

Hello Colorado Wheat.

Soybeans continue moving on up. Nov beans weren't able to post a new blue number, but the July beans did; that spread has widened, not narrowed, interestingly...and while I THINK corn is ready to quit going down, it didn't close higher for the week, although it did **not** set a new red number. I think we'll treat the \$4.88-\$4.87 area as a double bottom. KC closed a little bit higher, but BOTH Chgo and Minny posted new red numbers. Wheat still is struggling to find a Bull side story.

Crude oil and the stock market marked time, with no new highs OR new lows. Threats of higher interest rates exist.

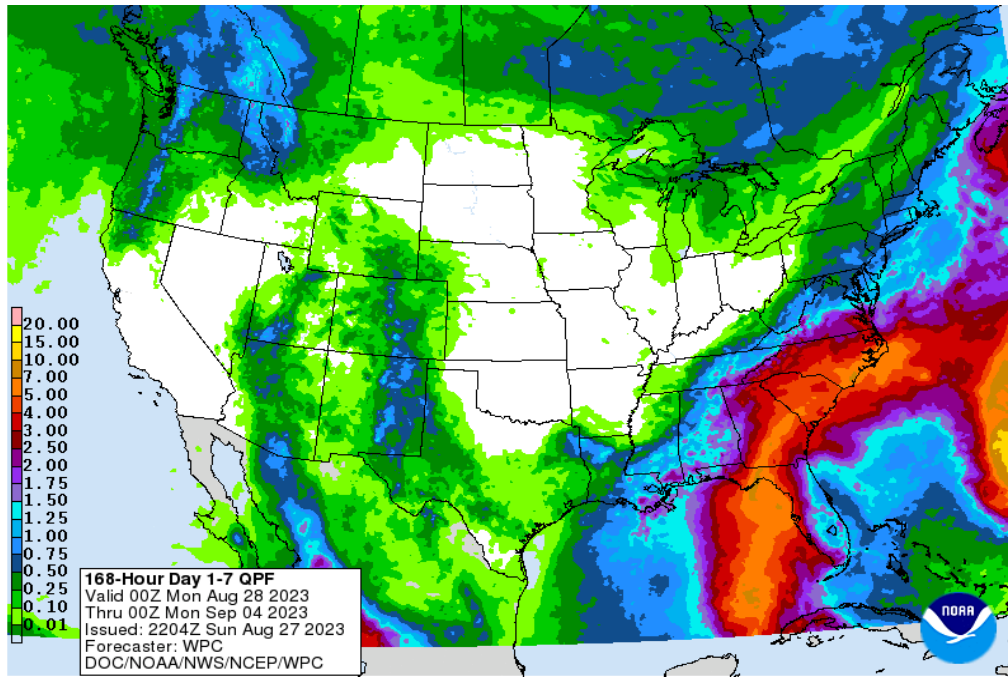
	Dec '23 HRW	July '24 HRW	Dec'23 corn	July '24 corn	Chgo Z wheat	Springs Dec (Z)	Nov'23 soybean	July '24 Soybean	Crude oil	S&P
CLOSE	KWZ23	KWN24	CZ23	CN24	WZ23	MWZ23	SX23	SN24	CRD22	ES22
08/25	\$7.65	\$7.54	\$4.88	\$5.15	\$6.22	\$7.76	\$13.88	\$14.00	\$80.25	\$4422
08/18	\$7.61	\$7.50	\$4.93	\$5.19	\$6.39	\$8.18	\$13.53	\$13.70	\$81.25	\$4382
08/11	\$7.66	\$7.66	\$4.87	\$5.15	\$6.54	\$8.30	\$13.08	\$13.25	\$83.19	\$4481
08/04	\$7.69	\$7.67	\$4.97	\$5.23	\$6.60	\$8.38	\$13.33	\$13.42	\$82.82	\$4498
07/28	\$8.69	\$8.33	\$5.30	\$5.51	\$7.28	\$9.07	\$13.83	\$13.74	\$80.58	\$4607
07/21	\$8.67	\$8.19	\$5.36	\$5.56	\$7.18	\$8.97	\$14.02	\$13.86	\$77.07	\$4565
07/14	\$8.34	\$7.92	\$5.14	\$5.36	\$6.81	\$8.90	\$13.71	\$13.54	\$75.42	\$4537
07/07	\$8.20	\$7.76	\$4.94	\$5.17	\$6.67	\$8.55	\$13.18	\$13.10	\$73.86	\$4434
06/30	\$8.00	\$7.68	\$4.95	\$5.16	\$6.69	\$8.27	\$13.43	\$13.08	\$70.64	\$4488
06/23	\$8.63	\$8.25	\$5.88	\$5.97	\$7.62	\$8.80	\$13.10	\$13.11	\$69.16	\$4389
06/16	\$8.37	\$8.06	\$5.98	\$6.04	\$7.16	\$8.69	\$13.42	\$13.18	\$71.78	\$4454
06/09	\$7.93	\$7.63	\$5.31	\$5.47	\$6.58	\$8.18	\$12.04	\$12.18	\$70.17	\$4305
Year ago	\$8.01	\$8.01	\$5.93	\$5.93	\$7.70	\$9.79	\$13.40	\$13.40	\$75.57	\$4762

