

Weekly Market Report

Week Ending 28/03/08

ROUND-UP

Exchange	Last Traded Value (28/03/08) 12pm	Weekly Change
May Liffe	£180	-£6.50
Nov Liffe	£149.50	-£2.75
May CBOT (Wheat)	\$10.00	+\$0.13
May MATIF (Wheat)	€250	-€17.00

SUMMARY

- European old crop prices weaken on lack of demand, new crop follows
- US CBOT consolidates after recent fall
- Australian Crop Forecasters forecast record 27million crop
- Egypt plants its largest wheat area in ten years
- Egypt buys further US wheat , Europe misses business again
- Argentinean farmers strike – blocking exports
- EU maize imports year to date at 10.4 million compared to 3.9 last year
- EU sorghum imports year to date at 4.3 million compared to 512K last year

- Sterling hits weakens to 79 against the Euro
- Indian farm minister says no need to import wheat

WEATHER/CROP DEVELOPMENT

- US HRW western areas remain dry
- North Africa receives rainfall
- Northern China Plains need further rainfall

BOTTOM LINE

Old crop markets look vulnerable as demand weakens , coupled with further maize replacing additional wheat in rations both in the UK and mainland Europe.

Markets are likely to remain volatile as we see the transition into new crop, with this past week certainly seeing cracks in the old crop market putting pressure on longs.

Weather will soon take center stage , although until we see either a real or perceived threat , rallies will be sold and with the structure of the market having very few spec shorts the market will be vulnerable to further sell offs.

Note – USDA planting report on Monday will probably be the main driver next week