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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 call Walsh Trading at 800-993-5449. You will need your account number starting with 356-

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: Thursday August 11, 2011 WASDE & Crop Production – about 2 weeks away.

The tables show the estimated carry out for a range of yields and planted acres if estimated usage stays constant with the yellow areas highlighting the current acres and current yield estimate. For example, corn acres are estimated at 92.28 million with a yield of 158.7 providing an estimated carry out of 870 million bushels shown where the column and row intersect. Soybean acres of 75.2 and a yield of 43.4 indicate a carry out of 175 million bushels. In two weeks on Aug 11 USDA is expected to update planted acres for the states of MN, SD, ND and MT. Typically USDA could adjust yield and usage estimates thus impacting carry out.

11/12 New Crop Corn Balance Sheet: Bushels							
Projected Use	13,500			Projected Use 10/11	13,355		
Expected Carry In:	880			Planted 10/11	88.2		
Expected Imports	20			Yield 10/11	152.8		
Harvested %	91.98%			2011 Est			
Planted	90.78	91.28	91.78	92.280	92.78	93.28	93.78
Yield	-1.50	-1.00	-0.50		0.50	1.00	1.50
161.2	860	934	1008	1083	1157	1231	1305
160.7	818	892	966	1040	1114	1188	1262
160.2	777	850	924	998	1071	1145	1219
159.7	735	808	882	955	1029	1102	1176
159.2	693	766	840	913	986	1059	1132
158.7	651	724	797	870	943	1016	1089
158.2	610	682	755	828	901	973	1046
157.7	568	640	713	785	858	930	1003
157.2	526	598	671	743	815	888	960
156.7	484	556	628	701	773	845	917
156.2	443	514	586	658	730	802	874
155.7	401	472	544	616	687	759	831

11/12 New Crop Soybean Balance Sheet: Bushels							
Projected Use	3,264			Projected Use 10/11	3,315		
Expected Carry In:	200			Planted 10/11	76.6		
Expected Imports	15			Yield 10/11	43.5		
Harvested %	98.89%			2011 Est			
Planted	73.7	74.2	74.7	75.200	75.7	76.2	76.7
Yield	-1.50	-1.00	-0.50		0.50	1.00	1.50
44.4	184	206	228	250	272	294	316
44.1	166	188	209	231	253	275	297
43.9	148	169	191	213	234	256	278
43.6	129	151	173	194	216	237	259
43.4	111	133	154	175	197	218	240
43.1	93	114	136	157	178	200	221
42.9	75	96	117	138	159	181	202
42.6	56	78	99	120	141	162	183
42.4	38	59	80	101	122	143	164
42.1	20	41	62	83	103	124	145

One analyst recently spoke about some key points regarding the Aug reports, the Aug 11 WASDE and crop report is in 2 weeks. The trade has underestimated US corn production on the August report in each of the last 6 years while overestimating US soybean production on the August report in 6 of the last 9 years. The Final US corn yield was below the USDA Aug forecast in only 7 of last 23 years (including last year's massive 12.2 BPA overestimation) while the Final US soybean yield was below the USDA Aug forecast in 10 of the last 18 years. The final US new crop corn demand has fallen short of USDA's August forecast in 3 of the last four years while the final US new crop soybean demand has exceeded USDA's August forecast in 7 of the last 9 years.

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: Trade continues to be very nervous about US Debt deal and looming default. It often is the first item spoken about regardless of which market segment an analysts' reports on. Thus analysts for the financials, metals, livestock, energy, grains all spoke this morning first about the almost unthinkable US Debt Default possibilities and uncertainty that could upset all market segments.

Corn basis in the far eastern corn belt as much as \$1.15 over CBOT thus cash corn traded as high as \$8.04 at one location as compared to \$6.90 to \$7.12 in SW MN.

Brazilian officials reportedly have decided to continue the current ethanol blending rate despite extreme shortages of both ethanol and sugar. Brazil thought to have imported nearly 120 million gallons of ethanol through May with plans for an additional 70 million gallon imports by this October. The US ethanol exports to Brazil are reportedly nearly six times the pace of a year ago. US annual total ethanol export pace now on track to reach near 750 million gallons vs 400 million last year. Trade thoughts are that eventually nearly 65 million bushels of US corn equivalent could be shipped to Brazil in the form of ethanol.

