



Ontario Grain Market Commentary for March 6, 2013
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Commodity	Period	Price	Weekly Movement - Wednesday to Friday		
Corn CBOT	May	6.8825	↓	20.25	cents
Soybeans CBOT	May	14.6600	↑	28.20	cents
Wheat CBOT	May	6.8125	↓	36.50	cents
Wheat Minn.	May	7.8000	↓	24.50	cents
Wheat Kansas	May	7.3150	↓	38.00	cents
Canadian \$	June	0.9677	↓	47.00	points

The TSX scored higher on Wednesday with gold shares leading the way finding support from a better than expected US private-sector hiring. The US private sector added 198,000 jobs in February, a report by payrolls processor showed. The loonie hit an eight-month low after comments by the Bank of Canada (BOC) suggested that the current low interest rate environment is likely to remain longer as higher unemployment rate numbers are expected in February. The unemployment report will be released on Friday by Statistics Canada. In turn, the loonie could remain under pressure if the unemployment rate edges over 7%. The BOC indicated in a revised statement it thinks the risk of a housing bubble has passed, and therefore forgoing the need for interest rate hikes in the near term. Statistics Canada also released January livestock estimates and farm product prices. These reports can be found at the Statistics Canada website.

Corn

Corn futures were trading lower in Chicago on a better weather forecast over the next five days and from weakness in the wheat market. Showers are expected over the north central plains and eastern Corn Belt boosting soil conditions. Ethanol production for the week ending March 1st averaged 805,000 bpd, down 0.86% over last week and down 11.2% over last year according to the CME.

Soybeans

Soybean futures were trading higher in Chicago finding support from speculation that the South American crop, particularly in Brazil could fall ahead of Friday's USDA report. The market is also lending support to prices through the ongoing delays in key export terminals in Brazil. According to the CME, some traders suggest March exports can be significantly large for Brazil;



however caution pre-empts in this instance given the uncertainty in the weather and potential for union complications.

WHEAT

Wheat futures fell in Chicago on news of ample global supplies and with India considering boosting exports of the crop. India, the world's second-largest wheat grower, may approve more exports from state reserves according to Press Trust of India. According to the Ministry of Agricultural Policy and Food of Ukraine, an agreement to supply an additional 300,000 tonnes of wheat to the export market by the end of the marketing year has been approved. The ministry is also considering approving another 200,000 tonnes for the foreign market later this month.

Contract prices for March 6, as of 3pm, are as follows:

SWW at \$235.92 per tonne (\$6.42 /bu), HRW at \$243.51 per tonne (\$6.63/bu.),
HRS at \$260.13 per tonne (\$7.08/bu), and SRW at \$230.22 per tonne (\$6.27/bu.).