IF there is a Bull story for beans or corn, it would be based on continued hot, dry weather reducing USA yields further, which is possible, maybe even probable although...surely SOME of that is already "in the market".

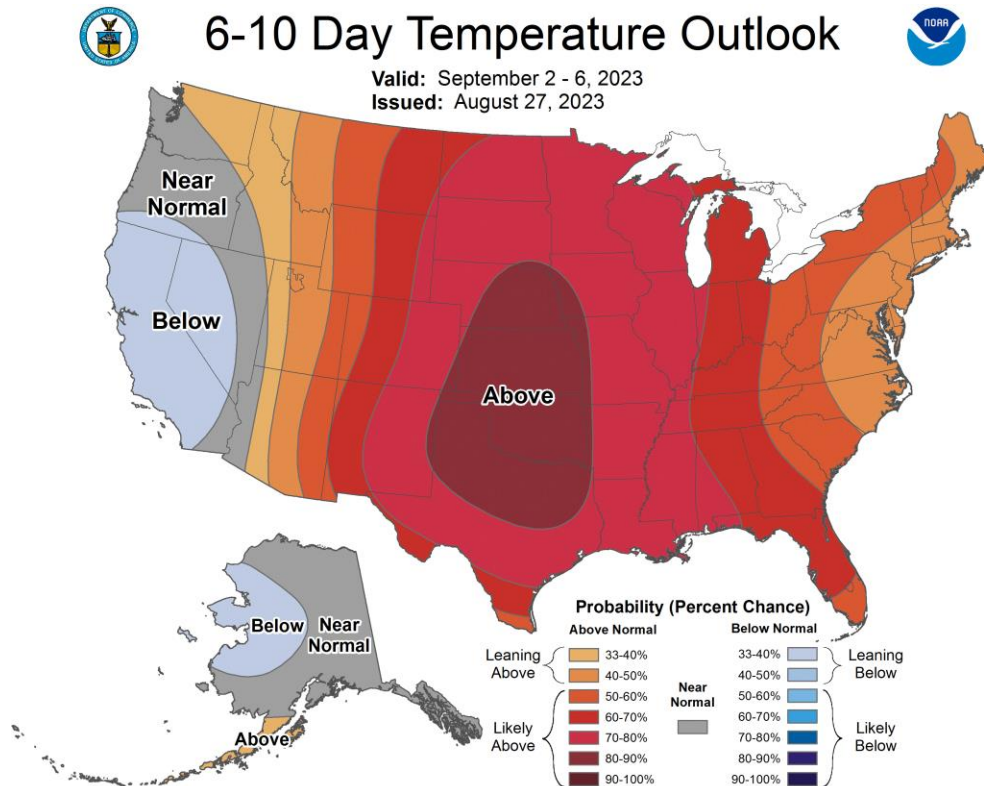
Sunday night did open higher...and the forecast isn't great, although...that's in the market.