Hard Red Spring wheat yields are thought to be some 4.5 bushels lower than last year as reported from the Wheat Tour that is occurring this wheat.

Trade is also talking of some agronomy models that suggest that even with normal precipitation the extreme temperatures could have cut corn yield potential 10 to 15 bu/acre. Trade expecting moderate deterioration in national crop conditions again Monday as we move into August 1 private crop estimates and USDA August 11 projections.

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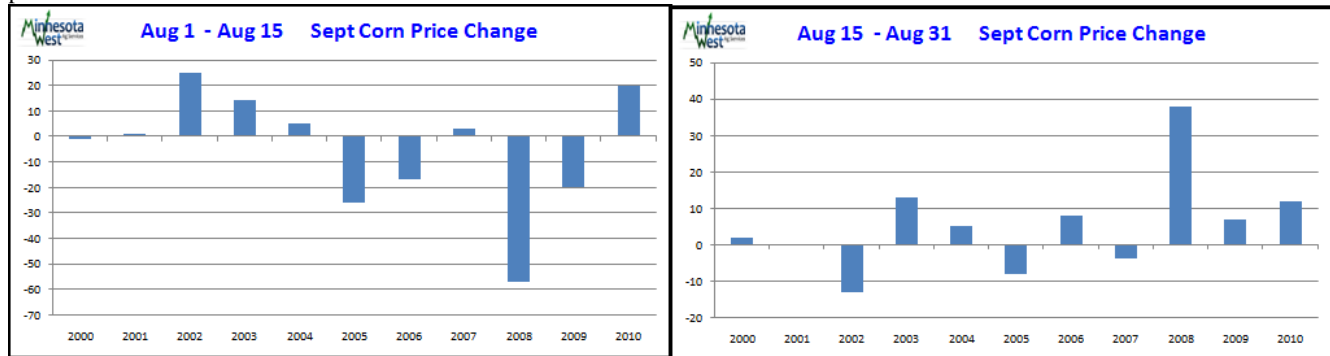
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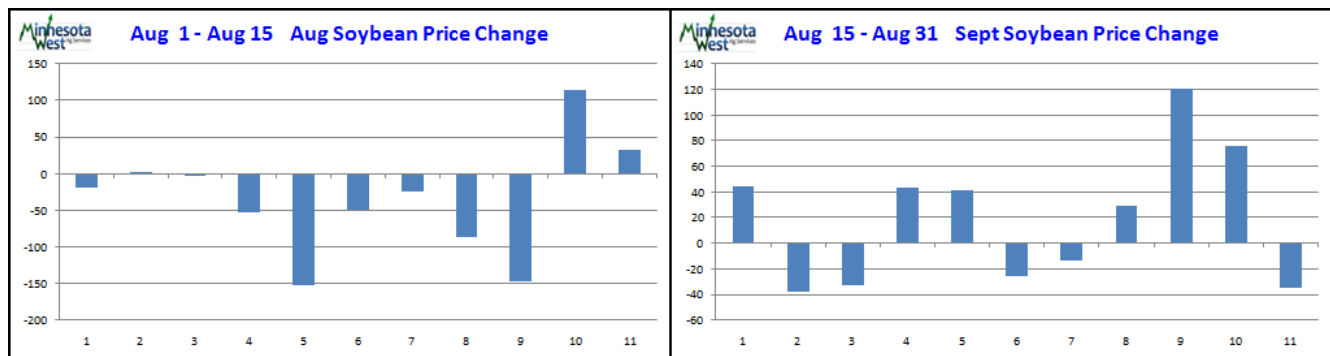
Corn Price Change Charts:

The "Price Change" charts show the difference in price from the first date to the second date for the CBOT futures market listed, ignoring all prices fluctuations between those dates.



Soybean Price Change Charts:

The "Price Change" charts show the difference in price from the first date to the second date for the CBOT futures market listed, ignoring all prices fluctuations between those dates.



