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Markets

Pig Prices c/Kg HSCW, Trim 1 - Head on (weighted average indicative prices). NB: National weighted averages exclude Tasmania.

W/E 29/01/2010

CONTRACT PRICES	45kg - 60kg- 11-12mm				60.1kg - 75kg- 12-13mm			
	Range		*Weighted Av*	*CH*	*Range*		*Weighted Av*	*CH*
	Min	**Max**			**Min**	**Max**		
QLD	348	440	374	-4	310	340	320	-3
NSW	395	395	395	0	305	320	318	0
VIC	290	290	290	-10	305	328	317	-1
SA	355	358	358	0	305	329	326	-1
WA	353	386	354	0	275	318	281	-1
TAS	395	395	395	0	360	360	360	0
EASTERN SEABOARD*	290	440	362	-3	305	340	321	-1
NATIONAL (excl.TAS)	290	440	361	-2	275	340	316	-1

CONTRACT PRICES	75.1kg - 85kg- 13-14mm				85.1kg - 105kg - (Japan Trim)			
	Range		*Weighted Av*	*CH*	*Range*		*Weighted Av*	*CH*
	Min	**Max**			**Min**	**Max**		
QLD	306	345	324	-2	260	349	299	-3
NSW	305	320	311	0	300	315	305	0
VIC	305	325	309	-4	295	295	295	-10
SA	305	323	315	-4				
WA	269	318	271	-4				
TAS	330	330	330	0	310	310	310	0
EASTERN SEABOARD*	305	345	315	-3	260	349	300	-4
NATIONAL (excl.TAS)	269	345	310	-3	260	349	300	-4

CONTRACT PRICES	Backfatter Sows > 20mm			
	Range		*Weighted Av*	*CH*
	Min	**Max**		
QLD	160	180	169	-6
NSW	140	140	140	0
VIC	140	200	147	7
SA	140	140	140	0
WA	150	185	184	0
TAS	120	120	120	0
EASTERN SEABOARD*	140	200	149	-1
NATIONAL (excl.TAS)	140	200	153	-1