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

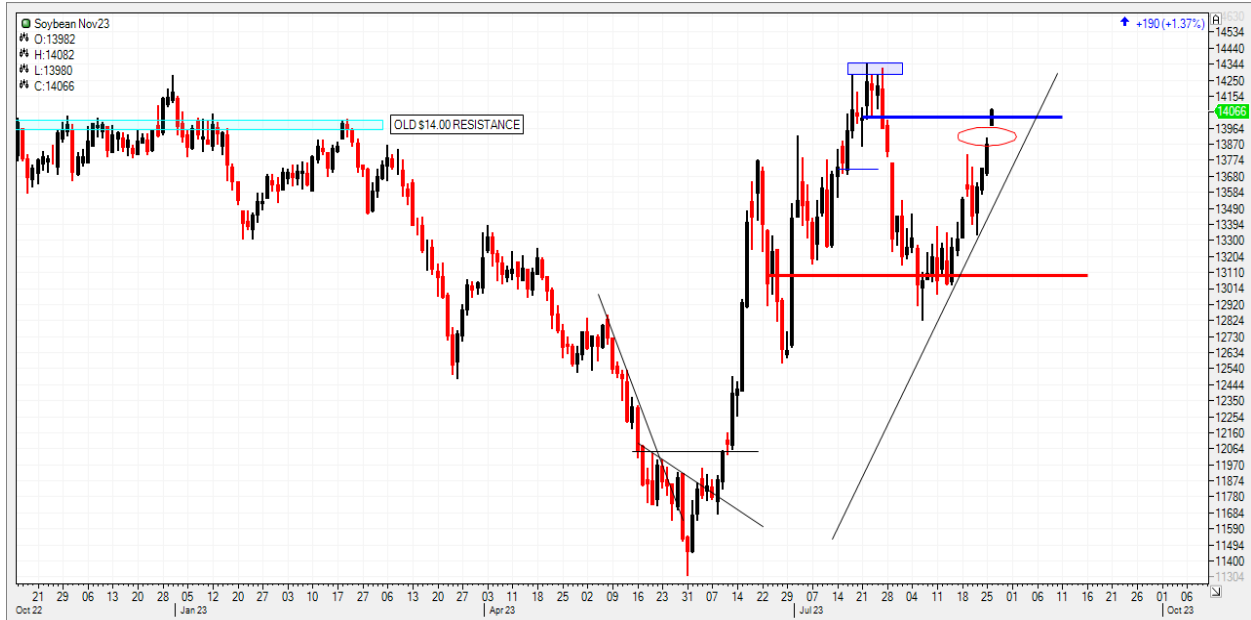
The rain chances map for this week looks almost exactly like last week's...there's a dry hole in the middle.



Temps are forecast slightly less hot:



Here's Nov soybeans, showing a gap higher Sunday night. The \$14.02 Blue Line has NOT been closed above for the week yet, as it's a long time to next Friday...and you might notice that the Red number in the table at \$12.04 rolls off the table and chart this week, so I went ahead and drew in the new Red Line a dollar higher (!) at \$13.10. Beans are in a dollar trading range, threatening to break out on the upside. Those old intra-week spike highs around \$14.35 could come into play this week, but to me, the Blue Line is key. Can Nov beans close well above \$14.00 this week?



