



# MARYLAND GRAIN & LIVESTOCK REPORT

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## WEEKLY GRAIN COMMENTARY

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After nearly 3 months of bullish enthusiasm, corn prices took a break this week ending with a 20-cent loss from their highs set last week. Much of the sentiment in the market is that this move is mostly a short-term correction, but certainly the market will need to see more bullish fundamentals to surpass \$4 in the near-term. Weekly export sales came in on the low side at only 812,700 tonnes, although total year-to-date sales remain 23% ahead of last year. The market will pay close attention to Monday's USDA Supply and Demand Report. Analysts expect little change in ending stocks from last month's report, but given the brisk pace of exports we could see ending stocks slip. In the soybean market, prices followed corn lower this week. With the bean-corn ratio still a narrow 1.85, which is the tightest since 1996, any corn runs will be mirrored by beans. The weather in South America remains almost ideal for next couple of weeks. There are pockets that will require some rain soon but it still remains early in their growing season. Export sales were on the low end at 667,000 MT with Japan accounting for 130,000 MT followed by China at 126,700. Slowing sales suggest the market has gone primarily to a hand-to-mouth approach to their buying strategy after the rally. In wheat, prices were pressured by Stats Canada raising Canadian wheat production to 27.277 million tonnes, up 4 percent from their last estimate of 26.289 million tonnes. Export sales for wheat were in the middle of the expected range coming in at 403,900 tonnes. Continue to expect choppy to lower trade in the coming week unless we see bullish numbers from USDA on Monday.

Grain futures	Corn Basis		Soybean Basis		Wheat Basis	
	Nearby	Forward	Nearby	Forward	Nearby	Forward
Western, MD	+3		-34		-70	
Central, MD	-12	-5	-60	-49	-72	
Southern, MD	+13	-6	-35	-33		
Upper E. Shore	+16	+7	-22	-20	-83	
Lower E. Shore	+26	+11	-7	-9	-91	

## THE CROP WEATHER WILL RESUME IN APRIL 2007

### CASH GRAINS – REGIONAL – (\$/bu) DEALERS AVERAGE CASH QUOTES

Grade and Commodity	#2 Y Shelled Corn		#2 Yellow Soybeans		#2 Red Winter Wheat		#3 Barley	
	11/28	12/05	11/28	12/05	11/28	12/05	11/28	12/05
Western, MD	3.68	3.68	6.41	6.20	4.18	4.25	1.65	1.75
Central, MD	3.59	3.50	6.16	5.94	4.07	4.23	----	----
Southern, MD	3.85	3.78	6.36	6.19	----	----	----	----
Upper E. Shore	3.88	3.81	6.46	6.32	4.03	4.12	----	----
Lower E. Shore	3.98	3.91	6.66	6.47	4.73	4.04	1.95	1.88
<b>Soybean Meal</b>	<b>Lower Eastern Shore</b>				<b>Dealer's Average Cash Quotes (\$/ton)</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>11/28</b>	<b>12/05</b>	<b>Date</b>		<b>11/28</b>	<b>12/05</b>		
<b>48% Soybean Meal</b>	228.00	220.00	<b>44% Soybean Meal</b>		216.00	208.00		

### FORWARD CONTRACT PRICE – REGIONAL (\$/bu) for Harvest Delivery Dealer's Avg. Quotes

Grade and Commodity	#2 Y Shelled Corn		#2 Yellow Soybeans		#2 Red Winter Wheat		#3 Barley	
	11/28	12/05	11/28	12/05	11/28	12/05	11/28	12/05
Western MD	----	----	6.27	----	----	----	----	----
Central MD	3.57	3.44	6.82	6.53	4.32	4.23	----	----
Southern MD	3.48	3.43	6.91	6.69	4.22	4.29	1.75	1.75
Upper E Shore	3.61	3.56	7.04	6.82	4.26	4.33	1.90	1.90
Lower E Shore	3.68	3.60	7.16	6.93	4.22	4.25	1.98	1.93

