

Market Perspectives

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Chicago Board of Trade Market News

| | We | eek in Review: C | ME Corn December | Contract | |
|------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|--|
| Cents/Bu | Friday, Sep 27, 2024 | Monday, Sep 30, 2024 | Tuesday, Oct 1, 2024 | Wednesday, Oct 2, 2024 | Thursday, Oct 3, 2024 |
| Change | 4.75 | 6.75 | 4.25 | 3.50 | -4.25 |
| Closing Price | 418.00 | 424.75 | 429.00 | 432.50 | 428.25 |
| Factors Affecting the Market | Mixed prices overnight from the CBOT with corn down 1 cent, wheat down 4 cents but soybeans up 2 cents. An active harvest weekend is expected with very favorable harvest weather across the main part of the cornbelt. The daytime session saw prices move higher toward the daytime close. Russia has increased their export duty by tenfold from 292.7 roubles to 2,786.2 roubles as a way to curb exports amid lower corn crop forecasts due to the extreme weather that hit their key corn producing areas. While Russia exported 7 mmt of corn in the 2023/24 season, it is expected that corn exports from Russia will fall to 2.5 mmt in the current trade year. Ukraine's corn producer union while APK-Inform puts the harvest at 26.8 mmt. | Overnight trade was mixed with corn down 1 cent, soybeans down 8 cents, and wheat up 4 cents. Harvest weather was very conducive to fast harvest of corn and soybeans in the Midwest. Flooding in the Southeastern U.S., especially in North and South Carolina has caused some loss of livestock (poultry and hogs) and disrupted operations at some soybean crush plants. The flood is receding, and power is being restored. In the past two weeks three new soybean crush plants began operations which adds to U.S. domestic soybean meal and soybean oil supplies. The quarterly grain stocks report added some upside support for corn with just 1.76 billion bushels of corn on hand. While it was 400 million bushels more than last year, it was 84 million bushels below trade expectations and down from the latest WASDE. | Overnight trade was mixed with wheat up 1 cent, corn down 1 cent, and soybeans down 7 cents. With the stocks report now "old news" the market is turning its focus on the October crop production report for corn and soybeans in the US and the next WASDE along with growing concerns for planting progress or lack of it in Brazil and Argentina due to hot, dry weather that is persisting into October. U.S. Longshoremen went out on strike early Tuesday morning which is causing snarls to become numerous as ship loadings and unloading comes to a halt at Gulf and East Coast ports. Container trade will be the most impacted. Bulk grain loading from the Gulf or Pacific Northwest will be largely unaffected. NASS reports that 21% of the US corn crop has been harvested and 26% of soybeans. Harvest progress for both is ahead of last year and ahead of the 5-year average. Planting progress in Mato Grosso is off to a very slow start with less than 1% planted by the end of last week. It is the slowest start to planting in 5 years. | Overnight trade was on the positive side with corn up 3 cents, and soybeans up 7 cents. Price strength extended even further for corn during the daytime session with December corn closing up 3 ½ cents. The central U.S. weather forecast projects extended dryness into the second half of October with abnormal warmth for the Central Plains states. While there is the risk of tropical storm activity, any soaking rains are currently confined to the southeastern U.S. Harvest progress over the next two weeks is expected to rival current records (about 15% per week) for both corn and soybeans. Forecasts also show low, but adequate river levels being maintained in the southern portion of the Mississippi River so export barges will continue to move normally. The primary issue is one of topsoil moisture loss across the Plains states where wheat seedings are setting in very dry soils and in some cases needing rainfall to stimulate germination. | Overnight futures at the CBOT were lower with corn down 2 cents, soybeans down 12 cents and wheat down 4 cents. Front month crude oil futures are about \$1 higher, and the U.S. dollar index is higher. Weekly Export Sales data is expected to show corn bookings for the week ending on September 26 in a range of 0.6 to 1 MMT for 2024/25, with 2025/26 sales estimated to be 0 to 50,000 MT. The weekly EIA report showed ethanol production at 1.015 million barrels per day during the week that ended on September 27. That was a 21,000 bpd increase from the week prior. Stocks were down 65,000 barrels at 23.459 million barrels. Refiner inputs were 908,000 bpd, with exports up 15,000 to 102,000 bpd. The labor strike at U.S. ports is in its third day. If the strike persists beyond a week, significant impacts are expected on U.S. consumer supply chains and shortages of perishable goods, auto parts, and other consumer items. Rail shipments to Mexico have resumed. |



