

Weekly Market Report

Week Ending 19/09/08

ROUND-UP

Exchange	Last Traded Value (19/09/08)	Fortnightly Change
Nov 08	£106.50	-£3.50
Nov 09	£123	-£3.00
Dec CBOT (Wheat)	\$7.18	-\$0.02
Nov MATIF (Wheat)	€170.00	-€3.25

SUMMARY

- EU grain prices weaker further on global financial woes
- US wheat finishes the week unchanged after volatile trade
- Strategy Grains raises EU grain production by 5 million to 305million
- EU grain production up 49million tons year on year
- Ukrainian analysts revise grain production higher to 47.5 million
- Russian grain production forecast at 95 –100 million (up from 81 last year)

WEATHER/CROP DEVELOPMENT

- US corn belt remains frost free and outlook benign
- Argentina remains dry , crop likely to be downgraded
- Australia needs further rainfall

BOTTOM LINE

Grain markets ebbed and flowed following financials , though with fundamentals remaining bearish it remains difficult seeing rallies being sustained.

Focus in the UK will be on quality and yield of the harvest in Northern Britain which should become clearer this week.

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