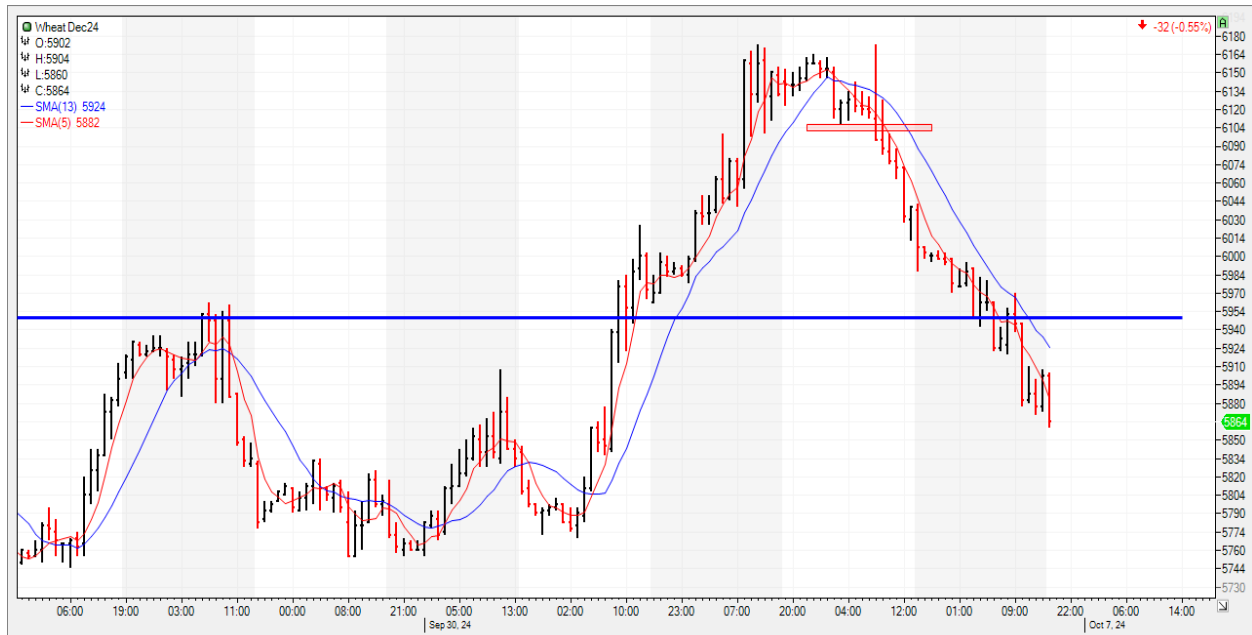


Hello Colorado Wheat.

A friend sent me a Price Count Higher on Chgo wheat from one of his futures brokers Thursday morning pointing to much higher prices coming down the pike, and I told him “it’s a little early (Thursday) in my opinion, as the market needs to close above \$5.95 (on Friday) to print a new Blue number to make it a valid buy signal, BUT the market is 16c above that, so I can see why they sent it.”

**The ensuing price collapse was stunning.**

This is Chgo Z wheat, 26c below when the bullish chart was sent... Wow. Just brutal. It’s like the market was intentionally trying to make that futures broker look bad.



Chgo wheat closed Friday at \$5.90, a nickel below the old Blue Line, and is currently another 3c lower than that.

But...for the week, Chgo when we look at the Weekly Closing Table, we’ll see Chgo Z wheat settled a dime higher, so not a complete loss, although it was a pretty good example of why Thursdays are not Fridays and left Wheat Bulls everywhere wondering about what could have been.

Is the rally over?

Technically the market is struggling with overhead resistance, but I **pulled out my phone** and **looked at Volgograd, Russia**, and it’s **dry for the next 9 days** with a 40% chance of rain a week from this Wednesday, so the other side is...it’s a little early to say this rally is completely 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*

Here's how the week ended.