Outlook

Corn stocks in all positions on September 1, 2024, totaled 1.76 billion bushels, up 29.4 percent from September 1, 2023. Of the total stocks, 780 million bushels are stored on farms, up 29.1 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 980 million bushels, are up 29.7 percent from a year ago. The June - August 2024 indicated disappearance was 3.24 billion bushels, compared with 2.75 billion bushels during the same period last year.

On-farm corn stocks in Iowa are up 27.3%, slightly less than the national average, off-farm stocks in Iowa are down 0.5% compared to an increase of 4.3% nationally. And total stocks in Iowa are up 10.5% compared to an increase of 29.4% nationally. Of the major corn producing states, on-farm stocks are up the greatest in South Dakota (+102.6%) while Missouri stocks show the Iowest yearly change (-20.5%). Off-farm corn stocks are up the most in Wisconsin (+74.3%) and down the most in Iowa (-0.5%). For total corn grain stocks, the state with the highest percentage increase in total stocks was South Dakota (+62.5%) followed closely by Indiana (+57.3%). The state with the Iowest percentage gain in corn stocks was Missouri (+7.6%).

Soybeans stored in all positions on September 1, 2024, totaled 342 million bushels, up 29.4 percent from September 1, 2023. On-farm stocks totaled 111 million bushels, up 54.4 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 230 million bushels, are up 20.1 percent from a year ago. Indicated disappearance for the June - August 2024 quarter totaled 627 million bushels, down 1.4 percent from the same period a year earlier. On-farm soybeans stocks in Iowa are 116.7% greater than a year ago. Off-farm soybean stocks in Iowa are 32.8% greater than a year ago. Total soybean stocks in Iowa as of June 1 are 53.9% greater than a year ago.

The state with the greatest percentage change in on-farm soybean stocks is Iowa as previously mentioned. South Dakota follows behind with a percent change of 94.9% from last year. The state with the lowest change in on-farm soybean stocks is Wisconsin (-30.7%). For off-farm soybean stocks, Indiana (+67.0%) has the greatest percentage increase in stocks, with Missouri (-9.2%) showing the greatest percentage drop in off-farm soybean stocks. For total soybean stocks, Indiana (+55.7%) shows the greatest increase in soybean stocks. Wisconsin shows the smallest percentage increase in soybean stocks, up only 3.6%.

The contract between the ports and about 45,000 members of the International Longshoremen's Association expired at midnight, and even though progress was reported in talks on Monday, the workers went on strike. The strike affecting 36 ports is the first by the union since 1977. Other than port congestion and some delays in ship movements, this strike is not expected to significantly affect bulk grain shipments. It will affect shipments of containerized materials.

U.S. corn harvest is now reported to be 21% complete and soybean harvest 26% complete. That is ahead of both last year's pace and the 5-year average. Planting progress in Brazil is off to a slow start. Mato Grosso reports less than 1% of planting is done, the slowest in 5 years.



CBOT December 2024 Corn Futures



Current Market Values

| Commodity/Contract month | 3-Oct-24 | 26-Sep-24 | Net Change |
|--------------------------|----------|-----------|------------|
| Corn | | | |
| Dec 24 | 428.25 | 413.25 | 15.00 |
| Mar 25 | 446.00 | 431.00 | 15.00 |
| May 25 | 455.00 | 441.00 | 14.00 |
| Jul 25 | 460.00 | 446.75 | 13.25 |
| Soybeans | | | |
| Nov 24 | 1046.00 | 1041.00 | 5.00 |
| Jan 25 | 1064.50 | 1059.25 | 5.25 |
| Mar 25 | 1079.75 | 1073.00 | 6.75 |
| May 25 | 1093.00 | 1085.75 | 7.25 |
| Soybean Meal | | | |
| Oct 24 | 332.80 | 324.20 | 8.60 |
| Dec 24 | 332.50 | 326.80 | 5.70 |
| Jan 25 | 331.10 | 328.10 | 3.00 |
| Mar 25 | 331.10 | 330.10 | 1.00 |



