

Hello Colorado Wheat.

Some weeks starting with the 11-week Closing Table is the best thing to do, as...sometimes the market is trying to say something.

Here I'm focusing on the new red numbers in Chgo Dec wheat, which settled below \$7.00, and the new red number in Dec corn, settling below \$5.50.

	July '23 HRW	DEC '23 HRW	July'23 corn	DEC '23 corn	Chgo Z wheat	Springs Dec (Z)	July'23 soybean	NOV '23 Soybean	Crude oil	S&P
CLOSE	KWN23	KWZ23	CN23	CZ23	WZ23	MWZ23	SN23	SX23	CRD22	ES22
04/21	\$8.26	\$8.21	\$6.15	\$5.48	\$6.98	\$8.49	\$14.49	\$12.85	\$77.87	\$4157
04/14	\$8.63	\$8.57	\$6.36	\$5.60	\$7.18	\$8.72	\$14.67	\$13.02	\$82.52	\$4164
04/07	\$8.46	\$8.44	\$6.20	\$5.57	\$7.20	\$8.71	\$14.63	\$13.10	\$80.70	\$4142
03/31	\$8.62	\$8.59	\$6.36	\$5.67	\$7.35	\$8.98	\$14.76	\$13.20	\$75.67	\$4137
03/24	\$8.34	\$8.33	\$6.23	\$5.60	\$7.28	\$8.59	\$14.06	\$12.73	\$69.26	\$4001
03/17	\$8.23	\$8.26	\$6.18	\$5.61	\$7.43	\$8.58	\$14.61	\$13.14	\$66.74	\$3947
03/10	\$7.89	\$7.97	\$6.07	\$5.58	\$7.17	\$8.28	\$14.95	\$13.58	\$76.68	\$3863
03/03	\$8.09	\$8.19	\$6.28	\$5.71	\$7.44	\$8.67	\$15.06	\$13.73	\$79.68	\$4050
02/24	\$8.28	\$8.35	\$6.39	\$5.77	\$7.50	\$8.68	\$15.09	\$13.74	\$76.32	\$3976
02/17	\$8.83	\$8.83	\$6.66	\$5.96	\$8.03	\$9.01	\$15.14	\$13.85	\$76.34	\$4088
02/10	\$8.82	\$8.84	\$6.67	\$5.96	\$8.21	\$8.98	\$15.23	\$13.79	\$79.72	\$4100
02/03	\$8.58	\$8.62	\$6.65	\$5.96	\$7.94	\$8.90	\$15.17	\$13.70	\$73.39	\$4148
Year ago		\$8.01		\$5.93	\$7.70	\$9.79		\$13.40	\$75.57	\$4762

What is the market saying?

Chgo Z wheat below \$7.00 tells me even though USA HRW might be tight to extremely tight (or even non-existent on some of your farms, unfortunately) the World Wheat Situation IS NOT EXPECTED TO BE PERILOUS.