### GRAIN FUTURES – Chicago Board of Trade (Cents & Quarter – cents/bushel) Settle – December 6, 2006

Corn		Soybeans		Wheat		Soybean Meal / <sup>1</sup>	
06Dec	353'0	07Jan	654'2	06Dec	475'0	06Dec	183'6
07Mar	366'0	07Mar	668'2	07Mar	495'4	07Jan	186'8
07May	371'4	07May	677'2	07May	500'0	07Mar	189'6
07Jul	376'0	07Jul	686'6	07Jul	482'4	07May	191'8
07Sep	357'6	07Aug	690'4	07Sep	481'4	07Jul	194'5
07Dec	349'2	07Sep	694'0	07Dec	486'4	07Aug	195'6

1/ Price Unit: Dollars and cents/ton (100 tons (2,000 lbs/ton))

### HAY AND STRAW

#### New Holland, PA - \$/ton – December 4, 2006

Alfalfa	Mixed Hay	Timothy	Orchard grass	Straw
100.00 - 197.00	75.00 - 240.00	107.00 - 200.00	90.00 - 185.00	105.00 - 150.00

#### Westminster, MD - \$/bale – December 5, 2006

Alfalfa	Alfalfa Mix	Timothy	Timothy Mix	Grass Mix	Clover Mix	Straw
1.60 - 6.00	1.90 - 6.10	2.00 - 5.30	2.00 - 4.50	1.50 - 5.90	2.40 - 2.70	2.60 - 3.50

#### Southern MD Regional Farmers Market - \$/bale - December 2, 2006 - Next Sale date - December 16, 2006

Alfalfa	Lespedeza	Mixed Grass	Straw	Timothy Mix
4.40 - 4.70	3.60 - 9.00	3.20	2.00	4.00