U.S. Weather/Crop Progress

| U.S. Crop Progress (Corn, Barley, Sorghum & Soybean Harvest) | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|----|-----|----|--|--|--|--|
| Week Ending/Commodity Corn Sorghum Barley Soybeans | | | | | | | | |
| September 29, 2024 | 21 | 35 | N/A | 26 | | | | |
| September 15, 2024 | 14 | 29 | N/A | 13 | | | | |
| September 29, 2023 | 21 | 33 | N/A | 20 | | | | |
| 5-Year Average 18 32 N/A 18 | | | | | | | | |
| Source: | Source: USDA-NASS, Decision Innovation Solutions | | | | | | | |

| U.S. Crop Condition Rating (Percent) Week Ending: September 29, 2024 | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------|----------|----|--|--|--|
| Rating/Commodity | Commodity Corn Sorghum Barley S | | | | | | |
| Excellent | 15 | 8 | N/A | 12 | | | |
| Good | 49 | 37 | N/A | 52 | | | |
| Fair | 23 | 32 | N/A | 25 | | | |
| Poor | 8 | 15 | N/A | 8 | | | |
| Very Poor | 4 | 8 | N/A | 3 | | | |
| Source: | USDA-NASS, Dec | ision Innovation So | olutions | | | | |

Highlights:

- 21% of the corn is now harvested, up 7 points from last week, steady with last year and 3 points ahead of the 5-yr average. Sorghum harvest is at 35%, 2 points ahead of last year and 3 points ahead of the 5-year average. Barley harvest is now completed. Soybean harvest in now at 26% completed, up 13 points from last week, 6 points ahead of last year and 8 points ahead of the 5-year average.
- The corn crop condition was down 1 point from last week with the Good/Excellent rating at 64%. Sorghum condition was up 1% in the G/E category at 45%, but 23% of sorghum is now rated poor to very poor condition due to excessive heat and dryness. The soybean condition rating held steady at 64% G/E.
- In the West, cool weather is limited to the northern tier of the region, from the Pacific Northwest to the northern Rockies. Meanwhile, summer-like heat prevails from California to the central and southern Rockies. Although winds are currently light, many areas of the West have not received enough moisture this autumn to end the wildfire season.
- On the Plains, a dry cold front separates cooler air across the northwestern half of the region from ongoing, late-season heat in much of Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. With topsoil moisture (on September 29) rated 50 to 70% very short to short in all Plains States, except North Dakota, producers remain concerned about drought having an adverse impact on winter wheat establishment. However, the dry weather also favors summer crop maturation and harvesting.
- In the Corn Belt, cooler air is overspreading the upper Midwest, while warm, dry weather covers the remainder of the region. Thursday's high temperatures will approach or reach 90°F in parts of Missouri. On September 29, Minnesota led the Midwest with 35% of its soybean acreage



- harvested, ahead of the 5-year average of 27%. Meanwhile, the Midwestern corn harvest ranged from 1% complete in North Dakota to 48% complete in Missouri.
- In the South, warm, dry weather prevails, except across parts of Florida. Showers are lurking, however, over the Gulf of Mexico. In the southern Appalachians, post-flood weather remains favorable for search and recovery efforts, although catastrophic damage is complicating access to the hardest-hit areas. Tragically, Hurricane Helene has become the fourth-deadliest U.S. tropical cyclone of the last 60 years, following Maria (Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, 2017); Katrina (U.S. Gulf Coast, including New Orleans, 2005); and Camille (Gulf Coast to Appalachia, 1969).