The University of Illinois is holding a crop tour this Tuesday. <https://www.illinois.gov/news/press-release.26931.html>

I don't think this is viewed as a direct competitor to the Pro Farmer Crop Tour, which wrapped up last week, and found lower yields than the August USDA NASS Crop production report. Pro Farmer's national corn yield was 172 bu/ac, compared to the USDA's August national corn yield of 175.1 bu/ac, and pro farmer's national soybean yield was 49.7 bu/ac, compared to the USDA's August estimate of 50.9 bu/ac

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/markets/pro-farmers-midwest-crop-tour-sees-production-below-usda-estimates/ar-AA1fMYS9>

I've sold half of my expected beans and am waiting to sell more.

IF I hadn't sold any, but was thinking about selling some, maybe a sell-stop would be a close below the new uptrend line on the chart.

New-crop USA soybean export sales for the new marketing year were pretty good at 44.8 bil bu, following last week's 51.7 mil bu.

Corn prices didn't move higher, even with the Pro Farmer yield estimates. One reason is corn export sales for the new-crop year have been really really slow so far, making everyone wonder about demand. New-crop corn sales last week were 26.5 mil bu. Next year's corn export forecast of 2.050 bil bu requires 39.4 mil bu/week.

The updated Export Pace is finally almost over for corn and beans 22/23 marketing year. Last week's loadings were a little better than the week before, but... as it stands, the September WASDE update is facing an additional 100 mil bu carryout for this 22/23 year on reduced corn exports again.

WEEK ENDED (08/10/23)	Weekly loadings	Accumulated in season (FGIS)	Estimated fudge factor	Total loaded est*	USDA projection	Amount needed	Weeks to go	Bu per week needed
Corn	19.0	1423.3	60	1481	1,625	144	02	72
Soybeans	11.6	1893.8	30	1922	1,980	58	02	29
All wheat	11.4	133.7	45	143	700	557	41	13.6
Milo	2.2	98.9	5	104	100	-4	02	0
LAST WEEK								
Corn	15.6	1401.9	60	1458	1,625	167	03	55.7
Soybeans	10.9	1877.6	30	1906	1,980	74	03	24.6
All wheat	6.7	118.2	45	127	700	573	42	13.6
Milo	4.6	96.7	5	101	100	3	03	0

Canada said it will be involved in the panel about the USA-Mexico GMO corn dispute...<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/other/canada-says-will-join-as-third-party-in-us-mexico-dispute-over-gm-corn-imports/ar-AA1fKBsV>

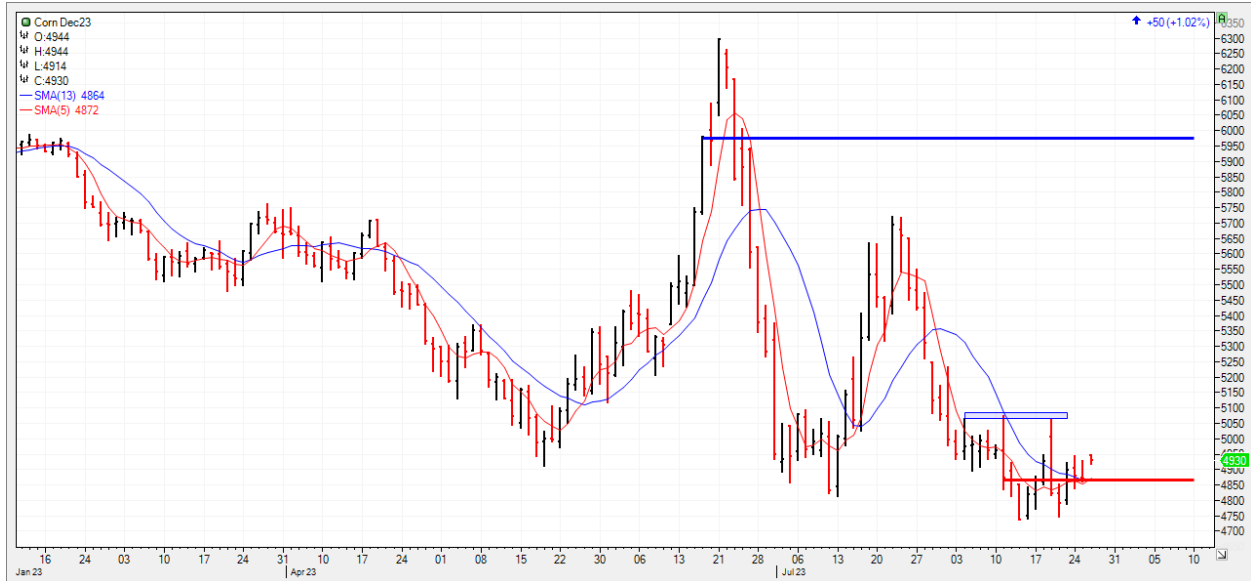
Hopefully this can be resolved as we have a LOT of corn we'd like to sell to Mexico.

