



WEEK IN REVIEW MARKET UPDATE 4/13/18

Grain

Corn – May 18 **down \$0.02^{1/4}** closing \$3.86^{1/4}
 Soybeans – May 18 **up \$0.20^{1/2}** closing \$10.54^{1/4}
 Wheat – May 18 **up \$0.00^{1/4}** closing \$4.72^{1/2}
 Soybean Meal – May 18 **down \$3.50** closing \$382.80

Outsides

Dow – **up 426.28** closing 24362.93
 S&P – **up 50.98** closing 2656.19
 NASDAQ – **up 190.57** closing 7105.77
 US Dollar – June 18 **up 0.045** closing 89.800
 Crude Oil – May 18 **up 5.33** closing \$67.39

Livestock

Cattle – June 18 **up \$1.32** closing \$103.65
 Feeders – May 18 **up \$4.75** closing \$140.38
 Hogs – June 18 **up \$4.37** closing \$77.65
 Class III Milk – May 18 **up \$0.02** closing \$14.72

News/Reports:

- Export report released Thursday 4/12. Corn came in at 33.1 million bushels, expected range 35 – 55. Beans came in at 55.5 million bushels, expected range 33 – 51. Wheat came in at 4.4 million bushels, expected range 6 – 13. Beanmeal came in at 317,400 metric tons, expected range 150 – 400K.
- Ethanol output weekly data reports were out Wednesday 4/11 at 1,034,000 barrels per day versus 1,038,000 last week. Ethanol stocks were at 21.846 million barrels versus 22.425 million last week.
- Winter Wheat Conditions came out 4/16 at 31% good to excellent versus 30% last week, and 54% last year.
- Corn Progress came out 4/16 at 3% planted versus 2% last week, 6% last year, 5% 5-year average.

Notes:

- The WASDE Report for April 2018 reported lower than prior month global carryout stocks for both corn (199.17 vs. 197.8 million tons) and soybeans (94.4 vs. 90.8 million tons). The drought in Argentina was reflected in lower global soybean stocks. In the US, carryout stocks and soybean stocks were slightly lower than March, together providing some support to the soybean trade. On the meat side, beef exports remained unchanged and pork exports were forecasted down from the March report, but still at a record high of 5.9 billion pounds (up 4.8% from 2017).
- This week Argentine crushers purchased soybeans from the US, this is the first sales of soybeans to Argentina in nearly 10 years and the largest sale in 20 years. So far, they have bought 400,000 metric tons of soybeans for 2018/19 (240 reported) with speculation as much as 1 million metric tons and possibly 2 million metric tons will eventually be purchased.
- China reportedly booked at least 30 cargoes of Brazilian beans this week. Argentina also reportedly booked 120,000 metric tons from Brazil.
- On the heels of last's week China-U.S. trade see-saw, this week President Trump directed U.S. Trade Representatives to explore reentry into the Trans-Pacific Partnership. This would go against his position on multinational trade agreements. The 11 Pacific Rim countries involved signed an agreement last month and are now working in their respective countries to enact the agreement.
- Under exchange rules, the CBOT resets daily limits for grains and oilseeds in May and November of each year, based on a percentage of the average settlement price of benchmark contracts during an observation period of about nine weeks.

Commodity	Current Initial Price Limit	New Initial Price Limit (Effective 5/1/18)
Corn	\$0.25/bushel	\$0.25/bushel
Soybeans	\$0.65/bushel	\$0.75/bushel
Chicago Wheat	\$0.30/bushel	\$0.35/bushel
Soybean Meal	\$20/ton	\$25/ton

- ATI Livestock Margins: Un-hedged steers sold last week lost \$164 to \$175/head. Steer placed this week are projected \$211/head loss. Un-hedged hogs lost \$32 to \$34/head. Sows bred this week are projected \$20/head loss. Dairy's negative \$1.25/cwt on April milk. Broilers positive \$1.39/bird. Eggs positive 80.2¢/dozen.
- AAA stated that gas prices at the pump are the highest since July 2015.
- The next USDA report will be the May WASDE report out on Thursday May 10th at 12:00 est.