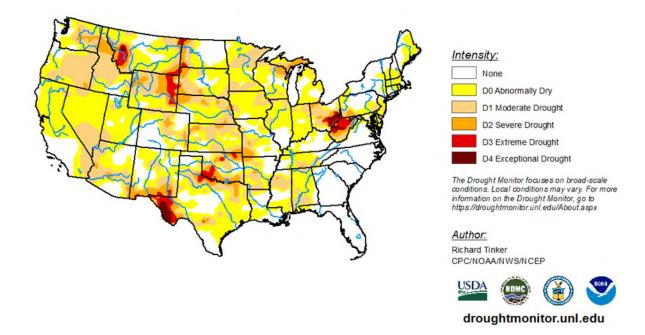
Outlook:

With late-week winds expected to increase across the northern U.S., an elevated wildfire threat will develop by Friday as far south as the northern Great Basin and as far east as Nebraska and the Dakotas. In fact, large sections of the country—including the Plains and much of the Midwest and West—will experience dry weather during the next 5 days. A few late-week and weekend showers may occur in the Pacific Northwest and Northeast, while Florida's peninsula will remain wet. Chances of tropical cyclone development over the Gulf of Mexico have slightly diminished, although locally heavy rain may still fall during the next few days along the immediate U.S. Gulf Coast. However, warm, mostly dry weather should prevail in Southeastern flood-recovery areas, with cooler air arriving early next week. The NWS 6-to 10-day outlook for October 8 – 12 calls for the likelihood of near- or above-normal temperatures and near- or below-normal precipitation across much of the country. Cooler-than-normal conditions will be confined to parts of the eastern U.S., mainly from Georgia to New England, while wetter-than-normal weather should be limited to northern Maine; portions of the Pacific Coast States; and the lower Southeast, including Florida's peninsula.



U.S. Drought Monitor Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

October 1, 2024 (Released Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024) Valid 8 a.m. EDT



FOB

| Yellow Corn (\$USD/MT FOB Vessel, Values as of October 2, 2024) | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------|----------|---------|------------|---------|------------|--|
| #2 YC FOB Vessel | Futures Month | Futures | G | ULF | | PNW | |
| Max. 15% Moisture | | Price | Basis | Flat Price | Basis | Flat Price | |
| Delivery Month | | (\$/bu) | (\$/bu) | (\$USD/MT) | (\$/bu) | (\$USD/MT) | |
| November | Z | \$4.3250 | \$1.14 | \$215.15 | \$1.74 | \$238.77 | |
| December | Z | \$4.3250 | \$1.10 | \$213.57 | \$1.71 | \$237.59 | |
| January | Н | \$4.5000 | \$1.06 | \$218.89 | \$1.55 | \$238.18 | |
| February | Н | \$4.5000 | \$0.85 | \$210.62 | \$1.52 | \$237.00 | |
| March | Н | \$4.5000 | \$0.85 | \$210.62 | N/A | N/A | |
| April | Н | \$4.5875 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | |

| Sorghum (\$USD/MT FOB Vessel, Values as of October 2, 2024) | | | | | | |
|---|------------------|----------|---------|------------|---------|------------|
| #2 YGS FOB Vessel Max. | Futures | Futures | N | IOLA | | TEXAS |
| 14% Moisture | Futures Month | Price | Basis | Flat Price | Basis | Flat Price |
| Delivery Month | | (\$/bu) | (\$/bu) | (\$USD/MT) | (\$/bu) | (\$USD/MT) |
| November | Z | \$4.3250 | N/A | N/A | \$1.90 | \$245.07 |
| December | Z | \$4.3250 | N/A | N/A | \$1.90 | \$245.07 |
| January | Z | \$4.3250 | N/A | N/A | \$1.90 | \$245.07 |

| Corn Gluten Feed Pellets (\$USD/MT) | | | | | | |
|---|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| 21% Protein Central U.S. Barge Delivered NOLA | | | | | | |
| November | \$112 | \$139 | | | | |
| December | \$112 | \$132 | | | | |
| January | \$112 | \$132 | | | | |

| Corn Gluten Meal (\$USD/MT) | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---|----------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 60% Protein | Central U.S. Barge | Delivered NOLA | | | | | |
| November | \$430 | \$457 | | | | | |
| December | \$430 \$449 | | | | | | |
| January | \$430 | \$449 | | | | | |
| Notes: | Prices are based on offer indications only. Quoted prices are believed to reflect current market conditions but may vary from actual offers. Terms of delivery, payment and quality may vary from one supplier to another, impacting the actual price. One corn or sorghum bushel equals 56 pounds and one metric ton equals 2,204.62 pounds. | | | | | | |