Corn Carry Costs:

Costs		Corn	Comparing Sales to Net after Paying Typical Storage Costs											
		0.25	The prices on the line below											
Drying \$0.075	Today Months	Oct	\$5.50		\$5.75		\$6.00		\$6.25		\$6.50			
		Store Until	Are Equal to the prices below after deducting storage costs to that month											
			Comm	Farm	Comm	Farm	Comm	Farm	Comm	Farm	Comm	Farm		
Shrink 2.00%	1	Nov	\$ 5.71	\$ 5.71	\$ 5.96	\$ 5.96	\$ 6.22	\$ 6.22	\$ 6.48	\$ 6.48	\$ 6.73	\$ 6.73		
	2	Dec	\$ 5.78	\$ 5.73	\$ 6.04	\$ 5.99	\$ 6.30	\$ 6.25	\$ 6.55	\$ 6.50	\$ 6.81	\$ 6.76		
	3	Jan	\$ 5.85	\$ 5.75	\$ 6.11	\$ 6.01	\$ 6.37	\$ 6.27	\$ 6.63	\$ 6.53	\$ 6.89	\$ 6.79		
Storage Rate	4	Feb	\$ 5.93	\$ 5.78	\$ 6.19	\$ 6.04	\$ 6.45	\$ 6.30	\$ 6.70	\$ 6.55	\$ 6.96	\$ 6.81		
Commercial	5	Mar	\$ 6.00	\$ 5.80	\$ 6.26	\$ 6.06	\$ 6.52	\$ 6.32	\$ 6.78	\$ 6.58	\$ 7.04	\$ 6.84		
\$0.050	6	Apr	\$ 6.07	\$ 5.82	\$ 6.33	\$ 6.08	\$ 6.60	\$ 6.35	\$ 6.86	\$ 6.61	\$ 7.12	\$ 6.87		
Farm	7	May	\$ 6.15	\$ 5.85	\$ 6.41	\$ 6.11	\$ 6.67	\$ 6.37	\$ 6.93	\$ 6.63	\$ 7.19	\$ 6.89		
\$0.000	8	June	\$ 6.22	\$ 5.87	\$ 6.48	\$ 6.13	\$ 6.75	\$ 6.40	\$ 7.01	\$ 6.66	\$ 7.27	\$ 6.92		
	9	July	\$ 6.29	\$ 5.89	\$ 6.56	\$ 6.16	\$ 6.82	\$ 6.42	\$ 7.08	\$ 6.68	\$ 7.35	\$ 6.95		
Interest	10	Aug	\$ 6.36	\$ 5.91	\$ 6.63	\$ 6.18	\$ 6.90	\$ 6.45	\$ 7.16	\$ 6.71	\$ 7.43	\$ 6.98		
5.00%	11	Sep	\$ 6.44	\$ 5.94	\$ 6.70	\$ 6.20	\$ 6.97	\$ 6.47	\$ 7.24	\$ 6.74	\$ 7.50	\$ 7.00		

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Soybean Carry Costs:

Costs		Soybean	Comparing Sales to Net after Paying Typical Storage Costs									
		0.25	The prices on the line below									
Drying 0	Today Months	Oct	\$12.00		\$12.25		\$12.50		\$12.75		\$13.00	
		Store Until	Are Equal to the prices below after deducting storage costs to that month									
			Comm	Farm	Comm	Farm	Comm	Farm	Comm	Farm	Comm	Farm
Shrink	1	Nov	\$ 12.16	\$ 12.11	\$ 12.41	\$ 12.36	\$ 12.66	\$ 12.61	\$ 12.92	\$ 12.87	\$ 13.17	\$ 13.12
0.50%	2	Dec	\$ 12.26	\$ 12.16	\$ 12.51	\$ 12.41	\$ 12.77	\$ 12.67	\$ 13.02	\$ 12.92	\$ 13.27	\$ 13.17
	3	Jan	\$ 12.36	\$ 12.21	\$ 12.61	\$ 12.46	\$ 12.87	\$ 12.72	\$ 13.12	\$ 12.97	\$ 13.38	\$ 13.23
Storage Rate	4	Feb	\$ 12.46	\$ 12.26	\$ 12.72	\$ 12.52	\$ 12.97	\$ 12.77	\$ 13.23	\$ 13.03	\$ 13.48	\$ 13.28
Commercial	5	Mar	\$ 12.56	\$ 12.31	\$ 12.82	\$ 12.57	\$ 13.07	\$ 12.82	\$ 13.33	\$ 13.08	\$ 13.59	\$ 13.34
\$0.050	6	Apr	\$ 12.66	\$ 12.36	\$ 12.92	\$ 12.62	\$ 13.18	\$ 12.88	\$ 13.43	\$ 13.13	\$ 13.69	\$ 13.39
Farm	7	May	\$ 12.76	\$ 12.41	\$ 13.02	\$ 12.67	\$ 13.28	\$ 12.93	\$ 13.54	\$ 13.19	\$ 13.79	\$ 13.44
\$0.000	8	June	\$ 12.86	\$ 12.46	\$ 13.12	\$ 12.72	\$ 13.38	\$ 12.98	\$ 13.64	\$ 13.24	\$ 13.90	\$ 13.50
	9	July	\$ 12.96	\$ 12.51	\$ 13.22	\$ 12.77	\$ 13.48	\$ 13.03	\$ 13.74	\$ 13.29	\$ 14.00	\$ 13.55
Interest	10	Aug	\$ 13.06	\$ 12.56	\$ 13.32	\$ 12.82	\$ 13.58	\$ 13.08	\$ 13.85	\$ 13.35	\$ 14.11	\$ 13.61
5.00%	11	Sep	\$ 13.16	\$ 12.61	\$ 13.42	\$ 12.87	\$ 13.69	\$ 13.14	\$ 13.95	\$ 13.40	\$ 14.21	\$ 13.66