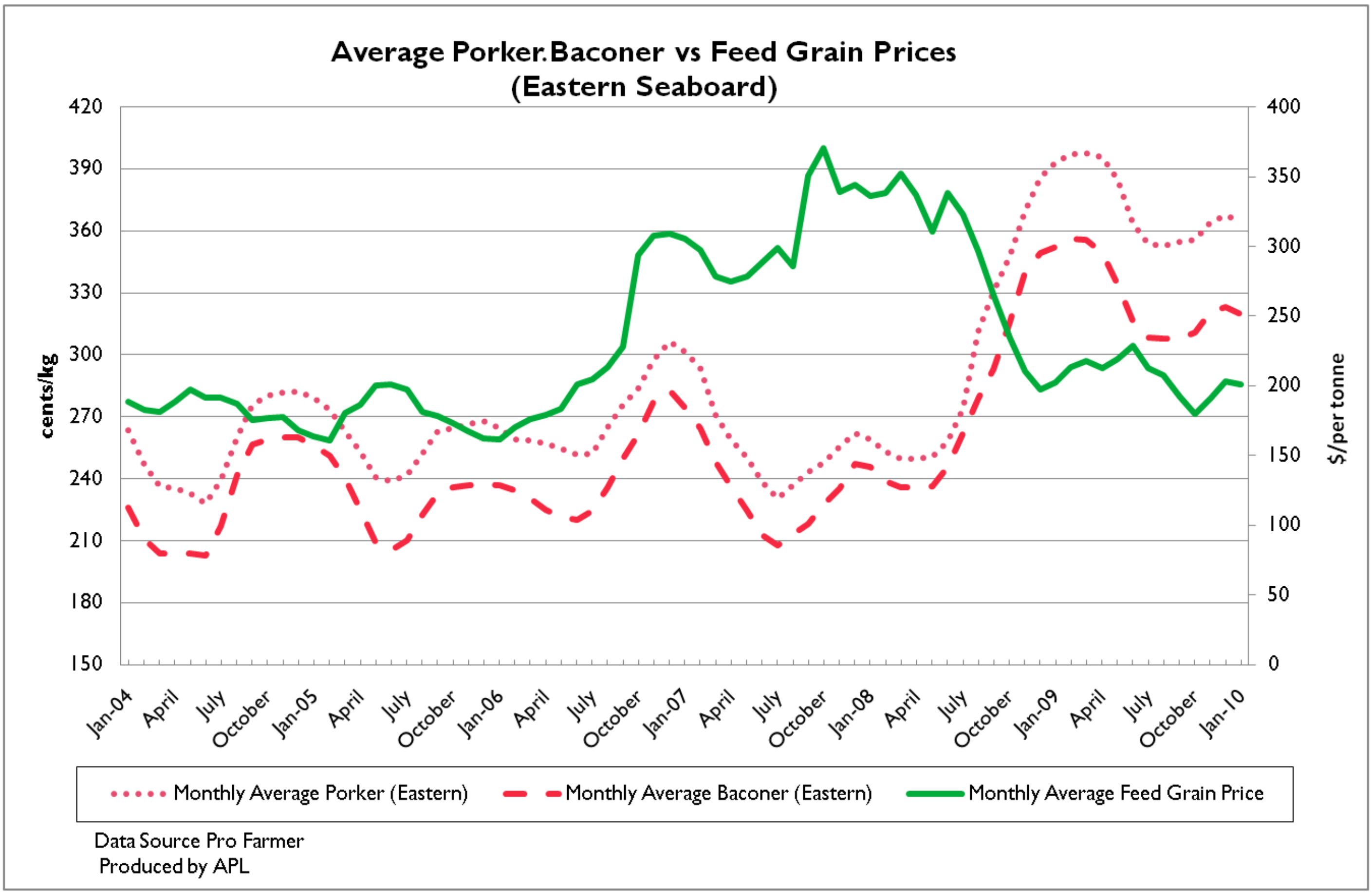
SALEYARD PRICES	Baconer price			Porker Price			Numbers Sold	
	LW	**TW**	**CH**	**LW**	**TW**	**CH**	**LW**	**TW**
Toowoomba (QLD)	420	358	-62	462	430	-32	200	312
Gunnedah (NSW)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ballarat (VIC)	N/A	285	N/A	N/A	363	N/A	N/A	501
Dublin (SA)	344	N/A	N/A	362	N/A	N/A	1,237	N/A

*CH: Denotes change from previous week. N/A: Denotes no data provided. Please note: Gunnedah (NSW) prices are provided monthly and Ballarat (Vic) prices are provided fortnightly. *Eastern Seaboard: Includes QLD, NSW, VIC & SA states only.*

Pork Wholesale Prices (Sydney c/Kg) *(Source: NLRS TW: This Week | LW: Last Week | RAA: Rolling Annual Average)*

03/02/2010	CARCASS		BROKEN SALES					
	Pork	Bacon	Legs	*Legs Ham Trim	Saddles	*Loin	Forequarters	*Bellies
TW	500	460	540	560	580	620	390	700
LW	520	460	570	660	580	635	400	700
Feb 2010 Rolling Annual Average	506	462	499	547	582	625	398	700

03/02/2010	CARTON SALES							
	US Ribs	Boneless Legs	Fillets	*Boneless Middles – 1 8 – 13mm fat	*Boneless Middles – 2 13 – 20mm fat	*Boneless Shoulders	Pork Neck	*Trim – 90CL
TW	1180	770	1160	500	435	550	680	420
LW	1180	800	1160	500	460	575	700	440
Feb 2010 Rolling Annual Average	1206	712	1166	521	458	566	759	432



Weekly Grain Comment
(Source: ProFarmer)

International

Wheat

International futures continue to retreat under pressure from an abundance of stocks, uncertain nearby demand and a lack of any weather threats to nth hemisphere winter crops. Current crop futures fell 24US¢/bu to close last night at 475US¢/bu, while new crop futures contracts were off 20US¢/bu and back to 544US¢/bu.

With support at around 500US¢/bu violated on old crop futures the next target is 450US¢/bu. After a flurry of activity last week as importers moved to cover immediate needs on the recent price fall, the lack of follow through buying this week saw prices resume the trend lower.

