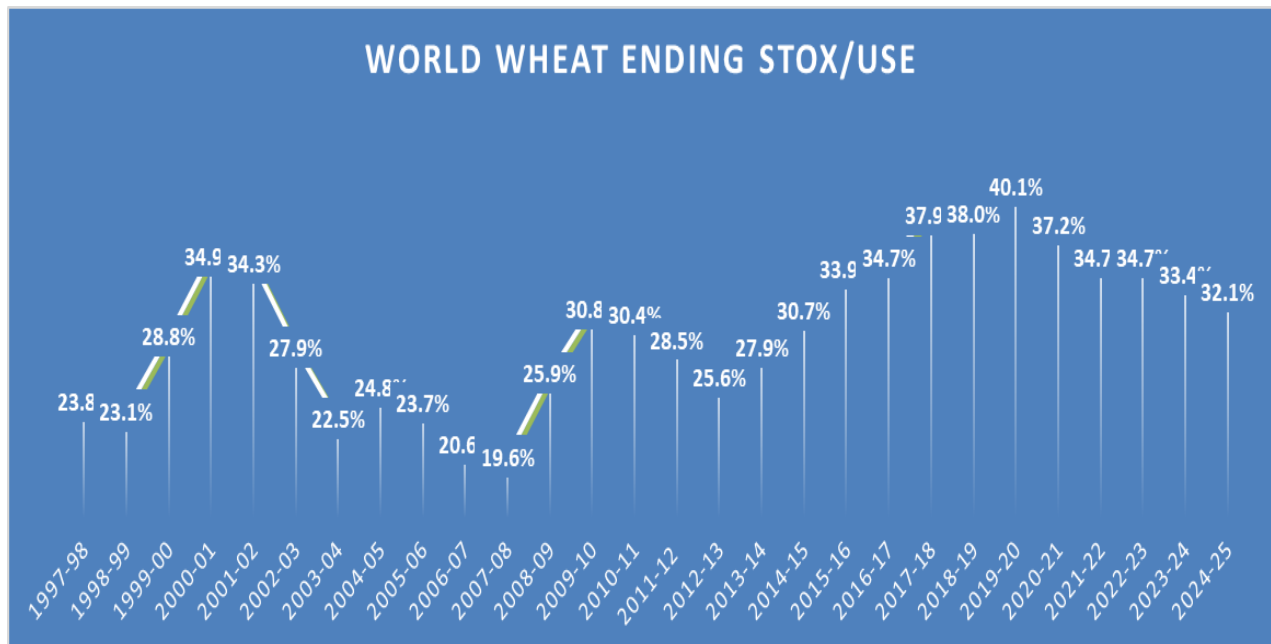


Hello Colorado Wheat.

Last week I spent quite a bit of time showing wheat production from our competitors was reduced this year, which was why our wheat exports increased and a pal asked me why I wasn't more bullish. It's mainly because I expect the Australians to compete fiercely (sell their wheat into Asia cheaper than we can get it there).

wheat production (mmt)	23/24	24/25	difference	next year ?	wheat exports (mmt)	23/24	24/25	difference
Russia	91.5	82.0	-9.5	dry	Russia	55.5	48	-7.5
European Union	134.9	123.0	-11.9	mixed	European Union	37.87	30	-7.9
sum	226.4	205.0	-21.4		sum	93.4	78.0	-15.4
USA	49.1	53.7	4.6	kinda dry	USA	19.24	22.45	3.2
Australia	26.0	32.0	6.0	unknown	Australia	20.0	25.0	5.0
Canada	33.0	35.0	2.0	unknown	Canada	25.4	26.0	0.6
Argentina	15.9	18.0	2.1	good	Argentina	8.2	11.5	3.3
sum	124.0	138.7	14.7		sum	72.9	85.0	12.1

AND...while the world wheat balance sheet has tightened up, it's no where near tight enough to cause panic. I think real panic takes about a 25% stox/use with the prospect that things might get even worse.



Anyway...this year's fundamentals are known. What is more unknown...are next year's fundamentals and they depend mainly on the weather, and government intervention.

