MORNING GRAIN COMMENTS

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CURRENT TREND: Steady/Mixed **REASON:** Trade waiting for Chinese buying, specifics of ceasefire remain unclear

EXPORT SALES @ 7:30 AM, CFTC REPORTS @ 2:30 PM; USDA DECEMBER S&D TUESDAY @ 11 AM

MORNING TRIVIA: What are the youngest (in South Dakota) and oldest (in New Jersey) minimum driving ages in the United States?

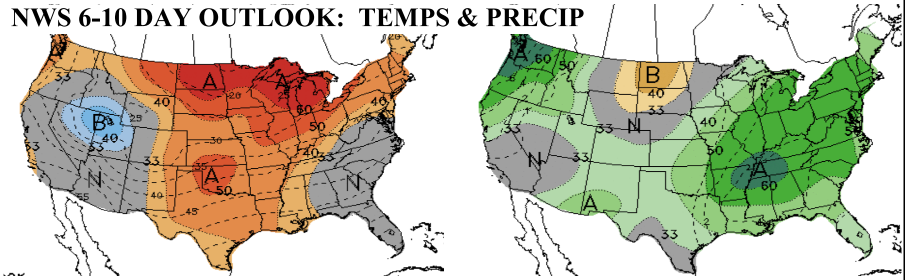
MARKET HEADLINES

- *Quick editorial*: the grain market remains in limbo, needing to see some hard evidence of purchases, unlikely in this morning's weekly export sales report...
- Egypt's GASC yesterday bought 350k tonnes of wheat in their tender for Jan 21-31 delivery, including 290k from Russia and 60k from Ukraine, with all six cargoes priced in the $252-253/tonne C&F range.
- Thailand has issued a tender for 68k tonnes of feed wheat from either Argentina or Ukraine, for Jan shipment, with the lowest offer at $256/tonne C&F.
- The Rosario Grains Exchange estimated that 2018/19 Argentine soybean exports could hit a record 14 MMT if the U.S./China trade war continues; that would be up from the previous high-water mark of 13.3 MMT in 2009/10. The USDA has '18/19 ARG exports at 10 MMT, up from 4.1 MMT last year. 95% of the country's annual soybean exports are purchased by China.
- Russian customs data showed cumulative wheat exports for the first ten months of calendar 2018 at 36.8 MMT, up from 24.5 MMT in Jan-Oct 2017.
- Statistics Canada yesterday pegged 2018 all-wheat production at 31.8 MMT, above the average 31.4 MMT trade guess and just under 30 MMT last year. Canola output came in at 20.3 MMT, below the 20.8 MMT estimate and right at a million tonnes below last year, with 2018 corn output at 13.4 MMT (versus 14.1 MMT in 2017) and soybeans at 7.3 MMT (vs 7.7 MMT LY).
- *CBOT December deliveries:* corn 712 contracts, with next trade date available 11/29/18; bean oil 716 and 12/6; Chicago wheat 109 contracts and 12/6/18.
- *'18/19 Export Sales Estimates (000 tonnes):* **Estimate Range** / *Last Week*
  Corn: **800-1100** / *1266.5* Beans: **600-900** / *628.8* Wheat: **300-600** / *377.1*
  Meal: **175-400** / *189.5* Oil: **8-26** /*9.2*
- *'18/19 U.S. Carryout Estimates (bln bu):* **Avg Est** / Est Range / *USDA Nov*
  Corn: **1.738** / 1.700-1.790 / *1.736* Beans: **0.945** / 0.875-0.975 / *0.955*
  Wheat: **0.956** / 0.924-0.984 / *0.949*
- *'18/19 World Carryout Estimates (MMT):* **Avg Est** / Est Range / *USDA Nov*
  Corn: **307.6** / 304.2-310.0 / *307.5* Beans: **112.8** / 110.8-114.0 / *112.1*
  Wheat: **266.8** / 264.3-270.0 / *266.7*
- *'18/19 S.A. Production (MMT):* **Avg Est** / Est Range / *USDA Nov*
  ARG Corn: **42.4** / 41.0-43.0 / *42.5* ARG Soy: **55.7** / 55.5-57.0 / *55.5*
  BRZ Corn: **94.4** / 90.0-96.0 / *94.5* BRZ Soy: **120.9** / 119.0-122.0 / *120.5*

WEATHER UPDATE

- Rain and snow is firing up in the southern U.S. this morning, bringing some beneficial precip to TX and OK over the next 48 hours; conditions will dry out after that, but extended maps continue to run warm and wet for southern growing areas in particular—no extreme cold is anywhere on the horizon.
- Argentine fieldwork will be delayed by strong rain chances early next week; the biggest risk of heavy rains will come in southern Brazil in the 6-10 day time frame, with central and northern Brazil drier over the next 2+ weeks.

