



**March 1, 2019**

Grain futures closed higher today after spending most of the day lower. The calendar has now flipped to March and US weather and planting intentions will become a market focus along with commodity fund positions. Another round of snow and cold weather is forecast for the Midwest next week.

CFTC COT data was not yet available when these comments were posted.

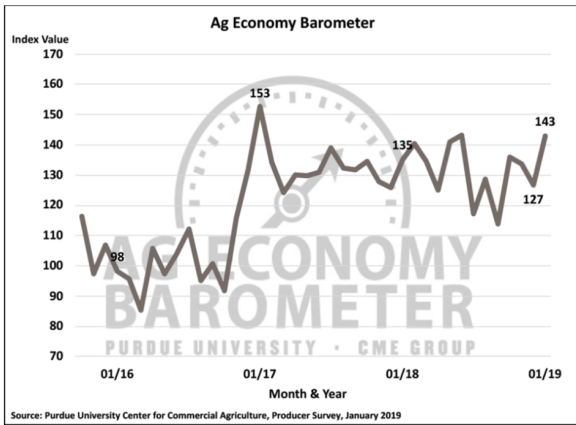
Spring crop insurance prices are \$4.00 for corn and \$9.54 for soybeans. Crop insurance decisions must be made by March 15th.

See page 2 for the February USDA numbers.

You can review charts on the KG web site.

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### Futures Closes

3/01/2019

Commodity	Symbol	Close	Change
Mar 19 Corn	CH19	364.00	2.00
May 19 Corn	CK19	373.00	2.25
Dec 19 Corn	CZ19	394.25	2.25
Mar 19 Beans	SH19	899.25	1.75
May 19 Beans	SK19	911.50	1.25
Nov 19 Beans	SX19	945.75	2.00
SOYBEAN/CORN '19	SX19/CZ19	2.40	-0.01
Mar 19 Wheat	WH19	454.00	1.50
May 19 Wheat	WK19	457.25	-2.25
July 19 Wheat	WN19	463.25	-3.25
US Dollar Index	DX	96.45	0.41
Crude Oil WTI	CLH19	55.70	-1.52
Ethanol	AC	1.35	0.01

Today vs Last Friday Close	Today	Last Friday	Change
Mar 19 Corn	364.00	375.25	11.25
Dec 19 Corn	394.25	401.75	7.50
Mar 19 Beans	899.25	910.25	11.00
Nov 19 Beans	945.75	954.5	8.75
Mar 19 Wheat	454.00	486.75	32.75
July 19 Wheat	463.25	495	31.75

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**USDA February Crop & WASDE Report Convenience Table**

**2018-19 USDA U. S. Harvest Acres (million acres)**

	USDA Feb 2018-19	Average Trade Est.	Range of Trade Est.	USDA Nov 2018-19
Corn	81.740	81.380	80.85-82.10	81.767
Soybeans	88.110	88.187	87.36-88.51	88.343
Wheat	39.605			39.6

**2018-19 USDA U. S. Yield (bu/acre)**

	USDA Feb 2018-19	Average Trade Est.	Range of Trade Est.	USDA Nov 2018-19
Corn	176.4	177.9	176.7-179.9	178.9
Soybeans	51.6	51.8	51.0-52.4	52.1
Wheat	47.6			47.6

**2018-19 USDA U. S. Production (bin bu)**

	USDA Feb 2018-19	Average Trade Est.	Range of Trade Est.	USDA Nov 2018-19
Corn	14.420	14.532	14.340-14.760	14.826
Soybeans	4.544	4.569	4.490-4.620	4.600
Wheat	1.884			1.884

**2018-19 USDA U. S. Grain Carryout (bin bu)**

	USDA Feb 2018-19	Average Trade Est.	Range of Trade Est.	USDA Dec 2018-19
Corn	1.735	1.708	1.621-1.787	1.781
Soybeans	0.910	0.926	0.800-1.015	0.955
Wheat	1.010	0.989	0.950-1.028	0.974

**2018-19 USDA World Grain Carryout (million tons)**

	USDA Feb 2018-19	Average Trade Est.	Range of Trade Est.	USDA Dec 2018-19
Corn	309.78	307.06	305.0-308.9	308.80
Soybeans	106.72	112.67	109.0-115.1	115.33
Wheat	267.53	268.09	266.0-269.7	268.10

**U. S. Quarterly Grain Stocks (bin bu)**

	USDA Feb 2019	Average Trade Est.	Range of Trade Est.	USDA Jan 2018
Corn	11.952	12.092	11.940-12.400	12.567
Soybeans	3.736	3.743	3.414-3.872	3.161
Wheat	1.999	1.851	1.846-2.003	1.873

