



CURRENT TREND: Mostly Higher **REASON:** Wheat rebounds on global export demand/exporter concern; U.S. crops weigh

CFTC COMMITMENT OF TRADERS REPORTS @ 2:30 PM; NOPA CRUSH MONDAY @ 11 AM

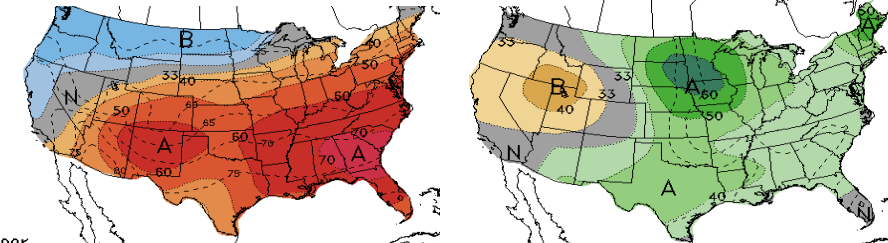
MORNING TRIVIA: The U.S. Selective Service selected 9/14 as the First Draft Lottery birth date, in the last lottery conducted in what year?
MARKET HEADLINES

- Quick editorial:** December wheat is leading gains with the Chicago contract bouncing off the psychological \$5 per bushel level, Russia still in the news and most major exporters still dealing with dry weather concerns; corn and soy have no such impetus to rebound from lows, confined there as another solid U.S. growing season winds down and harvest begins across the Midwest, initially showing strong yield checks in the heart of the corn belt...
- Iraq is looking for at least 50k tonnes of milling wheat in an international tender, from either the U.S., Canada, or Australia.
- Saudi Arabia announced that they will import 595k tonnes of wheat in November-December, their fourth batch of wheat imports this calendar year.
- Russian exporters are reporting toughened up quality checks on grain exports from southern ports, due to complaints by major importers and issues with quality from the most recent crop—these controls are apparently not new or unusual, but come during a busy time for export inspections from the country. New agencies say that the new controls won't slow down or restrict wheat exports, a hot-button issue in the country during recent weeks/months...
- China sold 1.03 MMT of corn from state reserves this morning, or 26% of the total offered this time around, at \$211 per tonne.
- September CBOT deliveries:** corn 41 contracts, with next trade date available 9/13/18; soybean meal 11 contracts and 9/13; soyoil 282 and 9/13; Chicago wheat 2 contracts and 9/5; KC wheat 7 contracts and 8/31/18.
- '17/18 Export Sales (000 tonnes):** **This Week / Estimates / Last Week**
 Meal: **34.9** / 0-100 / 69.3
 Oil: **4.7** / 0-15 / -3.7
- '18/19 Export Sales (000 tonnes):** **This Week / Estimates / Last Week**
 Corn: **774.2** / 800-1200 / 1032.9
 Wheat: **387.6** / 300-500 / 379.8
 Oil: **5.2** / 0-20 / 1.3

WEATHER UPDATE

- Midwest and Plains conditions will remain dry through the weekend before the next rain chances set in early next week through the 6-10 day time frame, favoring the north with accumulations looking even heavier today for that period. Models are also running heavier for the 11-15 day period, now keeping those rains in the north as well, with the southern Plains drier and the SE half of the belt particularly dry heading into the end of September. Temperatures will be safely above-normal for the rest of the month, only staying cool in the far northern Plains and NW belt.
- Canadian crop areas are looking drier next week after rains this week slow down harvest activities; Australian forecasts remain unfavorably dry across the next ten days; France will see some decently beneficial rain chances but the rest of Europe remains dry; Russian wheat should see rains early next week; Brazilian chances look solid in the center and north over the next ten days; and Argentina should see stress-reducing rains next week as well.

