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Corn

Corn was mixed today as markets awaits tomorrow's USDA Ag Outlook Acreage number as it closed up .0075 at 5.53 for March futures. The average estimate for tomorrow according to Reuters for 2021 corn plantings at 92.9 million acres. The trade is forecasting tomorrow's USDA annual outlook forum to show 21/22 US ending stocks of Corn at 1.665Bbu, that compares to the 2021 USDA long term forecast at 2.257Bbu, and the final 2020 ending stocks at 1.502Bbu. In Argentina, below-normal rainfall is likely over the next 10 to 14 days as areas of high pressure keep humidity low, only allowing minor showers and t-storms to form when cool fronts pass and temperatures fluctuate. Farmer selling continues to be slow as most are waiting for new highs to sell the remaining bushels that they have. Basis continues to be mixed with some domestic plants slowing as they sell out some of their natural gas position while others are pushing for nearby deliveries with logistic issues.

Beans

Soybeans traded in a 14c trading range before settling 1c lower on the day. Argentina forecast appears to be dry with some hinting at rains 11 – 15 days out. The continent gets wetter the farther north you go. SHSK spreads unchanged with further weakness expected. Vessel lineups in Brazil continue to grow with almost 15 mmt waiting. Loadings have started with 1.3 mmt in Feb so far with harvest delayed roughly two weeks. Premiums continue weak in Brazil as they enjoy an 90c discount to the US. Export sales are delayed until Friday with the holiday on Monday. China demand will be the focus but they are still out for their New Year's holiday. Meaningless Outlook acres tomorrow with most expecting 89.4 mil acres and a carryout of 179. The Forum is traditionally ignored but the trade is bullish might find a reason to trade it.

Wheat

Wheat futures lower, giving back yesterdays gains, as fears of winter kill seem to be subsiding. CGO was down 13 1/2c, KC down 13c, and MPLS was 8 1/4 c lower. Temperatures appear to return to normal next week with some snow cover but no one knows if damage has been done. The most damage might have to been to logistics with extremely cold delaying transportation raising Force Majeure talk. The dollar was stronger and overseas markets (Matif and Black Sea) were lower. Trade expecting 45.3 mil acres tomorrow. Export sales delayed to Friday. The most supportive factors are slightly lower US carryouts expected and uncertain Russian export policy.

CASH BASIS BIDS	Nearby	March
Corn Cif Nola	82+H	73+H
Truck Hennepin	20+H	15+H
Truck St Louis	51+H	41+H
Iowa Interior UP	10-H	7-H
Columbus CSX	13+H	13+H
Fort Wayne NS	5+H	9+H
Dlvd Hereford	100+H	99+H
Dlvd PNW	115+H	115+H
KC RAIL	25+H	25+H
Nebraska Grp 3	4-H	4-H
Dlvd Decatur	15+K	21+K
Wheat Cif Nola	110+H	110+H
Beans Cif Nola	73+H	75+H
Truck Hennepin	4+H	12+H
Truck St Louis	38+H	39+H
Dlvd Decatur	15+H	18+H
Dlvd Des Moines	20-H	15-H
IL R Barge Frt.	420	390
BNSF Shuttle Frt.	\$500	\$200