

Executive Grain Market Summary

Currency / Oil:

	Close	Change on week			Close	Change on week
£/\$	1.28	0.02		Nov 18	£192.40	+£0.10
£/€	1.11	-0.01		May 19	£197.55	-£0.15
Nymex Oil	\$66.81	-\$2.15		Nov 19	£171.40	-£3.35

LIFFE Wheat:

Wheat Futures Market Comparisons:

	Cbot/Liffe		Matif/Liffe		Cbot/Liffe (Corn/Wheat)	
	Nov 18*	Nov 19*	Nov 18	Nov 19*	Nov 18*	Nov 19*
Closing differential	-£25	+£3	-£1	+£9	-£74	-£47
Change on week	+£4	+£8	+£1	+£2	+£3	+£7

Note:

1. Cbot/Liffe Nov* and Matif/Liffe Nov * compares Cbot and Matif Dec with Liffe Nov
2. Relevant forward exchange rates are used to convert to Sterling equivalents
3. **Prices are based on Thursday pm market closes. Nymex oil = front month position.**
4. All figures are approximate and intended solely to illustrate trends

UK Update:

- Sterling at 14-month low against the Dollar (£=\$1.275) and a 10-month low against the Euro (£=€1.11) as Brexit uncertainty continues to unsettle the market.
- Strategie Grains forecast 2018 UK wheat at 14.0m (vs 14.4m last month; 14.6m in 2017), barley 6.9m (vs 6.9m; 7.2m)...both figures look a little on the high side.

EU Update:

- Weekly EU soft wheat exports of 281k took the ytd total to 1.2m (vs 1.9m last ytd); weekly barley exports 78k, ytd 0.5m (vs 0.3m); weekly maize imports 249k, vs 1.3m (vs 1.7m).
- German Co-op Association, DRV forecast 2018 German wheat crop at 19.9m (vs 24.5m in 2017), barley 9.5m (vs 10.9m), maize 2.3m (vs 4.5m), all cereals 36.3m (vs 45.6m), osr 3.5m (vs 4.3m)
- Agri-Mer cut French maize crop ratings to 62% good/excellent (vs 66% last week; 79% last ytd)
- French Farm Min forecasts the 2018 French soft wheat crop at 35.1m (vs 36.1m previous forecast; 36.6m in 2017), barley 11.8m (vs 12.1m; 12.1m), maize 12.8m (vs 14.3m; 14.5m), osr 4.6m (vs 4.6m; 5.4m).
- Strategie Grains forecast the 2018 EU-28 soft wheat crop at 127.7m (vs 132.4m last month; 141.8m in 2017), barley 57.1m (vs 59.6m; 58.4m), maize 61.3m (vs 60.6m; 59.4m), all cereals 282.8m (vs 290.7m; 298.3m)

Global Update:

- Ukrainian Ag-Min has proposed a 2018/9 season limit of 8m milling wheat exports (vs 10m in 2017/8)...to be reviewed in January 2019.
- IKAR further trimmed the 2018 Russian wheat crop forecast to 70.2m (vs 70.4m previous forecast; 85.9m in 2017) with all grain production put at 111.5m (vs 135.4m in 2017).
- US CPC forecasts a 70% chance of El-Nino developing by the end of 2018...one to follow.
- East coast drought (and increased El-Nino risk) encouraged the ASX Australian wheat futures market to break through AUD 400 (£230) this week...a move of £45/tonne higher over the past month.
- USDA FAS Attaché forecasts 2018 Canadian wheat crop at 32.5m (vs 30m in 2017).
- Conab forecast 2017/8 Brazilian maize crop at 82.2m (vs 97.8m in 2016/7), soyabeans 119m (vs 114.1m)
- Rosario Exchange forecasts 2018/9 Argentinean wheat crop could hit a record 21m (vs 18m in 2017/8) with a wheat area at 6.3m ha (vs 5.7m).
- Informa forecast the 2018 US soyabean crop at 121m (vs 120m in 2017), maize 366m (vs 371m).

Comment:

A relatively quiet week as long-holders took profits ahead of the USDA report due to be issued at 5pm this afternoon...expect the usual fun and games from 5:00.01pm onwards!

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