NWS 6-10 DAY OUTLOOK: TEMPS & PRECIP



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

| | Corn | Beans | Meal | Oil | Chi Wheat | KC Wheat |
|----------------|----------|----------|---------|---------|-----------|----------|
| Daily | -11,000 | -5,000 | -3,000 | -3,000 | -6,000 | 0 |
| Est Net | -126,539 | -68,799 | 25,571 | -98,622 | 13,997 | 52,578 |
| Rec + | 409,444 | 260,433 | 132,126 | 125,722 | 73,662 | 72,845 |
| Rec - | -242,884 | -125,912 | -54,855 | -63,489 | -171,269 | -30,005 |

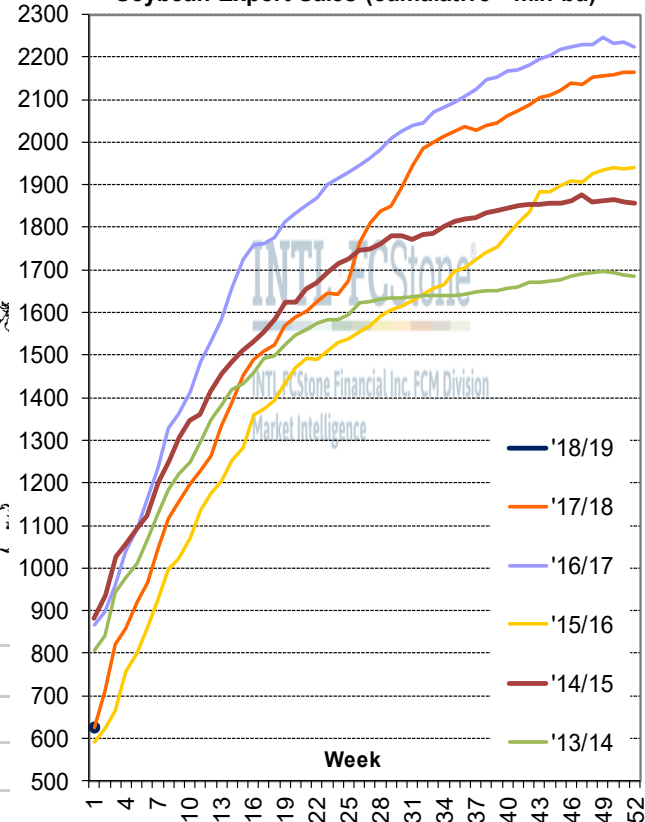
NIGHT SESSION (to 7:00 AM): Grain Volume: **84,852**

| Symbol | High | Low | Last | Chg | Vol |
|-------------|--------|--------|---------------|--------------|---------|
| CZ8 | 352.50 | 350.25 | 351.50 | +1.00 | 13,247 |
| CH9 | 364.75 | 362.50 | 363.75 | +1.00 | 2,451 |
| CK9 | 373.00 | 371.00 | 372.25 | +1.00 | 1,469 |
| WZ8 | 506.00 | 496.00 | 504.50 | +7.50 | 10,976 |
| KWZ8 | 511.00 | 500.00 | 509.25 | +7.50 | 1,851 |
| SX8 | 838.00 | 833.25 | 836.25 | +3.00 | 6,663 |
| SF9 | 851.50 | 846.75 | 850.50 | +3.50 | 1,126 |
| SH9 | 864.25 | 859.75 | 862.75 | +3.00 | 1,438 |
| SMZ8 | 315.40 | 313.20 | 313.90 | -1.00 | 7,431 |
| BOZ8 | 27.90 | 27.76 | 27.78 | -0.01 | 8,564 |
| CLV8 | 69.14 | 68.66 | 68.79 | +0.20 | 101,355 |
| DXY | 94.57 | 94.36 | 94.53 | +0.01 | 1,773 |

FUNDAMENTAL UPDATE

Soybean export sales on the first week of the 2018/19 marketing year were on the low end of estimates at 25.5 million bushels, up a shade from the previous week but less than half the comparable total last year. Cumulative sales after a solid carryover are still basically even with last year's pace at 625 mbu, despite China only accounting for 54 mbu of that so far, compared to 266 mbu at this point last season. Most other destinations are obviously running ahead of LY, including Mexico at 75.5 mbu of sales versus 31 mbu LY.

Soybean Export Sales (cumulative - mln bu)



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