



## **USDA April WASDE Report 4/10/18:**

### ***Corn:***

- Raised 17/18 ending stocks 55 million bushels from 2.127 billion bushels to 2.182 billion bushels.
- Lowered 17/18 total usage 55 million bushels to 14.765 billion bushels (-50 feed use, -5 food/Ind/Seed).
- Lowered World 17/18 ending stocks from 199.2 million metric tons to 197.8 million metric tons.

**SUMMARY:** More or less a non-event as this month's ending stocks of 2.182 billion was only 7 million shy of the trade average. The Argentine crop at 33.0 million metric tons came in 300,000 metric tons above the trade average but down 3 from last month (47mmt last year) and Brazil at 92.0 million metric tons was down 2.5 from last month but 2 higher than the trade average (98.5mmt last year). Using today's numbers, global coarse grain stocks to use is 3% lower than last year at 16.6%, the tightest level in 6 years, emphasizing the importance of a good crop here in the US this year. No changes this report in Chinese production, imports, or ending stocks. Market results due to the report were: Pre-report down 1; at release steady; and at the close down 1.

### ***Soybeans:***

- Lowered 17/18 ending stocks 5 million bushels from 555 million bushels to 550 million bushels.
- Raised 17/18 total usage 5 million bushels to 4.168 billion bushels (+10 crush, -3 seed, -3 residual).
- Lowered World 17/18 ending stocks from 94.4 million metric tons to 90.8 million metric tons.

**SUMMARY:** Bean report was slightly friendly as the USDA's 550 million bushel ending stocks forecast was 24 million below the trade average and down 5 from last month. Seed/residual was tweaked 6 million lower while crush was boosted 10 million as the result of an improved outlook for both the domestic and export meal picture. The Argentine crop was trimmed 7 to 40.0 million metric tons (a little bullish, market average was 41.7) while Brazil was increased 2 to 115.0 million metric tons agreeing with CONAB's early morning update (average trade 116.2). Market results due to the report were: Pre-report up 10; at release up 13; and at the close up 3.

### ***Wheat:***

- Raised 17/18 ending stocks 30 million bushels from 1.034 billion bushels to 1.064 billion bushels.
- Lowered 17/18 total usage 30 million bushel to 2.012 billion bushels (-30 feed/residual).
- Raised World 17/18 ending stocks from 268.9 million metric tons to 271.2 million metric tons.

**SUMMARY:** Somewhat negative with higher than expected US ending stocks and yet another increase in exports from the FSU-12 to 64.8 million metric tons, a record export forecast (19% higher than 16/17). World carry-out for 2017/18 was also increased 2.3 million metric tons from last month. World production was listed at record 759.8 million metric tons. US feed/residual usage was lowered 30 million bushels which increased ending stocks a like amount to 1.064 billion bushels. With the latest recovery in US flat price, export competition likely to be strong throughout the remainder of spring. Key now will be northern hemisphere weather, in particular US winter wheat prospects and spring wheat planting conditions. Dryness remains in the short-term forecast for most plains HRW areas, while HRS areas in the northern plains are projected to stay cold and wet. Market results due to the report were: Pre-report down 6; at release down 6; and at the close up 2.