

Hello Colorado Wheat.

Wheat rebounded a bit last week, mainly because it's dropped a buck and a half in 3 months, and...it's going to get really cold. Like most times when the headlines suggest "buying wheat", Chgo wheat leads the charge, and this week was no exception, with Chgo wheat up 20c, KC up 11, and Minny lagging a little, up 8c.

	Mar'23 HRW	July '23 HRW	Mar'23 corn	July '23 corn	Chgo wheat	Springs	Jan'23 soybean	N '23 Soybean	Crude oil	S&P
CLOSE	<b>KWH23</b>	<b>KWN23</b>	<b>CH23</b>	<b>CN23</b>	<b>WH23</b>	<b>MWH23</b>	SF23	SN23	CRD22	ES22
<b>12/16</b>	<b>\$8.44</b>	<b>\$8.32</b>	<b>\$6.53</b>	<b>\$6.48</b>	<b>\$7.54</b>	<b>\$9.10</b>	<b>\$14.80</b>	<b>\$14.90</b>	<b>\$74.30</b>	<b>\$3872</b>
12/09	<b>\$8.33</b>	<b>\$8.22</b>	<b>\$6.44</b>	<b>\$6.41</b>	<b>\$7.34</b>	<b>\$9.02</b>	<b>\$14.84</b>	<b>\$14.96</b>	<b>\$71.02</b>	<b>\$3932</b>
12/02	<b>\$8.71</b>	<b>\$8.59</b>	<b>\$6.46</b>	<b>\$6.44</b>	<b>\$7.61</b>	<b>\$9.21</b>	\$14.39	\$14.59	<b>\$80.05</b>	<b>\$4075</b>
11/25	<b>\$9.12</b>	<b>\$8.94</b>	\$6.71	\$6.65	<b>\$7.97</b>	\$9.57	\$14.36	\$14.53	<b>\$76.28</b>	\$4033
11/18	\$9.24	<b>\$9.11</b>	\$6.70	\$6.63	<b>\$8.22</b>	\$9.52	\$14.28	\$14.42	\$80.37	\$3974
11/11	\$9.39	\$9.29	<b>\$6.63</b>	<b>\$6.58</b>	\$8.35	\$9.46	\$14.50	\$14.60	\$88.16	\$4000
11/04	\$9.51	\$9.40	\$6.87	\$6.82	\$8.67	\$9.55	<b>\$14.62</b>	<b>\$14.78</b>	<b>\$91.45</b>	\$3780
10/28	\$9.25	\$9.19	\$6.87	\$6.81	\$8.49	\$9.45	\$14.00	\$14.20	\$87.90	\$3911
10/21	\$9.47	\$9.40	\$6.91	\$6.84	\$8.70	\$9.62	\$14.05	\$14.23	\$85.05	\$3764
10/14	\$9.51	\$9.40	<b>\$6.96</b>	<b>\$6.91</b>	\$8.77	\$9.54	\$13.93	\$14.13	\$84.65	<b>\$3598</b>
10/07	<b>\$9.66</b>	<b>\$9.51</b>	\$6.91	<b>\$6.87</b>	\$8.95	\$9.68	<b>\$13.79</b>	<b>\$14.02</b>	\$91.35	\$3653
09/30	<b>\$9.85</b>	<b>\$9.54</b>	\$6.84	\$6.78	<b>\$9.32</b>	<b>\$9.82</b>	<b>\$13.76</b>	<b>\$13.93</b>	\$78.72	<b>\$3602</b>

Corn was up not quite a dime, now willing to gravitate around \$6.50.

Soybeans took a breather, apparently unwilling to move above the \$15.00 "big number". I haven't recommended selling beans (wheat has been gone for months, and corn was sold 6 weeks ago) so we better take a look at the beans, as early Sunday night action showed beans down maybe 15c.