Barley/Coarse Grains

The IGC have also raised global barley production. Increased estimates for Australia, Canada, and Kazakhstan will boost the estimate by 0.6mmt to 2.4mmt. Ending stocks for 2009/10 have also been raised. A larger carry-in stocks figure and a larger than expected 2009/10 crop in Australia has seen the IGC stock forecast raised to 2.9mmt from 1.5mmt.

Domestic

Wheat

Sth QLD/Nth NSW

Domestic wheat markets have edged lower over the week. Track APH2 markets are back $5 with H2 Newcastle at A$218/t and Brisbane at A$220/t. Some interest for higher grade wheat is building for the container market.

Most trade activity remains hinged around the feed market, and most of that is ex farm business. Ex farm feed markets are bid Liverpool Plains $175/t, Moree $162/t and the Downs is bid $215/t.

Sth NSW/VIC/SA

Stockfeed markets continue to provide an outlet for grower sellers, with most business done with traders shorts rather than direct with the end user.

Wheat delivered Melbourne for stock feed is bid $207/t for February, up $2/t on last week, and around traded levels of last week, while Goulburn Valley is back $1/t at $192/t delivered.

New crop multi-grade bids are around A$215-220/t port for APW in southern port zones.

Barley

Sth QLD/Nth NSW

Local feed barley markets have eased. Track grower bids are close to $213/t Newcastle for Liverpool Plains delivery. Barley is bid into Liverpool Plains feedlots at $210/t, Gunnee $210/t, New England $220/t and Texas $218/t. Feed barley and low grade wheat are effectively evenly priced.

Sth NSW/VIC/SA

Barley grower track bids continue to trade in a narrow range, supported by relatively tight supplies of F1 and a lack of grower selling.

Export markets are providing little support with international values under pressure from a lack of demand and large global stocks of feed grains.

Feed market bids have shown little change from last week, following a trend of being higher at the start of the week and edging lower towards the week's end. Bids of $173/t western Riverina (down $2/t) are at a $4/t premium to the eastern delivery locations, while Goulburn Valley bids are at $158/t.

Sorghum

The NSW January Grains Report was released on Friday. According to the Department for Planning and Infrastructure 243,885 ha of summer crops have been planted in NSW, which is well below last year's figure of 277,212 ha.

