

Hello Colorado Wheat.

General George A. Custer was not primarily known as a speculator, although I have it from a good source Custer’s last words were “where did all those wheat sellers come from?”

Friday’s markets played like a bad horror movie. It was a bad end to a bad week. We see all wheat flavors setting new 11-week Closing Lows, as did old-crop beans:

	<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
07/26	\$5.46	\$5.62	\$3.95	\$4.10	\$5.24	\$5.89	\$10.78	\$10.49	\$76.19	\$5499
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

The WQC Spring Wheat Tour pretty much confirmed the huge spring wheat yield potential in North Dakota that the NASS July Crop Production showed, but ...it has to finish. World wheat news is focused on the weather. Drew Lerner wrote this article for World Grain. He mentions potential trouble developing in Canada, and covers the Russian situation, although he does say wheat crops for Argentina and Australia are expected to be good. <https://www.world-grain.com/articles/20267-canada-russia-wheat-production-threatened-by-dryness>

*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*

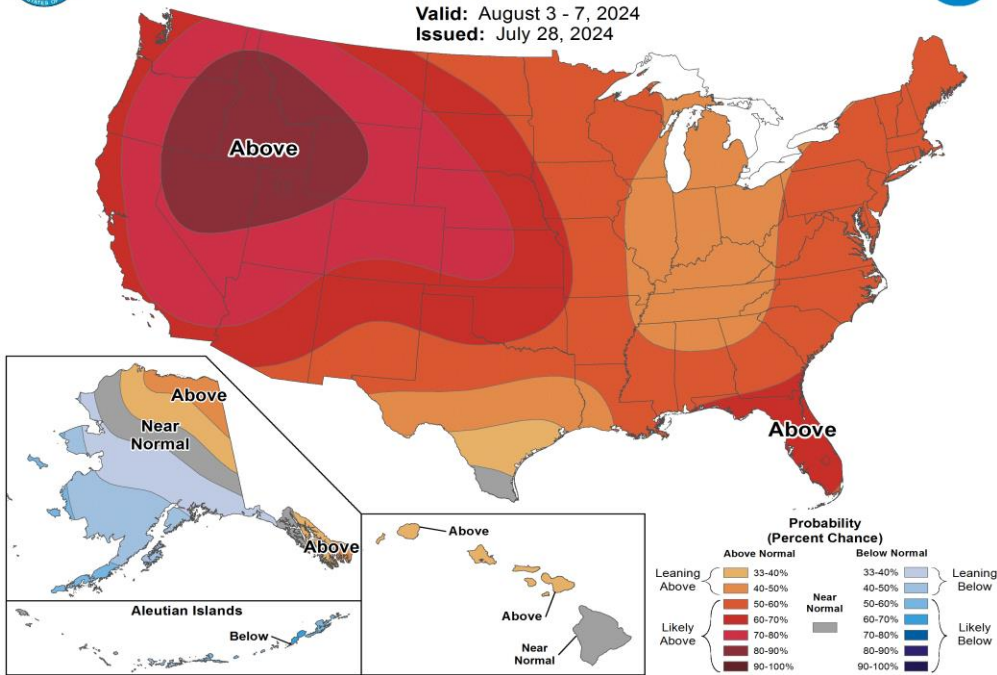
USA temps stay hot for a while...



