



**CURRENT TREND:** Higher      **REASON:** Word of U.S.-China trade talk resumption enough to spur soybean market

### EXPORT SALES @ 7:30 AM

**MORNING TRIVIA:** Within five miles per hour either way, what is the fastest wind speed ever recorded on Earth? (hint: round number)

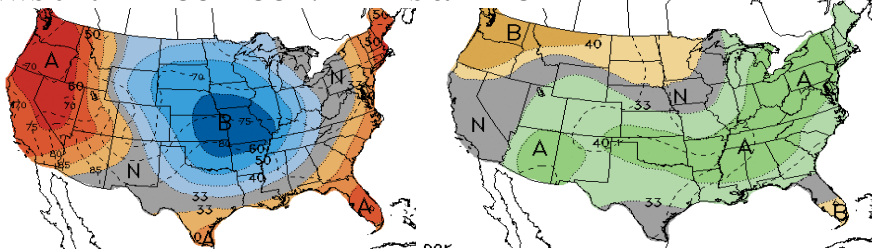
### MARKET HEADLINES

- Quick editorial:** China said a delegation will travel to Washington, D.C. later this month to hold a fresh round of trade talks—it is unclear whether that will occur before or after the 8/23 additional tariff deadline, but just that hopeful nugget was enough to add double-digits to beans, even if the near-term impact will be nil on hot OC soybean exports or a burdensome overall carryout...
- Iraq bought 300k tonnes of wheat in direct deals this week, including 200k from the U.S. and 100k from Canada; no prices were given, but earlier assessments put prices at \$334/tonne C&F from the U.S. and \$324/tonne C&F from Canada, each for delivery later this calendar year.
- China sold 1.53 MMT of corn from state reserves this morning, or 39% of the total offered this time around.
- Another ship carrying U.S. soybeans is reportedly ready to unload at China's Dalian port—it would be the second to pay the tariff, after a 70k shipment was unloaded at the same port earlier and departed this morning.
- The Buenos Aires Grains Exchange yesterday estimated 2018/19 Argentine corn planted area at 5.8 million hectares (14.33 mln acres), up over 7% from last season, with weather conditions expected to normalize overall.
- NOPA July soybean crush came in at 167.7 million bushels, well above the 161.7 mbu trade guess, up from 159.2 mbu in June and 144.7 mbu last July; it was the highest July number on record and the second-highest month ever on record as well. Trade estimates ranged from 155.0-165.4 million bushels.
- '17/18 Export Sales Estimates (000 tonnes): **Estimate Range / Last Week**  
Corn: **300-600 / 554.5**    Beans: **100-400 / 421.8**    Meal: **40-200 / 109.6**  
Oil: **5-24 / 10.9**
- '18/19 Export Sales Estimates (000 tonnes): **Estimate Range / Last Week**  
Corn: **300-1000 / 657.7**    Beans: **300-700 / 532.5**    Wheat: **200-500 / 317.1**  
Meal: **25-100 / 19.9**    Oil: **0-8 / 0.0**

### WEATHER UPDATE

- Heavy rains fell along the SD/NE border over the past 24 hours, with some action lingering still in the WCB this morning, with the best action in the southern ECB and OH River Valley, moving southeastward out of that area currently. Scattered showers and thunderstorms will linger mostly in the ECB through tomorrow, with a better system expected around Saturday night through early next week, and subsequent five-day totals looking strong for the bulk of the Midwest. The 6-10 day forecast is drier today due to the passage of time, with chances returning for the 11-15 day period. Temperatures do look cool going forward, for at least the next ten days, before warmer chances return later in the month into a possibly warmer September.
- Australia will see rain chances return for dry eastern wheat areas late next week; European and Russian wheat and corn regions will continue to see limited rains; same goes for Argentina where precip will be limited through August, while Brazil sees rain chances ease wheat stress next week.

