



CURRENT TREND: Steady/Mixed **REASON:** Argentine crop continues to wither in drought, fund interest remains in OC beans

TOMORROW: EXPORT SALES @ 7:30 AM, NOPA FEBRUARY SOYBEAN CRUSH @ 11 AM

MORNING TRIVIA: This man was granted a U.S. patent for the cotton gin, on this day in 1794...

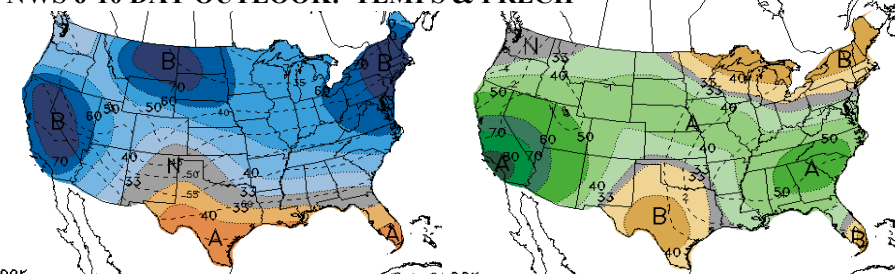
MARKET HEADLINES

- Quick editorial:** grain trade volume picked back up overnight but action was more muted, mostly coming in the intra-market spreads, with old-crop beans gaining ground on new and vice-versa in corn. The Argentine drought has been traded and traded some more but another dry upcoming week there is keeping support under the markets until real harvest indications begin to come in, and the real size of the soybean crop can be determined...
- Another deal by corn processing industry KOCOPIA for 120k tonnes of optional-origin corn yesterday morning for April-May-June shipment brought total corn purchases by South Korea in the last week to just over 1 MMT.
- Turkey made no purchase in international tenders for almost 150k tonnes of corn yesterday, with the lowest offer coming in at \$219/tonne C&F, while Jordan once again passed in their tender for 100k tonnes of wheat.
- Algeria bought just 150k tonnes of optional-origin milling wheat for June shipment earlier this week, well below its usual import requirement for 450-500k tonnes per month; the wheat was priced at \$225-226/tonne C&F.
- Ethiopia is seeking 400k tonnes of optional-origin wheat, with the lowest offer coming in just above \$250/tonne C&F; however, that offer reportedly did not fulfill tender conditions, with the lowest offer do that being \$269/t C&F.
- FranceAgriMer cut their 2017/18 French wheat export estimate (on exports outside the European Union) for the fifth straight month, from 9.0 to 8.5 MMT. On-farm wheat use made up for the change in the S&D, rising from 2.3 to 2.8 MMT, though ending stocks did fall slightly, from 3.25 to 3.20 MMT. Corn carryout also fell this month, from 2.8 to 2.7 MMT.
- Thursday morning's February NOPA soybean crush is expected to come in at 149.4 million bushels, up from 142.8 mbu last February and the largest Feb figure on record; that would still be down from

WEATHER UPDATE

- Multiple rain systems over the next 6-7 days are likely to skip right around most of the Plains, edging across the north before dipping down to cover the central/southern Midwest and Delta; NE and CO will see the best moisture additions over the next week. However, there is a wetter risk in the forecasts this morning for the 6-10 day period, lingering into the early 11-15 day.
- Showers were confined to northern Brazil over the past 24 hours but chances will emerge in the south into the weekend, shifting mostly into NE growing areas by the 6-10 day. Fieldwork delays should remain minimal overall.
- Argentina was dry yesterday but is looking wetter this morning for the east/southeast over the next five days; confidence remains low in terms of enough precipitation or timing of said rains to help dry crops at this point, while the 6-10 day period is trending drier at this point as well. Rain chances in the 11-15 day (as usual) would likely be too late to aid the crop heading into harvest.

NWS 6-10 DAY OUTLOOK: TEMPS & PRECIP



CFTC MANAGED MONEY & RECORD (Since June 2006) POSITIONS:

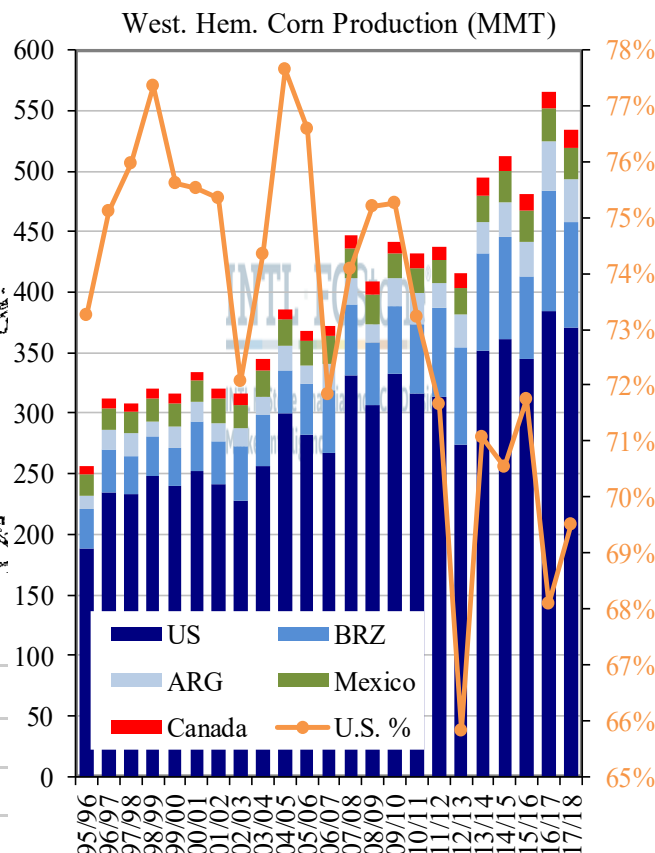
	Corn	Beans	Meal	Oil	Chi Wheat	KC Wheat
Daily	16,000	12,000	8,000	-7,000	-5,000	0
Est Net	205,614	171,831	106,291	-25,412	-32,600	19,401
Rec +	409,444	260,433	115,291	125,722	73,662	72,845
Rec -	-242,884	-101,752	-54,855	-63,489	-171,269	-30,005

NIGHT SESSION (to 7:00 AM): Grain Volume: 181,193

Symbol	High	Low	Last	Chg	Vol
CH8	388.75	383.50	385.50	+1.25	2,044
CK8	391.25	389.75	391.00	-0.75	18,091
CZ8	410.50	408.50	410.25	+0.50	12,026
WK8	487.25	483.00	484.25	-2.25	7,399
KWK8	521.75	517.25	518.00	-2.25	786
SH8	1043.25	1035.50	1040.50	+7.25	249
SK8	1054.00	1045.25	1051.50	+2.75	38,458
SX8	1045.00	1039.75	1042.25	-1.75	6,357
SMK8	380.30	374.10	379.00	+3.50	15,717
BOK8	32.37	32.09	32.22	+0.00	11,239
CLJ8	61.33	60.61	61.16	+0.45	118,579
DXY	89.84	89.54	89.75	+0.11	7,562

FUNDAMENTAL UPDATE

Today's chart shows historical western hemisphere corn production, along with '17/18 estimates from the USDA—save for Brazil, which uses the working INTL FCStone estimate of 86.2 MMT here, instead of the government's March S&D figure at a much more optimistic 94.5 MMT. Combined output using that weaker BRZ number would stand at 534 MMT for '17/18, over 30 MMT off the previous season's record high at 565 MMT; the U.S. share of that crop rebounds back towards 70%, from 68% in '16/17.



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