

Weekly Crop Market Update

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(ADM Investor Services) - A below-average rain forecast through the end of the month signals water levels on the Mississippi River are at risk of shrinking further, threatening the delivery of US crops across the world. "As we head into December, when most northern precipitation falls in the form of snow, it will be difficult for water levels to recover in a meaningful way," said Susan Stroud, a grain analyst for No Bull in St. Louis. "We might be falling off a cliff." After a hot summer, water levels on the river at Memphis sank to a record low -12.04 feet below base levels in mid-October but later saw a rebound, which helped US exports. Further declines in the water level, however, could mean another setback for US farmers suffering with higher shipping costs and delays. Outstanding sales for delivery in the current season are among the lowest for the past decade. The water levels "are pricing out US bushels in world markets," according to Stroud. "When we have higher transportation costs, those are passed on and it drives the global buyer away to find cheaper bushels somewhere else." It's unlikely conditions will improve in the next few months when the US would typically benefit from reduced competition overseas before Brazil's harvest period.

(Reuters) - Argentina's grains trade is largely "paralyzed" by a lack of soybeans due to drought and farmers holding onto produce, anticipating a devaluation of the peso under President-elect Javier Milei, the head of the main export chamber told Reuters. The comments were the first from the crushing and export body CIARA-CEC, which represents major grains firms in Argentina, including Cargill and Bunge, since the election of libertarian outsider Milei on Sunday. He takes office on Dec. 10. Argentina is normally the world's top exporter of processed soy and in the top three for corn. The South American country is also a major wheat and beef supplier. "Today the grains trade is paralyzed by the grain shortage, the worst in 60 years, and by an expectation after Milei's victory that there will soon be an adjustment to the official exchange rate," Gustavo Idigoras, head of CIARA-CEC, said late Wednesday. Argentina, battling triple-digit inflation and a sliding currency, has strict capital controls which have led to parallel exchange rates as high as 1,000 pesos per dollar, far away from the official one just over 350 peso. That hurts exporters who often have to bring most of their overseas sales back into the country at the official rate, getting fewer pesos for each dollar.

(Reuters) - Dry weather in the growing season has reduced Australia's wheat output this year, but most of the crop is with higher protein content and supplies of lower quality grains for animal feed are limited, analysts and traders said. Premiums earned by farmers in Australia, the world's No. 2 wheat exporter, for higher quality grains will partly offset lost income from a smaller crop, they said.

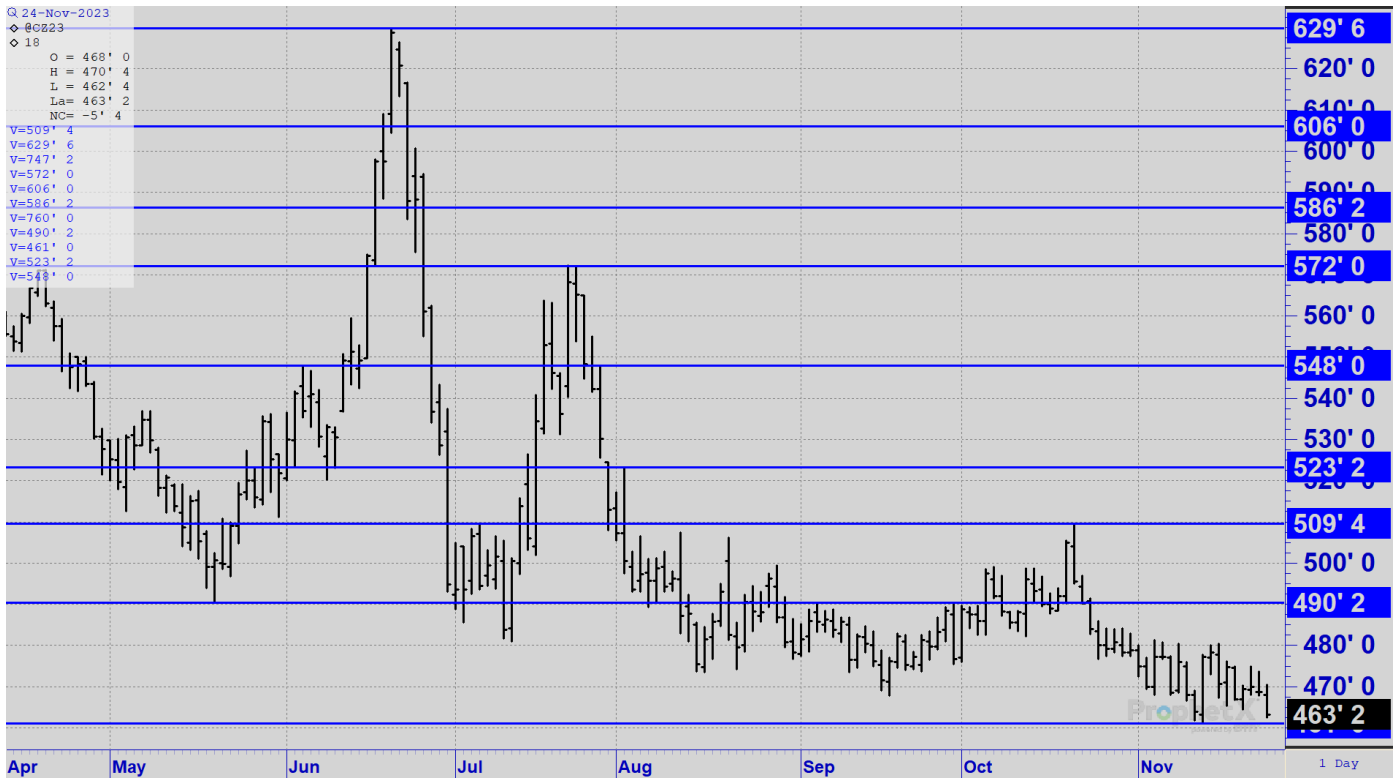
Futures market prices at the close of trading