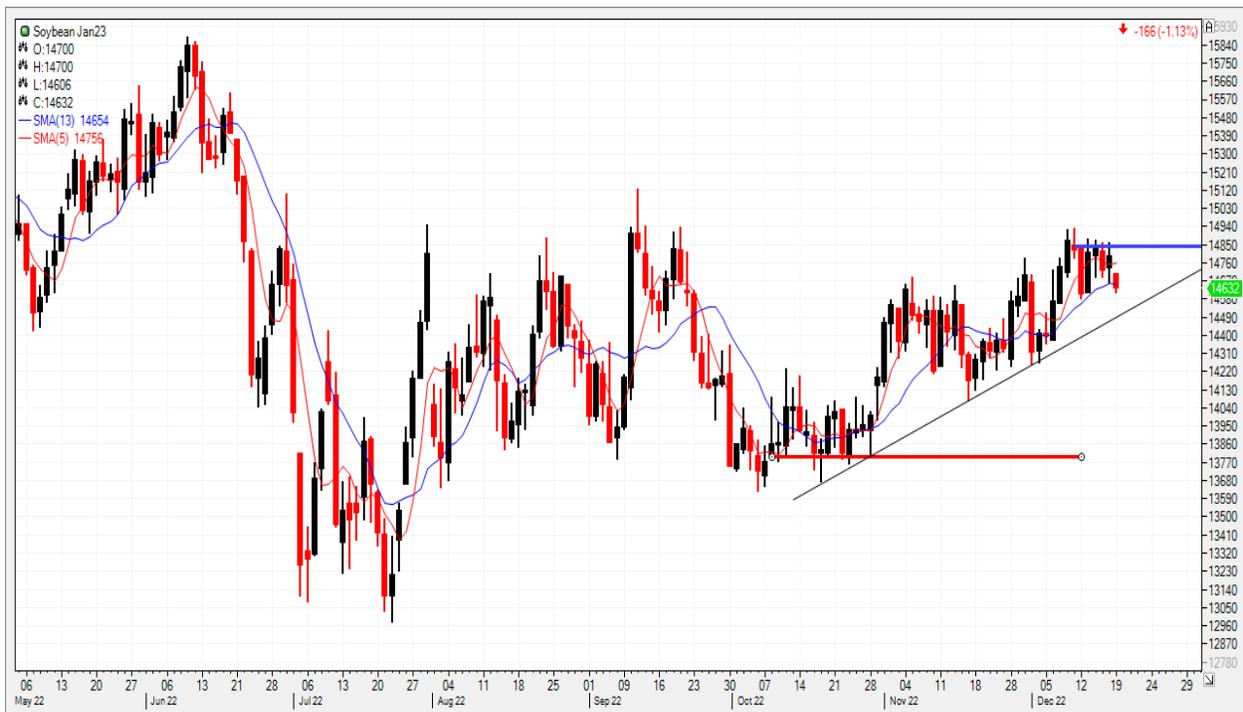
Is the soybean party over?

*Charts and discussions follow, with the goal of giving you useful information to help you with the business of marketing your crops. My disclaimer remains the same: these are my sometimes rapidly changing opinions. ALSO, USE THE BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES YOU CAN. **STUDIES SHOW GOOD MANAGEMENT ADDS AN AVERAGE OF 13 BU/ACRE; IT PAYS FOR ITSELF***

Chinese soybean demand is the major input, although the “coming, expected huge” bean oil demand for bio-fuels provides underlying support. Just exactly “when” that bio-fuel bean demand is coming is a topic for a deeper study, but right now, we’re comfortable with the idea that it’s coming, one of these days. As soybean meal for animal feed is basically a constant, and USA bean oil demand for human consumption doesn’t move much either, the real market mover is Chinese soybean demand. We all know the Chinese pride themselves on being “good traders”, which means...they mainly care about price.

The weather forecast for Argentina this coming week is noticeably wetter than it’s been, and thus Jan beans opened weaker Sunday night. Most people in Argentina only care about one thing, and that’s continuing the party after their World Cup soccer championship after dethroning the reigning champs France, in probably the greatest World Cup finale ever seen.

This Jan soybean chart didn’t change much. The 11-week Closing Low according to the Table on page 1 is nominally 3c higher, now at \$13.79. This includes Sunday weakness...BUT the uptrend line is still intact:



I’m not seeing enough of a sell signal for me to say Sold!, so will continue sitting on the beans... BUT it does look like the upside push has slowed, and Fifteen Bucks is formidable resistance.

The export pace picture still looks ok (actually the pace is better than we thought, as last week, the FGIS grains inspections for BOTH soybeans AND corn were retroactively revised about 300,000 tonnes higher. Those are shown in the cumulative season total, which is why they are 12 to 13 million more bu than we thought.

That revision to the pace dropped the amount of soybeans needed to be exported weekly to hit the current UDA export forecast target down to only 31 million bu weekly, which seems likely

enough...although this week's bean inspections of not quite 68 million were a noticeable downtick, and the lowest amount of weekly inspections since the first week of October.

