

Grain Market Review

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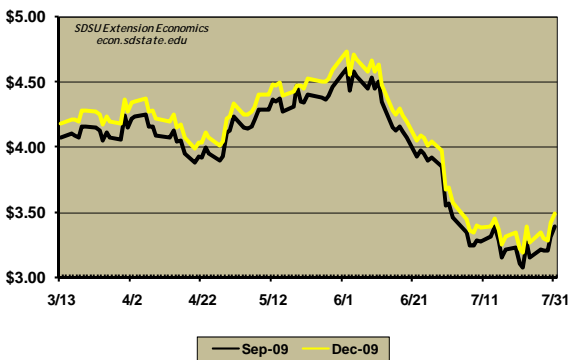
CORN

Chicago CORN Futures			
Futures Month	This Week	Last Week	Week's Change
Sep	339	316	23
Dec	349	327	22
Mar	362	341	21
May	372	350	22
Jul	381	359	22
Sep	387	367	20
Dec	396	374	22

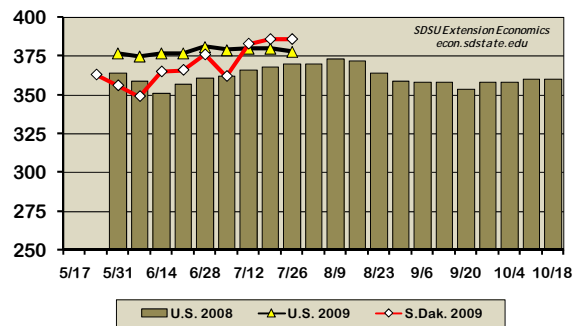
South Dakota Cash Corn			
	This Week	Last Week	Change
Cash bids	242-305	248-296	
Ave. price	285	278	7

Other crops	S.D. A ve.
Sunflower	1236
Oats	174
Milo	236
Millet	546

Daily CORN Futures
Chicago Board of Trade

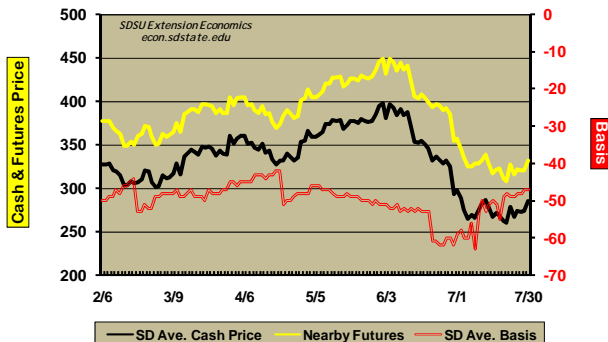


CORN: Crop Condition Index
(as of July 26, 2009)

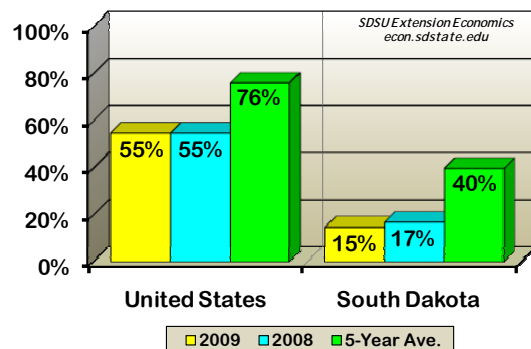


Source: USDA - National Agricultural Statistics Service

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



Corn: % Silking
(as of July 26, 2009)



Source: USDA - National Agricultural Statistics Service

The South Dakota average price for corn late this past week was \$2.85 per bushel, 7 cents higher than a week ago.

Corn futures ended the week in positive territory this past week thanks to outside market performance and a remarkably strong day in soybean futures on Thursday. The nation's corn crop has been the beneficiary of very good growing conditions/weather and certainly has the potential for producing a large national average yield. However, as every week goes by with the comment about "favorable growing weather" keeping a lid on any significant rally in corn, we do get closer to the concerns about growing degree days. This market may reach a point that while lower anticipated export volume will pressure prices, it may find itself trying to sort out that weaker foreign demand against potential reduced yields due to an early frost. For the individual producer, there is also the concern about added drying costs that will subtract from the bottom line. While this may be of more concern in South Dakota considering our cooler than normal summer, there is still time for temperatures to heat up and get this corn crop closer to normal maturity but the next 4-6 weeks could be interesting if the temperatures remain much cooler than normal.

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.