Outside Markets:

U.S. Dollar Index	74.565	+0.174	+0.23%	Euro FX	1.42410	-0.00510	-0.36%	Ethanol Futures	Aug 11	2.999p	-0.069
CRB CCI Index	647.00p	-6.00	-0.92%	Canadian Dollar	1.05040	-0.00050	-0.05%	Gasoline RBOB (E)	Sep 11	3.0638p	-0.0193
Gold	1615.9	+2.5	+0.15%	Japanese Yen	1.29000	+0.00410	+0.32%	Diesel Gulf (Ulsd)	Sep 11	3.1811s	+0.0158
Silver	39.630	-0.149	-0.37%	Australian Dollar	1.08590	-0.00600	-0.55%	Heating Oil (E)	Sep 11	3.1144p	+0.0200
DJIA	12193p	-51	-0.42%	Chinese Renminbi	0.155260p	-0.000110	-0.07%	Crude Oil Brent (E)	Sep 11	117.36p	-0.07
S&P 500 Index	1291.30	-5.50	-0.42%	Mexican Peso	0.085375s	-0.000325	-0.38%	Natural Gas (E)	Sep 11	4.244p	-0.074
Nasdaq 100	2364.00	-6.00	-0.25%	1-Month Libor	99.7925p	0.0000	-	Polypropylene	Sep 11	0.8150s	0.0000
Russell 1000 Growth	605.10p	-0.10	-0.02%	T-Bond	126-18	+0.16	+0.4%	Polyethylene	Sep 11	0.6200p	0.0000
MSCI Eml Index	1136.20	-3.90	-0.34%	3-Month T-Bill	99.2700s	0.0000	-	Rme Biodiesel	Jul 11	1486.810p	+1.143
Nikkei 225	9845.00	-25.00	-0.25%	5-Year T-Note	120-7.5	+0.7.5	+0.2%	Coal Futures	Sep 11	77.00p	-0.12
Brazilian Real	0.63180	-0.00160	-0.25%	10-Year T-Note	124-290	+0.130	+0.33%	Uranium	Aug 11	51.65p	0.00

Weather Showers and thunderstorms again fired up across eastern IA, southern WI/MI and northern sections of IL, IN and OH in the past 24 hours. Totals were in the .25-1" range in most cases, with areas of 1"+ also occurring. Temps remained above average to the south of the rains, with highs in the low to mid 90's, with some upper 90's to low 100's in MO and the southern 1/3rd of IL and IN. Temps to the north of the rains were in the 80's.

Central Illinois:

fri	sat	sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat	sun
29 jul	30 jul	31 jul	01 aug	02 aug	03 aug	04 aug	05 aug	06 aug	07 aug
Sct T-Storms	M Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	M Cloudy	Iso T-Storms	Sct T-Storms	Iso T-Storms	P Cloudy	Sct T-Storms
87° 71°	91° 70°	92° 74°	92° 74°	92° 73°	88° 70°	85° 70°	86° 66°	85° 67°	85° 69°

Central Iowa:

fri	sat	sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat	sun
29 jul	30 jul	31 jul	01 aug	02 aug	03 aug	04 aug	05 aug	06 aug	07 aug
P Cloudy	M Sunny	Sunny	M Sunny	Iso T-Storms	Sct T-Storms	Sct T-Storms	P Cloudy	Sct T-Storms	Sct Showers
91° 71°	92° 75°	93° 77°	92° 77°	92° 74°	86° 72°	83° 69°	85° 69°	86° 71°	87° 73°

