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No Newsletters next week as I will be on vacation. I am not sure that I will have cell phone access as I will be at Glacier National Park. For assistance with brokerage trades call Walsh Trading at 800-993-5449.

Position Management: The table shows how the Model Farm is positioned at this time. Individual recommendations may vary.

| | 2010 Crop | 2011 Crop | 2012 Crop |
|----------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Corn | 100% sold with basis set | 50% sold HTA | 30% sold HTA |
| Soybeans | 100% sold with basis set | 50% sold HTA | 20% sold HTA |
| Wheat | 100% sold with basis set | 50% sold HTA | none |

Prior Price Targets: The prior MNWestAg price targets have all been exceeded. The corn price forecast by a number of analysts has been reduced considerably with a number of them forecasting Dec corn under \$5/bushel to \$4.70 futures and have also lowered their Soybean forecast for old crop but have called new crop soybeans from \$12 to \$14 per bushel. Thoughts for 2012 crop, the only price floor we have today for 2012 is loan rate of \$1.85 corn and \$4.90 soybeans

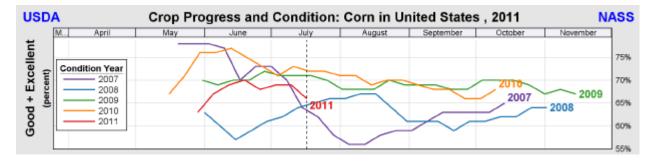
Next Major USDA Reports: Friday July 22, 2011 Cattle on Feed, Thursday August 11, 2011 WASDE & Crop Production

Hedge: a means of protection against something, especially a means of guarding against financial loss **Speculate**: to form a conjecture on the basis of incomplete facts or information, to engage in financial transactions that have an element of risk.

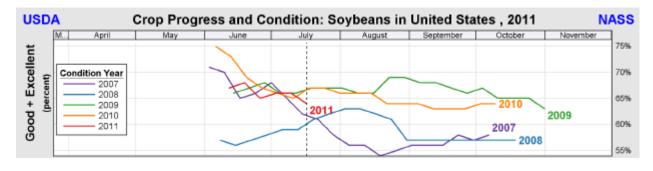
Market Talk The Washington debt talks are still hung up. Moodys downgraded Greek debt again. Gold is up \$14. Concerns over the state of the U.S. economy and the potential impact on commodity demand was negative. Late session short covering and light commercial pricing did offer the market light support going into the close.

The private group Lanworth has released their crop projections, which are considerably lower than any other data we have seen. Lanworth predicts a corn yield this year of just 153.6 bushels per acre, and a crop size of 12.9 billion bu. The group's soybean yield is estimated at 41.3 bushels per acre for a 3.07 billion bu crop. Given these crop sizes and projected use, Lanworth predicts new crop carryout at 303 million bu for corn and a mere 18 million bu on soybeans.

US Crop Progress Corn: USDA Crop Progress report showed corn good/excellent condition at 62%, down 4 points from last week. Silking progress got up to 65%, and USDA shows 9% of the crop in dough stage.



US Crop Progress Soybeans: USDA Crop Progress report showed soybean condition at 62% good/excellent, down 2 points from last week. Soybeans blooming reported at 60% as compared to 68% on average and 73% last year. Beans setting pods are at 16% compared to 27% on average and 32% last year.





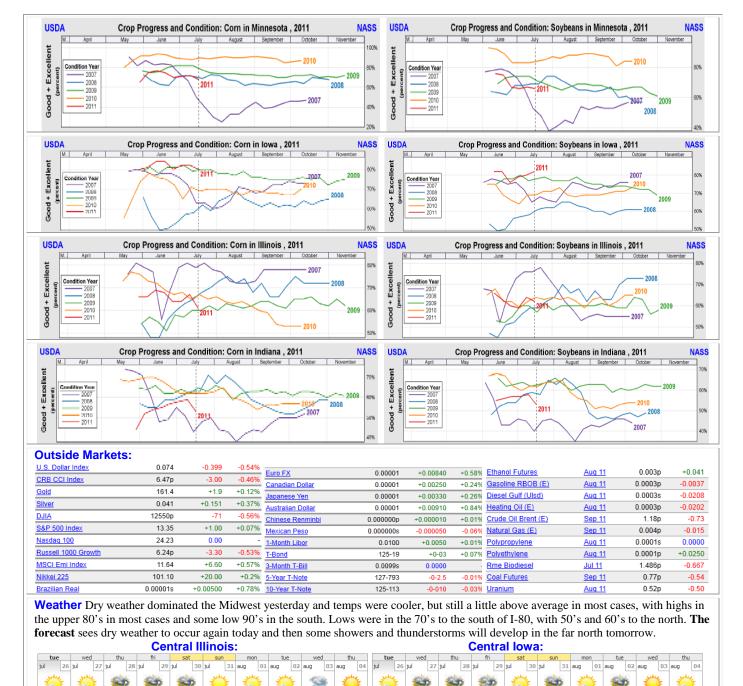
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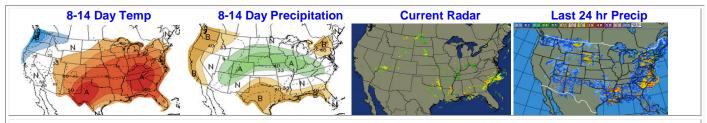




