

CORN: LOWER

Bears stepping back up to the plate to start the week after giving bulls a chance to play on Friday after run ruling them all week. Friday's CFTC report showed funds adding to both shorts and longs through last Tuesday resulting in a slight reduction to net short as there were about 2500 more longs added. This brings the "official" fund net position to 182.2k contracts net short, now our estimates have that fund position pinned closer to a net short position of 173.3k contracts with some fund covering on Friday. Looking ahead to this week, short but action packed week with no markets on Friday in observance of Independence Day and the highly anticipated Quarterly stocks and acreage reports later this morning. Estimates are calling for larger corn acres with an Average Trade Guess of 93.350mln acres compared to the 95.326mln acres posted on March 31st, and given price action over the past week, I'd say the market is fairly confident in that estimate. Stock estimates are calling for tighter stocks y/y but I'd say this is fairly accepted by the market and will take a back seat to acreage.

At the break, CU25 was 3 1/4 lower.

SOYBEANS: HIGHER

Report day for acreage and stocks at 11 a.m. CDT, then later in the day at 3 p.m. we get the crop conditions. So we are treading water for the most part in the overnight trade. Not many headlines to trade either. Some overseas issues are developing, but so far nothing of great enough significance to rally this market as US weather is continuing to be nearly ideal. At least, that is mostly the perception. Lower volumes across the complex as we head into the report and a short week, or vacation week for many. Delivery intentions were 200 for soybeans, 643 for meal and 7 for bean oil. A bit more beans than expected with products in line with most ideas.

Beans: V-269,904/OI-819,593(-2,003); Meal: V-193,769/OI-632,746(-4,166); Oil: V-166,361/OI-591,339(-6,325)

At the break, SQ25 was 3 % higher.

4th of July Trading Schedule:

Thursday, July 3rd: Normal close/no overnight

Friday, July 4th: No day/night session Sunday, July 6th: Normal PM open

WHEAT: LOWER

KC wheat was unable to hold gains on Friday after trading 7 cents higher earlier in the session, while Chicago and MGX closed 2-4 cents higher. Losses continued overnight, making new lows for the move and trending toward mid-May lows. Today is the first session for MGX wheat trading on the MIAX exchange and there was very little trade overnight as the market tries to get going with the new setup. CFTC showed funds cut shorts through 6/24 in all three contracts, with Chicago down 16k, KC down 18k, and MGX down 8k contracts. Scattered rains moved through HRW areas this weekend, leading to more delays to harvest. Traders will be getting positions ready for June 1 Stocks and Acreage reports coming at 11 a.m., which will provide guidance for future S&D balance sheets. Look for weakness to start the week, as KC and Chicago looks for the next round of support and waits for guidance from today's reports.

At the break, KWU25 was 2 ½ lower.

CATTLE: STEADY - HIGHER

The spot choice cutout at \$396 is now 10-14 days beyond a normal seasonal high, and compares to "just" \$323 on this date last year (+23%). Beef 50's printed \$2.51 on Friday, and beef 90's are now on top of the \$4.00 mark. Last week's kill of 560K head wound up exactly matching prior week levels and fell short of expectations, and down 8% from this same week last year. This week's holiday-shortened kill will keep the beef pipeline tight for another week. But while the beef markets have been firm, cash cattle markets not so much. Packer spot margins have improved markedly over these past couple weeks which most would not anticipate continuing. Futures strength on Friday may have been the marketplace sensing improved packer appetite to be forthcoming, or simply some basis correction which has been running at record wide levels?? June futures at \$224.75 expire today and look like they'll actually expire at a premium to southern cash. Weekly CFTC commitment of traders data showed very little change in managed money fund positions on the week. They own a net long of 133K in LC and 36K in FC, down just fractionally vs prior week.

Fund Position	Accumulative	Yesterday
Corn	-173,396	12,000
Soybeans	36,396	7,000
Soybean Meal	-110,236	3,000
Soybean Oil	49,775	0
Chicago Wheat	-70,868	0
KC Wheat	-46,912	0























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