ave. price	1184	1179	5



South Dakota range of old crop soybean prices late this past week: \$11.82 - \$12.74.
 South Dakota average old crop soybean price late this past week: \$12.32, 25 cents lower than a week ago.

South Dakota range of new crop soybean prices late this past week: \$11.49 - \$12.09
 South Dakota average new crop soybean price late this past week: \$11.84, 5 cents higher than a week ago.

Soybean futures had an interesting and volatile week this past week. Monday's trade ended with losses of 27 to 45 cents thanks to rumors that the Argentine farmer strike may be settled. Tuesday's trade opened with a fair amount of strength as well but profit-taking was the main feature as soybeans settled the day with modest gains of one to four cents. Beans were much stronger on Wednesday thanks to large gains in crude oil and expectations for a weaker dollar but most of those gains were erased on Thursday as a slightly weaker crude oil market led to profit taking. Friday brought some strong gains back into soybeans and was enough to end the trading week with modest losses in the nearby months; modest gains in the deferred contracts.

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WHEAT

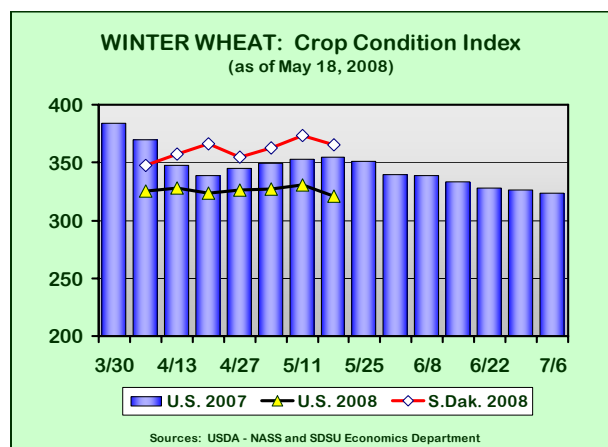
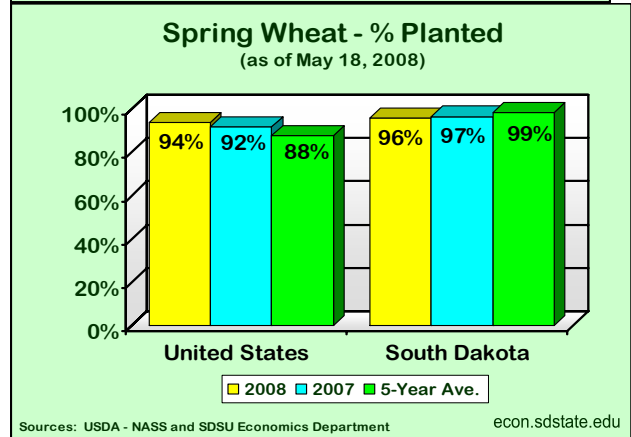
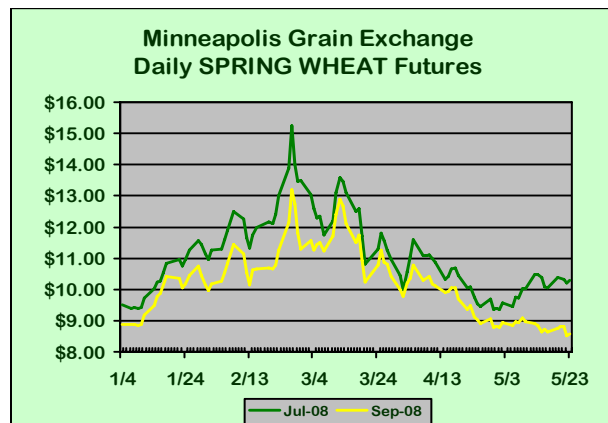
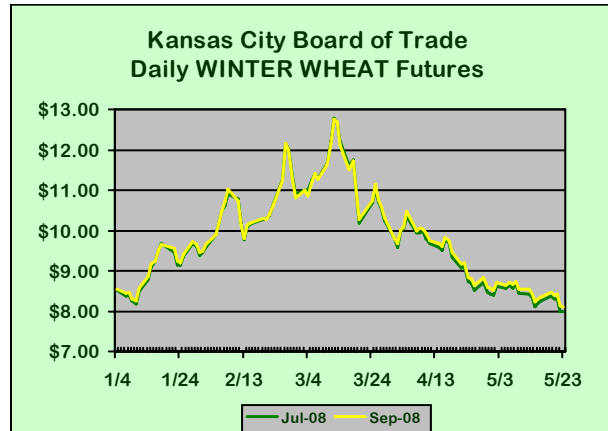
Minneapolis WHEAT Futures			
Futures Month	This Week	Last Week	Week's Change
Jul	1030	1004	26
Sep	857	864	-7
Dec	856	870	-14
Mar	862	880	-18
May	860	885	-25

Chicago WHEAT Futures			
Futures Month	This Week	Last Week	Week's Change
Jul	753	775	-22
Sep	768	790	-22
Dec	789	810	-21
Mar	807	827	-20
May	816	835	-19

Kansas City WHEAT Futures			
Futures Month	This Week	Last Week	Week's Change
Jul	798	824	-26
Sep	812	836	-24
Dec	832	851	-19
Mar	852	866	-14
May	848	872	-24

South Dakota Cash Spring Wheat			
	This Week	Last Week	Change
Cash bids	891-1045	920-1163	
Ave. price	973	1041	-68

South Dakota Cash Winter Wheat			
	This Week	Last Week	Change
Cash bids	762-989	751-977	
Ave. price	841	859	-18



South Dakota average old crop spring wheat price late this past week: \$9.73, 68 cents lower than a week ago.

South Dakota average old crop winter wheat price late this past week: \$8.41, 18 cents lower than a week ago.

Wheat futures had another week of price downturns this past week. There was only one relatively positive day of trading on Monday of this past week. Otherwise, wheat futures slid lower just about every day, leaving the market with double digit losses for the week. Although there were some concerns of dry conditions in parts of Australia that did lend some support, profit taking and pressure from outside markets and other grain pits were the most cited reason for losses this past week.

The wheat market continues to be pressured with the idea that U.S. and world production is turning the corner and that production will likely outpace demand this coming year, leading to growth in wheat supplies. As noted in the wheat market review last week, this expectation has been reflected for months with wheat futures losing considerable ground from the historic highs of several months ago. The September contract for spring and winter wheat has lost \$4.00 to \$5.00 since late March with the now expired March spring wheat contract losing even more ground in the months past. There is little reason to expect any kind of price rebound that would put wheat prices back into the price range of just a few months ago unless there is a major production problems world wide. There is still good opportunity to capture historically high prices for new crop wheat; you just have to be willing to forget the lofty prices of earlier this year and make sales decisions now to protect against further price declines.

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