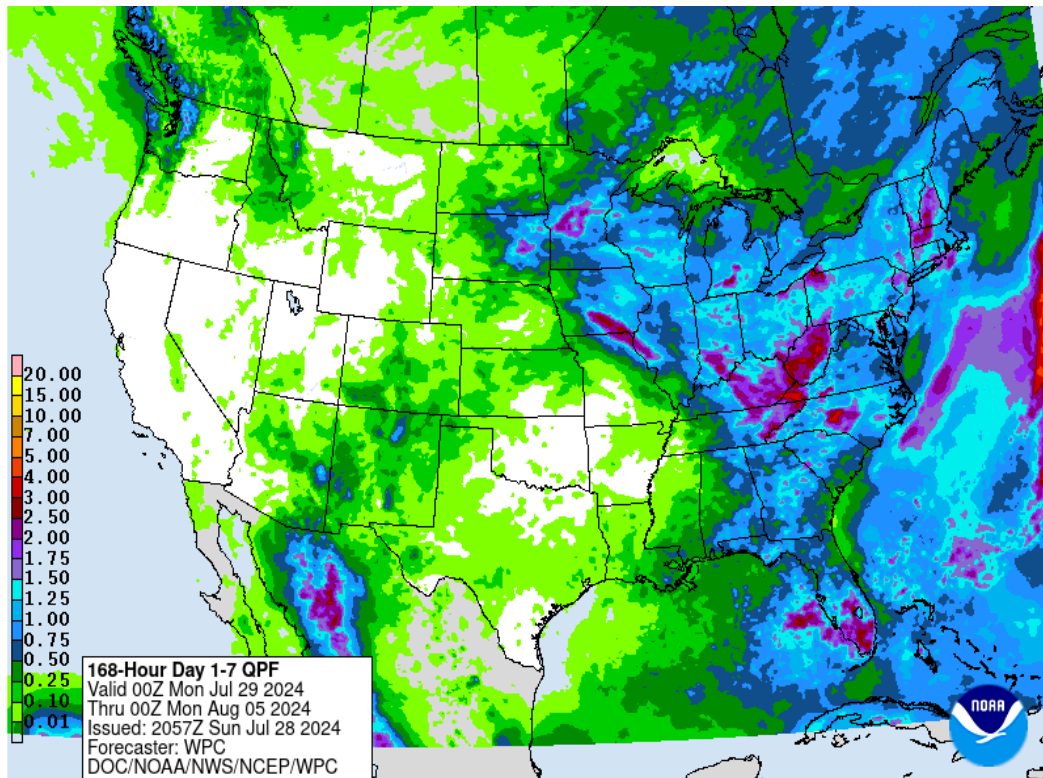
# 6-10 Day Temperature Outlook



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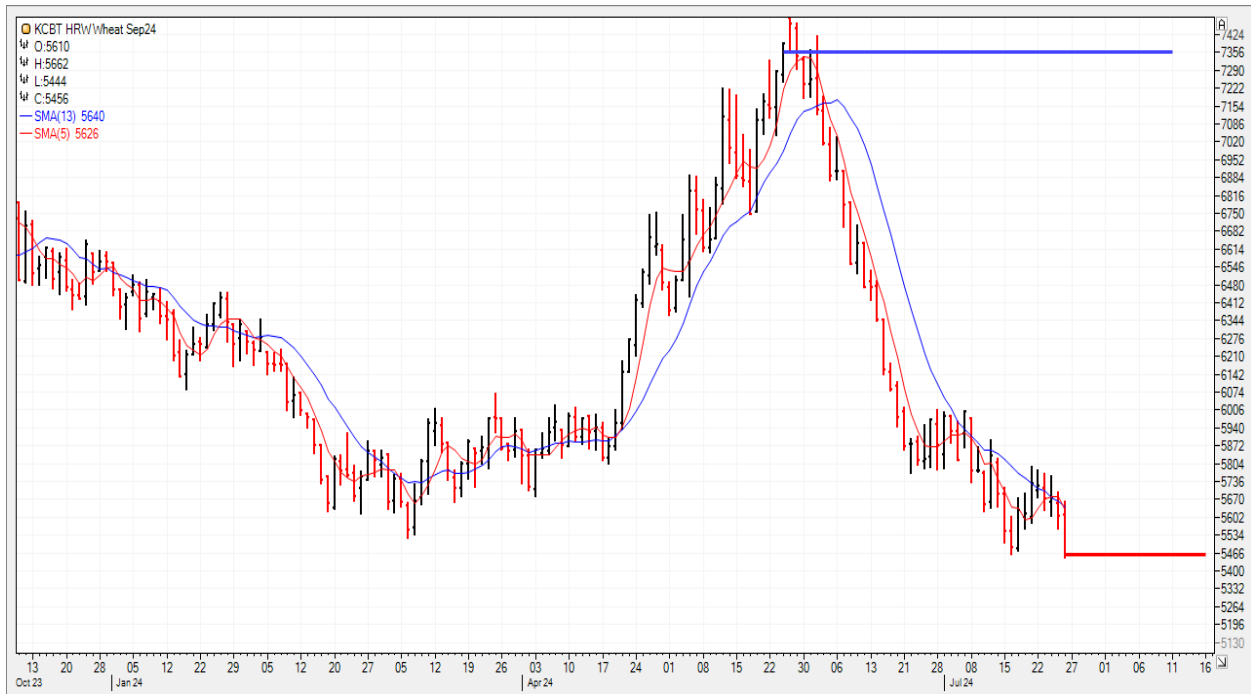


And Montana and much of the Canadian Prairies and western No Dak are expected to be dry



And I suspect HRW country will want to see rains for new-crop wheat germination in a month or two...but right now, none of that matters as the downtrend is firmly entrenched.

This is the KC Sept wheat daily chart, showing nothing positive yet.



The cash wheat market is fairly dead too. Export loadings weren't great for anything last week, and the wheat number was stinky, even though it included a boat to Nigeria and a boat to Brazil.

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	38.2	1794.2	175	1969	2,225	256	06	42.6
Soybeans	12.0	1556.1	60	1616	1,700	84	06	14.0
All wheat	8.7	95.2	19	114	825	711	45	15.8
Milo	2.7	212.5	5	218	245	27	06	4.5
LAST update								
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

The wheat export sales were less than 12 million bu. Brazil, Nigeria and China did not buy anything additional.

Posted Gulf to-arrive bids haven't moved in a month:

GULF date	12 pro	11's	diff	
7/26/2024	120	105	15	
7/19/2024	120	105	15	
7/12/2024	120	105	15	
7/5/2024	120	105	15	
6/28/2024	120	105	15	U

And the posted basis bids in the country were all unchanged, with most flat price bids now below \$5.00. Northeast and North Central CO corn bids are more than posted wheat bids.

