

April 2015 U.S. Crop Price Update

USDA's annual Prospective Plantings report and other new information result in only modest changes in the crop market outlook relative to FAPRI-MU projections released in March.

- For the current 2014/15 marketing year, projected corn, soybean and wheat prices are almost the same as in the March update. The marketing year average price is projected to be \$3.71 per bushel for corn, \$10.11 for soybeans and \$6.06 for wheat.
- The 2014/15 sorghum price is now projected at \$3.99 per bushel, up from previous estimates. Strong export sales to China have allowed sorghum to sell at a premium to corn.
- The 2014/15 rice price projection is reduced to \$14.00 per hundred-weight this month, primarily because USDA reported a sharp drop in the monthly rice price for February.
- USDA's report indicates farmers intend to plant slightly more corn and soybeans than FAPRI-MU projected last month. Assuming final plantings match these intentions, projected 2015/16 prices average \$3.86 per bushel for corn and \$9.17 per bushel for soybeans, both down slightly from the March estimates.
- Longer term price prospects are little changed from last month. For most crops, projections for 2016/17 and beyond are very close to those reported in March.

These estimates are developed by the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute at the University of Missouri using its models of agricultural markets and information available in mid-April 2015. The work began as part of a joint project with Texas A&M's Agricultural and Food Policy Center to provide a web-based decision aid for producers who face program participation choices under the new farm bill.

U.S. crop producers had to make a one-time election to participate in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or the Price Loss Coverage (PLC) program for the life of the 2014 farm bill. Payments under each of the program options are very sensitive to crop prices. Different expectations about future crop prices will lead to different expectations about future payments under the programs.

Excel tables available at www.fapri.missouri.edu report projected U.S. supply and use for corn, soybeans, wheat, upland cotton, rice and sorghum.

The election period for the ARC-PLC decision is now closed, ending the FAPRI-MU commitment to generate these monthly price updates. As in recent years, we expect to produce a baseline update in August, once more is known about this year's crop.

Summary:

The monthly update to U.S. crop price projections is based on information available in mid-April 2015.

For more on this topic, see these FAPRI-MU publications:

Bulletin #06-15
March 2015 U.S. Crop Price Update

Report #01-15
2015 U.S. Baseline Briefing Book

Bulletin #03-15
February 2015 U.S. Crop Price Update

Bulletin #02-15
January 2015 U.S. Crop Price Update

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U.S. crop farm prices

	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Corn (\$/bu.)	3.55	5.18	6.22	6.89	4.46	3.71	3.86	3.97	4.02	4.15
Soybeans (\$/bu.)	9.59	11.30	12.50	14.40	13.00	10.11	9.17	9.58	10.00	10.36
Wheat (\$/bu.)	4.87	5.70	7.24	7.77	6.87	6.06	5.21	5.25	5.44	5.69
Durum	5.47	5.98	9.68	8.18	7.46	8.94	6.46	6.26	6.48	6.80
Other spring	5.23	6.49	8.24	8.24	6.73	5.93	5.52	5.58	5.77	6.04
Winter	4.71	5.37	6.81	7.55	6.89	5.94	5.04	5.10	5.27	5.52
Upland cotton (cents/lb.)	62.90	81.50	88.30	72.50	77.90	60.45	60.95	62.57	62.66	64.32
Sorghum (\$/bu.)	3.22	5.02	5.99	6.33	4.28	3.99	3.69	3.58	3.86	3.99
Rice (\$/cwt)	14.40	12.70	14.50	15.10	16.30	14.00	14.12	14.16	14.18	14.13
Long grain	12.90	11.00	13.40	14.50	15.40	12.22	12.55	12.82	12.81	12.84
Medium/short (exc. Japonica)	15.70	15.00	14.30	14.70	15.70	14.95	14.77	14.54	14.62	14.31
Japonica	19.50	20.80	18.40	18.40	20.70	20.19	19.57	18.90	19.01	18.60
Barley (\$/bu.)	4.66	3.86	5.35	6.43	6.06	5.30	4.58	4.66	4.71	4.86
Oats (\$/bu.)	2.02	2.52	3.49	3.89	3.75	3.26	2.95	3.00	3.01	3.09
Peanuts (cents/lb.)	21.70	22.50	31.80	30.10	24.90	21.69	21.88	21.56	21.97	22.23
Sunflower seed (\$/cwt)	15.10	23.30	29.10	25.40	21.40	20.46	19.35	19.58	20.65	21.01
Canola (\$/cwt)	16.20	19.30	24.00	26.50	20.60	17.12	16.63	17.29	18.02	18.29
Flaxseed (\$/bu.)	8.15	12.20	13.90	13.80	13.80	12.05	11.32	11.57	11.86	12.13
Lentils (\$/cwt)	26.80	25.70	25.00	20.70	19.80	23.69	21.33	21.75	22.27	22.76
Safflower (\$/cwt)	17.10	17.20	24.40	27.60	27.90	23.28	21.74	22.21	22.78	23.34
Mustard seed (\$/cwt)	30.40	25.90	33.60	35.80	37.20	31.85	29.71	30.25	30.97	31.71
Dry peas (\$/cwt)	8.98	9.77	15.30	15.70	14.60	11.81	11.67	11.88	12.21	12.58
Rapeseed (\$/cwt)	26.30	23.40	27.00	26.10	25.10	23.70	21.82	22.44	23.24	23.81
Large chickpeas (\$/cwt)	29.10	30.50	42.10	37.90	31.20	28.43	25.80	26.29	27.08	27.96
Small chickpeas (\$/cwt)	20.30	20.80	21.50	27.40	22.90	20.66	18.69	19.06	19.64	20.30
Crambe (\$/cwt)	36.80	32.80	37.80	36.50	35.10	33.18	30.55	31.05	31.83	32.71
Sesame seed (\$/cwt)	28.00	30.60	35.00	32.00	44.00	46.97	43.27	44.00	45.12	46.36

Note: FAPRI-MU prepared these projections in mid-April 2015 based on information available at that time.

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