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The COVID-19 pandemic is changing the markets and our working situations on a day-to-day basis - but what is not changing is the U.S. Grains Council’s commitment to you, our members’ valued customers.

The Council’s staff worldwide are committed to providing you the service and market information you have come to expect from us during this time. While we are teleworking, we remain ready to assist you and encourage you to contact us as issues or questions arise.

The Council wishes all our customers around the world good health and safety during this trying time.

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Chicago Board of Trade Market News

Week in Review: CME Corn July Contract					
\$/Bu	Friday May 8	Monday May 11	Tuesday May 12	Wednesday May 13	Thursday May 14
Change	1.25	-0.75	3.75	-4.00	-0.75
Closing Price	319.25	318.50	322.25	318.25	317.50
Factors Affecting the Market	Mild short covering helped the market higher in low-volume trade. July futures briefly traded above the 20-day moving avg. for the first time since early March. A cold snap across the Midwest may delay planting and cause freeze/frost concerns for the emerging corn crop. Outside markets were higher.	Corn futures traded a lackluster day in light volume with traders mostly positioning for the WASDE report. The market is bracing for a bearish report with record large 2020/21 ending stocks expected. Corn futures saw bear spreading against soybeans and the oilseed rallied on news of Chinese buying.	The May WASDE wasn't as bearish as expected with USDA forecasting a smaller increase in 2019/20 ending stocks that kept 2020/21 stocks from being as large as expected. US and world corn production is forecast at a record high with world stocks rising sharply, largely due to increased U.S. 2020/21 carry out estimates.	Corn futures posted 4-cent losses as follow-through buying from yesterday's strong technical close was limited. The market offered a delayed reaction to Tues. WASDE that showed record large world production. Outside markets were sharply weaker as COVID-19 demand concerns linger.	Corn futures ticked lower as funds remain modest sellers and buyers are waiting for the market to come to them. The market is turning sideways from its recent trend lower. The weekly EIA report on Wed. was bearish and kept the market under pressure. Outside markets were higher.

Outlook: July corn futures are 1.75 cents (0.5 percent) lower this week after the May WASDE failed to create much bullish or bearish sentiment in the market. The first interpretation of the 2020/21 outlook was bearish with increased U.S. and world supplies. However, with funds holding a large (220,000-contract) short position in corn, interest in extending this position was limited. Seasonally, corn often rallies during the late spring/early summer and this upside risk is keeping sellers on the sidelines.

USDA's first detailed forecast of the 2020/21 marketing year included a 406-MMT (15.995-billion bushel) production forecast for the U.S. That figure was based on a planted area forecast of 39.255 million hectares (97 million acres) and trendline yields of 11.21 MT/ha (178.5 bu/ac). The large production figure was well-anticipated by the market and offered few surprises. USDA noted it will resurvey areas of the northern Midwest that have suffered from delayed planting and update its planted area forecast in next month's report. Private analytical firms are projecting a modest decrease in the planted area figure in the updated report.

On the demand side, USDA is expecting feed and ethanol consumption of corn to rebound from 2019/20 levels. Feed use is forecast to reach 153.678 MMT (6.05 billion bushels) in 2020/21 while ethanol consumption is expected to grow 8.89 MMT (350 million bushels) from the latest 2019/20 estimates. USDA also expects a strong export program to develop in the coming year, with marketing year exports pegged at 54.613 MMT (2.15 billion bushels). In total, USDA is expecting total corn consumption to grow 7 percent in the coming year.

The agency's forecast for 2020/21 U.S. ending stocks is 84.28 MMT (3.318 billion bushels), which is up sharply from 2019/20. The increased carryout prompted the USDA to peg the 2020 average farm price at \$125.98/MT (\$3.20/bushel), down from 2019 expectations.

Globally, USDA projected 2020/21 production at 1,186 MMT, up 72 MMT from the current crop year and a record high. Production increases in the U.S., Brazil, Ukraine, Mexico, and Canada were the primary drivers of the record forecast. Total world consumption is expected to grow 73.3 MMT, leaving 2020/21 ending stocks of 339 MMT, up 24 MMT from 2019/20. USDA noted that much of the ending stocks figure is accounted for by Chinese and U.S. stocks, but that ending stocks outside these countries will still increase 4 percent versus the current year.

