

MORNING GRAIN COMMENTS

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CURRENT TREND:

Lower

REASON: Reality of overriding bearish fundamental situation setting in

EXPORT INSPECTIONS @ 10 AM; CFTC REPORTS TUESDAY/FRIDAY; NOPA CRUSH FRIDAY @ 11 AM

MORNING TRIVIA: This boxer famously won the world heavyweight title on this day 1990, by knockout, as a 42-to-1 underdog... MARKET HEADLINES

Quick editorial: March corn traded nearly a full eight-cent range on Friday basically what it had over nearly the last month—and followed thru overnight on a weak post-USDA close, despite more bullish Jan/Feb data than bearish...

- Indonesia bought around 60k tonnes of U.S. wheat in the past week at \$265/t.
- Russia is reportedly considering shipping 50k tonnes of wheat to North Korea
- Egypt's GASC yesterday bought 300k tonnes of wheat for March 21-31 shipment, including 120k each from the U.S. and France, and one 60k-tonne cargo from Ukraine; C&F prices came in in the \$260-261/tonne range.
- Private analysts AgRural this morning cut their 2018/19 Brazilian soybean production estimate to 112.5 MMT, down from 116.9 MMT in January.
- Russian consultancy SovEcon estimated February grain exports at 2.35 MMT, down from 2.9 MMT in Jan, with wheat at 2.0 MMT vs 3.0 MMT last month.
- Friday's Disaggregated CFTC Report showed managed money funds adding 21k net corn contracts on the week to 1/8, with the rest of the Chic contracts up anywhere from 10-21k as well, all more than expected by daily estimates.
- 2018 USDA Yield Estimates (bpa): Corn: 176.4 / 177.9 / 178.9
- 2018 USDA Production (billion bu): Corn: **14.420** / 14.531 / *14.626*
- '18/19 Carryout Estimates (bln bu): Corn: **1.735** / 1.708 / 1.781 Wheat: **1.010** / 0.989 / 0.974
- Dec. 1 Stocks Estimates (bln bu): Corn: **11.952** / 12.092 / *12.567* Wheat: 1.999 / 1.957 / 1.873
- Winter Wheat Seedings (mln ac): All Winter: 31.3 / 32.2 / 32.5 SRWW: **5.7** / 5.96 / 6.08
- '18/19 World Carryout (MMT): Corn: **309.8** / 307.1 / *308.8* Wheat: **267.5** / 268.1 / 268.1
- '18/19 S.A. Production (MMT): ARG Corn: **46.0** / 43.1 / 42.5 BRZ Corn: **94.5** / 93.4 / 94.5

Feb USDA / Avg Est / *Nov USDA* Beans: **51.6** / 51.8 / *52.1*

Feb USDA / Avg Est / Nov USDA Beans: 4.544 / 4.569 / 4.600

Feb USDA / Avg Est / Dec USDA Beans: **0.910** / 0.926 / 0.955

Dec 1 2018 / Avg Est / Dec 1 2017 Beans: **3.740** / 3.743 / 3.161

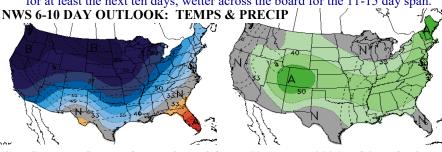
Feb 2019 / Avg Est / Final 2018 HRWW: **22.2** 7 22.7 / 22.9 White: **3.4** / 3.49 / 3.54

Feb USDA / Avg Est / Dec USDA Beans: 106.7 / 112.7 / 115.3

Feb USDA / Avg Est / *Dec USDA* ARG Soy: **55.0** / 55.1 / *55.5* BRZ Soy: **117.0** / 117.0 / *122.0*

WEATHER UPDATE

- Precip fell over the weekend and remains this morning in the eastern Plains; forecasts remain cold, and wet for most areas save for the southern Plains.
- Rains occurred in both northern Brazil and northern Argentina over the weekend; forecasts continue (both beneficially) wetter in BRZ and drier in ARG for at least the next ten days, wetter across the board for the 11-15 day span.



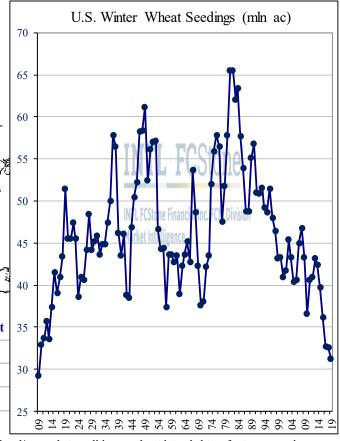
CFTC MANAGED MONEY & RECORD (Since June 2006) POSITIONS:

	Corn	Beans	Meal	Oil	Chi Wheat	KC Wheat
Daily	-20,000	4,000	2,000	4,000	9,000	0
Est Net	46,160	18,714	3,035	-19,729	-12,877	-7,247
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: 89,385 Symbol High Low Last Chg Vol 375.00 373.25 373.25 12,540 CH9 -1.00CK9 383.00 381.00 381.25 -1.005,003 CZ9 399.50 397.25 397.50 -1.753,665 WH9 518.00 513.75 -3.505,852 513.00 1,980 KWH9 495.50 491.00 491.75 -2.5010,422 SH9 918.75 912.25 912.25 -2.253,881 SK9 932.75 926.25 927.00 -1.75SX9 960.00 954.75 954.75 -2.251,251 308.10 306.40 +0.304,552 SMH9 306.10 BOH9 30.87 30.47 30.50 -0.379,675 CLH9 52.78 51.82 52.37 -0.35186,688 DXY 96.67 96.41 96.61 +0.195,989

FUNDAMENTAL UPDATE

The USDA on Friday estimated 2019 winter wheat acreage at 31.290 million acres, down 4% from last year's 32.535 mln ac, and the lowest number since 1909; that was down from the all-time high plantings levels of 65+ mln ac in 1981 and 1982. Number one producing state Kansas is set to drop a half-million planted winter wheat acres this season to 7.2 mln ac—that's the fewest since 1957 (basically tied with that year as the least since 1910) and down from an all-time state high plantings figure at 17.1 mln in 1937.



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