I noticed China took a boat of corn from the Gulf this week, but the Panama Canal said they will be extending the new lower draft restrictions for another 10 months, which could be a hindrance to more Gulf corn biz to China, and almost all USA milo to China leaves the USA from The Gulf.

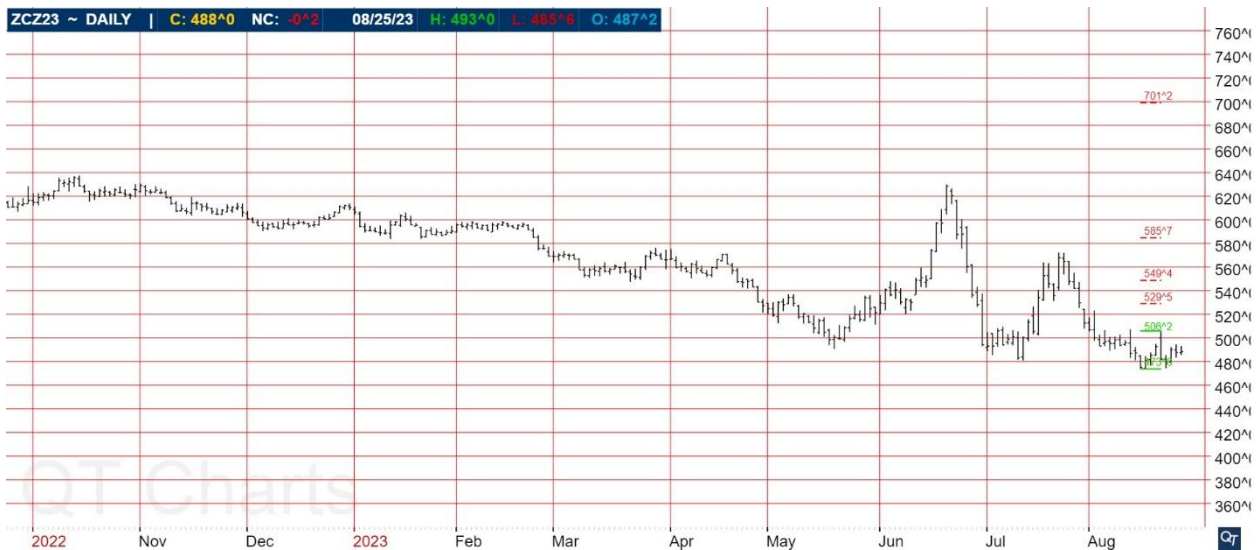
<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/world/panama-canal-to-extend-transit-restrictions-for-at-least-10-more-months/ar-AA1fJWmp>

Here's Dec corn. Consider the Red Line at \$4.88 a double bottom with the 08/11/23 \$4.87 close. It's a battle between shrinking supply (yield reductions) and so far, maybe a shrinking demand picture, and then throw in the extra 100 million bu to the beginning carry-in for 23/24...