	<b>KC DEC HRW</b>	<b>JULY '25</b>	<b>Dec CORN</b>	<b>July CORN</b>	<b>Chgo Z wheat</b>	<b>Springs DEC (Z)</b>	<b>NOV'24 BEANS</b>	<b>July BEANS</b>	Crude oil	S&P (Z)
<i>CLOSE</i>	KWZ24	KWN25	CZ24	CN25	WZ24	MWZ24	SX24	SN25	CRD24	ES24
<b>10/04</b>	<b>\$5.98</b>	<b>\$6.32</b>	<b>\$4.25</b>	<b>\$4.55</b>	<b>\$5.90</b>	<b>\$6.39</b>	<b>\$10.38</b>	<b>\$10.96</b>	<b>\$74.38</b>	<b>\$5800</b>
09/27	\$5.77	\$6.07	\$4.18	\$4.51	\$5.80	\$6.08	\$10.66	\$11.16	\$68.18	\$5791
09/20	\$5.64	\$5.90	\$4.02	\$4.38	\$5.69	\$6.08	\$10.12	\$10.68	\$71.00	\$5762
09/13	\$6.00	\$6.23	\$4.13	\$4.48	\$5.95	\$6.36	\$10.06	\$10.58	\$68.65	\$5630
09/06	\$5.78	\$6.01	\$4.06	\$4.42	\$5.67	\$6.14	\$10.05	\$10.59	\$67.67	\$5420
08/30	\$5.65	\$5.88	\$4.01	\$4.34	\$5.52	\$6.01	\$10.00	\$10.55	\$73.55	\$5661
08/23	\$5.35	\$5.61	\$3.91	\$4.27	\$5.28	\$5.72	\$9.73	\$10.33	\$74.92	\$5663
08/16	\$5.55	\$5.80	\$3.93	\$4.28	\$5.53	\$6.09	\$9.57	\$10.20	\$75.19	\$5578
08/09	\$5.71	\$5.95	\$3.95	\$4.32	\$5.66	\$6.09	\$10.03	\$10.57	\$76.84	\$5370
08/02	\$5.76	\$5.98	\$4.03	\$4.39	\$5.62	\$6.15	\$10.27	\$10.80	\$73.52	\$5376
07/26	\$5.62	\$5.83	\$4.10	\$4.43	\$5.49	\$6.08	\$10.49	\$10.95	\$76.19	\$5499
07/19	\$5.87	\$6.03	\$4.05	\$4.36	\$5.68	\$6.30	\$10.36	\$10.79	\$80.13	\$5554

KC collapsed Friday with Chgo and was unable to close above \$6.00 to print a new Blue line, but...it's up about 21c for the week. Spring wheat led the charge, up 31c for the week, as they didn't collapse as hard as Chgo and KC did and actually managed to print that elusive new Blue number. KC July wheat printed a new Blue number. More on that coming.

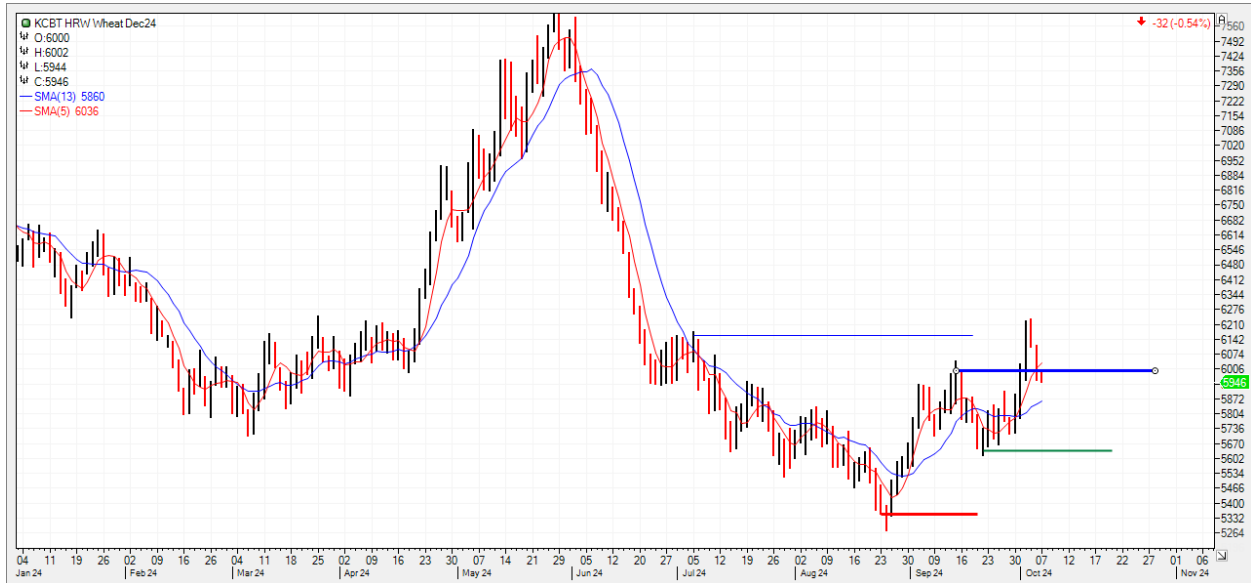
Corn did print a new Blue number in the face of a good harvest weekend. We'd like to see 3 Blue numbers before we can say the short-covering is completely over, but surely Funds are about even in corn now, which is a 2-edged sword that can cut both ways, as it means the Funds have plenty of ammo if the market tells them to go short again.