Beyond the corn market, USDA estimated the 2020/21 U.S. sorghum crop at 8.915 MMT (351 million bushels), up 3 percent from 2019/20, based on a 202,000-hectare (500,000 acre) increase in planted area and an 11 percent increase in yields. USDA lowered the feed and residual consumption estimate from 2019/20 to 1.27 MMT (50 million bushels) but increased the export figure 10 percent to 5.588 MMT (220 million bushels). The net effect is that 2020/21 ending stocks are expected to fall 11 percent from the current marketing year.

U.S. farmers continue to make exceptional progress planting spring crops. USDA reported that, as of Sunday night, 67 percent of intended corn plants were completed, which is 12 percent ahead of the five-year average pace. Planting of the sorghum and barley crops is well ahead of last year's pace but both statistics lag their five-year average pace. A recent cold and wet weather pattern across the Midwest may delay some progress this week, but the coming report from USDA is expected to show three-quarters or more of the corn crop already seeded.

From a technical standpoint, July corn futures are continuing to trade sideways with a brief break above the 20-day MA earlier this week unable to garner follow-through buying. The May WASDE report should have been bearish but the muted reaction from the futures market suggests there is little that will spark additional selling. As noted earlier, funds hold a large net short position and are not looking to extend sales with weakness in other commodities offering bull spreading opportunities. Buyers have so far remained very patient and have shown little interest in chasing prices higher. Amid patient buyers and speculative funds mostly unwilling to extend their short position, the outlook for the corn market is one of choppy, sideways trade.

Interest Rates and Macroeconomic Markets, May 14, 2020						
	Last*	Weekly Change	Weekly % Change	Monthly Change	Monthly % Change	1-Year History
Interest Rates						
U.S. Prime	3.3	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%	
LIBOR (6 Month)	0.7	0.0	-2.8%	-0.5	-41.3%	
LIBOR (1 Year)	0.8	0.0	-3.6%	-0.2	-24.1%	
S&P 500						
S&P 500	2,838.6	-42.6	-1.5%	39.0	1.4%	
Dow Jones Industrials						
Dow Jones Industrials	23,521.5	-354.4	-1.5%	-16.2	-0.1%	
U.S. Dollar						
U.S. Dollar	100.4	0.5	0.5%	0.4	0.4%	
WTI Crude						
WTI Crude	27.7	2.9	11.6%	7.9	39.5%	
Brent Crude						
Brent Crude	31.1	1.7	5.6%	3.3	11.8%	

Source: DTN ProphetX, World Perspectives, Inc.

* Last price as of 3:36 PM ET

CBOT July Corn Futures



Source: DTN ProphetX

Current Market Values:

Futures Price Performance: Week May 14, 2020			
Commodity	14-May	8-May	Net Change
Corn			
May 20	320.25	319.00	1.25
Jul 20	317.50	319.25	-1.75
Sep 20	322.00	324.75	-2.75
Dec 20	331.75	335.75	-4.00
Soybeans			
May 20	835.25	848.75	-13.50
Jul 20	837.00	850.50	-13.50
Aug 20	839.00	852.00	-13.00
Sep 20	839.50	851.75	-12.25
Soymeal			
May 20	285.20	286.70	-1.50
Jul 20	288.20	290.80	-2.60
Aug 20	289.20	291.70	-2.50
Sep 20	290.20	293.00	-2.80
Soyoil			
May 20	25.92	26.23	-0.31
Jul 20	26.18	26.54	-0.36
Aug 20	26.36	26.72	-0.36
Sep 20	26.52	26.88	-0.36
SRW			
May 20	510.50	529.50	-19.00
Jul 20	502.25	522.00	-19.75
Sep 20	505.25	525.25	-20.00
Dec 20	515.25	533.75	-18.50
HRW			
May 20	458.00	504.00	-46.00
Jul 20	451.75	480.00	-28.25
Sep 20	458.50	487.25	-28.75
Dec 20	470.50	498.50	-28.00
MGEX (HRS)			
May 20	500.00	500.00	0.00
Jul 20	508.00	516.00	-8.00
Sep 20	519.50	526.25	-6.75
Dec 20	532.75	538.25	-5.50

*Price unit: Cents and quarter-cents/bu. (5,000 bu.)

U.S. Weather/Crop Progress

U.S. Crop Planting Progress				
Commodity	May 10, 2020	Last Week	Last Year	5-year avg.
Corn	67%	51%	28%	56%
Sorghum	28%	22%	23%	30%
Barley	60%	41%	53%	68%

Source: USDA, World Perspectives, Inc.