Anyway, I believe this Red Line is a valid proverbial red line in the sand...IF it can hold, and we get those moving averages crossing, AND we can take out those intra-week spike highs around \$5.06...then we'd get a decent bounce. But all 3 of those conditions need to be met.



IF (big word) those 3 things happen, THEN IF...we could do a Price Count projection and come up with:



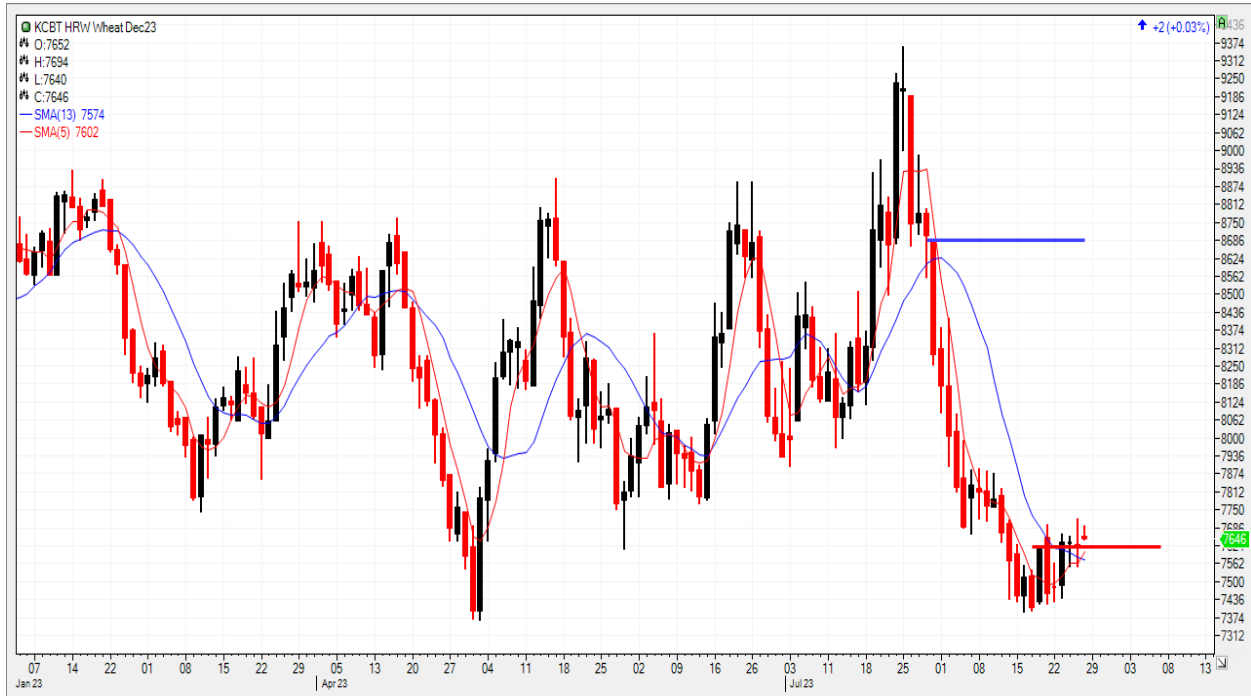
...With a 50% chance at \$5.85. There's a 5% chance at \$7.00, but \$5.85 would be quite possible.

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Sunday night has Z corn up a nickel at \$4.93. This is an important week for corn price direction.

