



# MARYLAND GRAIN & LIVESTOCK REPORT

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**WEEKLY GRAIN COMMENTARY** Kevin McNew Adjunct Professor, UMD-College Park

Futures prices in the grain market were mostly unchanged this week. Wet weather in much of the Western Cornbelt shut down planting progress. Rains of up to 1 1/2" are expected to fall across KS, NE, IA, SD and MN over the weekend with the largest amounts falling in a line from Kansas City to Chicago. These rains will eventually move themselves east although midday forecasts reduced the amount of rain the eastern Corn Belt will receive. Their amounts look to be in the 1/4" to 3/4" variety. The southeast Corn Belt did receive some favorable news as the rains in these areas were lessened and will hold off through the weekend. Forecasts for the balance of next week look for periodic chances of rain to fall across the Corn Belt keeping planting a challenge. On the demand side, weekly export sales totaled 1,283,800 MT surpassing high side estimates of 1 MMT. The stout demand came as a surprise to the trade, especially since it broke the psychological million MT mark. For beans, the demand news was equally impressive as weekly sales totaled 1,441,300 MT. To date sales for 09/10 total 2,064.2 MMT compared to zero in the period a year ago. 08/09 total commitments have reached 1,137.4 million bushels, just 72.6 million less than USDA forecast with 18 weeks left in the marketing year. March Census crush of 144.6 million bushels was towards the high of estimates that ranged from 143.65 to 145.0 million bushels but is still down year-on-year with March 08 crushing at 155.96 million.

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

Grade and Commodity	#2 Y Shelled Corn		#2 Yellow Soybeans		#2 Red Winter Wheat		#3 Barley	
	04/14	04/21	04/14	04/21	04/14	04/21	04/14	04/21
Western, MD	4.25	4.15	9.33	9.43	3.48	3.48	3.25	2.93
Central, MD	4.01	3.94	9.88	9.95	4.12	4.02	----	----
Southern, MD	4.04	3.84	10.01	10.03	----	----	----	----
Upper E. Shore	4.22	4.02	10.16	10.18	----	----	----	----
Lower E. Shore	4.37	4.22	10.33	10.38	----	----	----	2.00

**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	
	04/14	04/21	04/14	04/21	04/14	04/21	04/14	04/21
Western MD	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Central MD	3.74	3.81	8.38	8.22	4.14	4.23	----	----
Southern MD	4.10	3.89	8.74	8.66	4.19	4.06	2.35	2.23
Upper E Shore	4.23	4.02	8.89	8.81	4.29	4.16	2.40	2.28
Lower E Shore	4.30	4.14	9.07	8.97	4.22	4.13	2.50	2.41

**GRAIN FUTURES – CME Group - Settle - April 22, 2009 (Cents & Quarter – cents/bushel)**

Corn		Soybeans		Wheat		Soybean Meal <sup>1/</sup>	
MAY09	373'4	MAY09	1046'0	MAY09	516'6	MAY09	329.8
JLY09	382'4	JLY09	1039'0	JLY09	528'0	JLY09	322.6
SEP09	392'2	AUG09	1015'0	SEP09	555'2	AUG09	311.9
DEC09	403'2	SEP09	967'4	DEC09	578'2	SEP09	294.4
MAR10	415'2	NOV09	924'0	MAR10	593'6	OCT09	271.3
MAY10	423'2	JAN10	929'0	MAY10	604'2	DEC09	268.6

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

**HAY AND STRAW**

**New Holland, PA - \$/ton – April 20, 2009**

Alfalfa	Mixed Hay	Timothy	Grass	Straw
117.00 - 245.00	87.00 - 350.00	170.00 - 200.00	120.00 - 235.00	75.00 - 155.00

**Westminster, MD - April 21, 2009 - \$/bale**

Alfalfa	Alfalfa Mix	Timothy	Timothy Mix	Grass Mix	Straw
4.40 - 5.00	3.00 - 4.00	2.00 - 3.40	2.30 - 3.50	1.30 - 2.90	2.60 - 3.00