U.S. Drought Monitor Weather Forecast: During May 14-18, 2020 a broad swath of heavy rain is expected from south Texas northeastward across Missouri, the northern Ohio Valley, the Northeast, and lower New England. Forecasts show a broad, unbroken stripe through this region where more than 1.75 inches of precipitation is expected. Within this stripe, some areas are expecting very heavy precipitation. Most notably, central to south Texas is expecting 3 to locally 5 inches of rain. A few smaller patches are expected to get 3 to maybe 4 inches of rain, including northeast Oklahoma and southeast Kansas, part of north-central Illinois, and northwestern Pennsylvania and adjacent Ohio to near Cleveland. Outside this stripe, precipitation will drop off dramatically.

From the Carolinas through Alabama and into central Florida, almost no rain is anticipated. Likewise, precipitation should be lacking from the Great Basin and southern California through most of the Four Corners States. Elsewhere, moderate to heavy precipitation is expected in orographically-favored areas near the Sierra Nevada and Cascades, and in south Florida (especially along the southeastern coastline). Light to moderate precipitation, with totals approaching an inch in a few patches, are expected from the upper Mississippi through the north half of the High Plains to the Pacific Northwest. Most of the 48 states will stay warmer than normal at night, save for upper New England. But temperatures should remain unusually low during the day across the Great Lakes into the northern Plains, and from central California through the Pacific Northwest. Other areas should average a few degrees above normal at night, and near normal during the day.

For the ensuing 5 days, drier than normal conditions are favored from roughly from the Mississippi Valley through the Atlantic Seaboard, and to a lesser extent in parts of the central Rockies and surrounds. There are enhanced chances for surplus precipitation across most of Texas into central New Mexico, across the northern tier of states from the Plains westward, and over the Great Basin and nearby California. Meanwhile, in most locales from the Plains (outside south Texas) eastward across the Mississippi Valley to the Appalachians, odds favor above-normal temperatures. Farther west, subnormal temperatures are favored from the western Rockies to the Pacific Coast.

Follow this link to view current U.S. and international weather patterns and future outlook: [Weather and Crop Bulletin](#).

U.S. Export Statistics

U.S. Export Sales and Exports: Week Ending May 7, 2020					
Commodity	Gross Sales (MT)	Exports (MT)	YTD Exports (000 MT)	YTD Bookings (000 MT)	% Change YTD Bookings
Wheat	227,900	368,600	22,795.2	26,380.0	3%
Corn	1,194,200	1,311,100	25,412.6	38,594.2	-18%
Sorghum	5,300	4,300	2,125.9	3,589.4	122%
Barley	0	600	39.7	49.8	-19%

Source: USDA, World Perspectives, Inc.

Corn: Net sales of 1,073,200 MT for 2019/2020 were up 39 percent from the previous week and 14 percent from the prior 4-week average. Increases primarily for China (371,000 MT), Mexico (239,600 MT, including 63,000 MT switched from unknown destinations and decreases of 27,900 MT), Japan (163,100 MT, including 20,100 MT switched from unknown destinations and decreases of 1,600 MT), Colombia (117,200 MT, including 32,000 MT switched from unknown destinations and decreases of 15,000 MT), and South Korea (74,500 MT, including 10,000 MT switched from unknown destinations), were offset by reductions for unknown destinations (160,700 MT). For 2020/2021, net sales of 554,500 MT were for China (315,000 MT), Mexico (193,900 MT), Panama (26,600 MT), and unknown destinations (19,000 MT). Exports of 1,311,100 MT were down 6 percent from the previous week, but up 16 percent from the prior 4-week average. The destinations were primarily to Mexico (386,900 MT), Japan (304,300 MT), Costa Rica (99,100 MT), South Korea (80,600 MT), and Tunisia (63,700 MT).

Optional Origin Sales: For 2019/2020, new optional origin sales of 65,000 MT were reported for Vietnam. The current outstanding balance of 842,000 MT is for South Korea (582,000 MT), Vietnam (195,000 MT), and Taiwan (65,000 MT).

Barley: No net sales for 2019/2020 were reported for week. Exports of 600 MT were up 78 percent from the previous week and up noticeably from the prior 4-week average. The destinations were primarily to Japan (400 MT) and Taiwan (100 MT).

