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Mark's Top 5 at 5

CORN

COMMENTARY

Corn harvest is going to be starting in full swing in the weeks ahead. Stocks report added another 200 million to the carry out. Given the current USDA WASDE report that will put us near a 2.3 billion bu carry out. This will certainly keep a lid on the corn market, and we will struggle to find reasons to rally. Market does expect a yield adjustment at some point but I am not sure it will be enough to keep us below the 2 billion bu threshold. Opportunities in corn will be limited and short lived.

Yield reports: Silage yields were anywhere from 190 – 320 bpa

CONTRACT IDEAS

Bushels moving at harvest – not sure there is one silver bullet

- Basis contract – shrinks to 15%, no charges, have until November 28th to price or roll forward. No cost unless you roll
- Extended Price – sell cash today and buy futures back – expecting appreciation in futures. Costs 3 cents
- Delayed Price – We will need to see enough basis appreciation and futures appreciation to justify the shrink from 15 – 14%. Plus the 6 cents a month charge

Bushels Going Home

- Sell cash or futures for March and July – In big carry markets with big carry outs selling further ahead in the market has been the best option. Too often in this type of market environment, we see market carry disappear over time and the increase we see in value today is gone by the time spring or summer rolls around.
- Watch for processor quick ship bids end of December.

New Crop 2026

- If we see opportunities at $4.70 futures or better this may not be a terrible place to make a sale on new crop. $4.77 is the high trade in the last year.

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SOYBEANS

COMMENTARY

China continues to purchase bushels from South America. They do not have all of their needs met through the end of January. This still leaves a window for them to purchase US soybeans or they dig into their reserves or continue to find soybeans in S.A. Market will depend heavily on what decisions China makes. We will see pressure on carry out if we are unable to hit export expectations as a country. If China buys or a trade deal is accomplished, we could see some value back into the CBOT.

Yield reports: hearing anywhere from 45 – 70. Most coming in mid to upper 50's

CONTRACT IDEAS

Bushels moving at harvest

- Delay Price - may be an option that pays. We could see basis appreciation and futures appreciation that will justify the cost
- Extended Price – sell cash today and buy futures back – expecting appreciation in futures. Costs 3 cents
- Sell cash – If we see values back in the $9.40 cash or better there is nothing wrong with selling here. We have only been above $10.50 futures a handful of times this summer and cannot manage to sustain a rally beyond that.

Bushels going home

- Look at futures only contracts off March, May, or July futures. July has been as high as $11.00
- Watch for quick ship bids around the holidays and new year

New crop 2026

- Watching any potential trade deals. $10.90 has been the high trade in the last year.