



# Market Perspectives

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## CBOT Corn Futures Prices

### Daily Price Evolution:

| Week in Review: CME Corn March Contract |                       |                       |                        |                          |                         |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
|   | Friday<br>February 14 | Monday<br>February 17 | Tuesday<br>February 18 | Wednesday<br>February 19 | Thursday<br>February 20 |
| <b>Daily Change</b>                     | 2.75                  | N/A*                  | 5.75                   | -4.50                    | 0.50                    |
| <b>Closing Price*</b>                   | 496.25                | N/A*                  | 502                    | 497.5                    | 498                     |

Price unit: Cents and quarter-cents/bu.

\*Markets were closed for the U.S. Presidents Day holiday.

### Weekly Price Performance:

| Futures Price Performance: Week Ending February 20, 2025 |         |         |            |
|--|---------|---------|------------|
| Commodity  | 20-Feb  | 14-Feb  | Net Change |
| <b>Corn</b>  |         |         |            |
| Mar 25   | 498.00  | 496.25  | 1.75       |
| May 25   | 512.75  | 508.75  | 4.00       |
| Jul 25   | 516.75  | 511.25  | 5.50       |
| Sep 25   | 482.50  | 475.25  | 7.25       |
| <b>Soybeans</b>  |         |         |            |
| Mar 25   | 1045.50 | 1036.00 | 9.50       |
| May 25   | 1063.00 | 1052.75 | 10.25      |
| Jul 25   | 1077.75 | 1068.25 | 9.50       |
| Aug 25   | 1075.25 | 1065.50 | 9.75       |
| <b>Soymeal</b>   |         |         |            |
| Mar 25   | 296.00  | 295.90  | 0.10       |
| May 25   | 304.60  | 304.00  | 0.60       |
| Jul 25   | 311.20  | 310.70  | 0.50       |
| Aug 25   | 312.80  | 312.60  | 0.20       |

\*Price unit: Cents and quarter-cents/bu.

### Macroeconomic and Financial Markets, February 20, 2025

|                       | Last*    | Weekly<br>Change | Weekly %<br>Change | Monthly<br>Change | Monthly<br>% Change | 1-Year History |
|-----------------------|----------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| S&P 500               | 6,110.8  | -4.2             | -0.1%              | -7.9              | -0.1%               |                |
| Dow Jones Industrials | 44,117.0 | -594.4           | -1.3%              | -448.0            | -1.0%               |                |
| U.S. Dollar           | 106.4    | -0.9             | -0.9%              | -1.7              | -1.5%               |                |
| WTI Crude             | 72.5     | 1.2              | 1.6%               | -2.2              | -2.9%               |                |
| Brent Crude           | 76.5     | 1.5              | 1.9%               | -1.1              | -1.4%               |                |

Source: DTN ProphetX, World Perspectives, Inc.

\* Last price as of 3:06 PM ET

## FOB Prices

| Yellow Corn*                            |                  |                       |                  |                       |
|---|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| YC FOB Vessel<br>Max. 15.0%<br>Moisture | GULF             |                       | PNW              |                       |
|   | Basis<br>(#2 YC) | Flat Price<br>(#2 YC) | Basis<br>(#2 YC) | Flat Price<br>(#2 YC) |
| March                                   | 0.76+H           | \$225.97              | 1.06+H           | \$237.78              |
| April                                   | 0.67+K           | \$228.24              | 0.97+K           | \$240.05              |
| May                                     | 0.65+K           | \$227.45              | 0.94+K           | \$238.67              |
| June                                    | 0.64+N           | \$228.43              | 1.06+N           | \$244.97              |
| July                                    | 0.64+N           | \$228.43              | 1.01+N           | \$243.19              |
| August                                  | 1.04+U           | \$230.70              | 1.40+U           | \$245.06              |

| Sorghum, #2 YGS |          |          |          |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|
| FOB Texas Gulf  | March    | April    | May      |
| Basis           | 1.30+H   | 1.18+K   | 1.20+K   |
| Flat Price      | \$247.23 | \$248.31 | \$249.10 |

| Corn Gluten Feed Pellets (CGFP) |       |       |       |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                 | March | April | May   |
| New Orleans                     | \$200 | \$200 | \$200 |
| <i>Quantity 5,000 MT</i>        |       |       |       |

| Corn Gluten Meal (CGM) |       |       |       |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Bulk 60% Pro.          | March | April | May   |
| New Orleans            | \$575 | \$580 | \$580 |

\*5-10,000 MT Minimum

All quotes are FOB Vessel U.S. in \$/MT

\*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 value of the price.

## Distiller's Dried Grains with Solubles (DDGS) Pricing

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**DDGS Price Table: February 20, 2025 (USD/MT)**  
(Quantity, availability, payment, and delivery terms vary)

