

Hello Colorado Wheat.

Soybeans have pretty much gone straight down for about the last 2 years, even seemingly gaining downside momentum last week on another 30c drop (in November beans; August beans were only down 8c, which is interesting in itself).

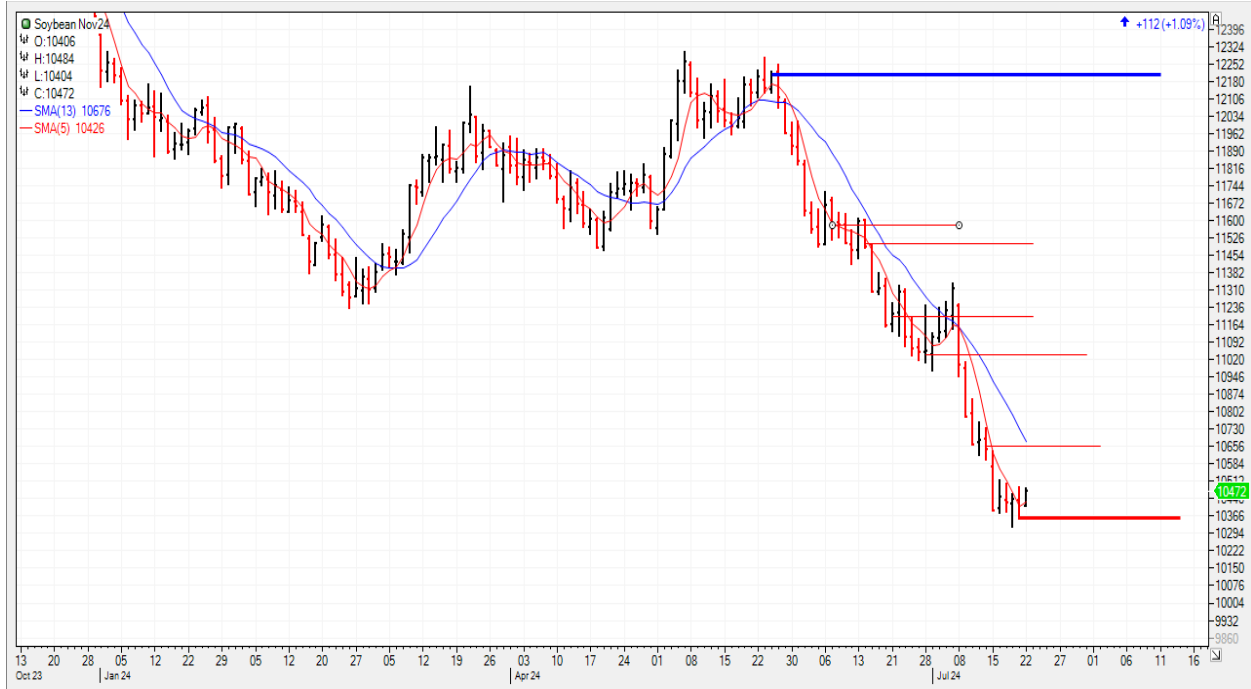
Biden's debate performance on June 27 did new-crop soybeans no favors, as the market believes a Trump election means new tariffs on Chinese imports, followed by Chinese retaliation with tariffs on USA soybeans.

