



WEEK IN REVIEW MARKET UPDATE 10/27/17

Grain

Corn – Dec 17 **up \$0.04^{1/4}** closing \$3.48^{3/4}
 Soybeans – Nov 17 **down \$.03^{1/2}** closing \$9.75^{1/4}
 Wheat – Dec 17 **up \$.01^{1/4}** closing \$4.27^{1/4}
 Soybean Meal – Dec 17 **down \$5.00** closing \$312.10

Outsides

Dow – **up 105.63** closing 23431.30
 S&P – **up 5.68** closing 2580.46
 NASDAQ – **up 72.26** closing 6699.68
 US Dollar – Dec 17 **up 1.243** closing 94.822
 Crude Oil – Dec 17 **up 2.06** closing \$53.90

Livestock

Cattle – Dec 17 **up \$4.23** closing \$120.83
 Feeders – Nov 17 **up \$3.40** closing \$156.48
 Hogs – Dec 17 **down \$0.40** closing \$64.45
 Class III Milk – Nov 17 **up \$0.70** closing \$16.39

News/Reports:

- Export report released Thursday 10/26. Corn came in at 50.7 million bushels, expected range 31 – 47. Beans came in at 78.2 million bushels, expected range 44 – 59. Wheat came in at 13.2 million bushels, expected range 11 – 18. Beanmeal came in at 142,800 metric tons, expected range 100 – 250K.
- Ethanol output weekly data reports were out Wednesday 10/25 at 1,039,000 barrels per day versus 1,019,000 last week. Ethanol stocks were at 21.034 million barrels versus 21.480 million last week.
- Corn Conditions came out 10/30 at 66% good to excellent versus 66% last week, and 74% last year.
- Corn Harvested came out 10/30 at 54% this week versus 38% last week, 73% last year, and 72% 5-year average.
- Soybean Harvested came out 10/30 at 83% this week versus 70% last week, 85% last year and 84% 5-year average.

Notes:

- Iowa State professor says early data suggests this year's US soybean crop will be lower in protein content, 34 to 34 ½%, down from 35% normally. 47% protein meal in the east and 46.5% in the west appears to be the standard this year.
- Ethanol production continues to gain efficiencies with new bells and whistles on plants. This has people discussing 3.0 gal/bushel in the not too distant future versus 2.85 today.
- As of Friday, funds are 174,000 short corn versus the 229,000 record in March of last year.

Commodity	Current Initial Price Limit	New Initial Price Limit (Effective 11/1/17)	New Expanded Price Limit (Effective 11/1/17)
Corn	\$0.25/bushel	\$0.25/bushel	\$0.40/bushel
Soybeans	\$0.70/bushel	\$0.65/bushel	\$1.00/bushel
Chicago Wheat	\$0.30/bushel	\$0.30/bushel	\$0.45/bushel
Soybean Meal	\$25/ton	\$20/ton	\$30/ton

- Record highs for the NASDAQ and S&P after stellar earnings from the tech sector, Amazon and Microsoft lead the market. This week is a big earnings week for agriculture sector with Bunge, ADM, GPPE, and CHS posting their results.
- The expansion of the Panama Canal, a \$5.4 billion project completed in 2016, has increased accessibility from Asian countries to the East Coast. The Canal has recently recorded its 2,000th ship that would have not previously fit. The previous maximum vessel size was 5,000 containers. Today, vessels carrying up to 14,800 containers can pass through the Panama Canal. East Coast ports have made or are planning to make infrastructure updates to accommodate the large vessels. The Port Authorities of Savannah, GA spent \$1 billion, Charleston, SC, \$2 billion, and New York, \$4 billion. Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach are still the only ports in the U.S. that can receive large vessels of 18,000 containers.
- The next USDA report will be the November WASDE report out on Thursday November 9th at 12:00 est.