



## Organics

### Welcome to the Thompsons Organic Crop Report

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#### In Short

Wet weather continues to delay harvest completion across much of the province. As the organic corn harvest progresses into areas impacted by poor weather, low test weights are becoming a concern. The organic soybean market has firmed up, with producers either having marketed their crop or waiting to determine quality and yields once harvest is complete. USDA reports a slight upward trend in organic corn and soybean prices and significantly reduced organic corn imports for August and September.

#### Soybeans

With only a few organic soybeans fields left in Southwestern Ontario, harvest to the north and east is about 80% complete. Across the region growers are waiting for either a heavy killing frost or frozen ground to finish up, and the wet weather has really slowed harvest progress. With the late harvest growers are now facing high moisture issues; many of them have been putting air to the beans in their bins, hoping to dry them while maintaining food grade quality. Soybean quality in the south has been quite favorable with many loads hitting the food grade spec, whereas the North has been quite wide ranging. Only a few uncontracted acres left out in Ontario, the market has firmed up trying to pick up any bushels left of '17 crop.

#### Wheat & Rye

In the south wheat looks very good, with plenty of roots to take it through the winter. But heading north wheat hasn't been as positive with all the rain they have received, although the crop doesn't appear to be suffering yet. Acres will be down in certain areas as it has been too wet to get all of the wheat and rye acres in.

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### Corn

At the beginning of corn harvest loads that were received were quite positive with great quality and an average yield, but as harvest is progressing moisture and test weight have been a growing concern. As harvest moves north, we will see more of these issues as the corn did not mature prior to the frost. Producers are advised to check test weights before shipping corn. On a positive note: no VOM concerns at this point. With harvest approximately 30% complete, yield reports have been ranged from 80 to 145 bu/acre.



*(Steve Aarts, organic corn harvest helper)*



*(Norwich branch, Organic corn sample)*

Thank you,  
Rob Wallbridge & Stacey Gordon

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