	<b>KCSEPT HRW</b>	<b>DEC '24 HRW</b>	<b>SEPT CORN</b>	<b>DEC '24 CORN</b>	<b>Chgo U wheat</b>	<b>Springs SEP (U)</b>	<b>AUG'24 BEANS</b>	<b>NOV 24 BEANS</b>	Crude oil	S&P (M)
CLOSE	KWU24	KWZ24	CU24	CZ24	WU24	MWU24	SQ24	SX24	CRD23	ES23
07/19	\$5.70	\$5.87	\$3.91	\$4.05	\$5.43	\$6.10	\$10.97	\$10.36	\$80.13	\$5554
07/12	\$5.68	\$5.87	\$4.02	\$4.15	\$5.51	\$5.98	\$11.05	\$10.66	\$82.29	\$5665
07/05	\$5.99	\$6.16	\$4.11	\$4.24	\$5.91	\$6.33	\$11.66	\$11.30	\$83.16	\$5622
06/28	\$5.86	\$6.03	\$4.08	\$4.21	\$5.74	\$6.13	\$11.34	\$11.04	\$81.54	\$5522
06/21	\$5.87	\$6.03	\$4.41	\$4.53	\$5.76	\$6.17	\$11.47	\$11.20	\$80.73	\$5534
06/14	\$6.36	\$6.55	\$4.57	\$4.70	\$6.29	\$6.66	\$11.68	\$11.50	\$78.45	\$5458
06/07	\$6.79	\$7.00	\$4.55	\$4.67	\$6.49	\$7.04	\$11.77	\$11.58	\$75.53	\$5356
05/31	\$7.23	\$7.42	\$4.54	\$4.67	\$7.00	\$7.50	\$12.04	\$11.85	\$76.99	\$5299
05/24	\$7.36	\$7.53	\$4.75	\$4.88	\$7.18	\$7.63	\$12.45	\$12.20	\$77.72	\$5322
05/17	\$6.76	\$6.97	\$4.63	\$4.77	\$6.72	\$7.22	\$12.25	\$12.03	\$80.06	\$5327
05/10	\$6.86	\$7.05	\$4.80	\$4.92	\$6.83	\$7.27	\$12.21	\$12.06	\$78.26	\$5246
05/03	\$6.63	\$6.83	\$4.69	\$4.83	\$6.43	\$7.20	\$12.16	\$12.01	\$78.11	\$5155

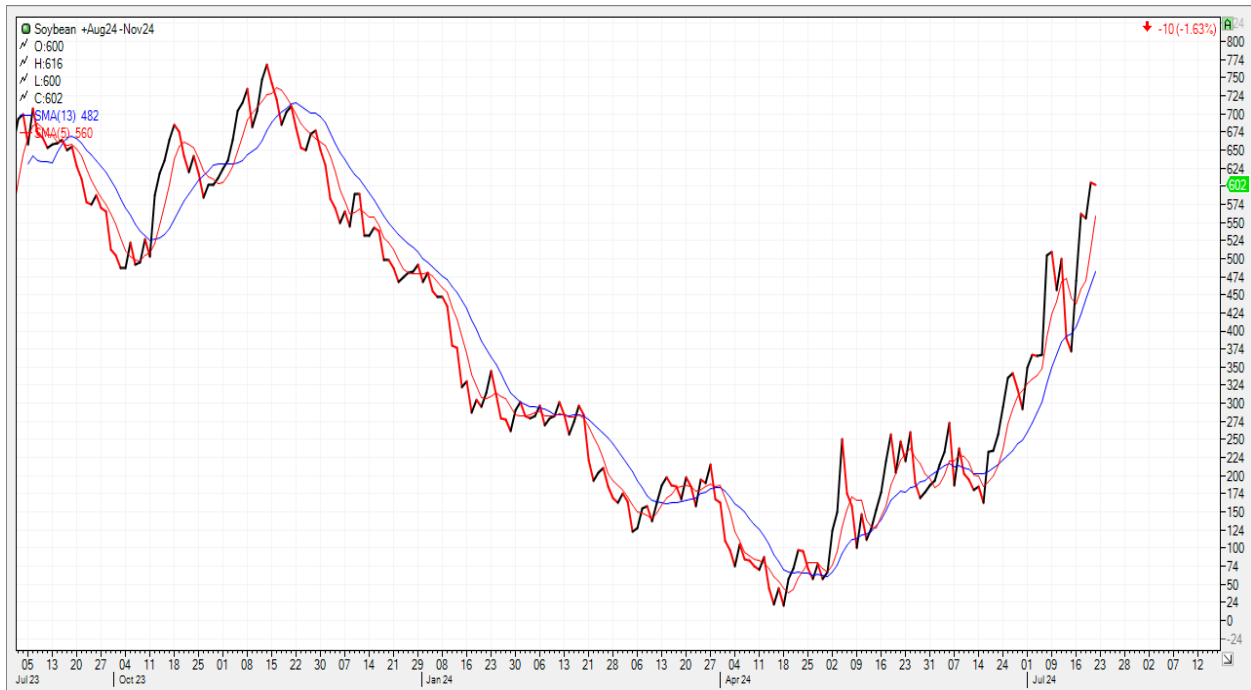
Is Biden's withdrawal as a candidate for re-election enough of a semi-Black Swan event to make the huge Fund short position think about taking profits and getting even? Personally, I suspect so, but we know those Funds are pretty good about following a trend, so...they will need to see a "sign", and the table shows a "sign" like a new 4-week Closing High...is far above the market. But a couple weeks from now, as the 4-Week Closing Highs are replaced with lower 4-Week Closing Highs...then it would be much more likely. And in a couple of weeks, of course we will know more about Harris's prospects. (Her betting odds started at 25%, and she's now up to 40%.) We live in "interesting times", no doubt.