Sorghum: Net sales reductions of 15,300 MT for 2019/2020--a marketing-year low--were down noticeably from the previous week and from the prior 4-week average. Increases for China (70,000 MT, including 65,000 MT switched from unknown destinations) and Japan (300 MT), were more than offset by reductions for unknown destinations (65,000 MT) and Mexico (20,600 MT). For 2020/2021, total net sales of 65,000 MT were for China. Exports of 4,300 MT were down 98 percent from the previous week and from the prior 4-week average. The destinations were to Japan (3,300 MT), China (900 MT), and Mexico (100 MT).

U.S. Export Inspections: Week Ending May 7, 2020

Commodity (MT)	Export Inspections		Current Market YTD	Previous YTD	YTD as Percent of Previous
	Current Week	Previous Week			
Barley	0	0	30,548	9,866	310%
Corn	1,334,686	1,348,690	25,012,035	36,633,297	68%
Sorghum	76,545	198,359	2,724,083	1,302,922	209%
Soybeans	496,498	380,981	34,361,731	32,689,164	105%
Wheat	340,310	588,193	23,436,677	22,830,132	103%

Source: USDA/AMS. *Marketing Year is June 1-May 31 for wheat and barley and Sept. 1-Aug. 31 for corn, sorghum and soybeans. Week-to-week reports will vary due to exporter reported conditions & cancellations to previous week's reports.

USDA Grain Inspections for Export Report: Week Ending May 7, 2020

Region	YC	% of Total	WC	% of Total	Sorghum	% of Total
Lakes	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Atlantic	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Gulf	729,356	55%	9,900	52%	71,499	93%
PNW	371,859	28%	0	0%	3,300	4%
Interior Export Rail	214,589	16%	8,982	48%	1,746	2%
Total (Metric Tons)	1,315,804	100%	18,882	100%	76,545	100%
White Corn Shipments by Country (MT)			9,900 8,982	to Costa Rica to Mexico		
Total White Corn			18,882			
Sorghum Shipments by Country (MT)					72,502 3,300 743	to China to Japan to Mexico
Total Sorghum					76,545	

Source: USDA, World Perspectives, Inc.

FOB

Yellow Corn (USD/MT FOB Vessel)				
YC FOB Vessel Max. 15.0% Moisture	GULF		PNW	
	Basis (#2 YC)	Flat Price (#2 YC)	Basis (#2 YC)	Flat Price (#2 YC)
June	0.72+N	\$153.14	0.91+N	\$160.62
July	0.69+N	\$152.16	0.88+N	\$159.44
August	0.62+U	\$150.98	0.83+U	\$159.44

#2 White Corn (U.S. \$/MT FOB Vessel)			
Max. 15.0% Moisture	June	July	August
Gulf	\$188	\$188	\$188

Sorghum (USD/MT FOB Vessel)				
#2 YGS FOB Vessel Max 14.0% Moisture	NOLA		TEXAS	
	Basis	Flat Price	Basis	Flat Price
June	2.40+N	\$219.48	2.25+N	\$213.57
July	2.30+N	\$215.54	2.15+N	\$209.63
August	2.30+U	\$217.31	2.15+U	\$211.41

Corn Gluten Feed Pellets (CGFP) (FOB Vessel U.S. \$/MT)			
	June	July	August
New Orleans	\$198	\$198	\$198
<i>Quantity 5,000 MT</i>			
Corn Gluten Meal (CGM) (FOB Vessel U.S. \$/MT)			
Bulk 60% Pro.	June	July	August
New Orleans	\$550	\$550	\$550
<i>*5-10,000 MT Minimum</i>			

DDGS Price Table: May 14, 2020 (USD/MT)
 (Quantity, availability, payment and delivery terms vary)

Delivery Point Quality Min. 35% Pro-fat combined	June	July	August
Barge CIF New Orleans	191	191	190
FOB Vessel GULF	208	205	203
Rail delivered PNW	202	200	198
Rail delivered California	204	203	203
Mid-Bridge Laredo, TX	200	201	198
FOB Lethbridge, Alberta	189	186	186
40 ft. Containers to South Korea (Busan)	255	255	253
40 ft. Containers to Taiwan (Kaohsiung)	252	252	250
40 ft. Containers to Philippines (Manila)	262	259	260
40 ft. Containers to Indonesia (Jakarta)	255	253	253
40 ft. Containers to Malaysia (Port Kelang)	256	254	253
40 ft. Containers to Vietnam (HCMC)	255	253	250
40 ft. Containers to Japan (Yokohama)	260	256	254
40 ft. containers to Thailand (LCMB)	259	257	255
40 ft. Containers to China (Shanghai)	259	257	255
40 ft. Containers to Bangladesh (Chittagong)	279	277	275
40 ft. Containers to Myanmar (Yangon)	277	273	272
KC Rail Yard (delivered ramp)	202	200	198
Elwood, IL Rail Yard (delivered ramp)	191	191	189

