

Regional variation +/- £2/t

Date: 22nd November 2007

	Feed wheat	Biscuit	Class 1	Class 2	Barley	OSR	Peas	Beans
N/D '07	147	fd +5-10	fd +40-45	fd +10-15	143	262		
J/F/M '07	150	fd +5-10	fd +40-45	fd +10-15	146	265	200	200
A/M/J '08	155	fd +5-10			150	269		
Hvst '08	115	117			105	258		
O/N/D '08	120	122			110	264		
J/F/M '09	123	135			113	267		
A/M/J '09	126	127				270		
O/N/D '09	112	113						

Thurs futures / Nov 07£154.00 Jan 08 £155.25 Mch 08£156.50 May 08£162.00 July 08 £163.50

Options checker Nov 08 £127.00 Jan 09 £128.00 Mch 09 £129.00 May 09 £130.00

Nov 09 £117.75

\$: £ U/C 2.058(48.58p)

Euro:£ Down 1.388(72.03p)

Euro:\$Up 1.4829(67.436c)

Happy Thanksgiving

Wheat: Harvest 2007: **Feed:** As the MATIF and LIFFE market recover their losses of last week, and gaining £3 today, the US markets were closed for yet another of their 23 annual holidays. This time it is Thanksgiving.

The weaker Dollar, its lowest ever versus the Euro, was the guiding light. Added momentum was added from the strength of corn and soya, energy and gold markets.

The US market, limit up yesterday, up £9/t on the week, has been buoyed by the fall in the crop condition of some areas of winter wheat. The average good to excellent score is 57%. Last week it was 49, this week 45%. Even though this is next year's crop it is helping old crop too.

International demand for wheat remains high, even at these prices. Some countries are banning exports, such as the Ukraine with it's exports since harvest of 280kt, compared to 5mt last year.

Russia is imposing export duties and releasing grain from its Intervention stores to cap internal inflationary pressure. The duty is 10% or 22 euro minimum, from 12th Nov. This may not be enough given international prices, so these may be increased to the rumoured 40% or 105 euro min, after Xmas.

Buyers include, India and Pakistan. Good news for the international trade, mainly the US, as exports take another bullish turn.

On the CBOT there are record

numbers of 'small specs' that are running bullish short books.

The EU on the other hand is finding it difficult to export at these exchange rates and is not winning at the recent tenders. French exports target of 4.8m is not likely to be reached.

UK soft wheat now £5-10 premium, depending on location. Highest premiums to toughest homes. BEWARE.

Harvest 2008: Feed: Up £4. Nov 08, £120. After being weak the first part of the week, the market recovered and regained last week's loses.

Mainly due to the dryness of the western US, affecting the winter whet crops, as stated earlier. Low stocks in 2007/8 could easily lead to lower carry over and any fall in the 08 crop will see values escalate.

Mostly positive news but it must be tempered by the large area of winter wheat drilled.

There has been increased selling this week as lower limits reached. Some minimum priced contracts applied but not on all. If this is the case then it may be prudent to apply some % of cover before too long. Selling early and remaining unhedged this year has upset many. To do it twice would be negligent.

As the market rises, ratchet your Set your Standard of Living Line up. This week it should be £4 up on last week.

Harvest 2009: Feed: U/c, £108 Hvst, £113 Nov.

Milling: Harvest 2007: Class 1:

Premiums have risen as feed base price fallen as good post Xmas demand. Best premium to worst homes. Please beware and check destination. Ask for independent DON retests too if differ to yours at mill.

Class 2: £10-15, 11.3/74/180 spec only. Few homes, difficult to sell.

Barley: Harvest 2007: Feed: Up £3, £143 hvst. Mirroring wheat.

Malting: Winters: U/c. £205 ex Jan 1.80N + £2/month. Post Xmas more to cover. EU market very very short. Good potential for a rise.

Springs: U/C . £212 ex Jan. Ditto above. Price rises after Xmas likely.

Harvest 2008: Feed: U/C. £105.

Malting: Winters: U/c. Hvst £165. Springs: U/c, £175. As before, EU market very very short. Sell 25-50%?

OSR: Harvest 2007: Soya, new all time contract highs again. China remains biggest demand factor, to reduce thier domestic inflation.

Higher energy markets have increased demand. Lower soya production, higher crushings as less sunflower, reduced stocks by 16mt to 56mt. Low carry over.

UK up £10 post Xmas as tight supplies predicted from 1.9mt crop. MATIF up £7, CBOT up £3.

Erith d/d: Feb £272d/d.

Harvest 2008: Lower UK crop, less carryover in UK and US. Firm energy prices. China demand. Soya can't lose more US acres and be even shorter. Market looks underpinned for now.

Erith d/d: Up £7. £265d/d. Min priced contracts available.