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WEEKLY USA GRAIN AND PROTEIN REPORT August 27, 2022

This was another up week for grains and oilseeds as USA markets were looking more at what was happening in the country rather than concentrating on Black Sea events.

Most USA estimated crop yield fissure were reduced this week poor crop conditions were reported in some areas. Corn yields look to be down significantly while soybean exports are in question.

The USDA tried to switch to a new export reporting system this week which didn't go well at all. So, we are without accurate export number for the past week --- probably not the end of the world but enough to upset some traders who live by numbers.

The corn crop looks to be facing more high temperatures and low rainfall which certainly will not help the crop yields. We are getting so late in the crop year that there is not much that can now improve the crop condition.

There were quite a few comments that new crop soybeans and soymeal are underpriced and that there is no good reason for such a high premium on the old crop. Some experts did say that rather than have old crop prices drop the new crop soybeans should move higher since the fundamentals for soybeans are very bullish for the new crop.

Wheat prices too were higher, especially for winter wheat, as there are concerns that the lack of rainfall will leave the soil much to dry for the winter wheat crop while at the same time the dryness has certainly not helped US spring wheat yields.

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

ALL PRICES ARE FOR September 2022/November 2022

Wheat, Superior, France, Rouen	USD 325>>310 December	
Barley, France, Rouen port	USD 305/310	
Corn, FOB France – Atlantic	USD 325>>315 December	
Soymeal, 48% protein, USA, Rotterdam	USD 630>>555 December	
Soymeal, 48% protein, Brazil, Rotterdam – spot	spot USD 520/525	
Corn Gluten Meal, USA FOB NOLA	USD 835/840 m/t November	

Corn and soymeal prices were both up strongly this week which helped to move corn byproducts prices higher. Corn gluten meal was up by about USD 20 m/t while DDGS was up by about USD 10 m/t. Only prices for corn gluten feed seemed to be steady.

Buyers have been hoping that lower new crop corn prices would lead to a drop in prices for corn byproducts but that has not happened and all market prices today are based on new crop corn. There is still a significant premium for old crop soybeans and soymeal, but export buyers are all looking further out where prices should be a little easier – but so far are not.

SECTION 2 --- FISHMEAL COMMENTS AND PRICES: PERUVIAN

So, here we are again with another fishmeal report --- we had quite a few readers asking for the fishmeal information to be included once again which made me reconsider --- it is back.

The catch in the South of Peru is now up to 61,000 m/t against the quota of 486,500 m/t. Fishmeal yield is estimated at about 13,500 m/t with fishoil at 1,350 m/t.

According to this weeks MSI Ceres report, the exports of fishmeal by Peru to the end of July total 710,000 m/t with 87.9% going to Asia (81.1% to China). The only major non-Asia destination is Germany which took 4.1% of exports or about 29,000 m/t.

People in the fishmeal business are starting to speculate on the next fishing quota but there are a lot of concerns about what will happen in China with the poor economy. When 81% of your exports go to one country then you do need to worry about that countries finances.

With little or nothing left to sell in Peru the prices shown are just the best guess of about where the market should be.

PERU "INDICATION" FISHMEAL PRICES:

European fishmeal prices – FOB North German port.

Туре	Protein %	Price per m/t USD
Herring fishmeal	72% protein	2,025
Danish fishmeal	64% protein	1,610
Peru fishmeal	64% protein	1,740