Distiller's Dried Grains with Solubles (DDGS)

DDGS Comments

USDA reported DDGS prices averaged \$142 per short ton in the September 27 National Weekly Ethanol Report. Prices were up \$2 from the previous report and up \$3 from the previous month.

The DDGS/cash corn ratio was 1.03, unchanged from last week. The DDGS/KC soybean meal ratio was 0.41, up from 0.40 last week.

The EIA reported U.S. ethanol production averaged 1,015 thousand barrels per day (tbpd) the week ending September 27. This was up 21 tbpd (2.1%) week-over-week and up 6 tbpd (0.6%) with production this time last year. The 4-week average production was 1,035 tbpd, down 11 tbpd from last week. Prices increased slightly again this week as production rebounded over 1 million barrels per day.

| DDGS Price Table: October 2, 2024 (USD/MT) (Quantity, availability, payment, and delivery terms vary) | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|---------------|----------|--|--|
| Delivery Point (Quality Min. 35% Pro-fat combined) | October | November | December | | |
| Barge CIF New Orleans | 178 | 179 | 179 | | |
| FOB Vessel Gulf | 195 | 194 | 196 | | |
| Rail Delivered PNW | 210 | 209 | 210 | | |
| Rail Delivered California | 212 | 210 | 212 | | |
| Mid-Bridge, Laredo, TX | 230 | 228 | 230 | | |
| FOB Lethbridge, Alberta | 190 | 189 | 190 | | |
| 40 ft containers to South Korea (Busan) | 250 | 248 | 251 | | |
| 40 ft containers to Taiwan (Kaohsiung) | 252 | 250 | 252 | | |
| 40 ft containers to Philippines (Manila) | 291 | 289 | 292 | | |
| 40 ft containers to Indonesia (Jakarta) | 276 | 274 | 276 | | |
| 40 ft containers to Malaysia (Port Kelang) | 270 | 268 | 270 | | |
| 40 ft containers to Vietnam (HCMC) | 256 | 254 | 257 | | |
| 40 ft containers to Japan (Yokohama) | 260 | 258 | 260 | | |
| 40 ft containers to Thailand (LCMB) | 264 | 263 | 265 | | |
| 40 ft containers to China (Shanghai) | 212 | 210 | 212 | | |
| 40 ft containers to Bangladesh (Chittagong) | N/A | N/A | N/A | | |
| 40 ft containers to Myanmar (Yangon) | 270 | 268 | 270 | | |
| KC Rail Yard (delivered ramp) | 174 | 173 | 174 | | |
| Elwood, IL Rail Yard (delivered ramp) | 160 | 158 | 160 | | |
| Source: Reuters/Decision Innovation Solutions and Pola | aris Analytics an | d Consulting. | | | |
| Notes: Prices are based on offer indications only. Quoted prices are believed to reflect current market conditions but may vary from actual offers. Terms of delivery, payment and quality may vary from one supplier to another, impacting the actual price. | | | | | |