### NWS 6-10 DAY OUTLOOK: TEMPS & PRECIP



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

	Corn	Beans	Meal	Oil	Chi Wheat	KC Wheat
<b>Daily</b>	7,000	-5,000	-5,000	-4,000	-7,000	0
<b>Est Net</b>	-88,025	-75,066	41,260	-101,968	46,351	53,732
<b>Rec +</b>	409,444	260,433	132,126	125,722	73,662	72,845
<b>Rec -</b>	-242,884	-125,912	-54,855	-63,489	-171,269	-30,005

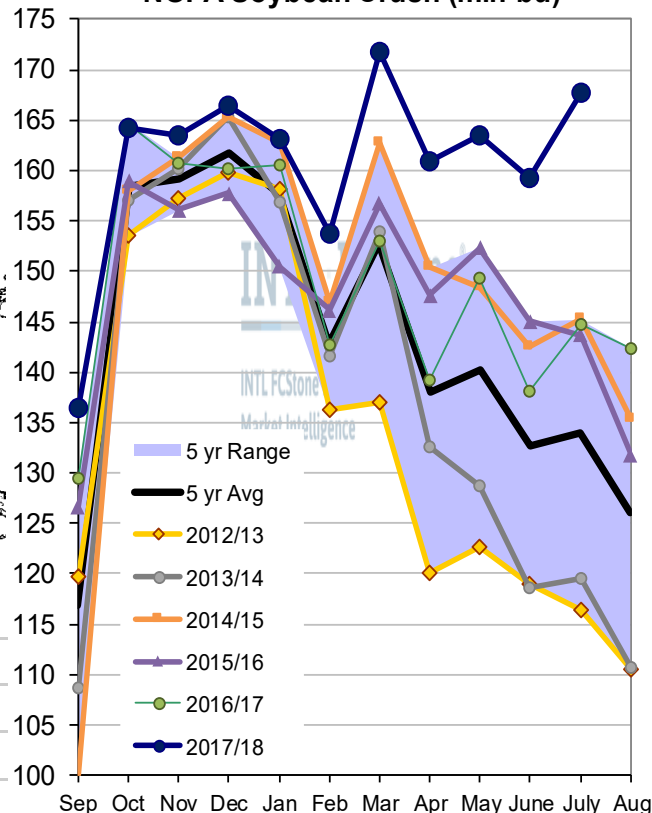
### NIGHT SESSION (to 7:00 AM): Grain Volume: 154,812

Symbol	High	Low	Last	Chg	Vol
<b>CU8</b>	367.00	360.50	<b>364.75</b>	<b>+3.25</b>	9,891
<b>CZ8</b>	381.50	375.00	<b>379.00</b>	<b>+3.00</b>	18,728
<b>CH9</b>	393.25	386.50	<b>390.75</b>	<b>+3.00</b>	2,716
<b>WU8</b>	543.25	531.00	<b>538.75</b>	<b>+6.50</b>	8,425
<b>KWU8</b>	545.50	534.00	<b>541.50</b>	<b>+6.25</b>	1,155
<b>SU8</b>	882.00	854.50	<b>871.00</b>	<b>+13.50</b>	3,466
<b>SX8</b>	893.25	866.00	<b>882.75</b>	<b>+13.75</b>	44,011
<b>SF9</b>	905.00	878.25	<b>894.25</b>	<b>+13.25</b>	11,392
<b>SMZ8</b>	337.50	331.30	<b>335.30</b>	<b>+4.00</b>	9,557
<b>BOZ8</b>	28.40	28.10	<b>28.33</b>	<b>+0.13</b>	8,533
<b>CLU8</b>	65.25	64.43	<b>65.12</b>	<b>+0.11</b>	100,529
<b>DX</b>	96.67	96.29	<b>96.50</b>	<b>-0.08</b>	9,134

### FUNDAMENTAL UPDATE

NOPA soybean crush numbers continue to set new records and far exceed estimates as the 2017/18 marketing year progresses, thanks to cheap soybeans and strong crush margins. July's 167.7 million-bushel number completely disregarded the usual seasonal decline, and leaves cumulative Sept-July output at 1771 mbu, up almost 8% from last year's 11-month pace, with the USDA still only at a +7.3% year-over-year total crush expectation for '17/18, despite increasing their old-crop crush estimate on a monthly basis.

**NOPA Soybean Crush (mln bu)**



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