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

Think about it. IF someone (Government intervention) decided to shut off ALL wheat exports coming from the Black Sea, it could be accomplished rather easily, merely by closing the Bosphorus Straights going through Istanbul, Turkey. Wheat prices would skyrocket. Russia would complain. Some African countries would complain as well. Asia probably wouldn't like it either.



OR...imagine the USA decided to use wheat as a weapon to eliminate world starvation by giving it away, or heavily subsidizing it, into Africa. Russia would complain. Africa would grudgingly be better fed. Existing USA wheat customers would complain, but **if the cause was worth the cost, it could happen.**

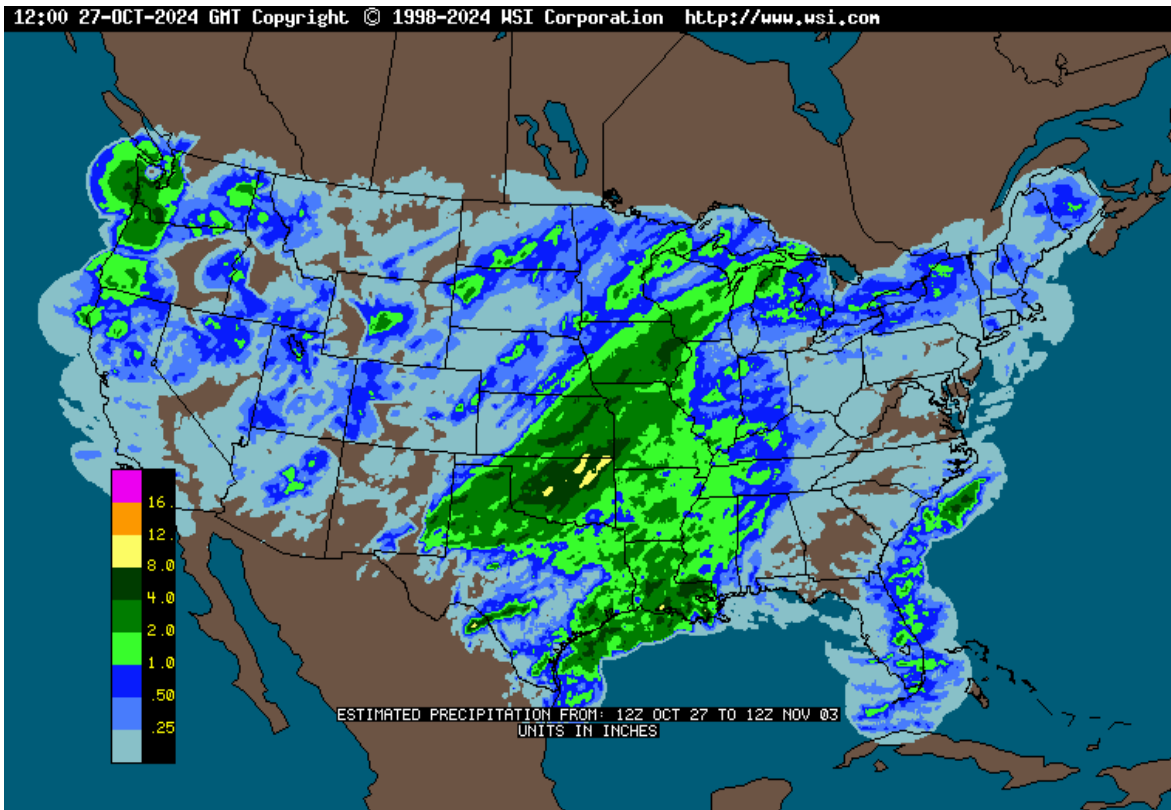
However, more than likely, neither happens.

If so, it's all about the weather. And in that regards...