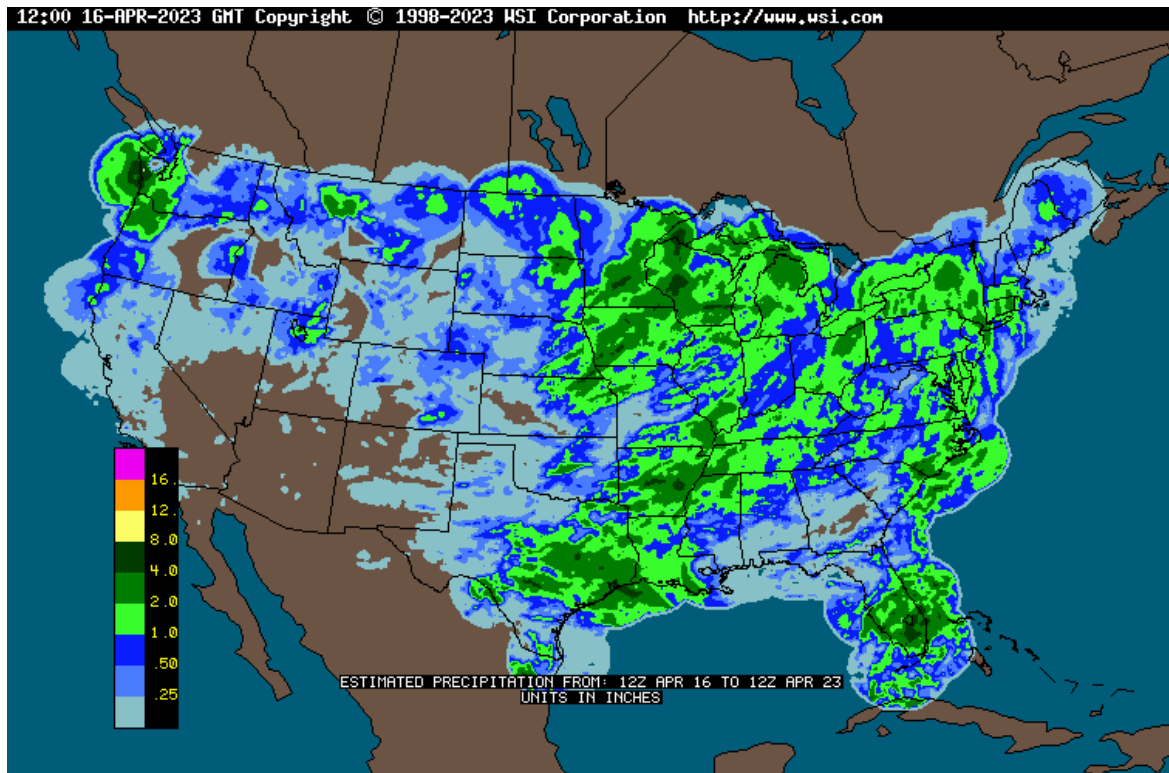
And Dec corn below \$5.50 tells me...the USA farmer is going to get his corn planted...ALL OF IT.

What does that mean? I believe the best interpretation is: The price path of least resistance is lower.

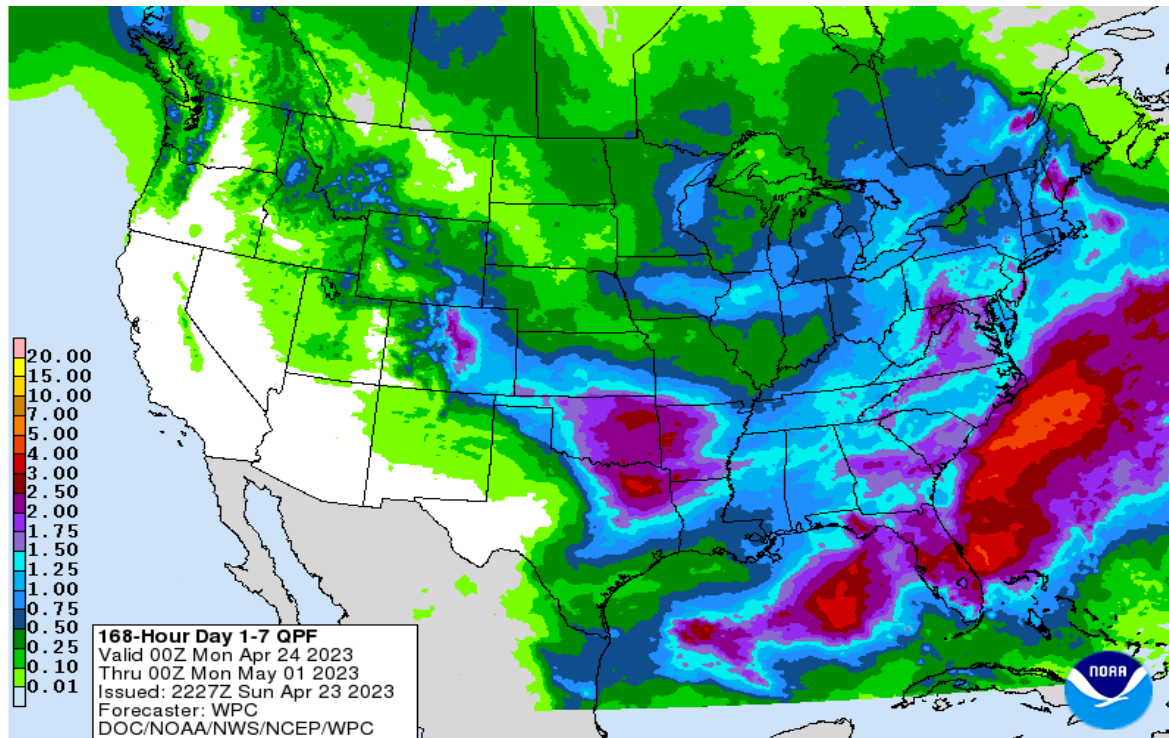
Charts and discussions follow, with the goal of giving you useful information to help you with the business of marketing your crops. My disclaimer remains the same: these are my sometimes rapidly changing opinions. ALSO, USE THE BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES YOU CAN. STUDIES SHOW GOOD MANAGEMENT ADDS AN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

Last week's Crop Progress report showed national Corn Plantings at 8%, slightly above the 5% average.

