

Weekly Market Report

Week Ending 11/04/08

ROUND-UP

Exchange	Last Traded Value (11/04/08) 11am	Weekly Change
May Liffe	£175.25	-£1.75
Nov Liffe	£150	-£2.00
May CBOT (Wheat)	\$9.30	-\$0.45
May MATIF (Wheat)	€236.5	-€8.00

SUMMARY

- European markets ease in quiet trade
- US CBOT falls – rain boosts new crop prospects
- USDA raises Global old crop wheat ending stocks by 2.1 million to 112.48
- USDA raises EU wheat ending stocks by 1 million
- USDA trims coarse grain ending stocks by 0.9million to 127
- ONIGC raises old crop French ending stocks by 300K to 2.6million
- UK wheat imports up 24% to 1.2 million(still low – trade at 1.4av)
- Germany forecasts wheat at 13.9% up in 2008 (SprBarley up 17.5%)

- Romania forecasts 2008 wheat production at 7 million – up from 3 million in 2007
- Sterling continues to trend weaker against the Euro

WEATHER/CROP DEVELOPMENT

- US HRW western areas receives beneficial rains (Texas crop est exceeds Trade est)
- North Africa, Spain, Chinese Plains all receive beneficial rain
- Russian Spring planting gets delayed due to rain
- US Corn belt remains wet – delays sowing

BOTTOM LINE

A good week for new crop dry areas with all receiving beneficial rains ! The market ,however is in a very lackluster mode , with trade volumes exceptionally thin which is typical of this time of year.

In the US the market is focusing on both the Corn Belt planting weather and the Argentinean strike , both of which are giving strength to the row crops which is indirectly giving wheat short term support.

The old crop increase in ending stocks give further credence to the highs now being in for old crop , while new crop is likely to trend down slowly unless weather intervenes.