Beans stalled a bit. Harvest pressure is real.

Crude oil decided the Middle East is actually a concern, and the Stock Market, did its thing and printed a new Blue number, pretty much like it always does. As far as "investments" go, other than Farmland, there's basically one game in town, and it's owning USA stocks, even though sometimes you need to close your eyes and forget about them.

This is KC Dec wheat, with the Blue Line at \$6.00 and the Red Line at \$5.35. The Green line (4 week Closing Low) is at \$5.64. My sell-stop on my remaining unsold wheat (50%) is a weekly (Friday)

close below that Red Line, and I am changing the stop to sell half of that on a weekly close below the Green Line. So now I have 2 sell-stops in place. I do not have an upside sell order in place. Hopefully I'll be able to raise that Green Line stop as the market keeps moving higher.



We're not seeing aggressive USA wheat export activity, and that is a concern for the old-crop wheat we're sitting on. The loading numbers are on pace, though, and export sales weren't bad, it's just they aren't really a bullish input. Last week's Grain Stocks report was neutral at best for wheat.

We'll see a new WASDE next Friday. I don't think wheat will see many changes.

WEEK ENDED (09/26/24)	Weekly loadings	Accumulated in season (FGIS)	Estimated fudge factor	Total loaded est*	USDA projection	Amount needed	Weeks to go	Bu per week needed
Corn	44.8	131.1	175	306	2,300	1994	48	41.5
Soybeans	24.8	70.6	60	131	1,850	1719	48	35.8
All wheat	19.7	302.6	19	322	825	503	35	14.4
Milo	7.1	13.0	5	18	220	202	48	4.2
LAST update								
Corn	43.4	84.4	175	259	2,300	2041	49	41.6
Soybeans	17.8	45.3	60	105	1,850	1745	49	35.6
All wheat	26.1	282.4	19	301	825	524	36	14.6
Milo	3.1	5.9	5	11	220	209	49	4.3

Export loading pace of beans and corn is ok, and export sales have been fairly good, but I doubt we see many changes for beans and corn either. There will be some fine-tuning.

Texas Gulf bids for to-arrive HRW are steady to a nickel better for 12's, which maybe is a sign Brazil is snooping around for some wheat:

GULF date	12 pro	11's	diff
10/4/2024	105	100	5
9/27/2024	100	100	0
9/20/2024	100	100	0
9/13/2024	100	100	0

I think the market's focus for winter wheat especially is already on new-crop.