Ocean Freight Markets and Spreads

| Bulk Freight Rates for HSS – Heavy Grain, Sorghum and Soybeans* \$USD/MT | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------|---------------|--------|--|--|--|--|
| Route and Vessel Size | 2-Oct-24 | 25-Sep-24 | Change | | | | |
| 55,000 U.S. Gulf – Japan | 54.28 | 57.71 | -3.43 | | | | |
| 55,000 U.S. PNW – Japan | 25.17 | 26.25 | -1.08 | | | | |
| 66,000 U.S. Gulf – China | 44.65 | 47.52 | -2.87 | | | | |
| 66,000 U.S. PNW – China | 23.20 | 24.54 | -1.34 | | | | |
| 25,000 U.S. Gulf – Veracruz, Mexico | 20.00 | 20.00 | 0.00 | | | | |
| 30-36,000 U.S. Gulf – Veracruz, Mexico | 8.86 | 8.92 | -0.06 | | | | |
| 35,000 US Gulf – Santa Marta, Colombia | 16.86 | 17.00 | -0.14 | | | | |
| 35,000 US Gulf – Buenaventura, Colombia | 28.78 | 28.96 | -0.18 | | | | |
| 39,000 Argentina – Buenaventura, Colombia | 27.25 | 28.37 | -1.12 | | | | |
| 39,000 Argentina – Cartagena, Colombia | 27.75 | 28.86 | -1.11 | | | | |
| 26-30,000 U.S. Gulf – Morocco | 48.00 | 49.00 | -1.00 | | | | |
| 55-60,000 U.S. Gulf – Egypt | 34.00 | 34.00 | 0.00 | | | | |
| 55-60,000 U.S. PNW – Egypt | 53.00 | 53.00 | 0.00 | | | | |
| 60-70,000 U.S. Gulf – Europe, Rotterdam | 24.00 | 26.00 | -2.00 | | | | |
| Brazil, Santos – China | 39.19 | 42.60 | -3.41 | | | | |
| Northern Coast Brazil – China | 33.55 | 36.38 | -2.83 | | | | |
| 56-60,000 Argentina/Rosario – China Deep Draft 44.26 47.61 -3.35 | | | | | | | |
| Source: Reuters; *Values for this table base | d on previous night's cl | osing values. | | | | | |
| Rates are based on offer indications only. Quoted rates are believed to reflect current market conditions but may vary from actual offers. Rates to Colombia have been updated with new routes and information. | | | | | | | |

Ocean Freight Comments

As expected, the International Longshore Association went on strike, essentially shutting down container terminals and ports from Maine to Texas this week. They are striking for increased wages, no expansion of automation and other issues. Even though President Obama used the Presidential Emergency Board in 2012 to keep the ports operating, President Biden refuses to use such a tool. Bulk grain and soybean and product exports will not be impacted, however, meat and other agricultural products moved by container through U.S. East Coast and Center Gulf container ports will be impacted. Shippers have been exercising contingency plans for this strike to minimize the impact. The ILA is communicating it can strike against the U.S. Maritime Association for an extended time. The USMA has not commented but its members have been initiating contingency plans.

The Houthi terrorist organization in the Red Sea has not had successful attacks on vessels transiting the Red Sea in recent weeks. This week they targeted two vessels leading to slight damage. In the meantime, they are reverting to attacking ports and terminals in Israel. Vessel owners and operators continue to bypass the Red Sea to minimize attacks and to protect their crews.



Despite strength in the Capesize market, the Baltic Dry Index reversed course this week, losing 1.9% or 38 points to an index of 1,978. The Baltic Capesize Index gained 84 points or 2.5% this week. The smaller vessel classes, however, were weaker. The Panamax sector lost 11.6% or 170 points to an index of 1,364. The Baltic Supramax Index dropped 3.4% to 1,272.

Voyage grain rates retreated this week. The U.S. Gulf to Japan freight rate lost \$3.43 per metric ton or 5.9% for the week to \$54.28 per metric ton. From the Pacific Northwest the rate dropped 4.1% or \$1.08 per metric ton at \$25.17 per metric ton. The spread between these revered grain routes narrowed 7.5% or \$2.35 per metric ton to \$29.11 per metric ton. Both routes are quoted using vessels loaded with 55,000 metric tons.