**2019-20 U. S. Winter Wheat Seedings (mln acres)**

	USDA Jan 2019-20	Average Trade Est.	Range of Trade Est.	USDA 2018-19
All Winter	31.290	32.218	31.500-33.300	32.535
HRW	22.200	22.579	22.925-23.620	22.923
SRW	5.680	5.963	5.843-6.200	6.078
White	3.440	3.488	3.211-3.700	3.536

**2018-19 USDA South American Production (million tons)**

	USDA Feb 2019	Average Trade Est.	Range of Trade Est.	USDA Dec 2018
ARG Corn	46.00	43.09	41.5-45.0	42.5
ARG Soy	55.00	55.14	54.0-56.0	55.5
BRZ Corn	94.50	93.41	91.0-95.5	94.5
BRZ Soy	117.00	116.99	115.0-119.0	122.0

Click [the](#) following links for:

[USDA FebruaryCrop Report Briefing to Secretary Perdue](#)

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### CFTC Funds Net (# cnts) Futures Only (COT REPORT)

Date	Corn	Soybeans	Wheat
1/30/2018	-129,054	-23,142	-91,532
2/6/2018	-84,872	-84,872	-78,256
2/13/2018	-5,216	36,866	-46,973
2/20/2018	18,674	99,111	-60,157
2/27/2018	58,445	139,846	-54,560
3/6/2018	163,614	177,831	-21,600
3/13/2018	237,643	200,774	-27,366
3/20/2018	213,231	195,522	-56,107
3/27/2018	108,839	173,011	-78,107
4/3/2018	138,245	172,429	-71,963
4/10/2018	169,785	169,539	-44,861
4/17/2018	126,389	188,163	-46,960
4/24/2018	114,118	169,915	-50,507
5/1/2018	186,276	178,282	-18,940
5/8/2018	206,147	122,465	12,585
5/15/2018	184,773	101,072	-1,569
5/22/2018	190,935	94,796	8,819
5/29/2018	180,790	103,590	25,826
6/5/2018	78,696	65,177	23,058
6/12/2018	-12,238	105	25,135
6/19/2018	-57,451	-27,037	-4,861
6/26/2018	-90,764	-52,656	-12,068
7/3/2018	-107,396	-64,162	-1,251
7/10/2018	-140,994	-63,543	-1,266
7/17/2018	-165,965	-72,000	566
7/24/2018	-164,923	-73,359	22,603
7/31/2018	-95,613	-66,559	51,277
8/7/2018	-68,025	-63,066	66,351
8/15/2018	-60,139	-62,234	65,226

Date	Corn	Soybeans	Wheat
8/21/2018	-49,896	-42,027	57,447
8/28/2018	-79,305	-61,249	46,098
9/5/2018	-80,539	-69,799	35,997
9/11/2018	-83,882	-78,895	11,575
9/18/2018	-158,424	-82,217	-8,251
9/25/2018	-124,855	-60,126	227
10/2/2018	-67,387	-42,878	-11,708
10/9/2018	-39,399	-38,691	-18,098
10/16/2018	21,258	-31,112	-16,252
10/23/2018	27,903	-39,279	-30,023
10/30/2018	11,570	-69,915	-47,928
11/6/2018	14,562	-38,886	-41,965
11/13/2018	15,833	-49,485	-28,525
11/20/2018	-9,862	-53,179	-39,642
11/27/2018	-31,054	-59,303	-38,744
12/4/2018	39,910	-12,576	-27,025
12/11/2018	89,734	-683	-22,455
12/18/2018	124,427	13,166	-3,612
12/24/2018	90,880	-3,239	-18,325
12/31/2018	49,188	-14,295	-34,302
1/8/2019	70,160	4,714	-16,877
1/15/2019	15,694	-16,698	-15,708
1/22/2019	33,319	-15,294	-8,541
2/5/2019	-6,584	11,680	-6,555
2/12/2019	-32,825	-2,128	-14,320
Wkly Change	-26,241	-13,808	-7,765
Record +	409,444	240,937	73,662
Record -	-242,884	-93,790	-10,612
Est Today	-119,825	-35,128	-69,320
Change	(1,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)

2/12/2019	Corn	Soybeans	Wheat
COT Actual	-32,825	-2,126	-14,320
Est on date	-37,584	13,680	-15,515
Difference	4,759	-15,806	1,195

You can do a deep dive analysis into CFTC COT data on the CME website at:

<http://www.cmegroup.com/tools-information/quickstrike/commitment-of-traders-fx.html>

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