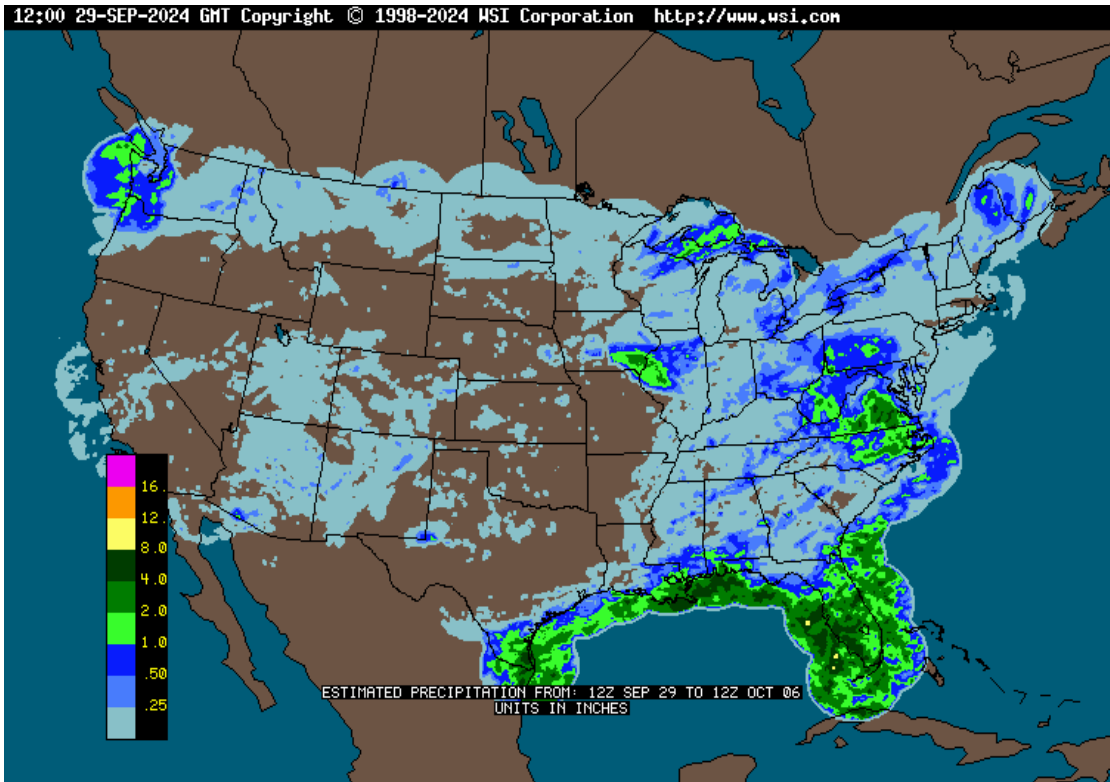
This is KC July wheat, with a new higher (by 9c) Blue line. I sold 25% of next year's production last week at \$6.07. If you didn't, you could right now and beat me handily. Another thing you could do if you haven't sold any is use the Green Line as a stop, and certainly a new Red Line should be met with some sales.



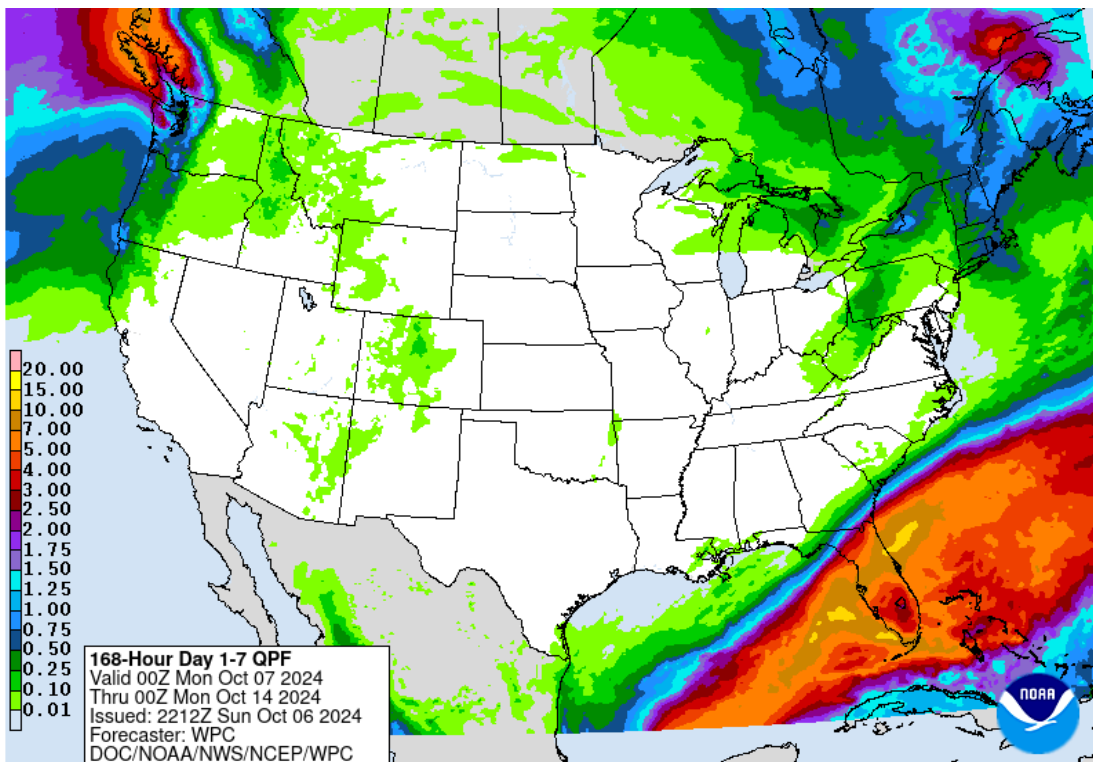
What's going on in new-crop winter wheat?

