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This Week on Thursday, December 18, not available as most exporters were not issuing bids for December delivery.

March wheat futures ended the reporting week on Thursday, December 18, higher as follows compared to last Thursday's closes: Chicago 59.25 cents higher at 6.5675, Kansas City 56.25 cents higher at 6.8375 and Minneapolis wheat futures trended 45.75 cents higher at 6.11. Chicago March corn futures trended 12.50 cents higher at 4.11 while January soybean futures closed 7.25 cents lower at 10.35.

Bids for **US 1 Soft White Wheat** delivered to Portland in unit trains or barges during December for ordinary protein were not available as several exporters were not issuing bids for December delivery. There were no White club wheat premiums for ordinary protein this week. Bids for last Thursday for December delivery were 6.85-7.3475, mostly 7.0375. One year ago bids for US 1 Soft White Wheat any protein for December delivery by unit trains and barges to Portland were 6.7275-6.9775, mostly 6.8525 and bids for **White Club Wheat** were 6.7275-7.7475, mostly 7.1025. Nearby bids for US 1 Soft White wheat ordinary
Pacific Northwest Market Summary: (continued) protein began the reporting week on Friday at mostly 7.2650 then moved higher to mostly 7.39 for Monday then to mostly 7.4325 on Tuesday. Bids for Wednesday and Thursday were not available for ordinary protein soft white wheat as most exporters removed their bids for nearby delivery. Forward month bids for soft white wheat ordinary protein were as follows: January 6.90-7.4025, February 7.00-7.4025, March 7.15-7.4025, and August New Crop 6.95-7.25. One year ago, forward month bids for soft white wheat for any protein were as follows: January 6.9275-7.0275, February 6.9775-7.0775, March 6.9775-7.20, and April 7.0925-7.20.

Bids for US 1 Soft White Wheat guaranteed 10.5 percent protein during December were not available as most exporters were not issuing bids for December delivery. Guaranteed 10.5 percent protein bids last week for December delivery were 7.7250- 7.8750, mostly 7.7925. There were no white club wheat premiums for guaranteed 10 percent protein this week, while last week's premiums were 2.00 to 2.85, mostly 2.50 over soft white wheat bids. Nearby bids for US 1 Soft White Wheat guaranteed 10.5 percent protein began the week on Friday at mostly 7.8850 then moved higher on Monday to mostly 8.01, on Tuesday to mostly 8.0150 and on Wednesday to mostly 8.2350. Today (Thursday) bids were not available. Forward month bids for soft white wheat guaranteed 10.5 percent protein were as follows: January, February and March 8.0525-8.3525, and August New Crop 6.9575-7.3075.

Bids for US 1 Hard Red Winter Wheat for December delivery were not available as most exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery. On Thursday, bids were as follows: January 7.6875-7.8375, February 7.6875-7.8875, March 7.5875-7.8875, and August New Crop 7.6525-7.8025.

Bids for non-guaranteed 14.0 percent protein US 1 Dark Northern Spring Wheat for Portland delivery for December delivery were not available as most exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery. On Thursday, bids for non-guaranteed 14 percent protein were as follows: December not available; January, February, and March 9.46-9.61, and August New Crop 8.2175-8.2675.

Coarse Feeding Grains: Bids for US 2 Yellow Corn delivered to Portland in single rail cars were not available. Bids for US 2 Yellow Corn truck delivered to the inland feeding areas of Yakima, Washington, and Hermiston, Oregon were also not available. Bids for US 2 Heavy White Oats for December delivery held steady at 265.00.

Outstanding Export Sales: Outstanding U.S. white wheat export sales as of December 18, 2014 for the marketing year beginning June 1, 2014 and ending May 31, 2015, in 1000 MT, totaled 951.2 thousand MT compared to 933.1 thousand MT last week, and 977.8 thousand MT one year ago. Outstanding white wheat export sales for the 2014-2015 marketing year were to the following countries in 1000 MT: South Korea 213.5, Japan 184.4, Philippines 124.8, Yemen 45.0, China (Main) 30.0, Nigeria 24.0, El Salvador 22.8, Guatemala 19.6, Taiwan 19.3, Thailand 13.3, Venezuela 10.0, Peru 5.0, Malaysia 1.0, Sri Lanka 0.6, Canada 0.5, Hong Kong 0.5, and total unknown 237.1. Accumulated white wheat export shipments as of December 18, 2014, in 1000 MT for the 2014-2015 marketing year, totaled 2,118.4 compared to 2,244.6 one year ago.

