Conditions Watch!!

It's that time of year again. We now view every news article, tweet, facebook post, and internet picture about how good or bad the crops are growing like it is breaking news! Spring crop conditions fever has gripped the nation!!! Or at least Ag nation. It is easy to get caught up in the excitement of new information, and this is information that can help define what to expect when the combine rolls. We need to remember a few things when determining how to use this information.

1. It is very, very, very early in the production cycle for corn (and beans)!!! – I know that good corn crop starts with the stand, but conditions can change rapidly.
2. Conditions are not actual producer reports (I will leave you to debate if that is good or not). It is a summary of various FSA and extension agents.

3. Your field of corn/soybeans (Kansas) is not representative of what is happening in the "corn belt", nor will the market respond to conditions in your field. This is frustrating at times but is key to developing a marketing plan that fits your needs.

Conditions (Good + Excellent)	
Corn Conditions	G/E: 65% TW vs. NA LW, 72% LY
Winter Wheat Conditions	G/E: 50% TW vs. 52% LW, 63% LY
Spring Wheat Conditions	G/E: 62% TW vs. NA LW, 79% LY
Crop Progress Summary	
Corn Planted	91% TW vs. 84% LW, 93% LY, 93% AVG
Corn Emerged	73% TW vs. 54% LW, 75% LY, 75% AVG
Soybean Planted	67% TW vs. 53% LW, 71% LY, 68% AVG
Soybean Emerged	37% TW vs. 19% LW, 42% LY, 40% AVG
Milo Planted	44% TW vs. 37% LW, 43% LY, 49% AVG
Winter Wheat Headed	80% TW vs. 72% LW, 83% LY, 77% AVG
Spring Wheat Planted	96% TW vs. 90% LW, 98% LY, 91% AVG
Spring Wheat Emerged	79% TW vs. 62% LW, 87% LY, 74% AVG

Money Matters! – Follow up

Real vs Dollar – Continued recovery!

US Dollar – retesting support at pre-election lows.

General

USDA report – June 9th, June 30th Planted Acreage

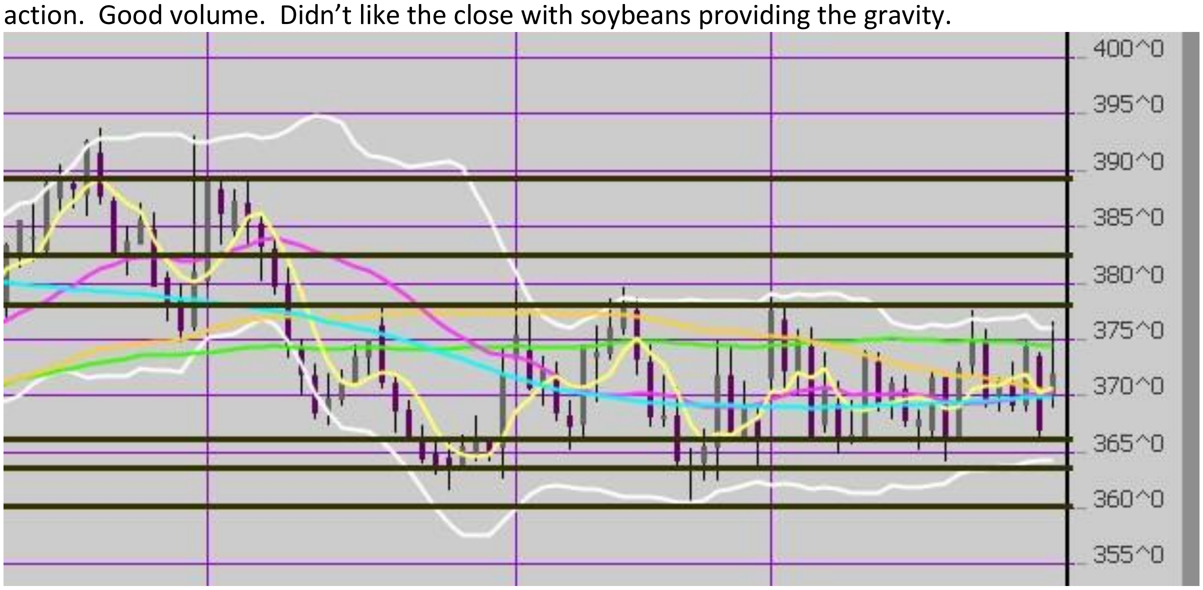
Keyword's this week – Crop conditions, replant, rereplant, and prevent plant. Beef market!

Futures Comments and Targets

July 17 Soybean Daily Chart – I know this makes for small print but I felt like a step back to the big picture is needed. We have been lower…support is now at $9.13, next level is $8.85. Trade volume was down today. Possible running out of sellers for now. Need to watch!

Nov 17 Soybean Daily Chart –Same story as July beans. I don't like how beans were the boat anchor while corn was on fire today!! Circle is a \$8.80 gap from March 3rd 2016, Support is now \$9.16.

July 17 Corn Daily Chart – \$3.63 still needs to hold! Still trading the range set in March 2017. I liked the action. Good volume. Didn't like the close with soybeans providing the gravity.



Dec 17 Corn Daily Chart –\$3.82 support. Traded above \$3.94 today and good volume today!

July 17 Wheat Daily Chart – Still within current technical. Holding the line!

July 18 Wheat Daily Chart – Still developing…light trade

<u>Chart Legend</u>

Simple moving averages (SMA)

SMA 5 day – light yellow, SMA 25 day - Pink, SMA 60 day – Gold, SMA 90 day – Lime Green, SMA 200 day – light blue.

Upper and Lower Bollinger Bands – Solid white

Trend lines – Dark blue

Support and Resistance – Black

	Futures Price Targets				Support			API
July 17 Wheat	$ 4.40	$ 4.42	$ 4.50		$ 4.23	$ 4.14		$ 0.20
July 18 Wheat	$ 5.20	$ 5.30	$ 5.34		$ 5.00	$ 4.94		$ 0.20
July 17 Corn	$ 3.78	$ 3.82	$ 3.89		$ 3.66	$ 3.63		$ 0.14
Dec 17 Corn	$ 3.93	$ 3.95	$ 4.01		$ 3.84	$ 3.79		$ 0.14
July 17 Beans	$ 9.56	$ 9.82	$ 10.01		$ 9.12	$ 8.85		$ 0.28
Nov 17 Beans	$ 9.56	$ 9.70	$ 9.80		$ 9.17	$ 9.08		$ 0.22

Futures Price Targets are technical points of resistance that a particular futures contract has created as it has traded. Typically these are previous highs or lows. They can also be points created by tracking various daily moving averages (30,60,90 day averages), simple trend lines, and numerous other methods for establishing trends.

Support is a technical point of resistance for a declining market. They are determined the same way as the Futures Price Targets, but serve as a potential floor to market movement.

AgMark Pricing Index (API) is a measure of volatility that can be used to establish an upper and lower trading range. The larger the number, the wider the range. API is an average of weekly trading ranges. It can be used to gauge how long it may potentially take to reach a price target. For example, if an API is $0.10, there is a higher chance of that futures contract to trade $0.10 higher or lower in that week. So, if you are waiting on a $0.20 move up (or down) it is more likely it would take 2 weeks in an upward (or downward) trending market than 1 week.