Clearly, it's the weather. It's dry here, there and everywhere.

Last week was dry in the Great Plains. We were at 39% planted, and we might be up to 60% on Monday's report.



And this week doesn't look any wetter:

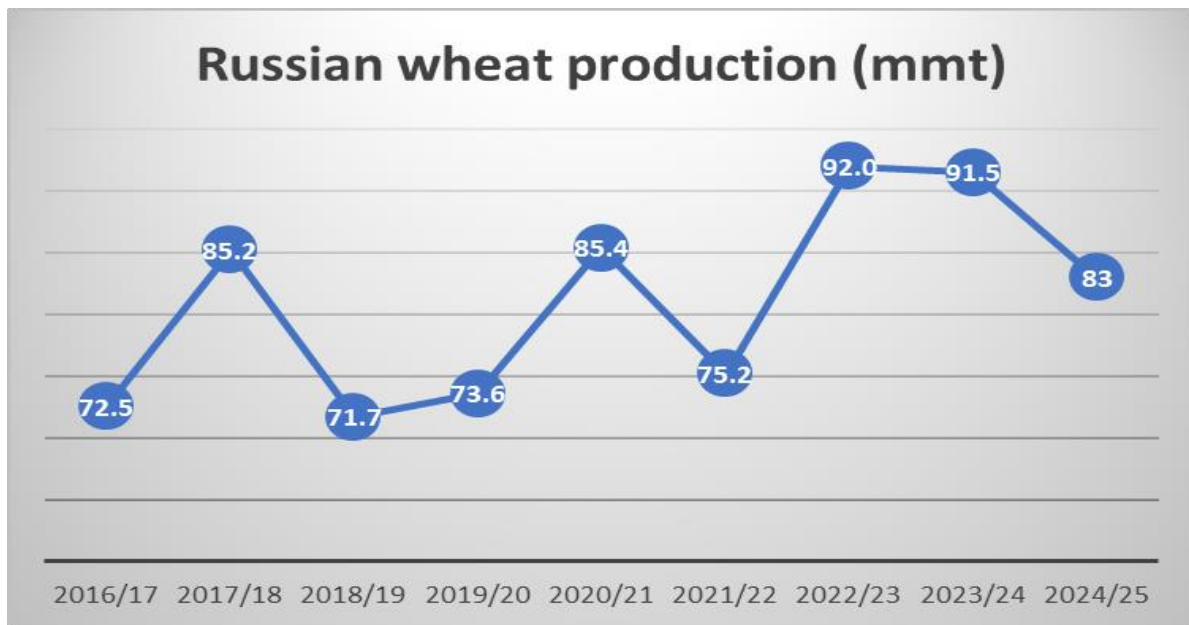


We know it's dry in much of Brazil, as we've been watching Mato Grosso like a hawk, which might be a reason I suspect Brazil is looking for some wheat, but it's very dry in Russia. I mentioned Volgograd, and that's a great way to stay in touch with much of the Russian Wheat Belt weather.

We're seeing some parts of Russia declare farm "emergencies"...<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/drought-forces-russia-s-voronezh-region-to-declare-farming-emergency/ar-AA1rwL51?ocid=BingNewsSerp> but I'm not sure their idea of an emergency matches my idea...

But...I do think it's very dry over there and Russian wheat prices have firmed up a little...<https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/markets/price-of-russian-wheat-at-three-month-high-as-drought-conditions-worsen/ar-AA1rHOjD?ocid=BingNewsSerp>