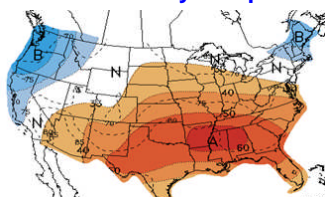
South Central Minnesota:

fri	sat	sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat	sun
29 jul	30 jul	31 jul	01 aug	02 aug	03 aug	04 aug	05 aug	06 aug	07 aug
Sunny	Sunny	Iso T-Storms	Iso T-Storms	Sct T-Storms	M Cloudy	Iso T-Storms	M Sunny	Iso T-Storms	Sct T-Storms
87° 68°	89° 71°	90° 74°	90° 73°	84° 63°	82° 67°	85° 64°	82° 64°	80° 65°	84° 66°

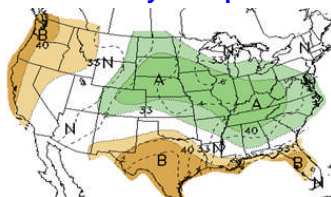
Central Indiana:

fri	sat	sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat	sun
29 jul	30 jul	31 jul	01 aug	02 aug	03 aug	04 aug	05 aug	06 aug	07 aug
PM T-Storms	P Cloudy	Sunny	M Sunny	M Cloudy	Sct T-Storms	Sct T-Storms	Sct T-Storms	Sct T-Storms	M Sunny
89° 73°	91° 71°	93° 72°	93° 74°	89° 71°	89° 72°	89° 70°	87° 71°	88° 70°	88° 72°

8-14 Day Temp



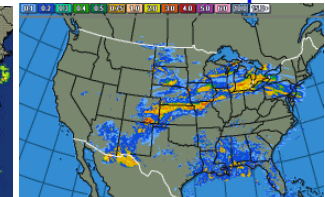
8-14 Day Precipitation



Current Radar



Last 24 hr Precip



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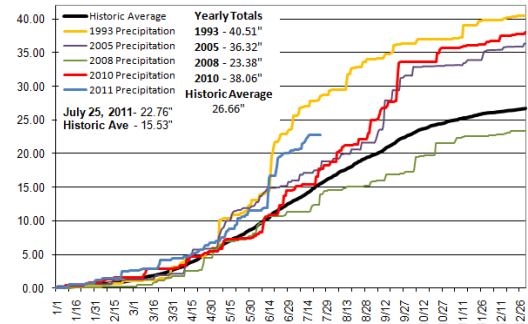
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2005-2011 Yearly Precipitation Totals vs. Historic Average
Southwest Research and Outreach Center
Lamberton, MN



	Monday, July 25	Tuesday, July 26	Wednesday, July 27	Thursday, July 28
Air Temperature	Max = 84; Min = 57	Max = 89; Min = 63	Max = 87; Min = 68	Max = 91; Min = 71
Soil Temperature				
2 inch	Max = 99; Min = 72; Ave = 85	Max = 100; Min = 72; Ave = 86	Max = 98; Min = 77; Ave = 88	Max = 90; Min = 75; Ave = 83
4 inch	Max = 92; Min = 72; Ave = 82	Max = 92; Min = 72; Ave = 82	Not Available	Max = 85; Min = 73; Ave = 79
8 inch	Max = 84; Min = 75; Ave = 79	Max = 84; Min = 74; Ave = 79	Max = 86; Min = 76; Ave = 81	Max = 81; Min = 75; Ave = 78
Daily Precipitation	0.00"	0.00"	0.87"	0.00"