	10-30-23	11-06-23	11-13-23	11-20-23
Spring Wheat	Dec = 7.18	Dec = 7.29	Dec = 7.29	Dec = 7.07
Corn	Dec = 4.78	Dec = 4.77	Dec = 4.77	Dec = 4.70
Soybean	Jan = 13.07	Jan = 13.64	Jan = 13.82	Jan = 13.67
Canola	Jan = 687.50	Jan = 702.50	Jan = 713.90	Jan = 716.70

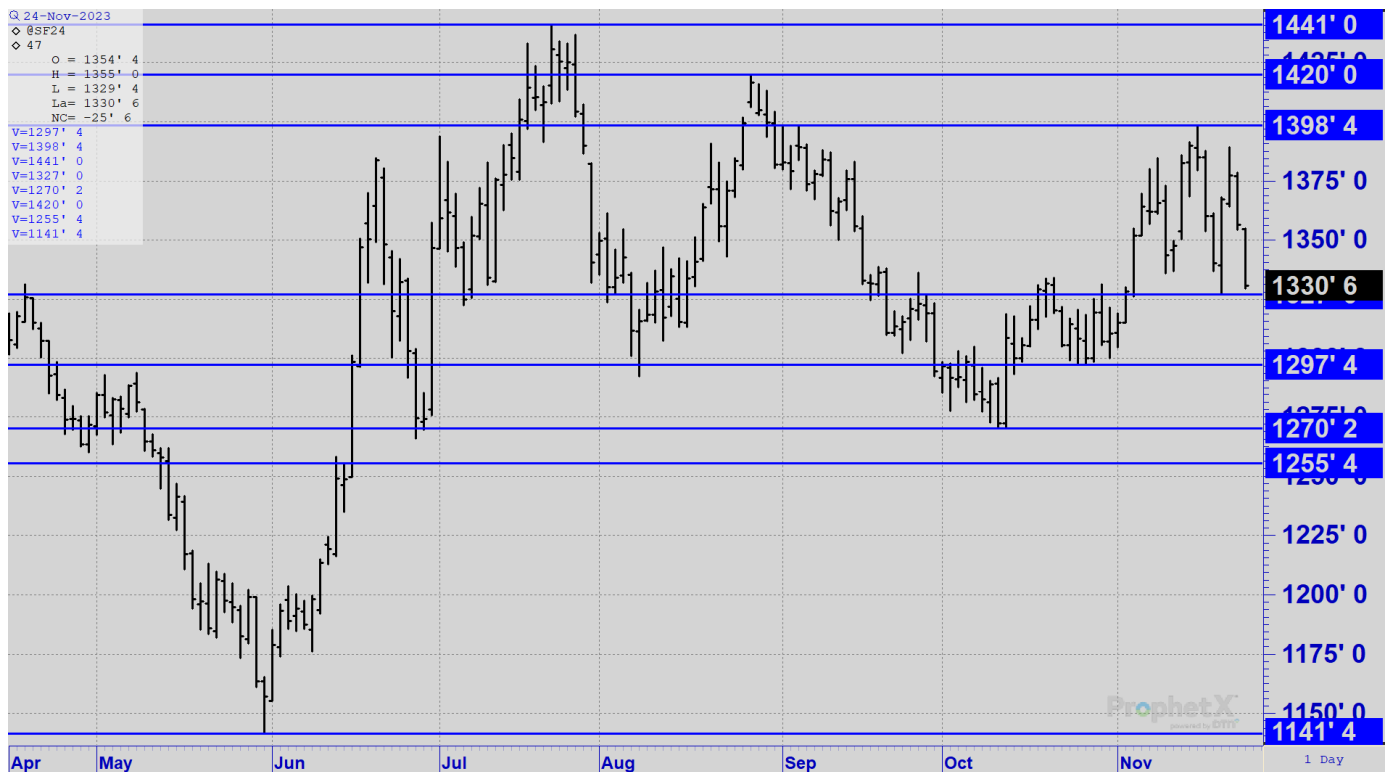
Spring Wheat, Corn and Soybean prices in U.S. Dollars/Bushel. Canola prices in Canadian Dollars/Metric Ton