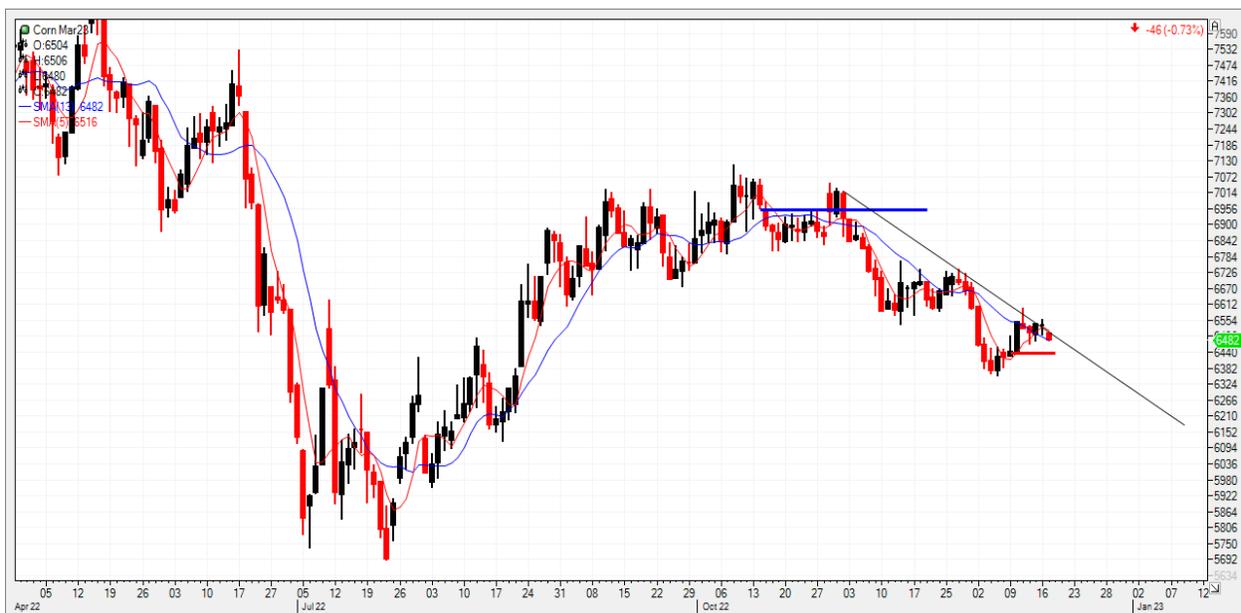
Soybean export SALES for the week were very good, at 108.2 million bu.

We don't see a strong sell signal on the bean chart, the export loadings were good, and so were the export sales, so yes, we will keep hanging on to the soybeans.

WEEK ENDED (12/08/22)	Weekly loadings	Accumulated in season (FGIS)	Estimated fudge factor	Total loaded est*	USDA projection	Amount needed	Weeks to go	Bu per week needed
Corn	19.9	<b>281.3</b>	<b>60</b>	297	<b>2,075</b>	1778	<b>38</b>	<b>46.8</b>
Soybeans	67.6	<b>858.8</b>	30	867	<b>2,045</b>	1178	<b>38</b>	<b>31.0</b>
All wheat	8.0	<b>409.1</b>	45	433	<b>775</b>	342	<b>24</b>	<b>14.3</b>
Milo	.2	<b>14.1</b>	5	15	<b>175</b>	160	<b>38</b>	<b>4.2</b>
LAST WEEK								
Corn	20.6	<b>249.6</b>	<b>60</b>	265	<b>2,075</b>	1810	39	<b>46.4</b>
Soybeans	63.3	<b>778.1</b>	30	786	<b>2,045</b>	1259	39	<b>32.3</b>
All wheat	12.3	<b>400.9</b>	45	424	<b>775</b>	351	25	<b>14.0</b>
Milo	3.0	<b>13.9</b>	5	15	<b>175</b>	160	39	<b>4.1</b>

Corn export loadings were revised higher for last week, to 32.5 million bu, instead of the previously reported 20.6 mil bu, but that isn't enough to offset what was reported for this week's paltry 19.9 mil bu. Corn export SALES were 37.7 mil bu, up from last week's 28.6, so while these are better numbers, they certainly don't show any need to revise corn export forecast higher, keeping in my last week's WASDE update whacked the corn export forecast 75 mil bu lower. Anyway...the slightly better sales pace probably gives some hope that the \$6.50 price area on the corn chart is low enough for now.