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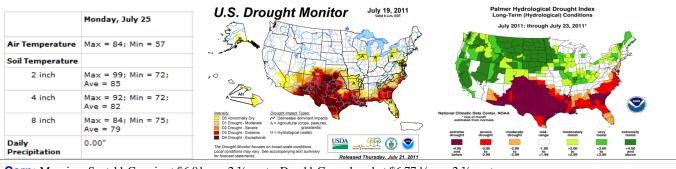
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Corn: Morning: Sept 11 Corn is at \$6.81, up 2 ¾ cents, Dec 11 Corn closed at \$6.77 ¼, up 2 ¾ cents,

Mar 11 corn closed at \$6.90, up 3 \(\frac{1}{4} \) cents, July 12 Corn is at \$7.02 \(\frac{3}{4} \), up 3 \(\frac{1}{4} \) cents,

Yesterday's Close: Sep 11 Corn closed at \$6.78 ¾, down 11 ¼ cents, Dec 11 Corn closed at \$6.74 ½, down 11 cents, Mar 12 Corn closed at \$6.87 ¼, down 11 cents Dec 12 Corn closed at \$6.20 ¾, down ¾ cent

Corn futures closed sharply lower on cooler moist weather, which came too late to make it into this afternoon's Crop Progress report. The USDA Export Inspections report this morning showed 35.301 million bushels inspected for export for the week ending July 21 with a total increase of 42 million bushels from last week after revisions to prior data. This is only 800K bushels behind last year's weekly pace. Ethanol futures was 3.3 cents higher at \$2.975. Reuters expected a 64 % good/excellent corn rating in this afternoon's Crop Progress report. The USDA Crop Progress report showed corn good/excellent condition at 62%, down 4 points from last week.

Soybean Complex: Morning: Sept 11 Soybeans closed at \$13.72 ½, up 8 cents, Nov 11 Soybeans closed at \$13.80, up 8 cents, Jan 11 Soybeans closed at \$13.90 ¾, up 8 ¾ cents, Jul 12 Soybeans closed at \$13.96, up 10 ½ cents,

Yesterday's Close: Aug 11 Soybeans closed at \$13.65 ½, down 14 ¾ cents, Sep 11 Soybeans closed at \$13.64 ½, down 16 ½ cents, Nov 11 Soybeans closed at \$13.72, down 16 ¼ cents, Nov 12 Soybeans closed at \$13.32 ¼, down 12 ½ cents, Aug 11 Soybean Meal closed at \$355.80, down \$7.20, Aug 11 Soybean Oil closed at \$56.10, down \$0.41Soybean futures closed sharply lower, with weakness in the grains. The USDA Export Inspections report this morning showed 5.158 million bushels inspected for export for the week ending July 21 with a total increase of 5.6 million bushels from last week after revisions to prior data. This is 1.67 million bushels behind last year's weekly pace. The CME Group will lower margin requirements for soybeans effective tonight. Hedge margins will drop to \$2750 per contract. Spec margins will drop to \$3713. Sept crude oil was \$.78 lower at \$99.09. Reuters expected a 63 % good/excellent soybean rating in this afternoon's Crop Progress report. The USDA Crop Progress report showed 62% good/excellent, down 2 points from last week.