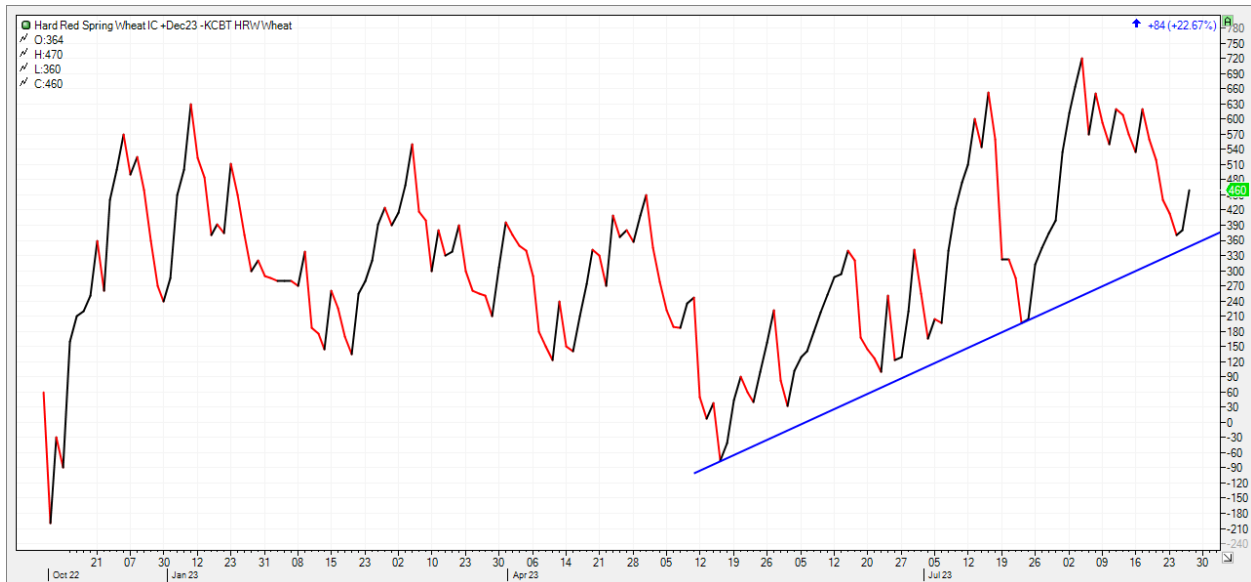
Wheat...still just messing around, looking for something to talk about other than the weather.

This is KC Z wheat, with a constructive moving average cross, but that's the only positive thing we can say, other than KC did NOT set a new red number last week:



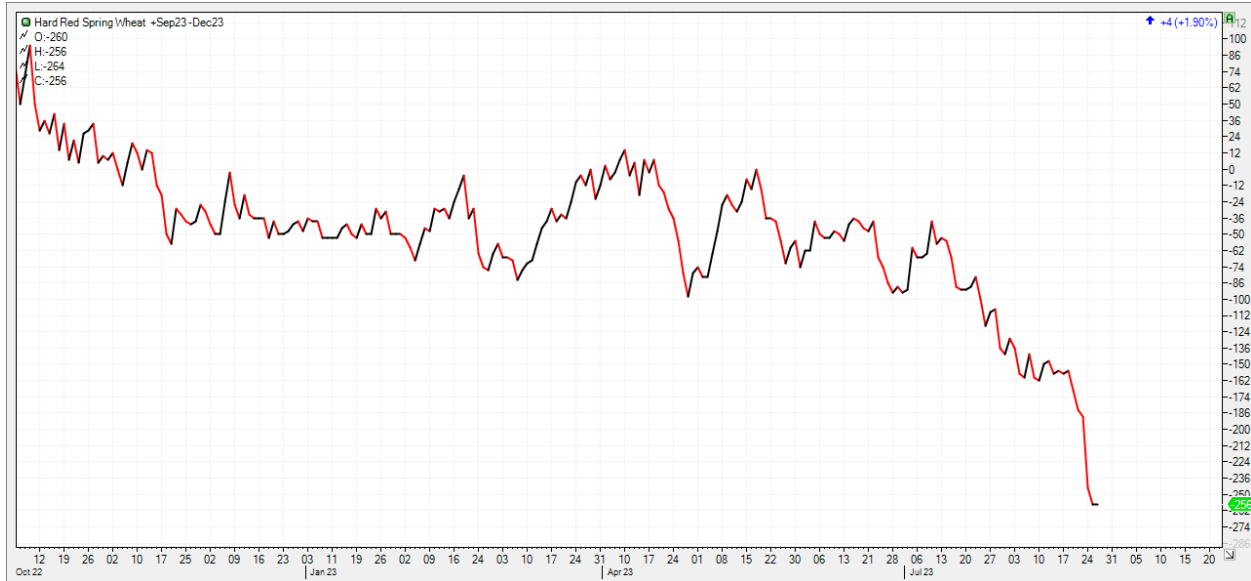
In fact, last week saw KC hang in there while Chgo and Minny moved lower.

