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Weekly Market Highlights

- Wheat futures prices are lower this week. Basis premiums have moved higher in an effort to keep some wheat coming to market.
- The impressively optimistic Wheat Quality Council's hard red winter wheat tour projections lead futures downward. Crop is well ahead of average pace, and tour forecasts called for record yields.
- Some insect and disease damage is occurring however, and Southwest Kansas soil moisture is running very dry. Reports of some freeze damage appearing are also a concern.
- This morning's USDA winter wheat production forecasts and supply and demand numbers are likely to command the market's attention.
- Harvest has begun in Oklahoma and Texas; spring wheat crop weather is outstanding as well.

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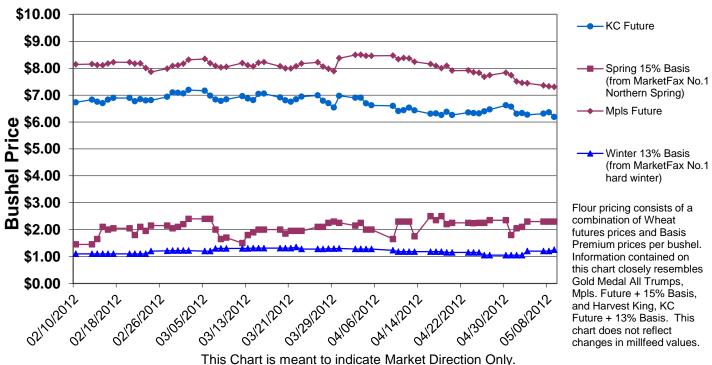
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