Wheat: Morning: Sept 11 CBOT Wheat closed at \$6.92 ½, up 4 cents, Sept 11 MGEX Wheat is at \$8.33, up 2 ¼ cents Yesterday's Close: Sep 11 CBOT Wheat closed at \$6.88 ½, down 3 ¾ cents, Sep 11 KCBT Wheat closed at \$7.70 ½, down 9 ½ cents, Sep 11 MGEX Wheat closed at \$8.30 ¾, down 7 ¾ cents

Wheat futures closed sharply lower. The USDA Export Inspections report this morning showed 22.4 million bushels inspected for export for the week ending July 21 with a total increase of 23.248 million bushels from last week after revisions to prior data. This is 7.2 million bushels ahead of last years weekly pace. Wheat usage for feed is up because of the price discount to corn with some reports of wheat use for ethanol. Durum prices are expected to be firm to higher until supplies are more certain. The Argentine wheat region of Buenos Aires received some much needed rain for their wheat crop. The Argentine Ag Minister said the rain was timely and would help sprout the seeded wheat and encourage farmers to continue their wheat planting. The USDA Crop Progress report showed 75% winter wheat harvested, 5% behind average. Spring wheat headed was at 83%, 12 points below average.

Cattle: Yesterday's Close: Aug 11 Cattle closed at \$110.650, up \$0.100, Oct 11 Cattle closed at \$114.900, down \$0.500, Dec 11 Cattle closed at \$118.800, down \$0.350, Aug 11 Feeder Cattle closed at \$136.050, down \$0.350 Sep 11 Feeder Cattle closed at \$137.375, unch,





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Oct 11 Feeder Cattle closed at \$138.200, down \$0.700

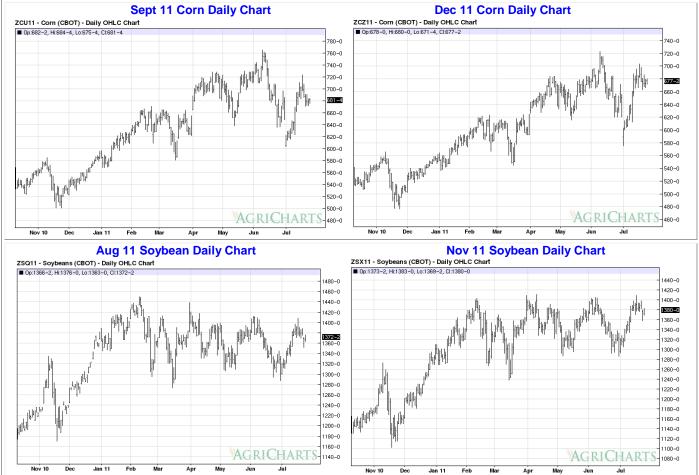
Cattle futures closed mixed. The Cattle on Feed report came in bearish at 103.8 percent of last year. June placements were 104.1 percent, which could be correlated with extremely poor pasture conditions. June marketings at 105.3 percent is bullish for nearbys with numbers being pulled ahead. The Cold Storage report showed total beef in cold storage up 16% from last year but down 3% from last month. Choice boxed beef was down .36 at 175.34 and select was up .11 at 170.22. The USDA Crop Progress report showed pasture condition at 46% good/excellent, down 2 points.

Hogs: Yesterday's Close: Aug 11 Hogs closed at \$100.925, up \$0.100, Oct 11 Hogs closed at \$92.475, down \$0.100 Dec 11 Hogs closed at \$88.800, down \$0.375

Lean hog futures closed mixed. The Cold Storage Report on Friday showed total pork supplies were up 20% from a year ago but down 9% from last month. Poultry and beef supplies were also down from May. Cash hogs were mostly lower: WCB hogs were \$1.79 lower at \$97.57, ECB \$.92 higher at \$94.55, IA/MN \$1.44 lower at \$98.11. The lean hog index was at 96.48 for July 21. The pork cutout was at 100.28, up 1.35.

Cotton: Yesterday's Close: Oct 11 Cotton closed at 97.09, down 205 points, Dec 11 Cotton closed at 96.76, down 188 points Dec 12 Cotton closed at 92.37, down 178 points

Cotton futures closed lower, weigned on by weaker commodities, continued market crisis, and weak yarn demand. October cotton was down 232 points last week, 2.29%. Domestic mills have covered most of their cotton needs through calendar 2011 according to the USDA. The Certificated stocks are at rock bottom levels: 18,936 with 30,999 decertificated and 3,113 issued on Friday. The USDA Crop Progress report showed cotton squaring at 79%, down 8 points from average. Setting bolls was at 46%, down 3 points from average. Condition was up a point to 29% good/excellent.





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