

# Weekly Market Report

**Week Ending 15/08/08**

## ROUND-UP

Exchange	Last Traded Value (15/08/08)	Fortnightly Change
Nov 08	£125.50	+£2.25
Nov 09	£136.5	+£3.00
Dec CBOT (Wheat)	\$8.50	+\$0.60
Nov MATIF (Wheat)	€194.50	+€8.50

## SUMMARY

- Markets Consolidate after recent falls
- US wheat firms in volatile trade
- USDA raises Global Wheat Production by 6.5 million
- USDA raises Global Corn Production by 14 million
- USDA raises Global barley production by 4.2 million
- Strategy Grains raises EU grain production by 4 million
- Dollar strength continues after 7 year slide

## WEATHER/CROP DEVELOPMENT

- UK Quality concerns increase as wet weather increases
- Australia needs additional rainfall particularly in NSW

## BOTTOM LINE

A very volatile week with dollar/crude/fund activity being the dominant driving force.

(Index and Trend following funds sold approx 8 million tons of Ag commodities at the CBOT).

In the UK both yields of Winter Barley and the first wheats cuts suggest yields considerably above average , with quality of wheat being the main market focus.

Black Sea Grain continues to be offered aggressively with offers to Egypt \$11 lower despite a rise in US prices.

Note – likely we will see increasing Government domestic buying programmes of strategic stocks

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