To China the rate from the U.S. Gulf was \$44.65 per metric ton for the week, losing \$2.87 per metric ton or 6%. From the PNW, the rate contracted \$1.34 per metric ton or 5.5% to \$23.20 per metric ton this week. The spread on this route narrowed by 6.7% or \$1.53 per metric ton to \$21.45 per metric ton. Both routes to China are quoted using vessels loaded with 66,000 metric tons.

| Baltic Panamax Dry Bulk Time Charter Rates \$USD/Day | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------------|-----------|--------|-------------------|--|--|
| Route | 2-Oct-24 | 25-Sep-24 | Change | Percent Change | | |
| P2A: U.S. Gulf/Atlantic – Japan | 19,629 | 21,875 | -2,246 | -10.3 | | |
| P3A: PNW/Pacific – Japan | 11,633 13,086 -1,453 -11.1 | | | | | |
| S1C: U.S. Gulf – China/S. Japan | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | | |
| Source: | Baltic Exchange | e/Reuters | | | | |
| Rates are based on offer indications only. Quoted rates are believed to reflect current market conditions but may vary from actual offers. | | | | | | |

| Capesize Vessel Freight Values Western Australia to South China (iron ore) | | | | | | | |
|---|-------|-------|-------|------|--|--|--|
| 2-Oct-24 25-Sep-24 Change Percent Change | | | | | | | |
| \$USD/MT | 11.10 | 11.59 | -0.49 | -4.3 | | | |
| Source: Source: Baltic Exchange/Reuters | | | | | | | |
| Notes: Rates are based on offer indications only. Quoted rates are believed to reflect current market conditions but may vary from actual offers. | | | | | | | |



| U.S. – Asia Market Spreads \$USD/MT | | | | | | |
|---|-------|-------|---------------|-----------|--|--|
| 2-Oct-24 | PNW | Gulf | Bushel Spread | MT Spread | | |
| #2 Corn | 1.74 | 1.14 | 0.60 | 23.62 | | |
| Soybeans | 1.55 | 1.17 | 0.38 | 13.96 | | |
| Ocean Freight | 25.17 | 54.28 | | 29.11 | | |
| Source: Reuters, Decision Innovation Solutions & Polaris Analytics and Consulting | | | | | | |
| Notes: Prices and rates are based on offer indications only. Quoted rates and prices are believed to reflect current market conditions but may vary from actual offers. Terms of delivery, payment and quality may vary from one supplier to another, impacting the actual price. | | | | | | |

U.S. Export Statistics

| U.S. Export Sales and Exports: Week Ending September 26, 2024 | | | | | | |
|---|--|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Commodity | Gross Sales (MT) | Exports (MT) | YTD Exports (000 MT) | YTD Bookings (000 MT) | % Change YTD Bookings | |
| Wheat | 447,181 | 531,675 | 8,026.2 | 11,614.9 | 4.0% | |
| Corn | 1,865,006 | 1,170,397 | 3,406.0 | 16,427.7 | 11.4% | |
| Sorghum | 118,152 | 177,951 | 241.5 | 663.3 | 7.8% | |
| Barley | 0 | 300 | 2.6 | 19.7 | 0.0% | |
| Source: | USDA/FAS, Decision Innovation Solutions & Polaris Analytics Consulting | | | | | |

Corn

Net sales of 1,684,100 MT for 2024/2025 primarily for Mexico (540,800 MT, including 30,000 MT switched from unknown destinations and decreases of 300 MT), Colombia (339,100 MT, including 102,500 MT switched from unknown destinations and decreases of 70,200 MT), Japan (244,000 MT, including 102,400 MT switched from unknown destinations and decreases of 20,400 MT), Spain (141,500 MT, including 70,000 MT switched from unknown destinations), and Guatemala (121,200 MT, including 13,800 MT switched from Panama and decreases of 6,000 MT), were offset by reductions for unknown destinations (55,900 MT). Exports of 1,170,400 MT were primarily to Mexico (392,900 MT), Colombia (331,900 MT), Japan (254,000 MT), Spain (71,500 MT), and Panama (44,800 MT).

Barley

No net sales for 2024/2025 were reported for the week. Exports of 300 MT were to Japan.

