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## INTERNATIONAL

#### Influences

Russian grain prices continue to grind lower. The IGC quoted Russian 12.5% protein wheat at US \$199 FOB overnight. This is the first time it has dropped below US \$200 FOB since July 2020. Overnight grain news outlets are reporting Algeria bought 870-900 000t of wheat at \$228 CNF delivered, which works back to US 200 FOB Europe and towards \$195 FOB Russia. Australia's US FOB price was quoted at \$280 for APW1, more or less unchanged. This makes Australia even more uncompetitive than it was last week for Asian consumers, and it was uncompetitive last week.

FOB feed grains (corn, barley) were steady and US sorghum actually jumped 10 USD. However, current sorghum values seem to still reflect reasonable premiums against US Sorghum and likely are a result of exporter shorts that need filling.



### DOMESTIC Overview

The most recent ABARES quarterly report suggests that summer crop production will come in at 4.3 million tonnes, which is 14% higher than the December report. The increase can be attributed to an increase in area planted of 100 000 ha with sorghum seeing the largest upward revision at 38% higher than the December report. This forecast is 26% above the 10-year average for sorghum production.

A couple of weeks back I mentioned concerns about Fall Army Worm damage. ABARES mentions FAW damage concerns in the later sown crops such as those sown December onwards, but also mentions that the yield losses expected seem to be offset by increased yields in unaffected crops. Damages seem to be more prevalent in QLD than in NSW.

Nearby domestic grain homes remain hard to find for wheat/barley and feed pulses. Old and new crop markets still have a bearish tone to them. Growers are resisting the lower prices, however, the east coast still needs to export more grain, and it is difficult to find demand for that grain.

The 10 to 14 day rain forecast is showing little in the way of rainfall for the East Coast but a lot of rain for the west coast. For the East Coast this will mean a potential uptick in demand for bits a bobs of grain going to smaller feed operations. This could be an opportunity to get some prompt grain away, but I suspect it will be easily met by existing stocks. For the west coast, it seems the really heavy rain will fall to the west of the cropping areas but a good portion of the crop is still predicted to get 10-50mm which will be welcome this close to planting.

#### Key

**IGC:** International Grain Council - Headquartered in London, an intergovernmental organisation that seeks to improve market transparency by conduction supply and demand analysis and reporting market prices.

**CNF:** Cost and Freight - basically means delivered price by bulk shipment to a importers port. Synonymous with C&F and CFR.

ABARES: Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource
Economics and Sciences. Australia's national research organisation
for supply and demand data on agricultural products.





# INTERNATIONAL Futures Pricing

Contract Front Month	Price	USD FOB
US No 2 Hard Red Winter Wheat (HRW)	576'2	278
US No 2 Soft Red Winter Wheat (SRW)	521'2	239
EU France Grade 1 Wheat (Rouen)	179.75	209
Russian 12.5 Millling Wheat		199
ASX East Coast Wheat Futures	316.00	280(Adelaide Track Basis)
AUD/USD	0.6569	
WTI Oil	79.13	



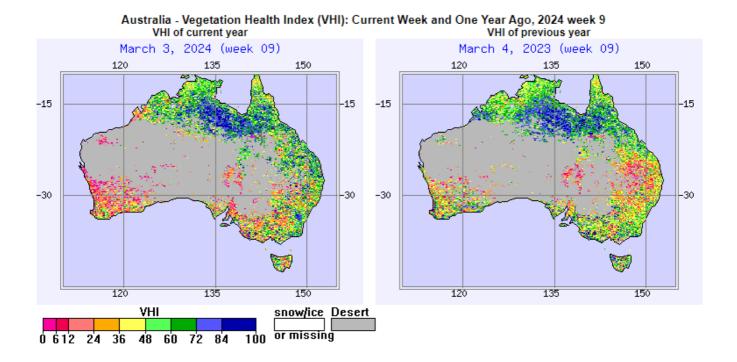


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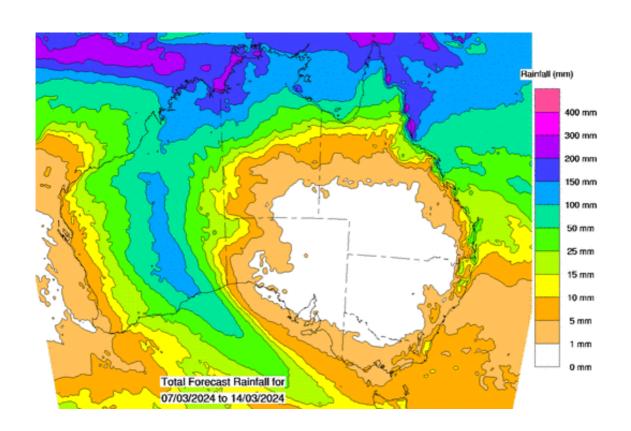
Market/Commodity (\$/mt)	SFW1 Wheat	Barley 1	Sorghum	Cottonseed	
Downs	360	365	355		
LLP	335	340	340		
Newcastle	350		365		
Griffith Market Zone	332 (aswl)	310			
Melbourne	337	320			
Moree					
Namoi Valley					
Macquarie Valley					
MIA					



#### **Vegetation Health Index**



#### 8 Day BOM Rainfall Forecast

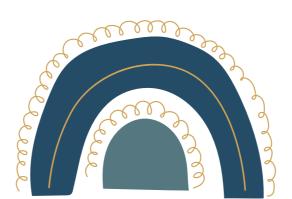


#### **WX Maps Precipitation Forecasts**

#### **Precipitation Forecasts** Precipitation (mm) during the period: 250 200 175 Wed, 06 MAR 2024 at 12Z 150 -to-Thu, 14 MAR 2024 at 12Z 80 70 60 50 40 35 30 25 20 16 13 Thu, 14 MAR 2024 at 12Z 10 7.5 -to-5 Fri, 22 MAR 2024 at 12Z 2.5 2 1.5 1 0.5 Precipitation (% of normal) during the first period: 800 400 Wed, 06 MAR 2024 at 12Z 300 -to-Thu, 14 MAR 2024 at 12Z 75 50 25 10 5

Precipitation forecasts from the National Centers for Environmental Prediction. Normal rainfall derived from XIe-Arkin (CMAP) Monthly Climatology for 1979-2003. Forecast Initialization Time: 12Z06MAR2024







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