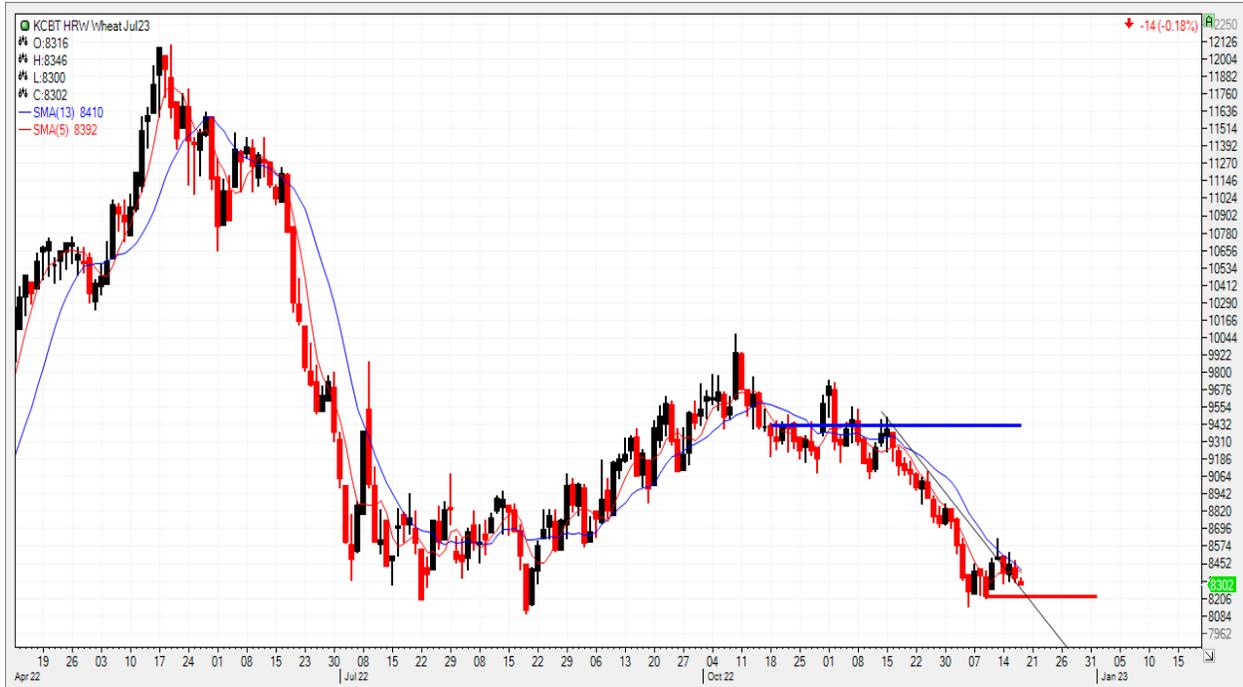
This is the March corn chart; the only change is I added a downtrend line:



Wheat export pace and wheat export sales...show no good news, but they aren't much different than what we've seen for several weeks now.

I've been tracking the KC July (old-crop wheat is long gone, and uninteresting to us, although I'm sure USA domestic millers which it was all behind them...). What is mildly interesting is the weekly closing table on page 1 shows the 11-week Closing High of \$9.54 is rolling off the table, and the new Blue Line of resistance is now about 3c lower, at \$9.51, and then the table suggests we'll due the same next week, and get the Blue Line down to about \$9.40, and the table shows 3 weeks of KC July settling at \$9.40.

So I'm taking the liberty of showing the \$9.40 Blue Line now; KC July here:



Old-crop December Gulf bids are unchanged:

GULF date	12 pro	ords	diff
12/16/2022	159	155	4
12/9/2022	159	155	4
12/2/2022	160	156	4 H
11/25/2022	155	153	2 Z

Bids in the country show a little basis movement, but just a little:

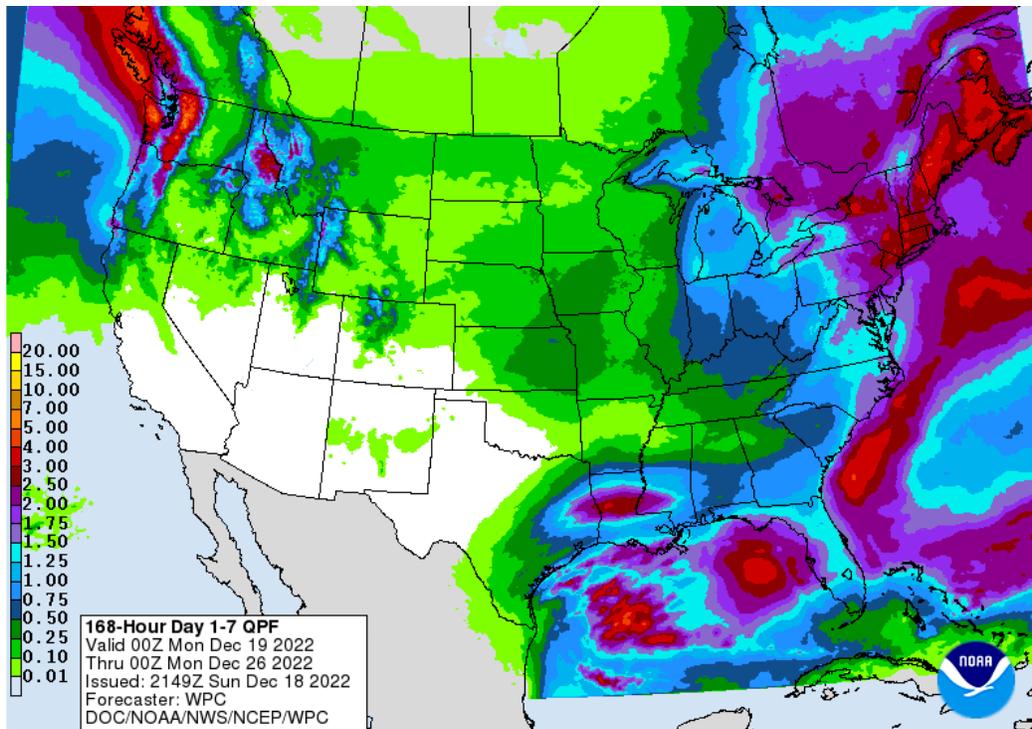
Date	SE Colorado	Chey. Wells	Burlington	Holyoke area	Roggen area
<b>12/16</b>	<b>\$7.74-\$8.24</b>	<b>\$8.04</b>	<b>\$7.89-\$7.99</b>	<b>\$7.87-\$7.94</b>	<b>\$8.24-\$8.79</b>
12/09	\$7.53-\$8.13	\$7.93	\$7.78-\$7.88	\$7.76-\$7.83	\$8.13-\$8.68
12/02	\$7.91-\$8.51	\$8.31	\$8.16-\$8.31	\$8.14-\$8.21	\$8.51-\$9.01
11/25	\$8.42-\$8.92	\$8.72	\$8.67-\$8.72	\$8.57-\$8.67	\$9.02-\$9.42
11/18	\$8.54-\$9.04	\$8.84	\$8.79-\$8.84	\$8.69-\$8.79	\$9.14-\$9.54
11/11	\$8.64-\$9.14	\$8.94	\$8.89-\$8.94	\$8.79-\$8.89	\$9.24-\$9.74
11/04	\$8.73-\$9.23	\$9.03	\$8.98-\$9.03	\$8.88-\$8.98	\$9.33-\$9.83

BASIS	SE Colorado	Chey. Wells	Burlington	Holyoke	Roggen area
<b>12/16(H)</b>	<b>-70, -20</b>	<b>-40</b>	<b>-55, -45</b>	<b>-57, -50</b>	<b>-20, +35</b>
12/09(H)	-80, -20	-40	-55, -45	-57, -50	-20, +35
12/02(H)	-80, -20	-40	-55, -40	-57, -50	-20, +30
11/25(Z)	-80, -30	-50	-55, -50	-65, -55	-20, +20
11/18(Z)	-80, -30	-50	-55, -50	-65, -55	-20, +20
11/11(Z)	-80, -30	-50	-55, -50	-65, -55	-20, +30
11/04(Z)	-80, -30	-50	-55, -50	-65, -55	-20, +30