Sorghum

Net sales of 48,000 MT for 2024/2025 reported for unknown destinations (60,000 MT), Eritrea (33,000 MT), and Japan (10,000 MT), were offset by reductions for China (55,000 MT). Total net sales of 1,000 MT for 2025/2026 were for Japan. Exports of 178,000 MT were to China (145,000 MT) and Eritrea (33,000 MT).



| U.S. Export Inspections: Week Ending September 26, 2024 | | | | | | |
|---|---|-----------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Commodity (MT) | Export Inspections Current Previous Week Week | | Current Market YTD | Previous YTD | YTD Change from Previous Year | |
| Barley | 0 | 0 | 4,798 | 643 | 646% | |
| Corn | 1,140,079 | 1,150,305 | 3,330,810 | 2,693,273 | 24% | |
| Sorghum | 180,101 | 78,970 | 330,370 | 247,079 | 34% | |
| Soybeans | 675,749 | 498,586 | 1,921,933 | 1,989,468 | -3% | |
| Wheat | 536,929 | 722,608 | 8,234,645 | 6,092,462 | 35% | |
| 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 & cancelations to previous week's reports. | | | | | |

| U.S. Grain Inspections for Export Report: Week Ending September 26, 2024 | | | | | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|---------------|------------|---------|------------------------------------|
| Region | Yellow Corn | % of Total | White Corn | % of Total | Sorghum | % of Total |
| Lakes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Atlantic | 1,224 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Gulf | 830,281 | 73% | 0 | 0% | 178,827 | 99% |
| PNW | 117,816 | 10% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Interior Export Rail | 190,734 | 17% | 24 | 100% | 1,274 | 1% |
| Total (MT) | 1,140,055 | 100% | 24 | 100% | 180,101 | 100% |
| White Corn Shipments by Country (MT) | | | 24 | to Ireland | | |
| Total White Corn | | | 24 | | | |
| Sorghum Shipments by Country (MT) Total Sorghum | | | | | 33,002 | to China to Eritrea to Other |
| Source: | | Weekly Grain I | nspections | | 100,101 | |



| Grain and Soybean Export Inspections by Container and Week | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------|--|--|--|--|
| | 26-Sep-24 | 19-Sep-24 | Change | % Change | | | | |
| | Metric Tons | | | | | | | |
| Total | 95,156 | 73,015 | 22,141 | 30% | | | | |
| Corn | 12,559 | 10,551 | 2,008 | 19% | | | | |
| Soybeans | 72,163 | 55,976 | 16,187 | 29% | | | | |
| Wheat | 6,441 | 4,676 | 1,765 | 38% | | | | |
| Sorghum | 3,993 | 1,812 | 2,181 | 120% | | | | |
| Barley | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% | | | | |
| | | Conta | iners | | | | | |
| Total | 3,886 | 2,982 | 904 | 30% | | | | |
| Corn | 513 | 431 | 82 | 19% | | | | |
| Soybeans | 2,947 | 2,286 | 661 | 29% | | | | |
| Wheat | 263 | 191 | 72 | 38% | | | | |
| Sorghum | 163 | 74 | 89 | 120% | | | | |
| Barley | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% | | | | |
| | | 15 Destinations | (number containe | • | | | | |
| Indonesia | 1,102 | 726 | 376 | 52% | | | | |
| Taiwan | 975 | 456 | 519 | 114% | | | | |
| Vietnam | 577 | 526 | 51 | 10% | | | | |
| China | 539 | 551 | -12 | -2% | | | | |
| Thailand | 327 | 363 | -36 | -10% | | | | |
| Malaysia | 142 | 196 | -54 | -28% | | | | |
| South Africa | 111 | 0 | 111 | 0% | | | | |
| Hong Kong | 30 | 22 | 8 | 36% | | | | |
| Philippines | 29 | 49 | -20 | -41% | | | | |
| Pakistan | 15 | 0 | 15 | 0% | | | | |
| Cambodia | 14 | 10 | 4 | 40% | | | | |
| South Korea | 12 | 18 | -6 | -33% | | | | |
| Japan | 5 | 17 | -12 | -71% | | | | |
| Nepal | 4 | 20 | -16 | -80% | | | | |
| Costa Rica | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0% | | | | |
| Source | USDA/AMS Week | ly Grain Inspecti | ons | | | | | |