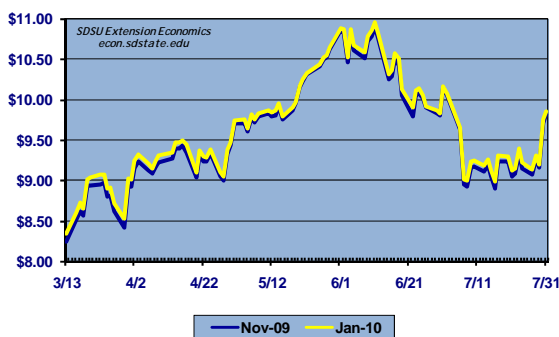
SOYBEANS

Chicago SOYBEAN Futures			
Futures Month	This Week	Last Week	Week's Change
Aug	1134	1021	113
Sep	1044	951	93
Nov	982	915	67
Jan	985	922	63
Mar	981	925	56
May	973	927	46

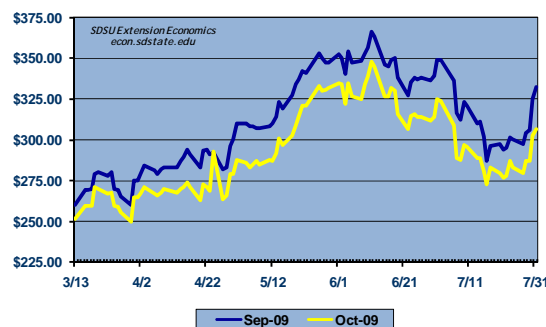
South Dakota Cash Soybeans			
	This Week	Last Week	Change
Cash bids	981-1049	937-985	
Ave. price	1014	968	46

Other crops	S.D. Ave.
Sunflower	1236
Oats	174
Milo	236
Millet	546

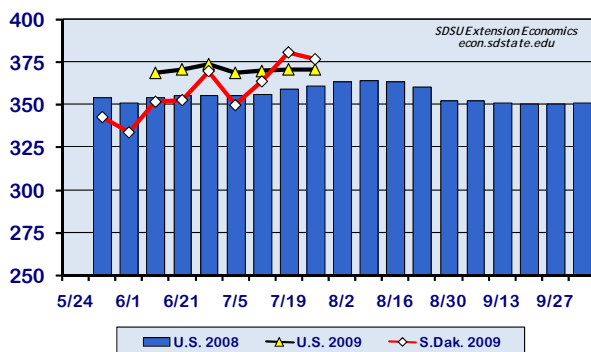
Daily SOYBEAN Futures
Chicago Board of Trade



Daily SOYBEAN MEAL Futures
Chicago Board of Trade

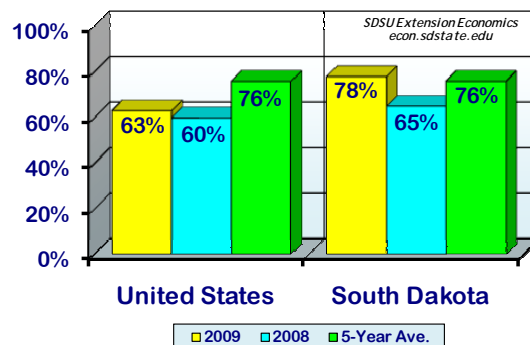


SOYBEANS: Crop Condition Index
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Source: USDA - National Agricultural Statistics Service

Soybeans: % Blooming
(as of July 26, 2009)



Source: USDA - National Agricultural Statistics Service

The South Dakota average price for soybeans late this past week was \$10.14 per bushel, 46 cents higher than a week ago.

After nearly a month and a half of constant price declines in soybeans, the last two weeks have seen the market trading in a sideways to modest growth pattern with some days of solid upturns. One of those days occurred on Thursday of this last week in which soybean futures gained between 50 and 70 cents thanks to a very strong export

sales report that shows the sales pace for this year to be much stronger than a year ago. In addition, China made a large purchase of soybeans this last week, even in the face of that country having an auction to sell some of its own domestic supply. Soybeans have been the real bright spot in agricultural commodities in terms of export demand in that it is one of the few ag commodities that is showing a growth in export demand over a year ago.

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, "Soybean Supply and Demand."

Soybean basis data and cash soybean 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 soybean basis and cash prices for your region of the state, just click on the link entitled "Cash soybean price and basis charts". This basis information is compiled by the Economics Department at South Dakota State University.