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December Chicago Board of Trade Corn Futures Prices (11-26-23 pm)



January Chicago Board of Trade Soybean Futures Prices (11-26-23 pm)



December Minneapolis Grain Exchange Spring Wheat Futures Prices (11-26-23 pm)



The **BLUE** lines in the above futures market price graphs have been inserted to indicate **support** and **resistance** price levels. A **support line** is a historical price level that represents a potential floor when prices are decreasing. A **resistance line** is a historical price level that represents a potential ceiling when prices are increasing. Support and resistance lines become psychological barriers to price movements because these are levels where sellers have overwhelmed buyers (resistance line) or buyers have overwhelmed sellers (support line). The support and resistance levels are often used as price targets for future buying or selling activity. The **GREEN** line represents a strong, or key, support or resistance level.

2022/23 and 2023/24 Marketing Year Average (MYA) Prices

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Commodity	Marketing Year	Publishing Dates for the Final 2023/24 MYA Prices	Unit	Projected (P) or Final (F) 2022/23 MYA Price	Projected 2023/24 MYA Price
Wheat	Jun. 1-May 31	June 28, 2024	Bushel	\$8.83 F	\$7.20 P
Barley	Jun. 1-May 31	June 28, 2024	Bushel	\$7.40 F	\$7.20 P
Oats	Jun. 1-May 31	June 28, 2024	Bushel	\$4.57 F	\$3.50 P
Corn	Sep. 1-Aug. 31	September 30, 2024	Bushel	\$6.54 F	\$4.85 P
Soybeans	Sep. 1-Aug. 31	September 30, 2024	Bushel	\$14.20 F	\$12.90 P
Dry Peas	Jul. 1-Jun. 30	July 31, 2024	Pound	\$0.1600 F	\$0.1364 P
Lentils	Jul. 1-Jun. 30	July 31, 2024	Pound	\$0.3440 F	\$0.2815 P
Canola	Jul. 1-Jun. 30	July 31, 2024	Pound	\$0.2980 F	\$0.2600 P
Large Chickpeas	Sep. 1-Aug. 31	September 30, 2024	Pound	\$0.3560 F	\$0.3000 P
Small Chickpeas	Sep. 1-Aug. 31	September 30, 2024	Pound	\$0.3270 F	\$0.2900 P
Sunflower Seed	Sep. 1-Aug. 31	September 30, 2024	Pound	\$0.2780 F	\$0.2045 P
Flaxseed	Jul. 1-Jun. 30	July 31, 2024	Bushel	\$17.50 F	\$13.00 P
Mustard Seed	Sep. 1-Aug. 31	September 30, 2024	Pound	\$0.4210 F	\$0.2900 P
Safflower	Sep. 1-Aug. 31	September 30, 2024	Pound	\$0.3330 F	\$0.2100 P

MYA Price=national average price received by producers during the 12-month marketing year.

1/ Final MYA prices--Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Agricultural Prices on the publishing dates. P=Projected MYA prices--Source: USDA's World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates report or Interagency Commodity Estimates Committee Minutes. MYA price projections are the mid-point of the price forecast range, when applicable.