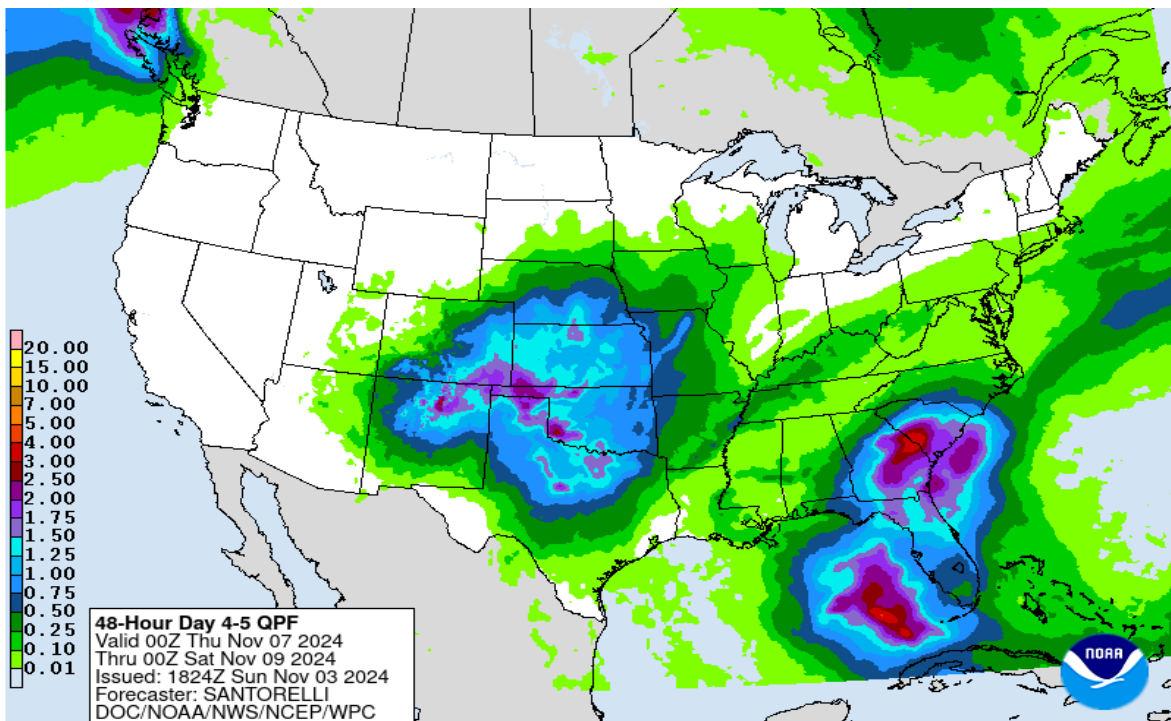
Things look "not as dry", certainly over here in the Great Plains.

Last week's precipitation says "**the wheat around Wichita, KS, in the largest counties of Kansas HRW wheat production...IS MADE.** Oklahoma too, and much of TX. There will indeed be a USA HRW crop next year.

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And this forecast map for next Thursday, Friday, Saturday...says there's a good chance the driest areas that were missed will get wet!



Much of this was known last week, so thus we get closing markets showing slightly weaker KC wheat (and Minny too) but not much change in Chgo wheat, corn, or deferred beans:

	KC DEC HRW	JULY '25	Dec CORN	July CORN	Chgo Z wheat	Springs DEC (Z)	NOV'24 BEANS	July BEANS	Crude oil	S&P (Z)
<i>CLOSE</i>	KWZ24	KWN25	CZ24	CN25	WZ24	MWZ24	SX24	SN25	CRD24	ES24
11/01	\$5.67	\$6.00	\$4.15	\$4.42	\$5.68	\$6.00	\$9.83	\$10.38	\$69.49	\$5758
10/25	\$5.72	\$6.04	\$4.15	\$4.42	\$5.69	\$6.05	\$9.88	\$10.36	\$71.78	\$5846
10/18	\$5.81	\$6.13	\$4.05	\$4.31	\$5.73	\$6.17	\$9.70	\$10.23	\$69.22	\$5906
10/11	\$6.05	\$6.39	\$4.16	\$4.48	\$5.99	\$6.44	\$10.06	\$10.61	\$75.56	\$5860
10/04	\$5.98	\$6.32	\$4.25	\$4.55	\$5.90	\$6.39	\$10.38	\$10.96	\$74.38	\$5800
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

It's more than a little amazing KC wheat is only down a few cents when the maps so this wet, and corn can't move a penny.