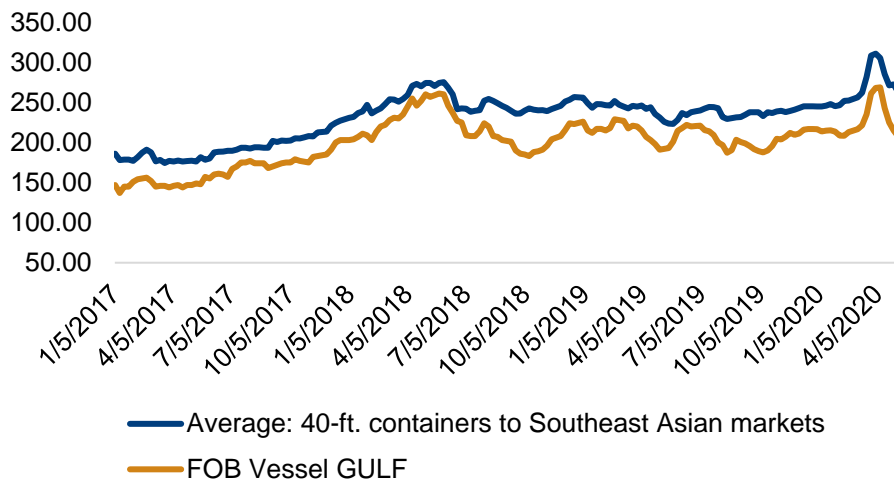
*Source: World Perspectives, Inc. *Prices are based on offer indications only; terms of delivery, payment and quality may vary from one supplier to another, impacting the actual value of the price.*

Distiller's Dried Grains with Solubles (DDGS)

DDGS Comments: Cash corn prices are firmer across the U.S. this week, with basis moving 3 cents/bushel higher. Prices for DDGS FOB ethanol plants are down \$12/MT while Kansas City soymeal prices are steady. DDGS are priced at 149 percent of cash corn values, down from last week and falling from five-year highs. The DDGS/soymeal price ratio is 0.52, down from the prior week and above the three-year average of 0.42.

DDGS prices are mostly steady this week amid quiet trade. Barge CIF NOLA values are down \$3-5/MT while FOB NOLA offers are steady at \$208/MT for spot shipment. U.S. rail rates are slightly weaker as well while prices 40-foot containers to Southeast Asia are down \$2-5/MT. The average offer for containerized DDGS CNF Southeast Asia hit \$262/MT for June positions and \$260 for July/August.

DDGS Indications: U.S. Gulf (FOB) and
40-foot containers to Southeast Asia
(\$/MT)



Source: World Perspectives, Inc.

Country News

Algeria: Government grain buying agency ONAB tendered for 40 KMT of corn for July shipment. (AgriCensus)

Australia: The country's barley crop, half of which goes to China, is now facing punitive duties in that country amounting to 73.6 percent and a subsidy margin of up to 6.9 percent. Beijing has also blocked beef imports from four Australian abattoirs. China assures that the measures have nothing to do with Canberra's investigation of the origins of the coronavirus. Canadian and U.S. malting barley could benefit from duties on an Australian barley expected to be 3 percent larger than a year ago. (AgriCensus; World Grain; FarmLead)

Brazil: The advisory Safras and Mercado lowered their estimate for the 2019/20 Brazilian corn crop to 101.5 MMT, a 4.2 MMT change from their previous estimate. Conab raised its corn production projection to 102.3 MMT while Agroconsult says it is 99 MMT. (Reuters)

China: Rumors indicate the National Grain Trade Council will begin auctioning next week 56.6 MMT of government stockpiled corn at a rate of 3 MMT per week. The auction target price is estimated at RMB 1,750/MT, which is low considering the current procurement price is RMB 2,000/MT for Grade 2. China expects corn imports in 2020/21 to rise by 25 percent to 5 MMT due to attractive import prices and the Phase One deal. It has just granted 2 MMT of corn import quota to state buyers. (Reuters; AgriCensus)