This is last week's moisture...Iowa and Illinois probably didn't make a lot of progress

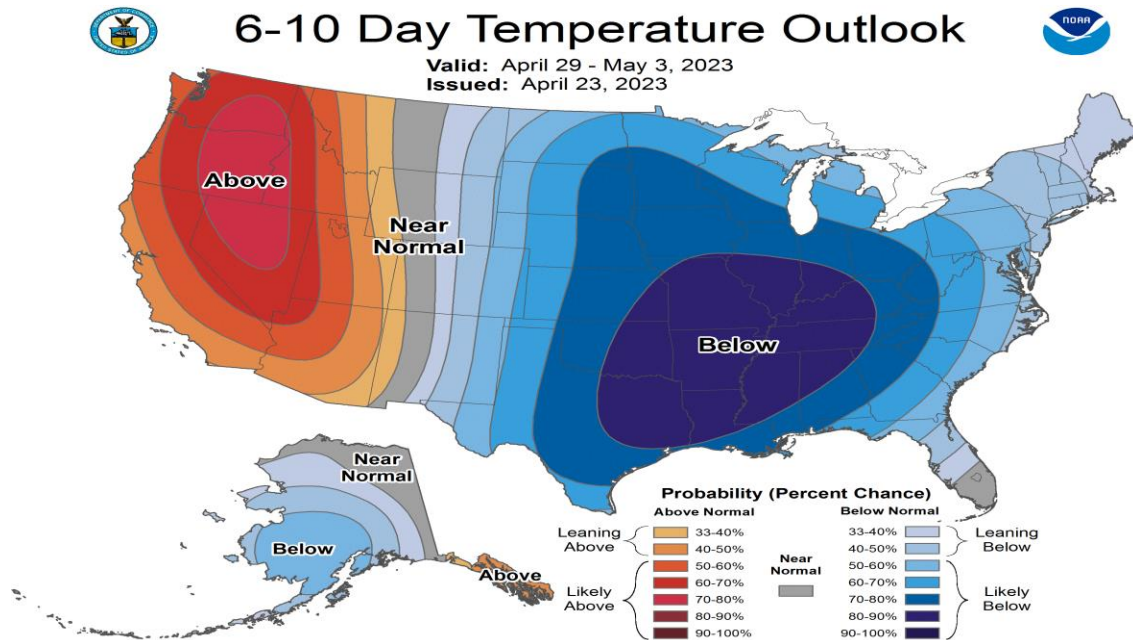


This map is the 7-Day forecast...and Missouri, Nebraska and Southern Illinois should make big progress.