NWS 6-10 DAY OUTLOOK: TEMPS & PRECIP



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

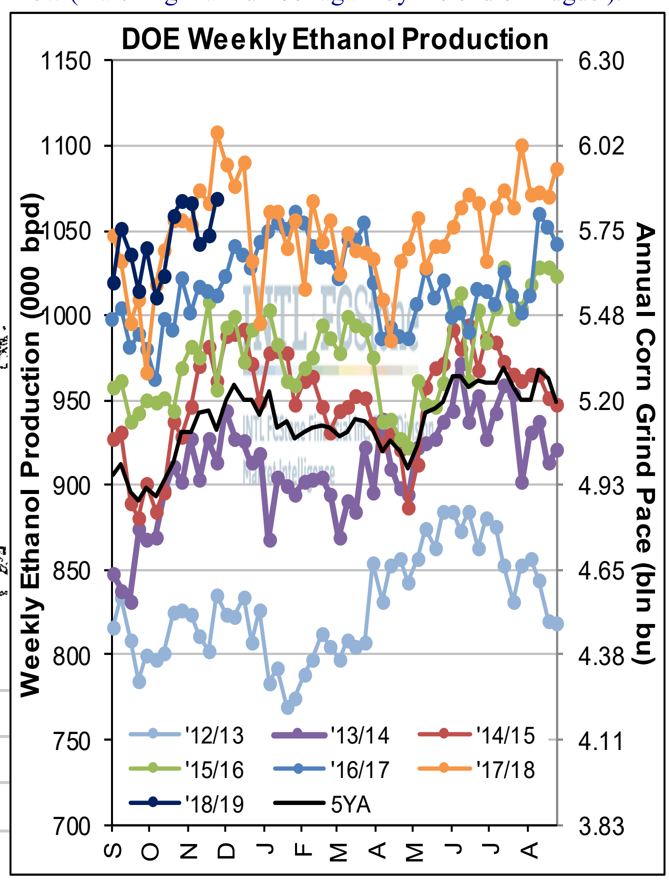
	Corn	Beans	Meal	Oil	Chi Wheat	KC Wheat
Daily	-8,000	-3,000	-3,000	-2,000	-2,000	0
Est Net	9,946	-34,303	116	-70,564	-31,744	-10,748
Rec +	409,444	260,433	132,126	125,722	73,662	72,845
Rec -	-242,884	-125,912	-54,855	-63,489	-171,269	-30,005

NIGHT SESSION (to 7:00 AM): Grain Volume: 78,513

Symbol	High	Low	Last	Chg	Vol
CH9	384.00	382.25	**383.50**	**+0.75**	6,988
CK9	391.25	389.75	**390.75**	**+0.75**	984
CZ9	402.50	400.75	**402.00**	**+0.75**	885
WH9	520.00	515.25	**519.00**	**+3.50**	5,601
KWH9	501.25	496.25	**501.00**	**+5.50**	1,762
SF9	915.75	907.50	**909.25**	**-0.25**	16,838
SH9	927.25	919.25	**921.25**	**-0.75**	7,139
SK9	940.25	932.25	**934.25**	**-0.25**	5,132
SMF9	313.80	311.60	**312.10**	**-0.10**	3,279
BOF9	28.81	28.56	**28.64**	**-0.07**	9,808
CLF9	51.99	50.60	**51.84**	**+0.35**	266,675
DXY	96.89	96.73	**96.84**	**+0.07**	5,251

FUNDAMENTAL UPDATE

Weekly total fuel ethanol production increased for the second straight week, to 1.069 million barrels per day on the week ending November 30th; that was up 21k bpd on the week but still behind the record total of 1.108 mln bpd on the comparable week last year. Cumulative production since Sept 1 did rise to 1.042 mln bpd, still a couple million ahead of last year's pace, though that cumulative pace last year did rise to a peak at 1.049 mln bpd three weeks from now (matching that number again by the end of August).



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Answer: 14 (actually 14.5) and 17