*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*

This is November soybeans (including Sunday night's 9c gain). The most recent 11-Week Closing Low was from Friday at \$10.36, but I drew in the previous red lines shown on the table on page 1. (This is a perfect example of "cascading red lines" and any trend following system is showing profits.)



In the time frame of the 11-Week Closing Table, August beans have gained 46c on November beans, which could ultimately prove to be supportive to November beans.



The updated Export Pace scorecard wasn't very good for old-crop soybeans, nor were export sales. We'll see if that changes with the different political landscape.

WEEK ENDED (07/11/24)	Weekly loadings	Accumulated in season (FGIS)	Estimated fudge factor	Total loaded est*	USDA projection	Amount needed	Weeks to go	Bu per week needed
Corn	42.5	1755.5	175	Q1931	2,225	294	07	42.0
Soybeans	6.2	1543.8	60	1604	1,700	96	07	13.7
All wheat	19.6	83.3	19	102	825	723	46	15.7
Milo	2.8	209.8	5	215	245	30	07	4.3
LAST update								
Corn	40.3	1713.0	175	1888	2,225	337	08	42.1
Soybeans	10.0	1536.9	60	1597	1,700	103	08	12.9
All wheat	12.5	63.6	19	83	825	742	47	15.8
Milo	2.3	208.1	5	213	245	32	08	4.0

Corn loadings were on pace, and new-crop corn sales improved slightly.

Wheat loadings were good, better than needed to hit the current USDA USA wheat export forecast, and wheat export sales of 21.3 mil bu were relatively very good. Included in those wheat sales was a boat of spring wheat to China, and they also loaded a boat of spring wheat for China last week. The Chinese biz, plus maybe some weather uncertainty, has firmed the MGEX U spring wheat – KC U wheat spread, bouncing up into previous resistance, shown here:



Will this relative spring wheat strength stay?

There is a big Wheat Quality Spring Wheat Tour this week, and the further west they get, they will see the toll hot weather is taking. We saw an indication of this on the July NASS Crop production report. This table shows North Dakota and Montana wheat yields from the July report, and then the September Small Grain Summary report.