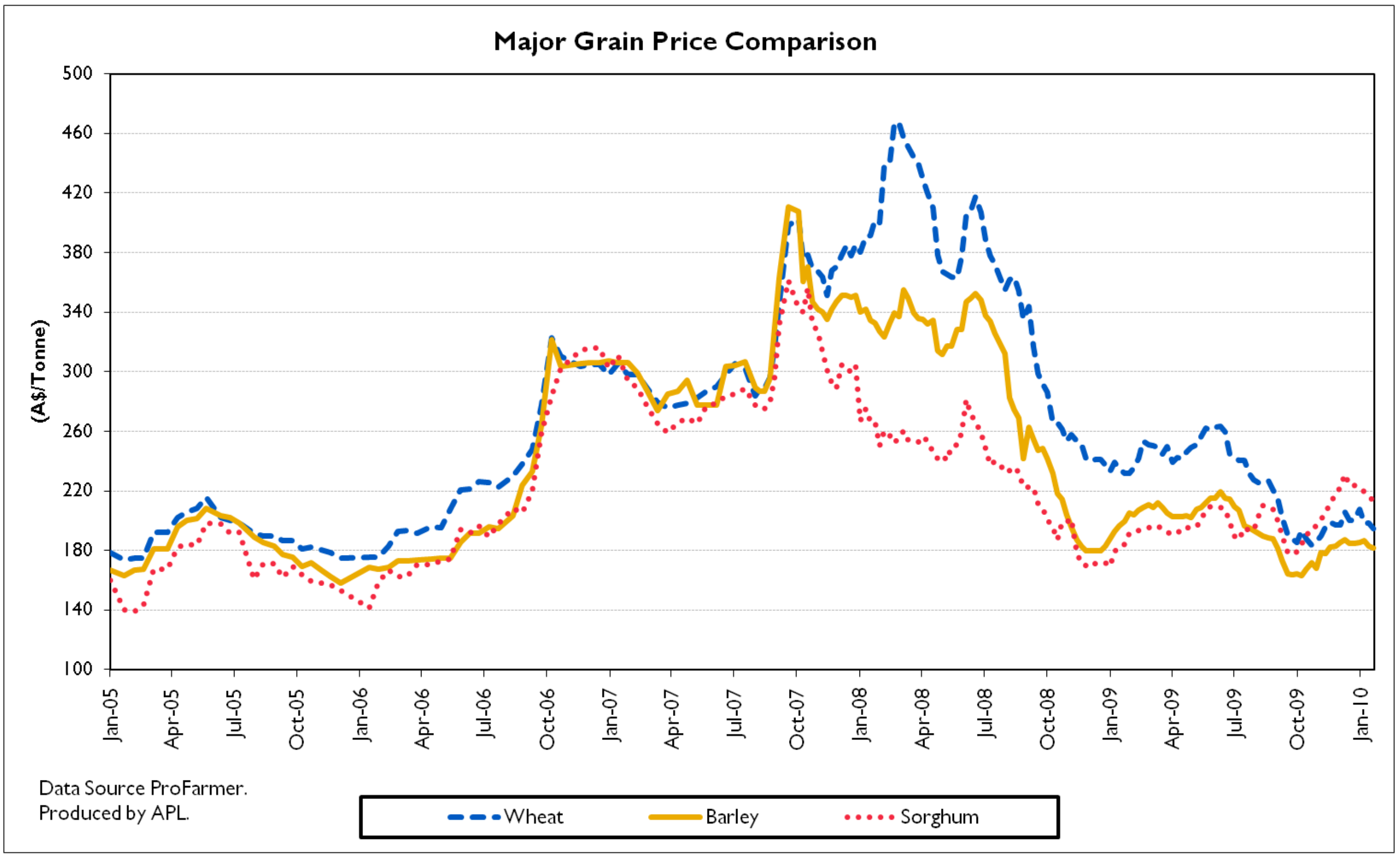
Domestic bids have eased this week to A$208/t Brisbane and Newcastle. Delivered Brisbane for Feb is bid $214/t, back $2, while the Downs market is back to $201/t as the trade monitors the outcome of the weekend rain. The rain will assist the younger crops, but will delay the harvest of more advanced crops. Early sown crops are at the grain fill stage. Harvest is underway in Qld and in some regions of nth NSW.

Weekly Grain Table

(Source: ProFarmer)

	DD			Bris			Nth NSW			New		
	LW	TW	CH	LW	TW	CH	LW	TW	CH	LW	TW	CH
Feed Wheat	220	215	-5	230	230	0	210	200	-10	210	194	-16
Feed Barley	220	220	0	216	215	-1	212	207	-5	220	217	-3
Sorghum	215	215	0	225	225	0	210	205	-5	213	210	-3
Soy meal	595	595	0	570	570	0	610	610	0	570	570	0
Canola meal	355	355	0	355	355	0	355	355	0	305	305	0
Cotton seed	270	240	-30				270	240	-30			
	Sth NSW			Pt K			GV			Central Vic		
	LW	TW	CH	LW	TW	CH	LW	TW	CH	LW	TW	CH
Feed Wheat	210	200	-10	194	189	-5	193	192	-1	195	194	-1
Feed Barley	175	173	-2	195	192	-3	157	158	1	136	135	-1
Triticale	175	172	-3				165	162	-3			
Soy meal	570	570	0	570	570	0	595	595	0	570	570	0
Canola meal	335	335	0	335	335	0	335	335	0	335	335	0
	Geel			Adel			Freo					
	LW	TW	CH	LW	TW	CH	LW	TW	CH			
Feed Wheat	176	180	4	170	170	0	179	178	-1			
Feed Barley	145	148	3	134	132	-2	157	157	0			
Soy meal	573	573	0									
Canola meal	305	305	0									
Feed Oats							157	157	0			

DD = Darling Downs Bris = Brisbane Nth NSW = Northern New South Wales New = Newcastle Sth NSW = Southern New South Wales Pt K = Port Kembla GV Goulburn Valley Central Vic = Central Victoria Geel = Geelong Adel = Adelaide Freo = Fremantle. LW = Last week TW = This week CH= Change
Due to the volatility of the grain market, caution must be used when valuing data.



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