

#### CORN: LOWER

Market holding to about a 2-cent trading range overnight, on pretty light volume and I think that is probably a sign of what we're going to see today and tomorrow as we head into the long weekend. Yes, we have first notice day on Friday, so we'll see a little bit of movement as those who waited until the last minute to clean up Sept., but producer morale is low and with a rangebound to lower market, we won't see action from them. Export sales this morning did see a net cancellation of 0.7mln bu for the current marketing year, which is all but over. New crop sales on the other hand continue to crush it, with 82.3mln bu sold this past week, putting cumulative sales within a spitting distance of 21/22. Colombia, and Japan were the top purchasers of new crop corn this week. Then we also saw some corn sold to Ireland, which I am going to say is thanks to the Farmageddon (KSU Vs. ISU) College football game last week, despite the outcome of the game.

**At the break, CU25 was ¾ lower.**

#### SOYBEANS: STEADY

Bean futures holding up against a weaker corn then the very weak wheat markets across all classes. Not much has changed in a day. Holding SX \$10.45 level with a few bullish inputs outstanding. Time does not buy a higher outcome and likely creates a problem for the spec fund resetting post roll into September. The 3 point bullish stance remains 1) A Chinese deal 2) US acreage decline 3) bio fuel pumps crush. Spike high moves will be sold for board and spreads. US bean basis continued to weaken with Decatur IL 15c lower to -15SX and Columbus OH by 30c to -40SX. Positioning in meal is underway after the short term hiccup on facilities being down. Board crush clipped again, now to \$1.71/bushel and 56c off the monthly high. Did hear one weather group calling the patterns for S. America La Nina style start. Don't know what that means but its out there. Export sales were above the high end range for new crop with unknown taking 690 k mt, Mex 315 k mt and Taiwan 125.5k mt for total 1,372.6kmt vs 1,000k mt high end range. Cina continues to buy Brazil at a +20% premium over US. Old crop was a net cancel for beans -189kmt primarily Unknown cancel -309kmt. Meal ok but oil was above the high-end range for old and new crop but just slightly. Canada did take 7.0tmt for new crop oil. **At the break, SX25 was unchanged.**

#### Labor Day Trading Schedule:

Sunday, Aug 31<sup>st</sup>: No overnight

Monday, Sept 1<sup>st</sup>: No day or overnight session

Tuesday, Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>: 8:30am CST open

#### WHEAT: LOWER

The market continues its rout of KC wheat, with new lows tagged on Wednesday, as global values have softened in recent days. Overnight trade held the low in KWZ25, as weakness in Paris wheat ran KC to the low but buying came in to protect that level. Export sales showed 579k MT booked last week, led by Vietnam taking 157k MT of HRW, HRS, and WW. HRW demand also included 80k MT to Nigeria, plus Mexico and Japan. KC spot values held firm through the roll to the KWZ, with bidders showing interest above posted values to go to other markets ahead of the end of the month. The weakness in the KC U/Z reflects the quiet export market through September due to EU and Black Sea offers pulling back. Look for another lower start to the day with export sales meeting estimates, as KC leads losses, but Chicago and Paris wheat are close behind.

**At the break, KWU25 was 1 ¾ lower.**

#### CATTLE: STEADY-LOWER

As is becoming more commonplace, cattle futures launched into fresh highs again yesterday only to close just modestly higher by day's end. Big volume, on virtually no change in open interest. CNBC commentators talking about feeder cattle futures draws out the day traders.... Futures strength did also draw out 20 loads of Aug LC deliveries last night in Syracuse KS. It's been multi-months since we've seen some deliveries, but also multi-months since we've had futures and cash converged as we've had the past two plus weeks. Mexico reporting their screwworm case count up 50% in the past month, which sure reads like the problem is far from under control and I think the industry continues to push back estimates on a border re-open timeline. Boxed beef markets were finally lower yesterday afternoon, which combined with the deliveries, and end of month which has been notorious for some profit taking recently, perhaps is enough to put a pause on the rally today?

Fund Position	Accumulative	Yesterday
Corn	-118,637	-5,000
Soybeans	-9,753	1,000
Soybean Meal	-106,093	-5,000
Soybean Oil	40,877	-2,000
Chicago Wheat	-92,666	-2,000
KC Wheat	-42,365	-1,000

