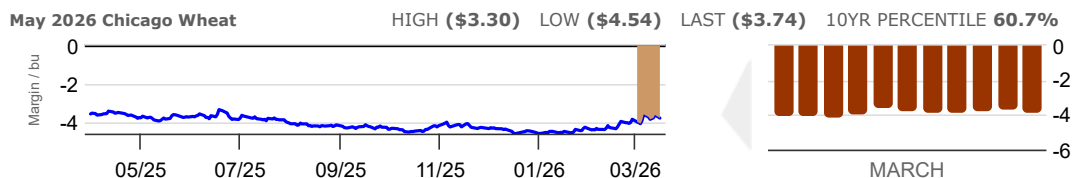
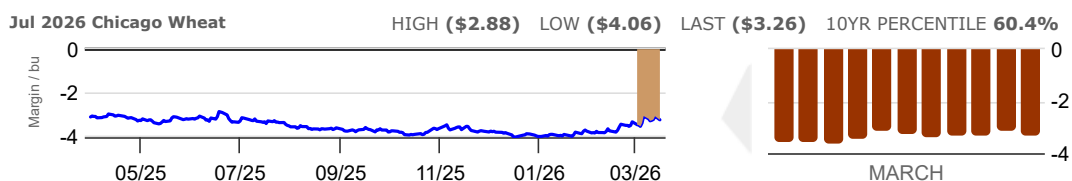


Chicago wheat futures found strength through the first half of March as dryness in the Midwest increases. 45.18% of the US is experiencing moderate to extreme drought. USDA released its monthly World Supply and Demand report, leaving the domestic balance sheet unchanged. On the world wheat balance sheet, ending stocks were lowered 550 thousand tons from February to 277 MMT. This was lower than the average trade estimate of 277.5 but remains at a 5-year high. Australia's crop was lowered 1 MMT to 36 MMT while Ukraine's crop was raised 1 MMT to 24 MMT. Lower exports were noted for both the EU and Ukraine, down 1 MMT and 0.5 MMT, respectively. This was offset by Argentina's exports being raised 1.5 MMT to a record 19.5 million, as its wheat remains the world's lowest-priced among major exporters according to USDA. The conflict in Iran impacts supply chains and shipping routes in the Middle Eastern countries that are large buyers of global wheat. Market attention will focus on upcoming Planting Intentions and Quarterly Stocks reports and growing conflict in Iran. Our clients are evaluating flexible opportunities to increase coverage in new crop contracts on the recent strength.



The estimated yield for the May 2026 crop is 86 bushels per acre and the non-land operating cost is \$504 per acre. Land cost for May 2026 is estimated at \$293 per acre¹. Basis for the May 2026 crop is estimated at \$-0.45 per bushel.



The estimated yield for the Jul 2026 crop is 87 bushels per acre and the estimated operating cost is \$499 per acre. Land cost for Jul 2026 is estimated at \$274 per acre¹. Basis for the Jul 2026 crop is estimated at \$-0.45 per bushel.

¹ The Chicago Wheat Margin Watch yield, land and non-land operating cost values are based upon central Illinois low productivity farmland crop estimates in the "Historic Corn, Soybean, Wheat, and Double-crop Soybeans" report published by the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics at the University of Illinois.

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