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Will Feed Input Costs be Lower?

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At the time of writing this article the sun is shining, it is 25°C and the crops are looking more mature everyday. What a change from two weeks ago. Other than a bit of frost damage in some areas, the Ontario crop may make it after all if the long range weather predictions are right. This is also true of the whole mid west of the United States. Alberta is harvesting the wheat off the ground, that was flattened by a snow storm a couple of weeks ago and now this week there are record high temperatures.

So when we look at these events locally, regionally, nationally and internationally how does it all add up? What could be the bottom line feed cost effect on Ontario Pig Producers? Of course different sources of information will provide predictions and every source has a big "but" disclaimer paragraph saying they are not responsible for any decisions you make with the information provided, including me. Here are some charts provided to us by Mr. Steve Freed, Vice President of Research, ADM Investor Services. This data was discussed as of September 11, 2014. Five charts for review are below.



Each chart shows an estimate for 2013/2014, a forecast for 2014/2015, the change from the previous month, in this case September 11, 2014 from August 12, 2014 and the change from 2013/2014 to 2014/2015.

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Table I. U.S. Corn Supply and Demand

U.S. Corn Supply and Demand

	2013/14 estimate	2014/15 forecast	Change from August 12 Percent	Change from 2013/14 Percent
Planted area (million acres)	95.4	91.6	0.0	-3.9
Harvested area (million acres)	87.7	83.8	0.0	-4.4
Yield (bushels per acre)	158.8	171.7	2.6	8.1
<i>Million bushels</i>				
Beginning stocks	821	1,181	0.0	43.9
Production	13,925	14,395	2.6	3.4
Imports	35	30	0.0	-14.3
Total supply	14,781	15,607	2.4	5.6
Feed and residual	5,175	5,325	1.4	2.9
Food, seed, and industrial	6,500	6,530	1.1	0.5
Ethanol	5,125	5,125	1.0	0.0
Domestic use	11,675	11,855	1.2	1.5
Exports	1,925	1,750	1.4	-9.1
Total use	13,600	13,605	1.3	0.0
Ending stocks	1,181	2,002	10.7	69.4
<i>Percent</i>				
Stocks to use ratio	8.7	14.7		
<i>Dollars per bushel</i>				
Average market price	4.45	3.20/3.80	-10.3	-21.3

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Table II. U.S. Soybean Supply and Demand

U.S. Soybean Supply and Demand

	2013/14 estimate	2014/15 forecast	Change from August 12 Percent	Change from 2013/14 Percent
Planted area (million acres)	76.5	84.8	0.0	10.9
Harvested area (million acres)	75.9	84.1	0.0	10.8
Yield (bushels per acre)	43.3	46.6	2.6	7.4
<i>Million bushels</i>				
Beginning stocks	141	130	-7.1	-7.3
Production	3,289	3,913	2.6	19.0
Imports	80	15	0.0	-81.3
Total supply	3,509	4,058	2.2	15.6
Crush	1,730	1,770	0.9	2.3
Seed and residual	4	113	2.2	2,709.7
Domestic use	1,734	1,883	0.9	8.6
Exports	1,645	1,700	1.5	3.3
Total use	3,379	3,583	1.2	6.0
Ending stocks	130	475	10.4	264.5
<i>Percent</i>				
Stocks to use ratio	3.9	13.3		
<i>Dollars per bushel</i>				
Average market price	13.00	9.00/11.00	-3.4	-23.1

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Table III. U.S. Wheat Supply and Demand

U.S. Wheat Supply and Demand

	2013/14 estimate	2014/15 forecast	Change from August 12 Percent	Change from 2013/14 Percent
Planted area (million acres)	56.2	56.5	0.0	0.6
Harvested area (million acres)	45.2	46.2	0.0	2.4
Yield (bushels per acre)	47.2	43.9	0.0	-7.0
<i>Million bushels</i>				
Beginning stocks	718	590	0.0	-17.9
Production	2,130	2,030	0.0	-4.7
Imports	169	170	6.3	0.8
Total supply	3,016	2,789	0.4	-7.5
Food use	951	960	0.0	0.9
Seed	77	76	0.0	-1.0
Feed and residual	222	155	0.0	-30.3
Domestic use	1,250	1,191	0.0	-4.7
Exports	1,176	900	-2.7	-23.5
Total use	2,426	2,091	-1.2	-13.8
Ending stocks	590	698	5.3	18.4
<i>Percent</i>				
Stocks to use ratio	24.3	33.4		
<i>Dollars per bushel</i>				
Average market price	6.87	5.50/6.30	-6.3	-14.1

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Blyth, Ontario

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Table IV. World Wheat Production**World Wheat Production**

Country or Region	2013/14 estimate	2014/15 forecast	Change from August 12	Change from 2013/14
	<i>Million Tons</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
World	714.1	719.9	0.5	0.8
United States	58.0	55.2	0.0	-4.7
Foreign	656.1	664.7	0.6	1.3
Argentina	10.5	12.3	-1.6	17.1
Canada	37.5	28.0	0.0	-25.3
Australia	27.0	25.5	-1.9	-5.6
European Union	143.1	151.0	2.1	5.5
Russia	52.1	59.0	0.0	13.3
Ukraine	22.3	24.0	9.1	7.7
Kazakhstan	13.9	13.5	0.0	-3.2
China	121.9	126.0	0.0	3.3
India	93.5	95.9	0.0	2.5

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Table V. Price Summary**Price Summary**

	2013/14 estimate	2014/15 forecast	Change from August 12	Change from 2013/14
			<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<i>Crops and products</i>				
Wheat (\$/bu)	6.87	5.90	-6.3	-14.1
Rice (\$/cwt)	16.10	14.40	0.7	-10.6
Corn (\$/bu)	4.45	3.50	-10.3	-21.3
Soybeans (\$/bu)	13.00	10.00	-3.4	-23.1
Soybean oil (¢/lb)	38.25	36.00	-2.7	-5.9
Soybean meal (\$/s.t.)	490.00	350.00	-2.8	-28.6
Cotton (¢/lb)	77.50	64.00	-1.5	-17.4
<i>Livestock</i>				
Steers (\$/cwt)	152.7	155.5	0.0	1.9
Hogs (\$/cwt)	77.4	70.3	-6.0	-9.2
Broilers (¢/lb)	104.2	102.8	-1.0	-1.3
Turkeys (¢/lb)	107.5	106.5	0.0	-0.9
<i>Dairy products</i>				
Cheese	2.15	1.74	1.2	-19.0
Butter	2.19	1.74	1.2	-20.5
Nonfat dry milk	1.79	1.60	-2.4	-10.3
Dry whey	0.65	0.57	-0.9	-12.1
<i>Milk classes</i>				
Class III (\$/cwt)	22.25	17.70	1.1	-20.4
Class IV (\$/cwt)	22.45	19.00	-1.3	-15.4
All milk (\$/cwt)	23.90	19.90	-1.7	-16.7

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If we look at corn being the biggest cost for raising a pig to market, the market could be \$1.00 per bushel less this year. Based on using 10 bushels of corn, this alone would mean \$10 less feed cost per pig farrow to finish. A big drop, 28.6% in soya meal is also predicted and the pig price is estimated to drop 9.2% also, according to this data. So how does all this shake out? No one knows. If the drop in feed costs are followed by a drop in pig price it may just mean the operating loan at the bank is lower with less money needed to operate, but not as much change hopefully in the margin per pig.

Have a safe and great harvest!

Thank you.

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