<b>POULTRY</b>					
<b>Negotiated price for truck lot of ready-to-cook, ice-pack, Grade A Fryers (\$ per CWT) – Week Ending – April 25, 2009</b>					
	<b>Current Week</b>	<b>Prev. Week</b>	<b>Prev. Month</b>	<b>Prev. Year</b>	
<b>N.Y. Weighted Avg.</b>	70.65	70.43	71.48	74.76	
<b>12 City Composite</b>	77.54	76.33	75.52	78.78	
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS - Westminster, MD - April 21, 2009 - \$/cwt</b>					
<b>Sheep</b>	40.00 - 80.00	<b>Lambs</b>		50 - 80 lbs	105.00 - 147.50
Ewes & Lambs	120.00 - 150.00	Yearlings	70.00 - 90.00	90 - 130 lbs	107.50 - 145.00
Too Fat	30.00	Under 50 lbs	125.00 - 135.00	Feeders	85.00 - 97.50
<b>TERMINAL MARKETS HOGS - April 23, 2009</b>			<b>DIRECT MARKET HOGS - Westminster, MD - April 21, 2009</b>		
<b>* Base Price Range</b>	<b>Carcass Basis</b>	<b>Weighted</b>	<b>Butcher Hogs</b>		
	<b>Base 185 lb Hog</b>	<b>Average</b>	#1 215-275 lbs	35.00 - 39.50	<b>Sows</b>
<b>Iowa, Minn</b>	50.00 - 65.00	62.58	Culls	25.00 - 31.00	Wet
<b>Eastern Corn belt</b>	50.00 - 61.00	59.76			
* Base price is the price from which no discounts are subtracted and no premiums are added.					<b>Boars</b>
					HeavyWeights
					LightWeights
					12.00
					23.00
<b>MARKET HOGS - Millsboro, DE - (\$/CWT) - April 14, 2009 33.00 - 35.00 Next sale date - May 12, 2009</b>					
<b>FEEDER PIGS - Gumboro, DE - (\$/CWT) - April 14, 2009 Next sale date - May 12, 2009</b>					
Under 30 lbs	50.00 - 170.00		40 - 49 lbs	140.00	
30 - 39 lbs	106.00 - 140.00		50 - 59 lbs	70.00	
<b>CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE GROUP (cwt) - April 22, 2009</b>					
<b>LIVE CATTLE – FUTURES</b>			<b>LEAN HOGS – FUTURES</b>		
APR09	87.58	OCT09	87.40	MAY09	70.65
JUN09	83.15	DEC09	89.53	JUN09	72.38
AUG09	83.33	FEB10	90.85	JLY09	73.48
				DEC09	65.05
<b>STOCKER – FEEDER CATTLE – (\$/cwt)</b>					
<b>Winchester, VA - April 20, 2009</b>			<b>Westminster, MD - April 21, 2009</b>		
<b>Steers</b>	300 - 400 lbs	112.00 - 115.00	<b>Steers</b>	200 - 300 lbs	78.00 - 118.00
	400 - 500 lbs	105.50 - 118.00		400 - 500 lbs	82.00 - 101.00
	500 - 600 lbs	102.00 - 114.00		600 - 700 lbs	67.00 - 73.00
	600 - 700 lbs	95.50 - 102.50			
	700 - 800 lbs	88.50 - 94.50			
<b>Heifers</b>	300 - 400 lbs	86.00 - 95.00	<b>Heifers</b>	200 - 300 lbs	72.00 - 95.00
	400 - 500 lbs	85.00 - 96.00		400 - 500 lbs	69.00 - 90.00
	500 - 600 lbs	85.50 - 96.25		600 - 700 lbs	68.00 - 77.00
	600 - 700 lbs	81.00 - 89.75			
	700 - 800 lbs	78.50 - 87.50			
<b>SLAUGHTER CATTLE (\$/cwt)</b>					
<b>Westminster, MD - April 21, 2009</b>			<b>Fed Heifers</b>		
<b>Sltr. Cows</b>			Choice	84.00 - 87.00	
Breakers	52.00 - 57.50		Holsteins	66.50	
Boners	45.00 - 50.75				
Thin/Slow	44.75 & Down				
			<b>Hols. Bull Calves to Feed</b>		
<b>Fed Steers</b>			#1	70.00 - 84.00	
Choice & Prime	85.50 - 89.75		#2	40.00 - 67.50	
Low Choice	84.00 - 84.50		<b>Culls</b>	20.00 - 32.50	
Select	78.50		<b>Jerseys</b>	10.00 - 15.00	
Holsteins: Not Finished	63.50 - 71.00				
<b>Lancaster, New Holland &amp; Vintage – April 23, 2009</b>					
<b>Sltr. Steers:</b>			<b>Sltr. Heifers</b>		
Hi Ch & Pr 2-3	1220 - 1510 lbs	86.00 - 90.00	Hi Ch & Pr 2-3	1095 - 1325 lbs	83.50 - 86.00
Full YG 4-5		80.00 - 84.50	Full YG 4-5		79.00 - 82.00
Choice 2- 3	1180 - 1460 lbs	83.50 - 86.00	Choice 2- 3	1070 - 1255 lbs	82.00 - 84.00
Hi Sel & Lo Ch 2-3	1090 - 1325 lbs	82.00 - 83.00			
Select 1-2	1055 - 1220 lbs	81.50 - 82.50	<b>Sltr. Cows:</b>	<b>Percent Lean</b>	<b>Avg. Dressing</b>
<b>Hols. Steers:</b>			Premium White	65 - 75	53.00 - 55.00
Hi Ch & Pr 2-3	1350 - 1575 lbs	74.25 - 78.50	Breakers	75 - 80	50.00 - 53.00
	1610 - 1835 lbs	67.00 - 71.00	Boners	80 - 85	48.50 - 50.25
Choice 2- 3	1245 - 1460 lbs	70.50 - 74.00	Lean	88 - 90	44.00 - 48.00
Hi Sel & Lo Ch 2-3	1185 - 1400 lbs	67.50 - 70.00			

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