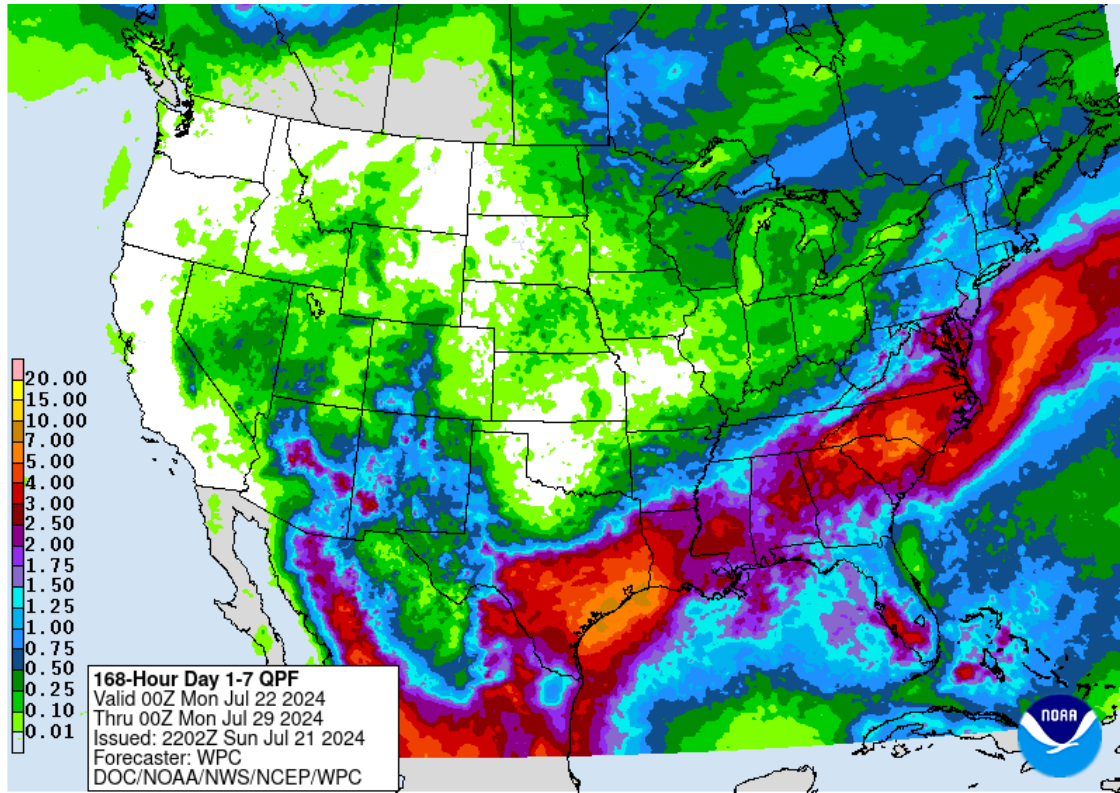
	July yields			Sept yields		
	ND	MT	diff	ND	MT	diff
2024/25	56	35	<b>21</b>			
2023/24	47	34	13	48.5	30	18.5
2022/23	51	28	<b>23</b>	50.0	25	<b>25.0</b>
2021/22	28	25	<b>3</b>	33.5	17	16.5
2020/21	45	38	7	49.0	38	11.0
2019/20	47	32	15	49.0	37	12.0
2018/19	48	33	15	49.0	34	15.0
2017/18	38	26	12	41.0	21	20.0
2016/17	45	34	11	46.0	36	10.0
2015/16	48	32	16	48.0	31	17.0
2014/15	46	35	11	47.5	35	12.5
2013/14	41	35	6	46.5	37	9.5
2012/13	40	30	10	45.0	33	12.0
2011/12	38	33	5	31.5	31	<b>0.5</b>

The current yield spread of 21 bu (ND – MT) is very wide.

And the North Dakota July yield of 56 bu would be a record yield, if achieved.

These numbers will be close to what the Tour sees, but how they finish depends on the weather, and can change greatly.