EU: The area planted to corn in France will be 11 percent greater as farmers make up for lost winter crops. (AgriCensus)

Kazakhstan: The barley crop estimate has been lowered to 3.9 MMT. It is typically exported to Iran and Uzbekistan but could now shift to China if Australian barley incurs punitive duties. (FarmLead)

Paraguay: The 2019/20 corn crop is likely to fall at least 25 percent even as corn exports have doubled over the past year to 3 MMT. (AgriCensus)

Turkey: The government grain buying agency TMO is looking to purchase 250 KMT of corn for May-June shipment. (AgriCensus)

South Korea: MFG and KFA purchased corn via a combination of private transactions and a public tender. (AgriCensus)

Ocean Freight Markets and Spreads

Bulk Freight Indices for HSS — Heavy Grain, Sorghum and Soybeans* May 14, 2020			
Route and Vessel Size	Current Week (USD/MT)	Change from Previous Report	Remarks
55,000 U.S. Gulf-Japan	\$34.00	Down \$1.00	Handymax \$34.50 mt
55,000 U.S. PNW- Japan	\$17.75	Down \$0.50	Handymax \$18.25 mt
66,000 U.S. Gulf – China	\$33.50	Down \$1.00	North China
PNW to China	\$17.00	Down \$0.50	
25,000 U.S. Gulf- Veracruz, México	\$14.75	Down \$0.25	3,000 MT daily discharge rate
30-35,000+ U.S. Gulf- Veracruz, México	\$11.75	Down \$0.25	Deep draft and 6,000 MT per day discharge rate.
25-35,000 U.S. Gulf – East Coast, Colombia	\$17.00	Down \$0.25	<u>West Coast Colombia at \$27.00</u> USG to E/C 50,000 mt at \$13.75
From Argentina	\$31.75		
43-45,000 U.S. Gulf - Guatemala	\$26.50	Down \$0.50	Acajutla/Quetzal - 8,000 out
26-30,000 U.S. Gulf – Algeria	\$31.25 \$32.00	Down \$0.50	8,000 mt daily discharge 3,000 mt daily discharge
26-30,000 US Gulf-Morocco	\$31.50	Down \$0.50	5,000 discharge rate
55-60,000 U.S. Gulf –Egypt	\$22.50	Down \$1.00	60,000 -55,000 mt Romania- Russia- Ukraine \$8.25-\$8.25 -\$8.50 France \$10.75
PNW to Egypt	\$20.50		
60-70,000 U.S. Gulf – Europe, Rotterdam	\$11.50	Down \$0.50	Handymax at +\$1.75 more
Brazil, Santos – China	\$22.00	Down \$0.75	54-59,000 Supramax- Panamax
Brazil, Santos – China	\$21.00		60-66,000 Post Panamax
Northern Coast Brazil - China	\$25.00		Upriver No. Brazil Plus - 55,000 mt Plus \$7.50/mt
56-60,000 Argentina/Rosario – China, Deep Draft	\$25.50	Down \$0.75	Upriver with BB Top Off \$29.75

Source: O'Neil Commodity Consulting

*Numbers for this table based on previous night's closing values.

Ocean Freight Comments

Transportation and Export Report: Jay O'Neil, O'Neil Commodity Consulting: Dry-bulk markets continued their slow drift lower. The Capesize sector suffered the most, especially in the Atlantic, but all dry-bulk sectors are in the doldrums. Freight traders have started each week with optimism but end up giving up to lackluster buying interest. This is the cycle the markets are in and one that vessel owners and bankers are hoping will break before shipping companies do. Spot Capesize rates are at record lows and Panamax daily hire rates are below \$5,500/day. So, the big question remains: has the market hit bottom yet?

Baltic-Panamax Dry-Bulk Indices				
May 14, 2020	This Week	Last Week	Difference	Percent Change
Route				
P2A: Gulf/Atlantic – Japan	11,232	12,191	-959	-7.9
P3A: PNW/Pacific– Japan	5,987	5,951	36	0.6
S1C: U.S. Gulf-China-S. Japan	11,411	11,472	-61	-0.5