Outstanding U.S. barley export sales as of December 18, 2014 for the marketing year beginning June 1, 2014 and ending May 31, 2015, in 1000 MT, totaled 45.4 compared to 34.5 last week and 50.9 one year ago. Outstanding barley export sales for the 2014-2015 marketing year in 1000 MT were to the following countries in 1000 MT: Japan 42.4, Taiwan 2.7, and South Korea 0.3. Accumulated barley export shipments as of December 18, 2014 were 88.9 thousand MT compared to 74.3 one year ago.

Pacific Northwest Export News: There were 16 grain vessels in Columbia River ports on Thursday, December 18, with five docked compared to 16 last Thursday with six docked. There were no new confirmed export sales from the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) this week.
In Monterey County, fields before the storm. Field and orchard activity stopped during the rain storm. Days suitable for fieldwork were reported as less than 4.

The mountain snowpack has become established, with 50 mph valley wind gusts and heavy rain. Pruning of almond and walnut orchards continued early in the week where standing water had the potential to drown newly emerged plants. Emergence was considered excellent and southeast, where very little rainfall occurred. Wheat was in excellent condition, except in flooded areas where temperatures were as much as 15 to 20°F above normal. Conversely, most areas of the eastern U.S. experienced below-average temperatures. Many locations across the nation received near- or above-average precipitation, with the exception of northern California, northwestern Washington, and eastern Maine. Parts of California received weekly precipitation totals in excess of 5 inches.

Western Arizona growers shipped anise, arugula, broccoli, Bok Choy, cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, red and green cabbage, cantaloupes, cilantro, collard greens, dandelion greens, kale, lemons, mustard, parsley, turnips, Swiss chard, and spinach. Central Arizona growers shipped broccoli, Bok Choy, Chinese cabbage, red and green cabbage, cantaloupes, cilantro, collard greens, dandelion greens, kale, lemons, mustard, parsley, turnips, Swiss chard, and spinach. Western Arizona growers shipped anise, arugula, broccoli, Bok Choy, Chinese cabbage, red and green cabbage, cantaloupes, cilantro, collard greens, dandelion greens, kale, lemons, mustard, parsley, turnips, Swiss chard, and spinach.

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In Arizona, cotton harvest was 85 percent complete, identical to both last year and the 5-year average. Alfalfa conditions were mostly fair to excellent, depending on location. Harvesting occurred on three-fourths of the alfalfa acreage across the state. There were 7.0 days suitable for fieldwork, while most areas of the state received much needed rain. Rangeland conditions varied widely from very poor to good, depending on location.
NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL SUMMARIES: (continued): were mostly empty with very few vegetables growing. There was some brassica to harvest, but rain made field access difficult. In San Joaquin County, winter vegetables were emerging and getting close to harvest. In Fresno County, organic broccoli was harvested, with reported excellent yield and quality. Onions were up to good stand and beds were put up for tomatoes. In Tulare County, spring squash and broccoli were planted. Recent precipitation gave grasses a chance to grow but conditions were still dry. Sheep continued to graze on small grains fields, alfalfa fields, or on retired farmlands. Ranchers were supplementing feed with baled hay.

Rainfall across Florida was less than an inch. Dover (Hillsborough County) received the most rain with 0.33 inch. Per the U.S. Drought Monitor, Florida was 98 percent drought-free. Temperatures ranged from 26 to 76°F. There was an average of 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork. Almost all summer crops were harvested. Planting of small grain winter forage and wheat for grain was ongoing. Small pines were being planted. In Glades and Hendry Counties, sugarcane harvest continued. Flagler and Putnam County farmers were planting cabbage and cold crops, and preparing fields to plant potatoes. Potato and soybean and barley. Temperatures cooled somewhat, with readings up to 3°C below normal ending the recent spell of unseasonable warmth in eastern growing areas.

Water in low-lying areas but flooding was not an issue. Statewide, the cattle condition was mostly good while pasture condition was fair to good. Early orange harvest was in full swing, primarily for juice. Thirty of fifteen processing plants have opened and are beginning to run fruit. Fieldwork surveys showed early orange sizes are running extremely small this season, and ratios are lower than normal. White and colored grapefruit harvest is picking up, with a major portion of white grapefruit going to the plants for processing. Colored grapefruit was being harvested primarily for the fresh market. Sunburst tangerines and Navel oranges were being harvested at peak amounts from now until the end of their seasons. Fresh fruit quality was overall good, but much of it was still coming in very small. Grove activity included irrigation, mowing in preparation for harvest, aerial spraying, and fertilizing. Field workers across the citrus growing region reported resets being planted, and old, non-productive trees being pushed.