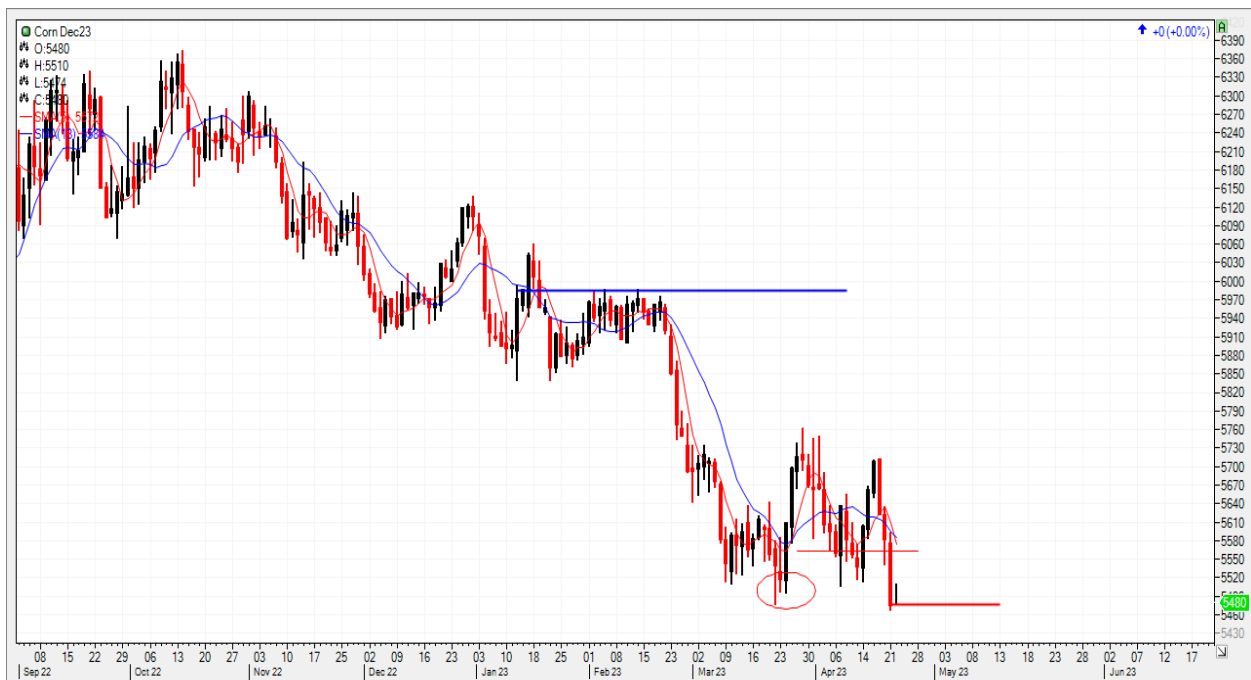


And looking at that map...suggests why KC July wheat dropped 40c as well...with southern KS and some Panhandles expected to get WET.

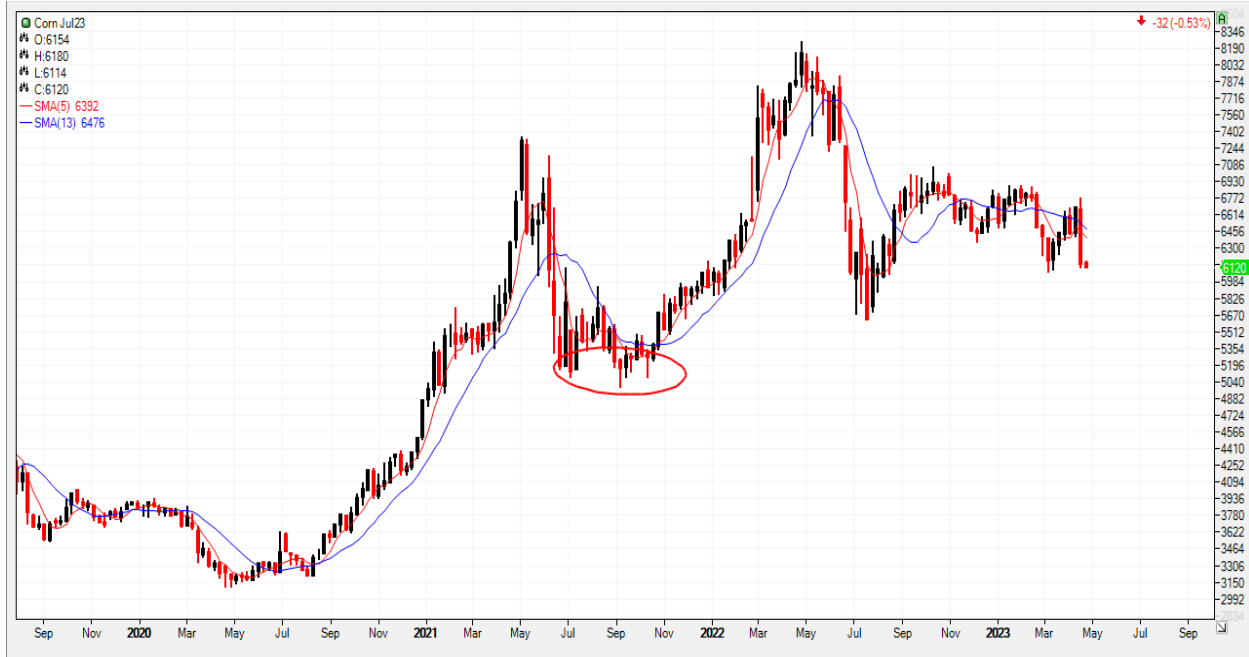
Spring wheat planting progress was only at 3%, and this temperature outlook says North Dakota will still be chilly, although...the warm temps out West and in the PNW should start sliding east one of these days (it's been a long winter in MN and ND, no doubt), and the drier outlook in spring wheat country suggests spring wheat planting should also make good progress this coming week:



Technically, Dec corn, shown here, made a new 11-week Closing Low (lower red line). This week's action will be important; **I think another close below \$5.50 will trigger noticeable Fund selling.**



This is a weekly continuous corn chart. I've sold all "my" old-crop corn back in mid-November at \$6.80 or so, and thus focusing on new-crop. I drew in an ellipse, from July thru October of 2021, which centers around \$5.20. I believe Dec corn is headed to that \$5.20 area, and thus am selling another 5% of "my" new-crop corn. This will bring new-crop corn sales up to 25%.



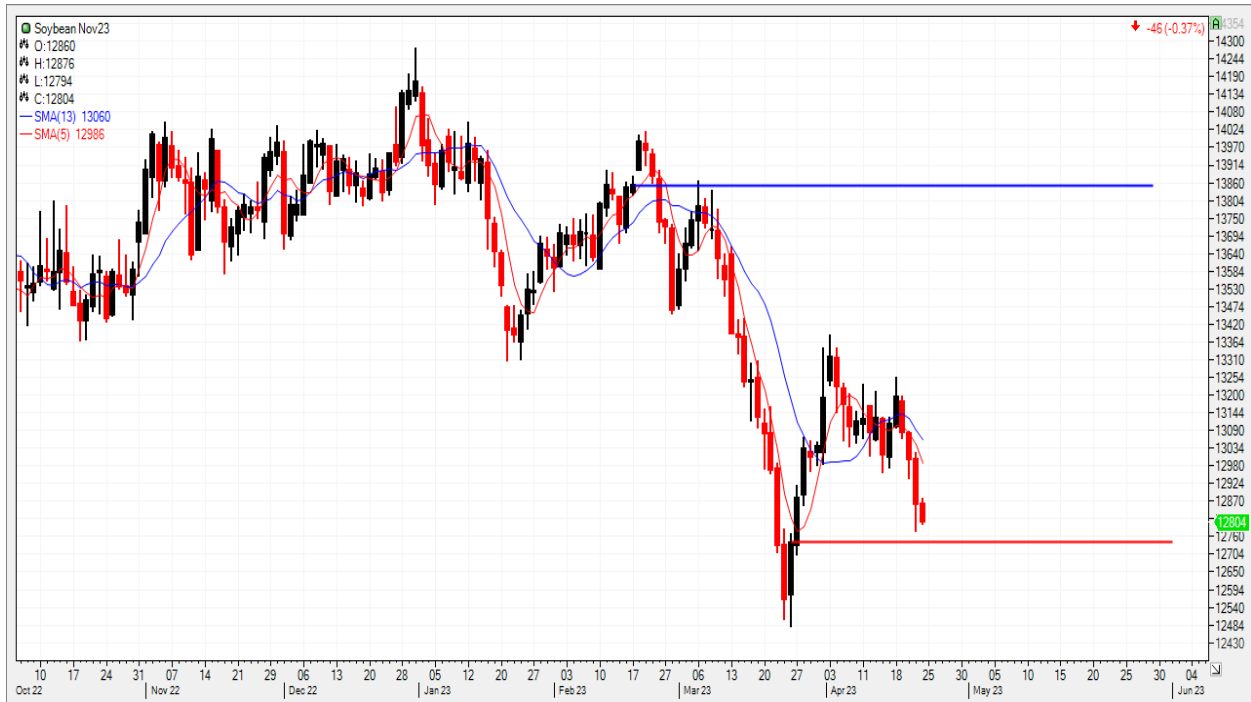
I doubt Dec corn goes to \$5.20 quickly, but if the 92 million acres get planted, and corn pollination occurs without too many problems, it's headed there.

The updated Loading Pace scorecard shows corn had a good loading week of almost 48 million bu, **ALTHOUGH** corn export sales were only 12.3 mil bu. New-crop corn sales were 16.6 mil bu, which is somewhat encouraging, possibly implying lower prices will stimulate sales. And that's good, as if that corn crop comes in as expected, we'll need to see next year corn exports rebound up to the 2.2 billion area...