Source: O'Neil Commodity Consulting

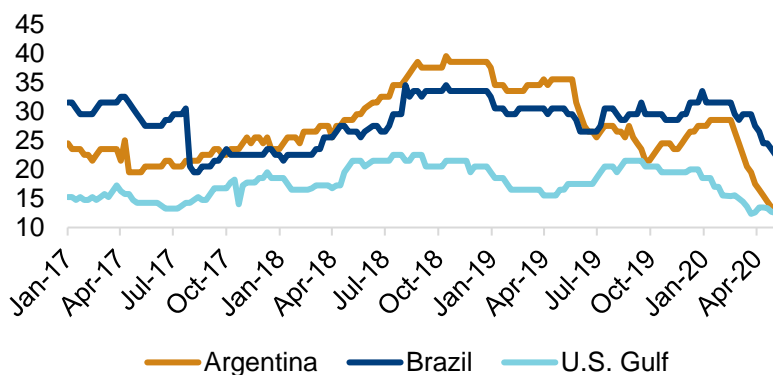
Capesize Vessel Freight Values Western Australia to South China (iron ore)	
Four weeks ago:	\$4.50-4.60
Three weeks ago:	\$4.30-4.90
Two weeks ago:	\$4.25-4.50
One week ago:	\$3.95-4.25
This week	\$3.60-3.75

Source: O'Neil Commodity Consulting

U.S.-Asia Market Spreads					
May 14, 2020	PNW	Gulf	Bushel Spread	MT Spread	Advantage
#2 Corn	0.85	0.68	0.17	\$6.69	PNW
Soybeans	1.20	0.64	0.56	\$20.58	GULF
Ocean Freight	\$17.00	\$33.50	0.42-0.45	\$16.50	June

Source: O'Neil Commodity Consulting

Bulk Grain Freight Rates to Europe from
Select Origins



Source: World Perspectives, Inc., O'Neil Commodity Consulting

Bulk Grain Freight Rates for Key Suppliers and Destinations
May 14, 2020

Origin	Destination	This Week	Monthly Change	Monthly % Change	Yearly Change	Yearly % Change	2-Year History
<i>Panamax/Supramax Vessels</i>							
U.S. Gulf		34.00	-4.25	-11.1%	-9	-20.9%	
U.S. PNW	Japan	17.75	-2	-10.1%	-5.75	-24.5%	
Argentina		27.50	-1	-3.5%	-7	-20.3%	
Brazil		21.50	-3	-12.2%	-10	-31.7%	
U.S. Gulf		33.50	-3.75	-10.1%	-9.25	-21.6%	
U.S. PNW	China	17.00	-2	-10.5%	-5.75	-25.3%	
Argentina		25.50	-2.75	-9.7%	-10.5	-29.2%	
Brazil		25.00	-3.25	-11.5%	-7.75	-23.7%	
U.S. Gulf		12.50	-0.95	-7.1%	-4	-24.2%	
Argentina	Europe	13.50	-3	-18.2%	-22	-62.0%	
Brazil		22.50	-4	-15.1%	-8	-26.2%	
Argentina	Saudi Arabia	48.50	0	0.0%	13	36.6%	
Brazil		47.50	0	0.0%	10	26.7%	
U.S. Gulf		22.50	0.00	0.0%	-5.00	-18.2%	
U.S. PNW	Egypt	22.10	0.65	3.0%	-6.05	-21.5%	
Argentina		17.50	-3.00	-14.6%	-14.00	-44.4%	
Brazil		24.50	-4.00	-14.0%	-5.00	-16.9%	
<i>Handysize Vessels</i>							
U.S. Gulf		32.50	-1.00	-3.0%	-2.00	-5.8%	
U.S. Great Lakes	Morocco	41.60	-0.25	-0.6%	-6.20	-13.0%	
Argentina		28.50	0.00	0.0%	4.00	16.3%	
Brazil		26.50	-1.00	-3.6%	0.00	0.0%	
U.S. Great Lakes	Europe	40.65	0.80	2.0%	-5.65	-12.2%	
Brazil		24.50	-4.35	-15.1%	-6.40	-20.7%	
Argentina	Algeria	29.50	-2.00	-6.3%	2.00	7.3%	
Brazil		30.50	-5.00	-14.1%	3.00	10.9%	
U.S. Gulf		17.00	-1.00	-5.6%	-3.25	-16.0%	
U.S. PNW	Colombia	26.95	1.20	4.7%	-3.05	-10.2%	
Argentina		31.75	-0.25	-0.8%	-1.50	-4.5%	
<i>Shipping Indexes</i>							
Baltic Dry Index		474	-161	-25.4%	-552	-53.8%	

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