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Corn

Corn was under pressure most of the day, the USDA Ag Outlook was a snoozer as we closed down .0275 at 5.5025 for March futures. The USDA this morning said it is projecting U.S corn plantings will rise to 92.0 million acres from 90.8 million last year. This was below the average trade estimate of 92.9 million and they see an average U.S. farm corn price at \$4.20 in 21/22. Tomorrow the USDA will release their new US 21/22 supply and demand tables with the trade expecting the 2021 US corn crop near 15.243Bbu and US 2021/22 corn carryout near 1.725Bbu versus 1.502Bbu this year. In Argentina, most areas will be sharply drier than normal for at least 10 more days as areas of high-pressure pass, despite some showers and thunderstorms into tomorrow and Sun.-Mon. February rainfall is on pace there for the 2nd driest in more than 30 years behind 2018. Ethanol production for the week averaged 911,000 barrels which is down 2.77% vs last week and down 12.40% from a year ago. Look for another drop in production next week with this week's weather issues. Farmer selling remains stagnant although we are seeing more interest in new crop values. Domestic basis remains mixed as CIF corn was up a penny today after being up 4 yesterday. USDA export sales tomorrow are estimated to be 800,000-1,200,000MT for 20/21 and 0-150,000MT for 21/22.

CASH BASIS BIDS	Nearby	March
Corn Cif Nola	83+H	73+H
Truck Hennepin	20+H	15+H
Truck St Louis	52+H	41+H
Iowa Interior UP	10-H	8-H
Columbus CSX	13+H	13+H
Fort Wayne NS	5+H	9+H
Dlvd Hereford	100+H	101+H
Dlvd PNW	125+H	125+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	75+H	75+H
Truck Hennepin	6+H	11+H
Truck St Louis	40+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.	\$650	\$150

Beans

Beans traded both sides today in a 21c trading range. SH closed 8 ¾ c lower with SK down 8 ¼ c as the spread widened ½ c out. Old/New spreads weaker with liquidation up front. Bean basis in Brazil continues to tumble with some cargos trading negative basis which is a drop of 20c. There are 14.9 mmt in vessel lineups vs 9.6 mmt a year ago. The previous largest vessel lineup was 13.7 mmt March of last year. A boat that shows up in Paranagua will sit 4 weeks to get loaded. Brazil has loaded 1.4 mmt so far this month One can understand nearby being weak, but it is a little surprising with the weakness in deferred months. April offers have dropped 33c (bids down 46C) in a little over three weeks. May offers are down 27c with bids down 40c in the same time frame. The USDA projected 90 million bean acres vs 83.1 mil LY. They also projected a price of \$11.25/bu which is 10c higher than their estimate of average farm price for this year. Bean export sales are estimated to be 300,000 – 900,000 mt, meal 100,000 – 350,000 and oil 5,000 – 25,000.

Wheat

The wheat complex was stronger with all three of the US markets seeing March futures settle above the 20-day average. WH is 18 ½ cents higher at 6.62 ½, KWH gained 12 ¼ cents settling at 6.36 ¾ and MWH is 8 ¾ cents higher at 6.31 ¾. Support is attributed to US frigid temps going through even Texas likely damaging HRW. USDA's Chief Meteorologist suggested both TX and OK crops may have been hurt. The afternoon ADMIS wire points out 14% of the acres are in TX and 13% of the crop was heading. EU wheat saw Matif March up 8.50 euros widening the inverse with belief their exports need to slow down. Black Sea futures were up \$3 to 6. The proposed variable new crop Russian wheat tax their market is virtually untradeable. Russia is the worlds largest wheat exporter meaning new crop wheat buyers need to go to alternative exporters. The Ag Outlook numbers released today have acres at 45 million versus 45.3 estimated. Estimated on farm price is \$5.50 versus 5.00 this year. Weekly export sales estimates are 250,000 to 650,000 mt.

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