This chart shows spring wheat lost 18c to KC last week...but last night bounced dramatically off the trendline of support:



Spring wheat harvest is probably 50% finished in The States, and Canada is maybe 25% finished, but there is possibly a new wrinkle...as we heard of some much lower protein content being harvested than expected, which may signal better yields than expected, maybe.

This spring wheat calendar spread, near a 26c carry (not quite 9c per month) suggests buyers are ...very patient. Ideas previously centered on an abundance of high protein hitting the market, whereas uncertainty has moved in.



Speaking of uncertainty... Black Sea grain movement continues, slowly. Reports of a relatively larger Ukrainian crop, facing difficulties getting exported are common, and Russia dropped their export tax this week, indicating to me they have plenty of wheat to move.

Indian rumors have calmed down.

Australian crop ideas haven't changed, although they are nearing finishing weather, and the next 2 months could provide new insights.

As far as wheat goes, it was a fairly boring week.

Gulf to-arrive bids are unchanged:

GULF date	12 pro	ords	diff
8/25/2023	90	90	0
8/18/2023	90	90	0
8/11/2023	90	90	0
8/4/2023	65	65	0

Posted basis bids in the country did nothing:

Date	SE Colorado	Chey. Wells	Burlington	Holyoke area	Roggen area
08/25	\$6.69-\$6.84	\$6.84	\$6.69-\$6.79	\$6.49-\$6.59	\$6.84-\$7.34
08/18	\$6.69-\$6.84	\$6.84	\$6.69-\$6.79	\$6.49-\$6.59	\$6.84-\$7.34
08/11	\$6.71-\$6.86	\$6.86	\$6.71-\$6.81	\$6.51-\$6.61	\$6.86-\$7.36
08/04	\$6.68-\$6.83	\$6.93	\$6.73-\$6.83	\$6.48-\$6.63	\$6.88-\$7.33
07/28	\$7.71-\$8.01	\$8.01	\$7.81-\$7.91	\$7.61-\$7.78	\$7.96-\$8.36
BASIS	SE Colorado	Chey. Wells	Burlington	Holyoke	Roggen area
08/25(U)	-85, -70	-70	-85, -75	-105, -95	-70, -20
08/18(U)	-85, -70	-70	-85, -75	-105, -95	-70, -20
08/11(U)	-85, -70	-70	-85, -75	-105, -95	-70, -20
08/04(U)	-85, -70	-60	-80, -70	-105, -90	-65, -20
07/28(U)	-85, -55	-55	-75, -65	-95, -78	-60, -20
Date	Concordia	Salina	Hutch/Wichita	Ark City	
08/25(U)	-50	-27, -15	-45, -10	-53	
08/18(U)	-50	-27, -15	-45, -10	-53	
08/11(U)	-50	-27, -15	-45, -10	-53	
08/04(U)	-45	-25, -10	-41, -10	-50	
07/28(U)	-45	-25, -10	-41, -10	-50	

I've sold virtually all of this crop, and 25% of next year's crop, and see nothing to do right now. I'd like to see that dry hole in the USA middle change as we get ready for winter wheat seeding.

Have a good week. Friday will be interesting, as we head into a 3-day weekend, Labor Day, traditionally viewed as the "end of summer". I think soybean and corn price action this week will be important.

Stay Safe. Slow Down.