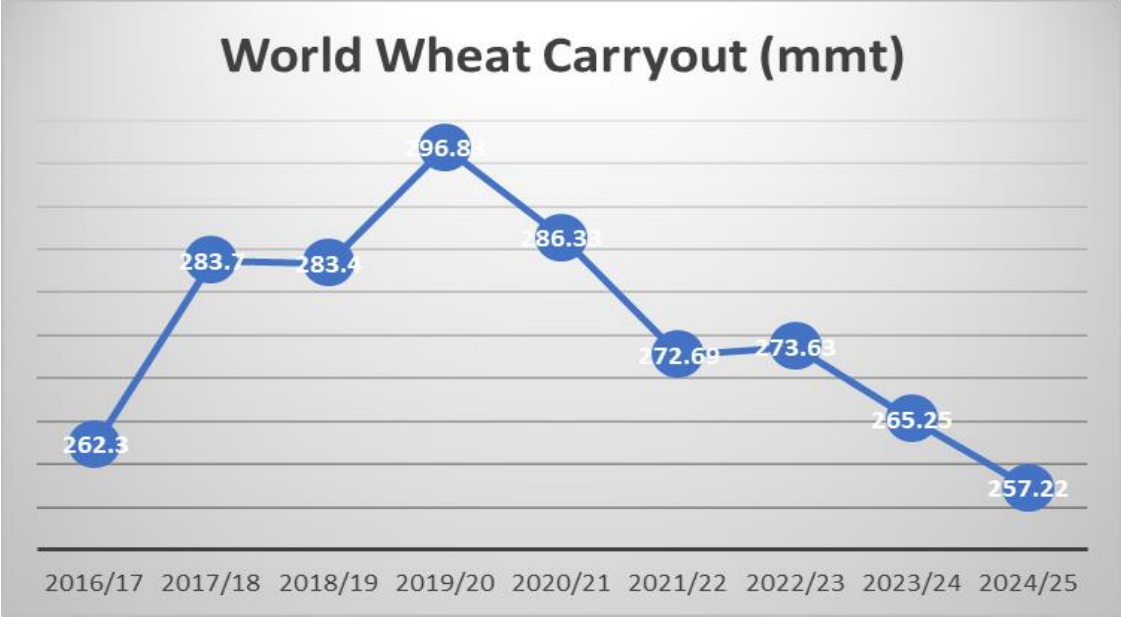
You know I think betting on a drought is most of the time a bad bet, but we also know a Red Raider from Lubbock, TX told me one time... "you know Maltby, one year it never did rain", so in the unlikely likelihood that repeats itself, consider this Russian wheat production chart:



Because I'm a simple man, assume nothing else changes in world wheat numbers next year. IF it gets wet, and great this spring in Volgograd, Russian wheat jumps 8 mmt to 93 mmt. If that happens, prices here, there and everywhere will drop, and sell-stops will be hit.

If it truly is a "farm emergency", and Russian wheat production drops 8 mmt to 75 mmt, then...we are looking at some upside to wheat prices.

Current world wheat carryout is the lowest it's been in 9 years. If Russia drops 8 mmt, and it stays dry here in the Plains...then the world wheat carryout would drop below 250 mmt, and...Funds would have been buyers on the way up is my assumption.



Anyway, I'm watching Volgograd's weather on my phone.

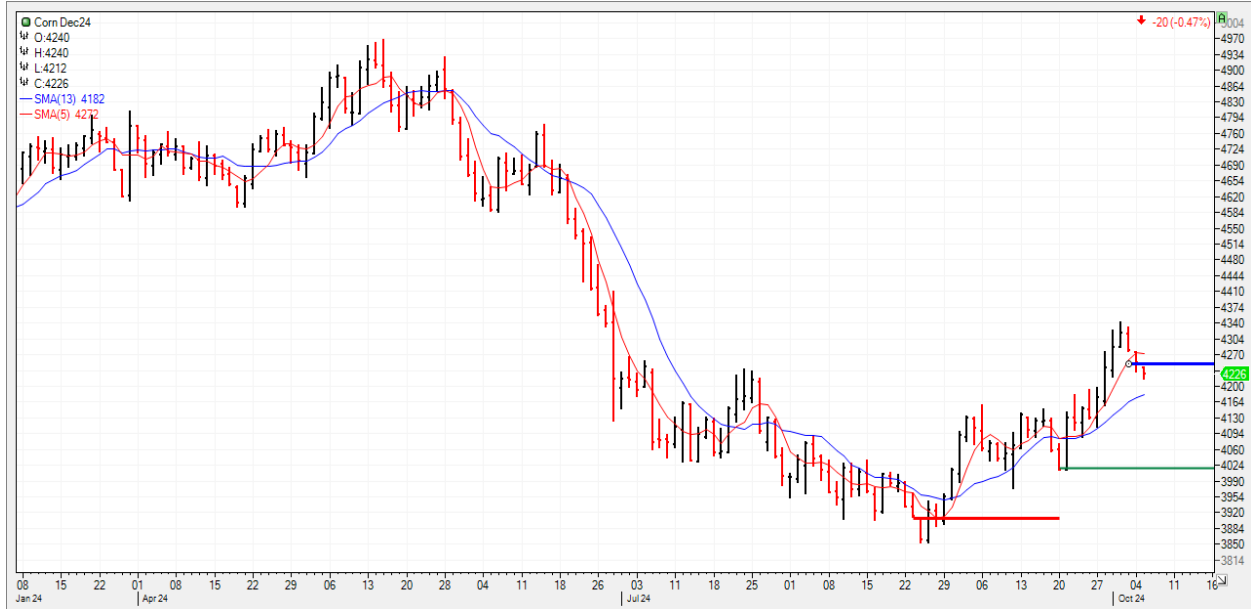
Posted wheat basis bids in the country didn't move; the flat price is about unchanged in a month:

Date	SE Colorado	Chey. Wells	Burlington	Holyoke area	Roggen area
<b>10/04</b>	<b>\$5.18-\$5.38</b>	<b>\$5.03</b>	<b>\$5.03-\$5.03</b>	<b>\$4.88-\$4.98</b>	<b>\$5.28-\$5.78</b>
09/27	\$4.97-\$5.17	\$4.82	\$4.82-\$4.82	\$4.68-\$4.77	\$5.02-\$5.57
09/20	\$4.84-\$5.04	\$4.69	\$4.69-\$4.69	\$4.55-\$4.64	\$4.89-\$5.44
09/13	\$5.30-\$5.40	\$5.05	\$5.05-\$5.05	\$4.91-\$5.00	\$5.25-\$5.80
<b>BASIS</b>	<b>SE Colorado</b>	<b>Chey. Wells</b>	<b>Burlington</b>	<b>Holyoke</b>	<b>Roggen area</b>
<b>10/04(Z)</b>	<b>-80, -60</b>	<b>-95</b>	<b>-95, -95</b>	<b>-109, -100</b>	<b>-70, -20</b>
09/27(Z)	-80, -60	-95	-95, -95	-109, -100	-75, -20
09/20(Z)	<b>-80, -60</b>	-95	-95, -95	-109, -100	-75, -20
09/13(Z)	-70, -60	-95	-95, -95	-109, -100	<b>-75, -20</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Concordia</b>	<b>Salina</b>	<b>Hutch/Wichita</b>	<b>Ark City</b>	
<b>10/04(Z)</b>	<b>-50</b>	<b>-30, -25</b>	<b>-40, -10</b>	<b>-50</b>	
09/27(Z)	-50	-25, -20	-40, -10	-50	
09/20(Z)	-50	-25, -20	-40, -10	-50	
09/13(Z)	-50	-25, -20	-40, -10	-50	



We spent a lot of time on corn and China last week. We will get an updated WASDE Friday, so we'll revisit corn (and bean) fundamentals next week.

The updated Dec corn chart shows a new higher Blue line at \$4.25, which allowed my resting paper at \$4.24 for 15% of my corn to get sold. I'm now 65% sold on the corn that is being harvested.



The lines on the November beans chart did not move. We've had good export sales, and the loading pace has picked up, but...so far China hasn't been super aggressive.

This is showing we gapped lower on Sunday night's opening. My phone is showing nothing, but we can assume some high-priced weather services must be predicting rain is coming to Brazil. I've only sold 20% of my beans being harvested and am nervous about that.





We'll look at new fundamental inputs next week.

We covered world wheat news pretty well, although it appears Turkey will be relaxing its ban on wheat imports...<https://www.brecorder.com/news/40325661>We can assume those wheat imports will come from Russia.

Here's an update on the GMO wheat, with the HB4 gene. Michael Peters, outgoing Chair of US Wheat Associates is quoted <https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/markets/researchers-make-breakthrough-with-genetically-engineered-wheat-that-could-transform-the-agriculture-industry-heres-how-it-could-help-farmers/ar-AA1rFw60?ocid=BingNewsVerp>

Have a good week. Corn harvest, beans harvest, milo harvest, sunseed harvest, last hay crop and wheat planting...means SLOW DOWN. Take a breath. Stay safe.