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WEEKLY USA GRAIN AND PROTEIN REPORT August 06, 2022

This week was a week where prices were driven by what looks like an improved situation in the Black Sea which is bearish to very bullish weather concerns in the US.

Wheat prices were lower on the week – due mainly to the Black Sea situation, although all the first shipments from Ukraine have been corn. The Ukraine does normally ship much more corn than wheat. US wheat prices dropped by USD 10 to 15 m/t depending on the type and the protein.

Corn prices did show some weakness due to the Black Sea shipments but the continued hot and dry weather in the USA was able to stop prices from falling much. There are some very serious concerns that the corn yields could be quite a bit lower due to the heat and the lack of rainfall. With the USDA WASDE coming up next week some early private forecasts are showing lower corn yields – so, it will be very interesting to read what the USDA thinks.

Soybean and soymeal prices were lower – said to be due to the Pelosi visit to Taiwan and the possible effect that this could have on US shipments to China. Old crop soybeans and soymeal are still at a very large premium to new crop 2022 product and international buyers are reportedly all lined up to buy new crop US soybeans --- for a few months the US will be the only country with exportable soybean supplies.

<u>All shipments in bulk grain vessels unless stated otherwise</u>. <u>(NOLA is New Orleans, Louisiana, USA.)</u> FOB port or location specified. Prices in US\$, in metric tons:

ALL PRICES ARE FOR September 2022/November 2022

Wheat, Superior, France, Rouen	USD 349/353	Х
Barley, France, Rouen port	USD 310/315	Х
Corn, FOB France – Atlantic	No prices	Х
Soymeal, 48% protein, USA, Rotterdam	USD 555> > 530 November	Х
Soymeal, 48% protein, Brazil, Rotterdam – spot	USD 545/550	Х
Corn Gluten Meal, USA FOB NOLA	USD 825/835 m/t November	Х

DDGS prices moved a little lower this week as supplies were more available and corn prices had weakened a little. According to the US Grains Council's weekly report DDGS prices FOB Nola were down by about USD 11 m/t for August/September and by USD 16 m/t for October. According to market experts, DDGS may be priced too low versus corn so may make a move higher in coming weeks.

Corn gluten meal priced were steady to higher in the export market as demand continue good – even at the current sky-high price levels. However, buyers in traditional CGM markets like Egypt continue to be out of the market as prices are just too high for them. Imports by Egypt, which was the number one market for CGM for years, have dropped off to almost nothing.