A dry pocket in Eastern ND and western ND up into the Canadian Prairies exists, and gets worse this week:



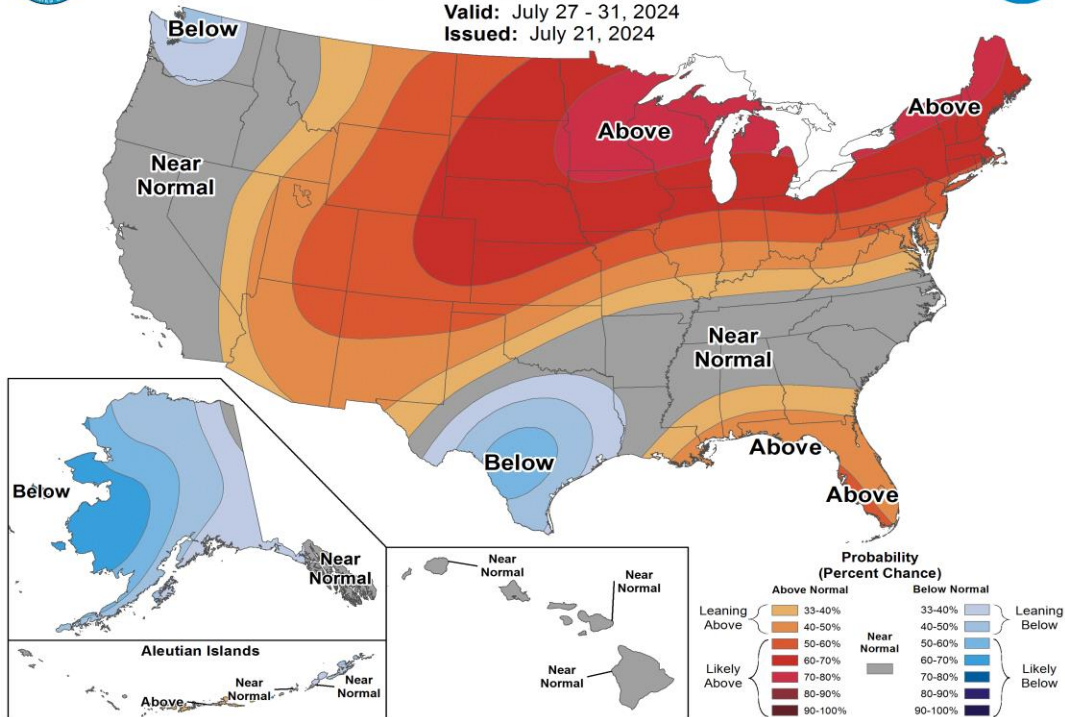
while hot temps persist



## 6-10 Day Temperature Outlook



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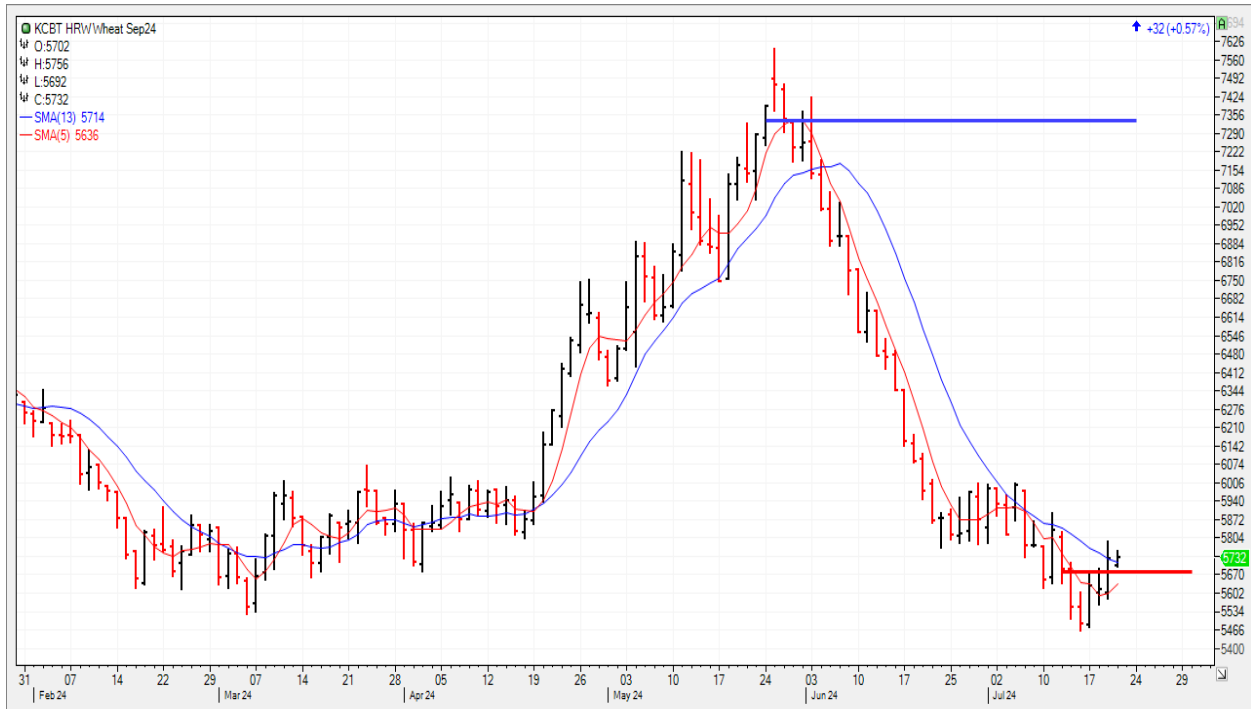
Posted Gulf to-arrive HRW bids are unchanged, even though we didn't see any new Brazilian biz...:

GULF	12 pro	11's	diff	
7/19/2024	120	105	15	
7/12/2024	120	105	15	
7/5/2024	120	105	15	
6/28/2024	120	105	15	<b>U</b>

And posted basis bids in the country were mainly unchanged, although I suspect the Cheyenne Wells new management and the USDA are still working things out...and the mill bid collapse isn't really a surprise in gut-slot harvest:

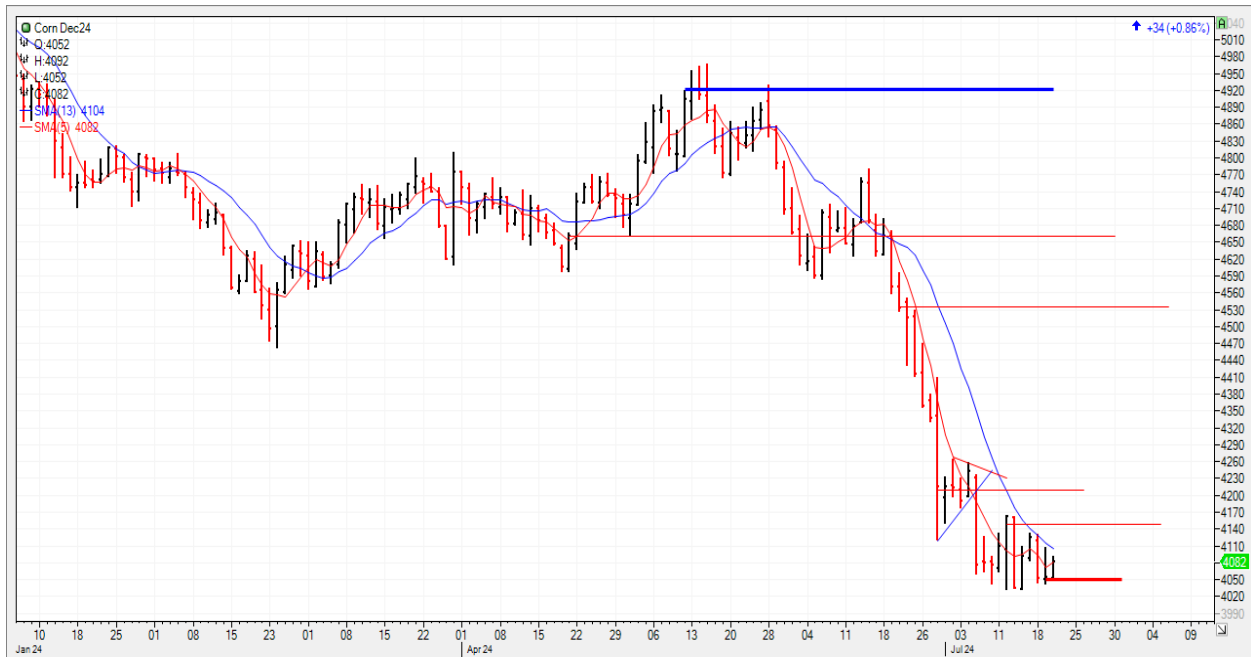
Date	SE Colorado	Chey. Wells	Burlington	Holyoke area	Roggen area
<b>07/19</b>	<b>\$5.07-\$5.15</b>	<b>\$4.85</b>	<b>\$4.85-\$4.85</b>	<b>\$4.75-\$4.85</b>	<b>\$5.00-\$5.50</b>
07/12	\$5.05-\$5.13	\$5.14	\$4.83-\$4.93	\$4.73-\$4.83	\$4.93-\$5.84
07/05	\$5.35-\$5.44	\$5.09	\$5.04-\$5.09	\$4.99-\$5.19	\$5.29-\$5.75
06/28	\$5.23-\$5.31	\$5.48	\$4.96-\$5.06	\$4.86-\$5.03	\$5.13-\$5.68
06/21	\$5.21-\$5.26	\$5.41	\$4.81-\$4.91	\$4.76-\$5.01	\$5.16-\$5.61
BASIS	SE Colorado	Chey. Wells	Burlington	Holyoke	Roggen area
<b>07/19(U)</b>	<b>-63, -55</b>	<b>-85</b>	<b>-85, -85</b>	<b>-95, -85</b>	<b>-70, -20</b>
07/12(U)	-63, -55	-54	-85, -75	-95, -85	-75, +16
07/05(U)	-64, -55	-90	-95, -90	-100, -83	-70, -24
06/28(U)	-63, -55	-39	-90, -80	-100, -83	-73, -20
06/21(N)	-60, -55	-40	-100, -90	-105, -80	-65, -20
Date	Concordia	Salina	Hutch/Wichita	Ark City	
<b>07/19(U)</b>	<b>-35</b>	<b>-15, -05</b>	<b>-32, -03</b>	<b>-45</b>	
07/12(U)	-35	-15, -05	-32, -03	-45	
07/05(U)	-35	-15, -05	-32, -03	-45	
06/28(U)	-35	-15, -04	-32, -07	-45	
06/21(N)	-25	-10, -08	-27, -02	-40	

KC Sept wheat...maybe forging a bottom, maybe... The market basically posted a double-bottom, although it's very narrow:



The Euronext milling wheat futures (MATIF) were up about \$3/mt last week while KC was only up a dollar. Plus...European wheat seems to have quality issues, so it might be a bigger premium is required this year to convert European wheat into something more comparable to our HRW wheat. I do think our HRW wheat is lower protein this year. (Probably about 12.5 % protein compared to last year's 13%, but Europe's is lower too, and might have some other issues)

The Dec corn chart looks very similar to the Nov bean chart...Cascading red lines are prominent:



World wheat news was quiet last week.

Switching gears...there's no doubt these lower prices are causing more stress. And let's admit it, we don't like to talk about mental health. Seems like it's one of the few taboos remaining...which is not good, because not talking about it is the opposite of what's needed.

This article about an Iowa coop holding a mental health training session with the USDA seems like a good idea to me. <https://kffhealthnews.org/news/article/farmer-mental-health-suicide-therapists-iowa-usda/>

Have a good week. It might get interesting as we see new political developments.

We'll puke our remaining wheat later.

Stay Safe. Slow Down.

PS; early Monday am action now has new-crop beans up about 20c and corn up 6c, with KC wheat up a penny. I'd say...yes, those big Funds short positions are nervous about the USA political scene.

Spring wheat stayed firm...Chinese buying will do that. The Wheat Quality Council's Spring Wheat Tour gained some interest. Hopefully we'll see some info on Twitter.