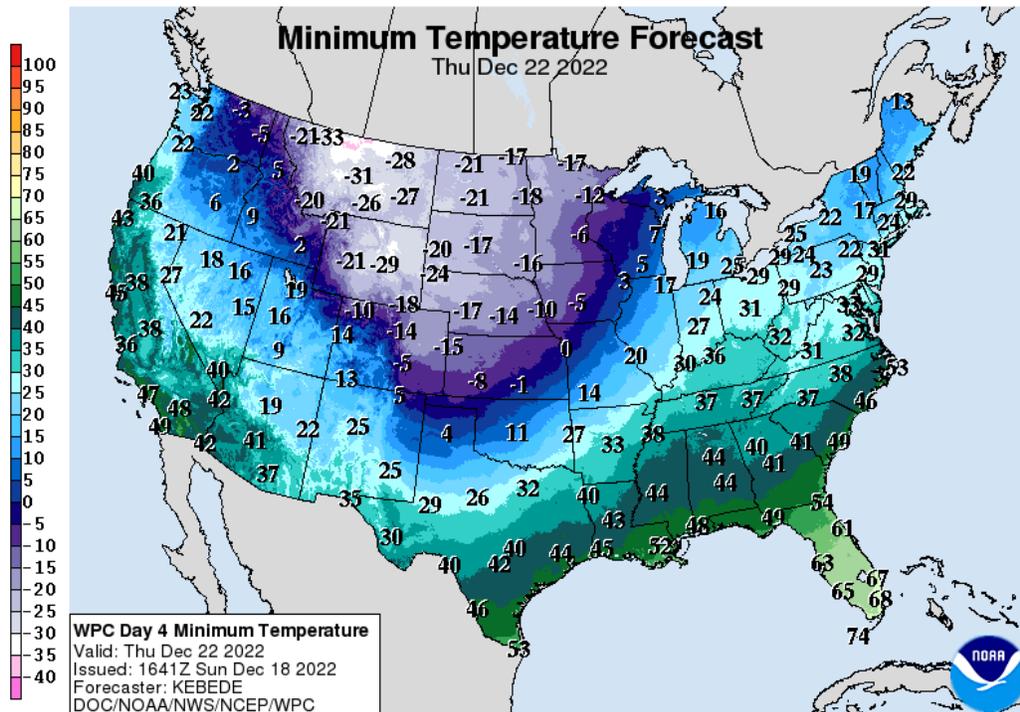
Date	Concordia	Salina	Hutch/Wichita	Ark City
<b>12/16(H)</b>	<b>-25</b>	<b>-22, -15</b>	<b>-39, -05</b>	<b>-39</b>
12/09(H)	-25	-22, -15	-39, -05	-39
12/02(H)	-20	-25, -05	-36, -02	-49
11/25(Z)	-25	-35, -15	-46, -15	-49
11/18(Z)	-25	-25, -15	-46, -12	-49
11/11(Z)	-25	-25, -15	-46, -12	-49
11/04(Z)	-25	-25, -15	-46, -12	-49

I'm tempted to try to make something of the Southeastern Colorado low end popping up a dime, OR the Central Kansas Terminal basis bids not moving at all... but I think we'll wait.

There is a chance at some minor precipitation over the HRW country this week:



But the real buzz is about these expected low temperatures:



Will there be “winterkill”? Yes, there will be some, no doubt, but that’s all we can say for now.

This year's new-crop is already struggling due to dry weather. How much worse it gets this week will always be debatable, but the only thing we know for sure is unless the precip forecasts changes dramatically, the crop is NOT going to improve this week.

Other wheat news is scarce.

I saw this story, which makes me talk about my boilerplate, which says "use the best management practices you can" ...that would include seed treatment and fungicides. A friend of mine told me he never uses seed treatments...as he thinks they are snake-oil...and only help the seed salesman's pocket.

I asked him if he ever sprays for fusarium, and he said...he wished he had the moisture to make him worry about it.

Anyway, the headline here is surely clickbait, but...the story is interesting..."**Fungal toxins are widespread in European wheat...threatening human health**"...

<https://theconversation.com/fungal-toxins-are-widespread-in-european-wheat-threatening-human-health-and-the-economy-196531>

Have a good week; Christmas Shopping Days are Dwindling.

Stay warm, stay safe and that means slow down! The other day I picked up a som from college, and drove 45 mph on the interstate, which is maddening...but we counted 12 semi's jackknifed and out of business and 9 cars in the ditches... so I took my own advice, and slowed down.

If I don't see ya before then...I wish you and your family a Very Merry Christmas.