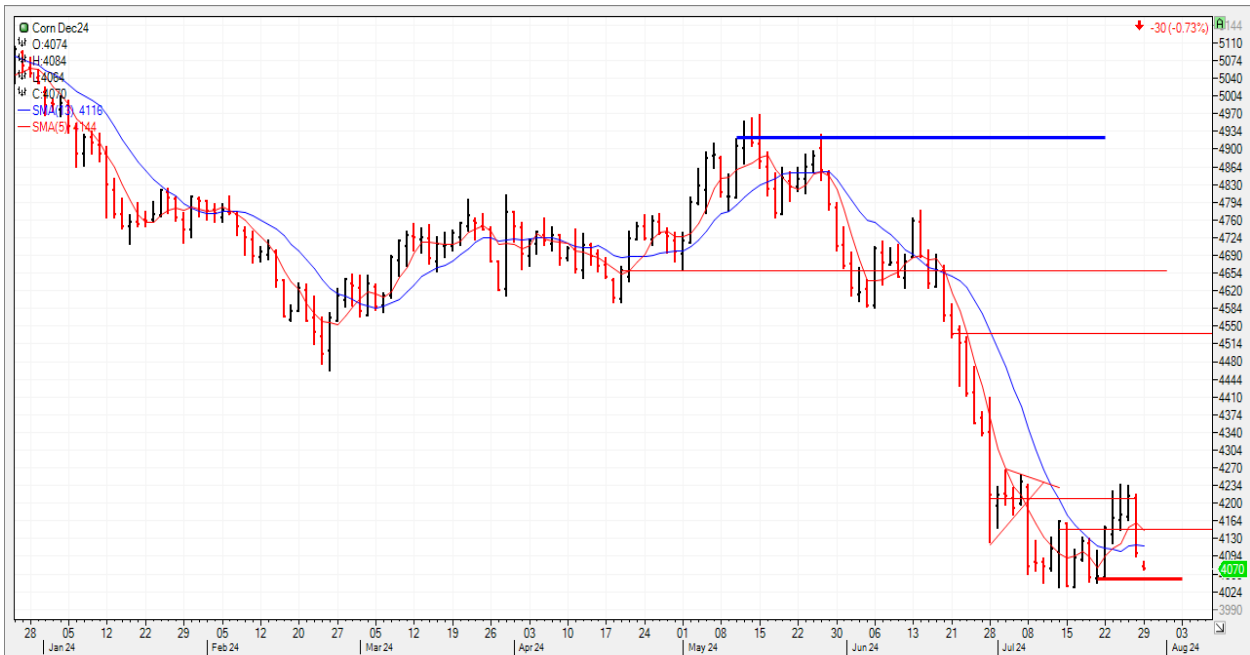
Date	SE Colorado	Chey. Wells	Burlington	Holyoke area	Roggen area
07/26	\$4.83-\$4.91	\$4.61	\$4.61-\$4.61	\$4.51-\$4.61	\$4.76-\$5.26
07/19	\$5.07-\$5.15	\$4.85	\$4.85-\$4.85	\$4.75-\$4.85	\$5.00-\$5.50
07/12	\$5.05-\$5.13	\$5.14	\$4.83-\$4.93	\$4.73-\$4.83	\$4.93-\$5.84
07/05	\$5.35-\$5.44	\$5.09	\$5.04-\$5.09	\$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
07/26(U)	-63, -55	-85	-85, -85	-95, -85	-70, -20
07/19(U)	-63, -55	-85	-85, -85	-95, -85	-70, -20
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	
07/26(U)	-35	-15, -05	-32, -03	-45	
07/19(U)	-35	-15, -05	-32, -03	-45	
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	

These prices are too low, but the world wheat situation is far from dire. Hot and dry spring wheat country is the most supportive issue, but unfortunately needs to get worse to create a rally.

A bright spot was new-crop bean export sales, of 18.6 mil bu. We'll need to see many more weeks like that. Early Sunday night soybeans are down almost 20c, mainly because the moisture forecast map on the bottom of page 2 looks favorable for beans. Here's Nov beans, with Sunday's early action. Last week, beans did NOT set a new Red line, but this week's start looks ominous.



Dec corn...looking meh at best. Old-crop loadings are limping home, and new-crop corn sales (29.3 mil bu) were only just "ok". Like beans, corn did not set a new red line last week, but...the forecast would probably help corn.



Other than wondering how far everything can sink...how low is low enough...grain markets everywhere are heavy.

The Euronext (MATIF) wheat market was down \$6/mt last week (KC was down \$9.00) as some Russian wheat production estimates climbed a couple million tonnes.

Apparently no one is concerned about war anymore, even as the Middle East threatens to blow up (Israel, Lebanon, maybe Turkey...) Indeed, crude oil is barely steady after Hezbollah's missile attack on a soccer field.

I saw this story saying the local Indian state government is going to pay farmers "the highest price in the country" for "chemical free" wheat and maize, which they call "natural farming". I think it's interesting they believe there's a market for it in India. You can't be very concerned about running out if you're paying a premium for organic wheat.

<https://www.thehansindia.com/news/national/himachal-pradesh-to-procure-chemical-free-wheat-maize-at-high-price-895124?infinitescroll=1>

Have a good week. Stay Safe. Slow Down. Try not to get too depressed with these prices. Again.

