

USDA Crop Report Recap

March 31, 2020



USDA March 1, 2020 Stocks

	3/1/2020	3/1/2019	Change	Average Trade Guess
Corn	7.953	8.613	-0.660	8.125
Soybeans	2.253	2.727	-0.474	2.241
Wheat	1.412	1.593	-0.181	1.432

in billion bushels

Planting Intentions

	3/31/2020	Last Year	Change	Average Trade Guess
Corn	96.99	89.70	7.29	94.33
Soybeans	83.51	76.10	7.41	84.87
All Wheat	44.66	45.16	-0.50	44.98
Winter Wheat	30.78	31.16	-0.38	30.90

in million acres

Items of note:

The corn acreage estimate was the highlight as it was higher than the highest private estimate. Coupled with the devastation of the ethanol industry, it had us retesting the recent lows after the report release. It should be noted that the market has now been presented with worst case scenarios on demand and acres and is confirmation of why we've lost 50 cents in the last 3 weeks. However, one should pull up a chart of continuous corn futures and see how much time we've spent below \$3.50 futures in the biofuels era. With dry weather in Brazil affecting 2nd crop safrina and wettish US planting forecasts, we're not likely to spend much time below it now either.

Wheat continues its relatively strong performance helped by slightly friendly stocks and acres data. A continuation of the dry pattern for Russian is needed to advance beyond the highs made in mid-January.

20 day MAs:

- Corn 3.5675 CK0 (3.39 ¼ - last 1135 am CST), below the 20, 50 and 100 day MAs
- Soybeans 8.69 SK0 (8.84 ½), above the 20 – below the 50 and 100 day
- KC Wheat 4.60 KWK0 (4.92 ½), above the 20, 50 and 100 day