Corn: Morning: Sept 11 Corn is at \$6.75 $\frac{3}{4}$, down 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents, Dec 11 Corn closed at \$6.80 $\frac{1}{4}$, down 6 cents, Mar 11 corn closed at \$6.92 $\frac{3}{4}$, down 6 cents, July 12 Corn is at \$7.03 $\frac{1}{2}$, down 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents, Yesterday's Close: Sep 11 Corn closed at \$6.82 $\frac{1}{4}$, down 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ cents, Dec 11 Corn closed at \$6.86 $\frac{1}{4}$, down 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ cents, Mar 12 Corn closed at \$6.98 $\frac{3}{4}$, down 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ cents Dec 12 Corn closed at \$6.37 $\frac{1}{4}$, down 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents
Corn futures closed lower on the day. Good rain coverage over most of the Midwest over the next two weeks is expected to help ward off some of the effects of the above normal temperatures. Central and west TX will not be the beneficiary of these rains unfortunately. Export sales fell below the trade expectations of 550 to 950 thousand MT. Sales for 2010/11 were 331,458 MT and sales for 2011/12 were 153,400 MT for the week ending July 21st. The FAS corrected the reported corn sale to Japan from July 26 this morning. The sale should have been 170,000 MT versus 200,000 MT for 2011/12 delivery bringing the announced sales to Japan to 275,156 MT for this week. Cash corn bids were steady at processors, ethanol plants and elevators with no new farmer sales reported.

Soybean Complex: Morning: Sept 11 Soybeans closed at \$13.57, down 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents, Nov 11 Soybeans closed at \$13.65 $\frac{3}{4}$, dn 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents, Jan 11 Soybeans closed at \$13.76 $\frac{1}{2}$, down 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents, Jul 12 Soybeans closed at \$13.85, down 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents, Yesterday's Close: Aug 11 Soybeans closed at \$13.67 $\frac{3}{4}$, down 8 cents, Sep 11 Soybeans closed at \$13.62 $\frac{1}{2}$, down 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ cents, Nov 11 Soybeans closed at \$13.71 $\frac{1}{2}$, down 9 cents, Nov 12 Soybeans closed at \$13.43 $\frac{1}{2}$, down 1 cent, Aug 11 Soybean Meal closed at \$355.30, down \$0.50, Aug 11 Soybean Oil closed at \$55.76, down \$0.64
Soybean futures ended lower with improving weather for crop development. Short term and long term forecasts call for good rain coverage over most sections of the growing area over the next couple of weeks tempering the effects of the above normal temperatures. Export sales were under trade estimates of 550 to 850 thousand MT at 10,540 MT for 2010/11 delivery and 362,175 MT for 2011/12 delivery. China bought 224,000 of the 2011/12 sales bringing accumulated new crop soybean sales to China to 7.052 MMT. Accumulated sales for 2011/12 for unknown total 1.228 MMT. The 2011/12 marketing year begins the first week of September. Census Bureau reported US soybean crush in June at 124.32 million bushels, slightly below the average trade guess of 124.97 million. Soy meal stocks were well below the 370,000 ton estimate at 289,326 tons. That is a bit of a surprise given the weak basis values over the past couple months. Soy oil stocks were larger than the average trade guess, at 3.11 billion pounds. That is down from 3.55 billion pounds last year, as industrial use has picked up. Soybean cash basis levels were weaker at processors and elevators in the Midwest.

Wheat: Morning: Sept 11 CBOT Wheat closed at \$6.91, down 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ cents, Sept 11 MGEX Wheat is at \$8.46, down $\frac{3}{4}$ cents
Yesterday's Close: Sep 11 CBOT Wheat closed at \$6.93 $\frac{1}{4}$, down 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents, Sep 11 KCBT Wheat closed at \$7.83 $\frac{1}{2}$, down 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents, Sep 11 MGEX Wheat closed at \$8.46 $\frac{3}{4}$, down 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ cents
Wheat futures were unable to hold onto earlier gains and closed lower on the day. Wheat Quality Council crop tour is finding reduced spring wheat yields in central and southern North Dakota which underpinned MGEX wheat. Wheat exports were at the upper end of trade estimates. Sales were 473,804 MT for the current marketing year with no new crop sales reported this week. Mexico and Japan were the main buyers. The EU cleared 382,000 MT of soft wheat for export this week. Jordan bought 50,000 MT of Black Sea origin wheat. Giving the bears more selling power was the international Grains Council forecast for an increase in global wheat production to 674 MMT from 666 MMT on their previous estimate.