WEEK ENDED (04/13/23)	Weekly loadings	Accumulated in season (FGIS)	Estimated fudge factor	Total loaded est*	USDA projection	Amount needed	Weeks to go	Bu per week needed
Corn	47.8	843.4	60	880	1,850	970	20	48.5
Soybeans	19.3	1714.7	30	1733	2,015	282	20	14.1
All wheat	8.8	642.6	45	682	775	93	06	15.5
Milo	2.3	49.2	5	52	90	38	20	1.9
LAST WEEK								
Corn	31.7	794.2	60	830	1,850	1020	21	48.5
Soybeans	24.6	1695.1	30	1713	2,015	302	21	14.4
All wheat	12.3	631.8	45	671	775	104	07	14.9
Milo	3.6	46.9	5	50	90	40	21	1.9

When we see the May WASDE update, we might see a slightly higher bean export forecast for this year, maybe. The loading pace is still good, although old-crop bean sales were **not** good at 3.7 mil bu, and I read more rumors of Brazilian beans coming north to the USA. Even more troubling to me is...new-crop soybean export sales are still very low. This week's new-crop bean sales were less than 3 mil bu, and that's why this Nov bean chart is looking more ominous. It might be saying \$13.00 beans are not cheap enough to get China to come to the plate.

This chart looks to me like the red line could easily move lower to under \$12.50. I am reluctantly selling another 15% of "my" expected new-crop soybean production. This will get me to 25% on both new-crop beans and corn.



Gulf HRW bids for export are a little weaker on 12's, probably because spring wheat is basically even money with hard winters...and we saw the export pace scorecard suggests more than likely we'll eventually see a small downward revision in this year's export forecast.

GULF date	12 pro	ords	diff	
4/21/2023	152	150	2	K
4/14/2023	158	150	8	
4/7/2023	160	150	10	
3/31/2023	160	150	10	
3/24/2023	160	150	10	
3/17/2023	151	147	4	

Posted country bids are moving to the July, somewhat erratically, so I kept these bids basis the K:

Date	SE Colorado	Chey. Wells	Burlington	Holyoke area	Roggen area
04/21	\$7.61-\$7.91	\$8.21	\$7.91-\$8.01	\$7.71-\$7.86	\$7.91-\$8.46
04/14	\$7.99-\$8.49	\$8.59	\$8.29-\$8.39	\$8.17-\$8.38	\$8.44-\$8.83
04/07	\$7.85-\$8.35	\$8.45	\$8.15-\$8.25	\$8.10-\$8.24	\$8.30-\$8.66
03/31	\$7.98-\$8.48	\$8.58	\$8.28-\$8.38	\$8.23-\$8.28	\$8.43-\$8.82
03/24	\$7.68-\$8.18	\$8.28	\$7.98-\$8.08	\$7.93-\$7.98	\$8.13-\$8.54
BASIS	SE Colorado	Chey. Wells	Burlington	Holyoke	Roggen area
04/21(K)	-80, -50	-20	-50, -40	-70, -55	-50, +05
04/14(K)	-80, -30	-20	-50, -40	-62, -41	-35, +04
04/07(K)	-80, -30	-20	-50, -40	-55, -41	-35, +02
03/31(K)	-80, -30	-20	-50, -40	-55, -50	-35, +04
03/24(K)	-80, -30	-20	-50, -40	-55, -50	-35, +06
Date	Concordia	Salina	Hutch/Wichita	Ark City	
04/21(K)	-35	-25, -15	-36, -05	-39	
04/14(K)	-36	-21, -15	-36, -05	-39	
04/07(K)	-33	-20, -15	-36, -05	-39	
03/31(K)	-30	-20, -15	-36, -05	-39	
03/24(K)	-30	-25, -12	-36, -05	-39	