| <b>Delivery Point</b>                        | <b>March</b> | <b>April</b> | <b>May</b> |
|--|--------------|--------------|------------|
| <b>Quality Min. 35% Pro-fat combined</b>     |              |              |            |
| Barge CIF New Orleans                        | 228          | 220          | 216        |
| FOB Vessel GULF                              | 231          | 222          | 219        |
| KC Rail Yard (delivered ramp)                | 203          | 201          | 199        |
| Elwood, IL Rail Yard (delivered ramp)        | 202          | 200          | 198        |
| Rail delivered PNW                           | 244          | 241          | 237        |
| Rail delivered California                    | 252          | 251          | 250        |
| Mid-Bridge Laredo, TX                        | 246          | 246          | 245        |
| FOB Lethbridge, Alberta                      | 225          | 225          | 225        |
| 40 ft. Containers to South Korea (Busan)     | 239          | 236          | 235        |
| 40 ft. Containers to Taiwan (Kaohsiung)      | 240          | 237          | 236        |
| 40 ft. Containers to Philippines (Manila)    | 262          | 260          | 259        |
| 40 ft. Containers to Indonesia (Jakarta)     | 247          | 246          | 245        |
| 40 ft. Containers to Malaysia (Port Kelang)  | 247          | 246          | 245        |
| 40 ft. Containers to Vietnam (HCMC)          | 239          | 239          | 237        |
| 40 ft. Containers to Japan (Yokohama)        | 249          | 247          | 246        |
| 40 ft. Containers to Thailand (LCMB)         | 240          | 240          | 239        |
| 40 ft. Containers to China (Shanghai)        | 243          | 241          | 239        |
| 40 ft. Containers to Bangladesh (Chittagong) | 342          | 340          | 339        |
| 40 ft. Containers to Myanmar (Yangon)        | 253          | 252          | 251        |
| Bulk DDGS C&F Turkey (Aliaga)                | N/A          | N/A          | N/A        |

*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.*

## Ocean Freight Markets and Spreads

### Bulk Freight Indices for HSS — Heavy Grain, Sorghum and Soybeans\*

February 20, 2025

| Route and Vessel Size                         | Current Week (USD/MT) | Change from Previous Report | Remarks   |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 55,000 U.S. Gulf-Japan                        | \$46.25               | Unchanged                   | Handymax \$46.50/mt                             |
| 55,000 U.S. PNW- Japan                        | \$27.25               | Up \$0.25                   | Handymax at \$27.25/mt                          |
| 65,000 U.S. Gulf – China                      | \$44.50               | Unchanged                   | North or South China                            |
| PNW to China                                  | \$26.50               | Up \$0.25                   |   |
| 25,000 U.S. Gulf - Veracruz, México           | \$17.00               | Unchanged                   | 3,000 MT daily discharge rate                   |
| 35-40,000 U.S. Gulf - Veracruz, México        | \$13.50               | Unchanged                   | Deep draft and 6,000 MT per day discharge rate. |
| 30,000 US Gulf - Morocco**                    | \$28.75               | Up \$1.00                   |   |
| 50,000 US Gulf - Algeria                      | \$25.75               | Unchanged                   |   |
| 55-60,000 U.S. Gulf –Egypt                    | \$31.25               | Unchanged                   |   |
| PNW to Egypt                                  | \$38.00               |                             | 30,000 from Ukraine at \$12.5                   |
| 60-70,000 U.S. Gulf – Europe, Rotterdam       | \$22.00               | Unchanged                   | Handymax at +\$2.50 more                        |
| Brazil, Santos – China                        | \$35.25               |                             | 54-59,000 Supramax-Panamax                      |
| Brazil, Santos – China                        | \$33.00               | Unchanged                   | 60-66,000 Post Panamax                          |
| Northern Coast Brazil - China                 | \$39.50               |                             | 60-66,000 mt                                    |
| 56-60,000 Argentina/Rosario-China, Deep Draft | \$36.50               | Unchanged                   | Upriver with Top Off Plus \$3.75-4.75           |

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

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

\*\* Adjusted for new data source.

### Baltic Panamax Dry-Bulk Time Charter Rates

| Route                                 | 20 Feb.<br>2025 | 13 Feb.<br>2025 | %<br>Change |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| <i>Rate, \$/day</i>                   |                 |                 |             |
| P2A: Gulf/Atlantic – Japan            | 14,463          | 14,229          | 1.6%        |
| P3A: PNW/Pacific– Japan               | 10,948          | 8,904           | 23.0%       |
| S1C: U.S. Gulf-China-S. Japan         | 16,593          | 15,886          | 4.5%        |
| <i>Rate, \$/MT</i>                    |                 |                 |             |
| P7 Trial Miss. River - Qingdao, China | 44.24           | 43.99           | 0.6%        |
| P8 - Trial - Santos - Qingdao, China  | 34.76           | 32.86           | 5.8%        |

Source: O'Neil Commodity Consulting

### Baltic Dry Indices

| Index            | 20 Feb.<br>2025 | 13 Feb.<br>2025 | 20 Feb.<br>2024 | W/W %<br>Ch. | Y/Y %<br>Ch. |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Baltic Dry       | 941             | 780             | 1,610           | 21%          | -42%         |
| Baltic Capesize  | 917             | 711             | 2,448           | 29%          | -63%         |
| Baltic Panamax   | 1,144           | 974             | 1,646           | 17%          | -30%         |
| Baltic Supramax  | 866             | 741             | 1,071           | 17%          | -19%         |
| Baltic Handysize | 523             | 455             | 572             | 15%          | -9%          |

Source: Investing.com

### U.S.-Asia Market Spreads

| 20 Feb. 2025  | PNW     | Gulf    | Bushel<br>Spread | MT<br>Spread   | Advantage |
|---------------|---------|---------|------------------|----------------|-----------|
| #2 Corn       | 1.19    | 0.89    | 0.30             | \$11.81        | PNW       |
| Soybeans      | 1.20    | 0.88    | 0.32             | \$11.76        | PNW       |
| Ocean Freight | \$26.50 | \$44.50 | 0.46-0.49        | <b>\$18.00</b> | March     |

Source: World Perspectives, Inc.