Cattle: Yesterday's Close: Aug 11 Cattle closed at \$111.625, up \$0.550, Oct 11 Cattle closed at \$116.150, up \$0.700, Dec 11 Cattle closed at \$119.150, up \$0.425, Aug 11 Feeder Cattle closed at \$135.800, up \$0.425 Sep 11 Feeder Cattle closed at \$137.600, up \$0.675 Oct 11 Feeder Cattle closed at \$138.875, up \$0.800

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Cattle futures ended the day on the plus side. There has not been an adequate test of the cattle market this week with the exception of KS, the only established cash market. TX/OK and NE trade have yet to develop. Boxed beef prices closed lower this afternoon. Choice boxed beef was down \$0.48 at \$175.25 and Select was down \$0.37 at \$170.04. Beef export sales are still clipping along at a good pace with sales for the week ending July 21st at 18,100 MT. Accumulated beef export shipments for 2011 are at 436,400 MT versus last year for the same week at 315,200 MT. Exports to Japan are already at 75,903 MT outpacing annual beef exports since 2004 with the exception of last year with five more months to market in 2011. Total beef exports to Japan last year were 94,519 MT.

Hogs: Yesterday's Close: Aug 11 Hogs closed at \$102.475, up \$0.550, Oct 11 Hogs closed at \$92.450, up \$1.025 Dec 11 Hogs closed at \$88.700, up \$0.400

Lean hog futures closed higher with the October contract showing the largest gain. October futures will become the spot month when the August contract expires on August 12th. The spread between August and October closed at \$10.025 in favor of the August. The lean hog index was at \$99.33, up \$0.66 for July 26th. Cash pork trade was called slow to moderate with moderate to good demand and mostly light to moderate offerings. The Carcass cutout made another all time high, at \$104.18 today. Someone is not afraid of these prices. Cash hogs ended higher. IA/MN hogs were up \$0.75 at \$101.12, WCB hogs were \$0.49 higher at \$100.57 and ECB hogs were \$1.10 higher at \$99.89. China has urged local governments to increase pork reserves to 10 days of local demand and is willing to financially support the process to guarantee a constant supply of pork in their domestic market.

Cotton: Yesterday's Close: Oct 11 Cotton closed at 102.81, down 104 points, Dec 11 Cotton closed at 102.57, down 104 points Dec 12 Cotton closed at 94, down 120 points

Cotton futures closed lower, weighed on by the weak export sales. Net export sales reported by USDA were 40,600 running bales. Old crop commitments again dropped, with cancellations of 64,100 RB. The marketing year ends on Sunday, so unshipped sales are being rolled to new crop delivery slots. The Census Cotton Consumption report showed domestic use of 332,696 bales. Both mill stocks and public warehouse stocks were of course well below year ago. Tropical Storm Don is headed for south Texas, with landfall projected to be around 1 am on Saturday. It is not expected to reach hurricane status.

US Dollar Index weekly

DX - U.S. Dollar Index (ICEFI) - Weekly OHLC Chart



Gold Weekly

GC - Gold (COMEX) - Weekly OHLC Chart



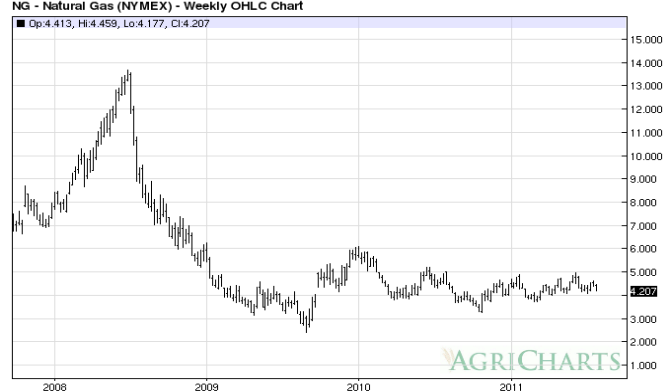
Crude Oil Weekly

CL - Crude Oil WTI (NYMEX) - Weekly OHLC Chart



Natural Gas weekly

NG - Natural Gas (NYMEX) - Weekly OHLC Chart



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Sept 11 Corn Daily Chart

ZCU11 - Corn (CBOT) - Daily OHLC Chart



Dec 11 Corn Daily Chart

ZCX11 - Corn (CBOT) - Daily OHLC Chart



Aug 11 Soybean Daily Chart

ZSQ11 - Soybeans (CBOT) - Daily OHLC Chart



Nov 11 Soybean Daily Chart

ZSX11 - Soybeans (CBOT) - Daily OHLC Chart



Sept 11 Mpls Spring Wheat Daily Chart

MWU11 - Spring Wheat (MGEX) - Daily OHLC Chart



Dec 11 Mpls Spring Wheat Daily Chart

MWZ11 - Spring Wheat (MGEX) - Daily OHLC Chart



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