<b>POULTRY</b>						
<b>Negotiated price for truck lot of ready-to-cook, ice-pack, Grade A Fryers (\$ per CWT) – Week Ending – December 9, 2006</b>						
	<b>Current Week</b>		<b>Week Ago</b>		<b>Month Ago</b>	
<b>N.Y. Weighted Avg.</b>	61.71		61.62		69.60	
<b>12 City Composite</b>	65.83		66.31		65.57	
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS - \$ per CWT - Westminster, MD – December 5, 2006</b>						
<b>Sheep</b>	42.50-70.00		<b>Lambs</b>	50 - 80 lbs	102.50 - 125.00	
Yearlings	85.00 - 100.00			90 - 130 lbs	105.00 - 120.00	
Too Fat	22.00-30.00			Feeders	100.00	
<b>TERMINAL MARKETS HOGS – December 7, 2006</b>				<b>DIRECT MARKET HOGS – Westminster, MD – December 5, 2006</b>		
<b>Base Price Range</b>	<b>Carcass Basis</b>	<b>Sows (1 -3)</b>	<b>Butcher Hogs</b>		<b>Sows</b>	
<b>a.m.</b>	<b>Base 185 lb Hog</b>	<b>300 – 449 lbs</b>	#1 215 - 275	43.00-44.00	Heavy Weights	38.00
<b>Eastern Corn belt</b>	51.00-64.50	34.84 - 41.00			Lightweights	38.00
<b>Iowa, Minn</b>	52.00-63.55	30.50 - 39.52	Heavy Weights	40.50 - 43.00	<b>Boars</b>	
					Heavyweights	13.00 - 15.00
					Lightweights	18.00
<b>Market Hogs - Millsboro, DE – November 14, 2006 - dollars/cwt 36.00</b> Next sale date December 12, 2006						
<b>FEEDER PIGS – (\$ per CWT) –</b>						
<b>Gumboro, DE November 14, 2006</b> Next sale date December 12, 2006				<b>New Holland, PA</b>		
<b>Head: 184</b>				<b>Head</b>		<b>Trend:</b>
Under 30 lbs	50.00-145.00	50 - 59 lbs	56.00 - 91.00	Not Available		
30 - 39 lbs	50.00-121.00	80 - 89 lbs	50.00			
40 - 49 lbs	81.00- 97.00					
<b>Chicago Mercantile Exchange \$ per CWT – December 7, 2006</b>						
<b>CATTLE –LIVE FUTURES</b>				<b>HOGS-LEAN FUTURES</b>		
DEC06	86.65	JUN07	87.58	DEC06	62.43	MAY07 72.55
FEB07	89.30	AUG07	86.70	FEB07	64.28	JUN07 73.55
APR07	90.85	OCT07	89.93	APR07	67.35	JLY07 71.95
<b>STOCKER – FEEDER CATTLE – (\$ per CWT)</b>						
<b>Winchester, VA – December 4, 2006</b>				<b>Westminster, MD – December 5, 2006</b>		
<b>Steers</b>	300 - 400 lbs	110.00 -127.00		<b>Steers</b>	200 - 300 lbs	100.00 - 117.00
	400 - 500 lbs	101.00 -118.00			400 - 500 lbs	87.00-94.00
	500 - 600 lbs	85.00 -106.00			600 - 700 lbs	73.00 - 80.00
	600 - 700 lbs	90.00 - 99.75			1000 - 1200 lbs	57.00 -82.50
	700 - 800 lbs	80.00 - 86.50				
	800 - 900 lbs	80.00 - 85.00		<b>Heifers</b>	200 - 300 lbs	75.00- 98.00
	900 -1100 lbs	78.50			400 - 500 lbs	71.00-84.00
<b>Heifers</b>	300 - 400 lbs	101.50 -115.00			600 - 700 lbs	59.00-77.00
	400 - 500 lbs	85.00 - 96.00			1000 - 1200 lbs	57.00 - 82.50
	500 - 600 lbs	81.50 - 87.25				
	600 - 700 lbs	77.00 - 85.00				
	700 - 800 lbs	74.00 - 75.00				
<b>SLAUGHTER CATTLE (\$ per CWT)</b>						
<b>Westminster, MD – December 5, 2006</b>						
<b>Sltr. Cows</b>	Premium	Up to 54.75		<b>Fed Heifers</b>	Choice	86.50 - 89.75
	Breakers	46.00 - 51.50			Select	82.50 - 85.00
	Boners	41.00 - 45.00		<b>Hols. Bull Calves #1</b>	95.00 - 110.00	
	Thin/Slow	39.25 & down		<b>#2</b>	82.00 - 90.00	
<b>Fed Steers</b>	Ch & Pr	86.75 - 89.25		<b>Culls</b>	30.00 - 60.00	
	Low Choice	81.50 - 86.50		<b>Jerseys</b>	25.00 - 40.00	
	Holsteins: Small	66.50 - 68.50		<b>Hols. Heifers #2</b>	160.00 - 270.00	
	Holsteins	69.50 - 74.50				
<b>Lancaster, New Holland &amp; Vintage – December 7, 2006</b>						
<b>Sltr Steers</b>				<b>Slaughter Heifers:</b>		
H Ch & Pr 2-3	1245 -1470 lbs	86.50 - 90.75		Ch & Pr 2-3	1050 - 1325 lbs	84.25 - 87.75
YG 4-5	1490 - 1575 lbs	83.00 - 87.75				
	1580 - 1700 lbs	78.00 - 81.75				
Choice 2-3	1140 -1475 lbs	84.00 - 87.00		<b>Sltr. Cows:</b>	<b>Percent Lean</b>	
YG4 / full	1520 - 1595 lbs	81.75 - 83.25		Premium	65 - 75	50.50 - 54.00
Sel & Lo Ch 1-3	1060 -1470 lbs	81.00 - 84.75		Breakers	75 - 80	47.50 - 50.50
<b>Hols. Steers:</b>				Boners	80 - 85	44.50 - 47.00
HCh & Pr 2-3	1365 -1550lbs	73.75 - 76.50		Lean	88 - 90	39.75 - 43.25
Choice 2-3	1390 -1580lbs	71.75 - 74.50				
Sel & Lo Ch 1-3	1445 -1575 lbs	66.50 - 70.75				
Select & Std 1	1300 -1465 lbs	55.00 - 61.50				

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