WHEAT

Minneapolis WHEAT Futures			
Futures Month	This Week	Last Week	Week's Change
Sep	605	591	14
Dec	620	606	14
Mar	635	620	15
May	645	629	16
Jul	653	638	15

Chicago WHEAT Futures			
Futures Month	This Week	Last Week	Week's Change
Sep	528	516	12
Dec	556	543	13
Mar	574	562	12
May	586	574	12
Jul	597	584	13

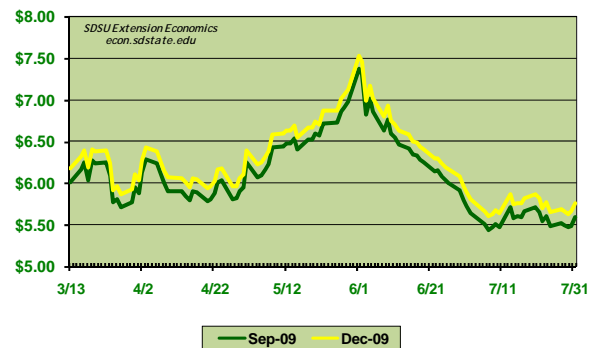
Kansas City WHEAT Futures			
Futures Month	This Week	Last Week	Week's Change
Sep	559	549	10
Dec	576	566	10
Mar	592	582	10
May	603	593	10
Jul	613	603	10

South Dakota Cash Spring Wheat			
	This Week	Last Week	Change
Cash bids	495-570	492-597	
Ave. price	543	551	-8

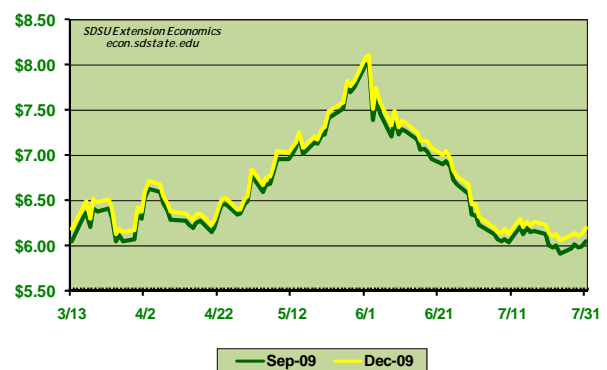
South Dakota Cash Winter Wheat			
	This Week	Last Week	Change
Cash bids	429-501	436-513	
Ave. price	476	484	-8

Other crops	S.D. Ave.
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Oats	174
Milo	236
Millet	546

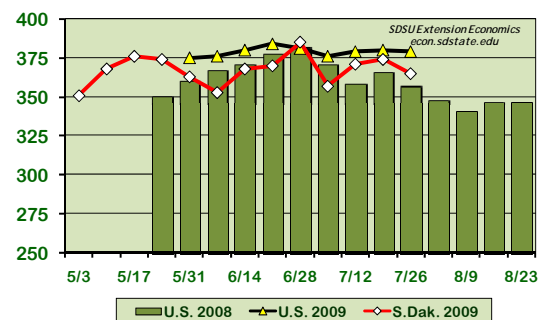
Daily WINTER WHEAT Futures
Kansas City Board of Trade



Daily SPRING WHEAT Futures
Minneapolis Grain Exchange

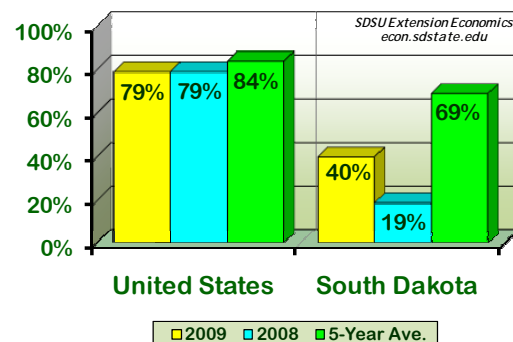


SPRING WHEAT: Crop Condition Index
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Source: USDA - National Agricultural Statistics Service

Winter Wheat: % Harvested
(as of July 26, 2009)



Source: USDA - National Agricultural Statistics Service

The South Dakota average price for spring wheat late this past week was \$5.43 per bushel, 8 cents lower than a week ago.

The South Dakota average price for winter wheat last this past week was \$4.76 per bushel, 8 cents lower than a week ago.

Wheat futures showed a week of decent gains thanks to support from corn and beans plus outside markets. However, wheat prices are still struggling to find any positive influence primarily due to the bearishness of weaker demand and building supplies. As noted in last week's wheat review, the United States relies on the export market to consume approximately 40% of the wheat we produce each year. Due to building worldwide supplies and the weak world economy, U.S. wheat becomes a tougher sell to foreign buyers. Even though the value of the dollar has dropped considerably since early in the year, economic uncertainty world-wide and the building of domestic supplies will continue to provide pressure on wheat prices. The rally of a few months ago is unlikely to repeat itself with the bearish nature of the fundamentals currently influencing the wheat market.

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