

Early yield reports are slowly starting to come in for the Canadian pea crop. Reading through a Stat report, we are still waiting for some of the more northerly areas to finishing harvesting. Overall, yields will be down a bit in comparison to last year. Talking with a few growers throughout the province, pea yields seem to be doing alright with very few wrecks that may have been originally expected. As was mentioned, many of India's purchases are being supplied by the Black Sea market. Looking at Ukraine's harvest period, their tonnage continues to rise. These peas are going to help fill the space of the smaller Canadian crop. Moving onto pricing; yellow peas are quieter this week with most indications coming in around \$8.00/bu FOB farm. There are a few opportunities that have been popping up for higher values, so keep in touch with your merchant. There may be a light brought to green peas as pricing is slowly starting to show a premium to yellows. We do still have some quicker movement options on peas, speak with your merchant for more details.

Wheat futures have taken a tumble since the USDA crop production and supply/demand report was released last Thursday. US spring wheat production was pegged at 402 million bushels, down 21 million bushels from the latest estimate in July. This was a smaller drop than was expected due to drought currently taking place in the northern states. This has resulted in Minneapolis spring wheat futures to fall \$0.75 as of Tuesday. Despite low production in the US, global wheat production is making up for it, especially in the Black Sea region. If you have any max 1 PPM feed wheat left in the bins we still have some opportunities around \$5.00/bu picked up in the yard so be sure to give us a call.

The oats market has slowly declined over the past few weeks. There has been very little demand for heavy and dry feed oats, with indications being \$2.00-\$2.10/bu picked up in the yard. Demand may remain low until we get closer to October movement. An indication for milling oats would be \$2.75/bu picked up in the yard with movement being quick. There is potential for this price to move higher as the product gets closer to the southeast. There are still options for spring thrashed oats as well, with the price being dependent on samples, so be sure to get your samples in.

Canary seed is relatively unchanged this week in terms of price. It is still sitting around \$0.24/lb picked up in most areas of the province. There have been producer offers thrown out slightly higher, but they have not traded, which tells us that that price is holding firm. There is still a lot of uncertainty in the canary market on yield and quality, but that has not affected the market as of late. Rain last week does not seem to have affected price, despite being beneficial to the crop.

Flax prices are starting to firm up, with milling quality at \$12.50/bu picked up. #1 flax prices are slightly up this week to \$12.00/bu delivered to plant. There could be some concerns about the quality of flax if the seeds are not filling properly due to dry conditions; however, some of the late rains might improve the situation. The US must source flax from the Black Sea region even though North Dakota flax crops have seen some improvements with late season rains. It is likely that Canada will not be able to meet all the demand. There could also be strain from the Chinese, but for now, China is still sitting on large flax inventories. With the Black Sea region needing to fill the demand gaps, we could see market pressure in 2017/18. To keep up to date with the fluctuating markets, make sure you get our email or text alerts while you are busy with harvest.

Canola markets continue to fall this week after the release of the most recent USDA report on Thursday. Since then, canola has seen only one trading session end positively (Friday) and has totalled losses of \$18/MT in less than a week. Most of the declines are relative to soy markets as the report pegged soybean production at 4.4 billion bushels, higher than initially expected. Other factors are the Canadian

dollar and palm oil values. We have now fallen below that \$500/MT mark to \$492.70/MT. Bids this week sit at, roughly, 11.00/bu delivered to plant, give or take depending on specific company basis levels.

This week we are seeing chickpea prices holding firm with buyers still looking for product. With the large uncertainty about the size of this year's chickpea crop, we might see these prices hold until we really get into harvest full swing on chickpeas. Many believed the reports were too low on the Alberta seeded acreage estimates, which has analysts adjusting their reports. Right now, values are strong and buyers are wanting to see all offers on any product you have from last year as well as this year's crop.

Barley this week is steady, with bids fairly similar to last week. With combining taking place in a few areas, farmers aren't seeing the yield/quality they were hoping for. With low yields and bushel weights down, we may start to see this market move up a bit more as buyers looking for good quality product. Bids this week are around \$3.25-3.50/bu FOB farm. Offers have also been a great way to move grain, so make sure you are talking to your merchant on that.

Soybean futures posted recent steep losses as rains boosted yield expectations for US crops. 59% of US soybeans are called good/excellent, down 1 point, and nationally, development is faster than normal. 94% of beans are blooming, compared to 93% on average, and 79% are setting pods, compared to 75%. The next USDA report will be on Sept. 12. There is a possibility of US average soybean yield forecasts to decrease, which would ultimately be positive for prices. For soybeans, August weather will be a deciding factor. This week local bids are \$10.50/bu FOB farm. Faba bean supplies continue to be scarce and prices (zero tannins) across the prairies remained largely unchanged \$220-230/MT FOB farm.

Lentils have been interesting over the last week with trades starting slow, then picking up and then flattening again. Large green lentils started out slow, but once sellers put some targets out, trades seemed to start taking form. X2 large green lentils hit \$0.44/lb, #2's traded at \$0.42 and we haven't been shown much for #1 quality from producers. Small greens are trading as high as \$0.39 for a number #1 and #2's at \$0.37. Medium greens were trading at the same levels as the small greens. Red lentils have been up and down all week ranging between \$0.21 and \$0.23 FOB farm. As samples start to arrive at the office, red lentils look better than anything we have seen in the last couple of years and green lentils have nice uniform size and average colour.

Mustard spot bids have continued sideways this week. New crop bids for 2017 are now pretty much gone as harvest begins. Not many reports of mustard yields have come in yet, but we are getting the odd report from the southwest corner of the province. We will see what the harvest brings in shortly and determine where we are going to be on average yields. Different areas of the province will show big swings in yield. Brown mustard leads the pack at 38 cents/lb picked up in the yard. Oriental is stable at 30 cents/lb and possibly better on Forge variety. Yellow spot bids have moved up to 35 cents/lb for movement still for an August to September movement period. Call the office, or your merchant, with any mustard offers.