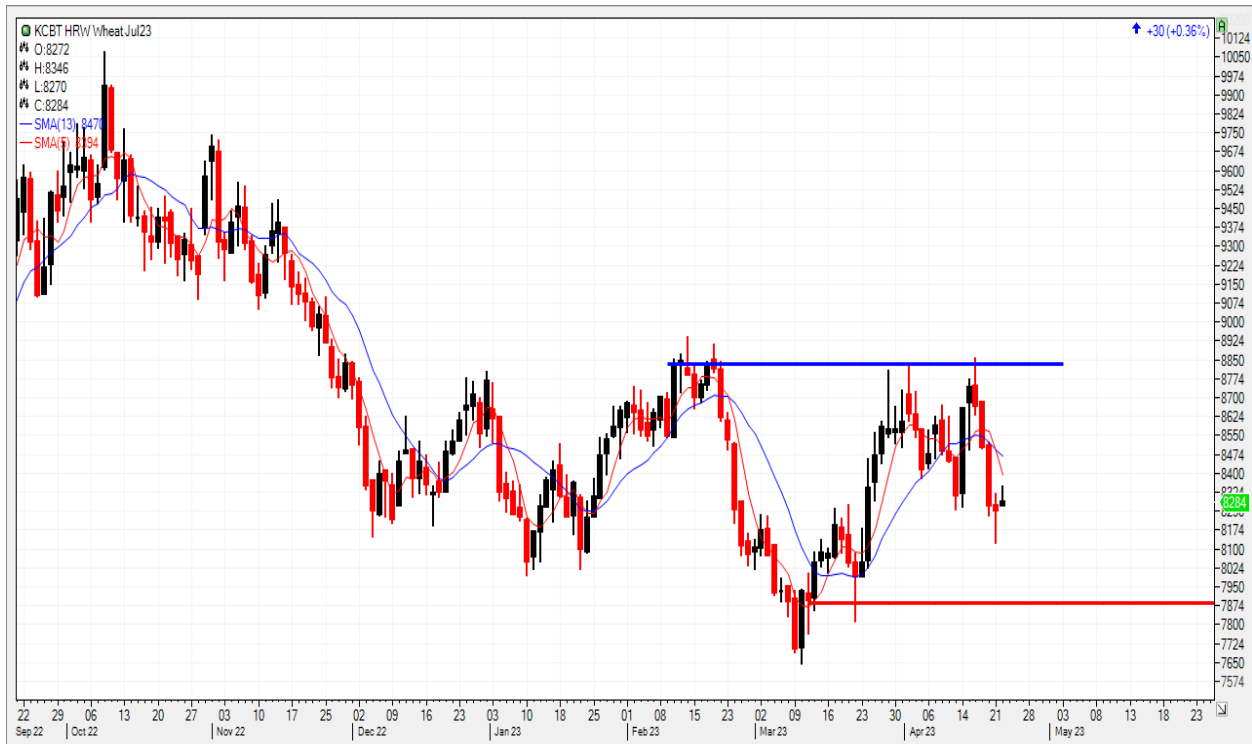
New-crop HRW wheat...I've sold 50%, and hope I raise enough to cover the sales, even though this chart looks a little heavy at \$8.25, especially compared to Chgo July wheat at \$6.75.

But it's going to take real rain to make a new red line (currently at \$7.89.)

And it's going to take something just as real to move it up and make a new higher blue line.

The Russian rhetoric on stopping the Black Sea Grain Initiative is tiresome, as they need their wheat to flow freely, even more than Ukraine needs it. IF FOR SOME GOOFY REASON NATO wanted to step into the Black Sea and shut off Russian wheat exports, we'd see a new blue line in a heartbeat, but...I doubt NATO wants to be accused of starving Turkey, etc, so I am NOT expecting that to happen.

This is KC July wheat, most likely going nowhere:



Other world wheat news...this is somewhat interesting, in that **Egypt** is willing to increase their price of local wheat 74% over last year, in order to increase local p[roduction to reduce their imports.

<https://egyptianstreets.com/2023/04/23/egypt-allocates-egp-45-billion-for-local-wheat-purchases/>

India is currently struggling with a wheat harvest glut ...

<https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/haryana/tough-time-for-procurement-agencies-to-tackle-wheat-glut-499385>

Canada issued their Outlook For Principal Field Crops Friday, for the 2023/24 crop year, which forecast spring wheat acreage up 4% from last year, but production would only rise 2%, as they expect a yield decline. "Currently, abnormally cold spring temperatures and continued dryness across Western Canada are the most significant climate-related agricultural risks to realizing average yields, according to the National Agroclimate Risk Report."

Have a good week. I think getting caught up on new-crop corn and beans sales is the right thing to do.

Stay Safe. Slow Down.