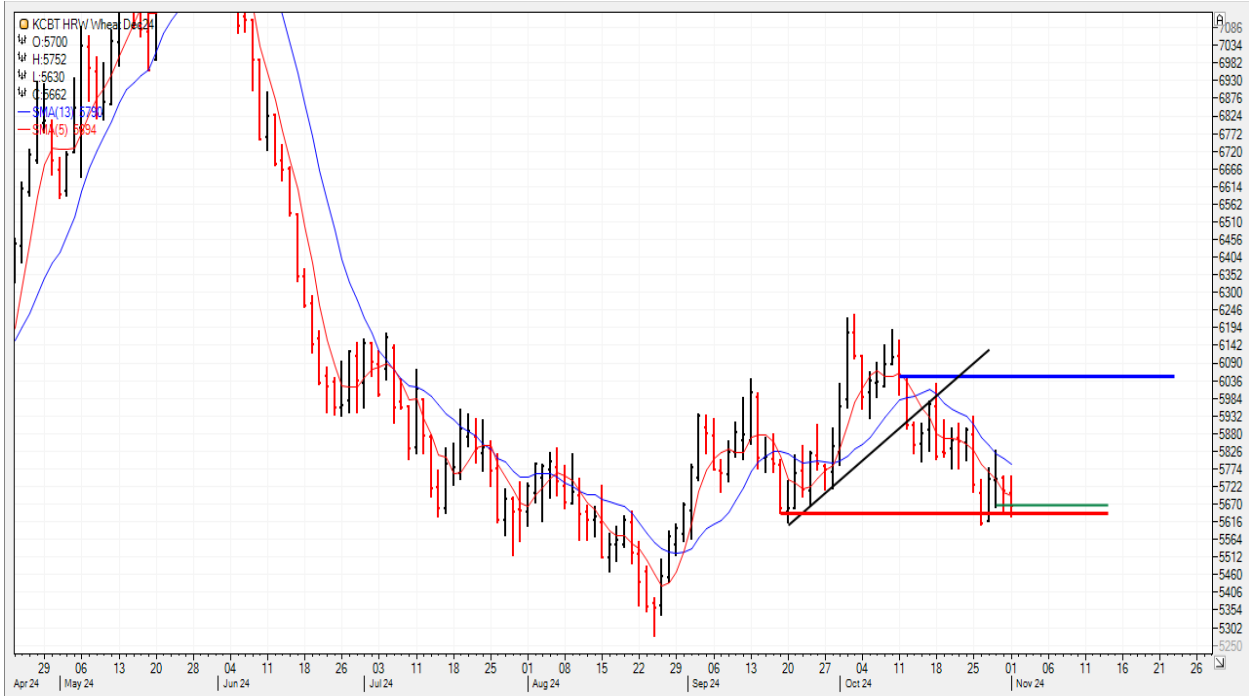
Which tells me...the markets are about as ready for the big US Election THIS Tuesday as they're going to get.

So...I think we can wrap it up, and wait this one out, because that's what everyone else in probably the entire world is doing too.

The "Selzer" poll seems to be predicting Harris to win, in a landslide. I think it will be an interesting week.

<https://www.economist.com/united-states/2024/11/03/a-much-watched-poll-from-iowa-points-to-a-harris-landslide>

KC Dec, set a new 4-week Closing Low, again, and importantly, the Red Line (11-week Closing Low) is moving way up to \$9.64, from the 09/20 close, so...KC wheat needs to hold NOW...as a new lower Red Line will bring in new selling, etc. Last week I put in a sell-stop on my remaining old-crop unsold wheat on a weekly close below \$5.64, and I am not changing it.



I've sold 25% on next year's wheat, and probably will have to sell another 25% soon.

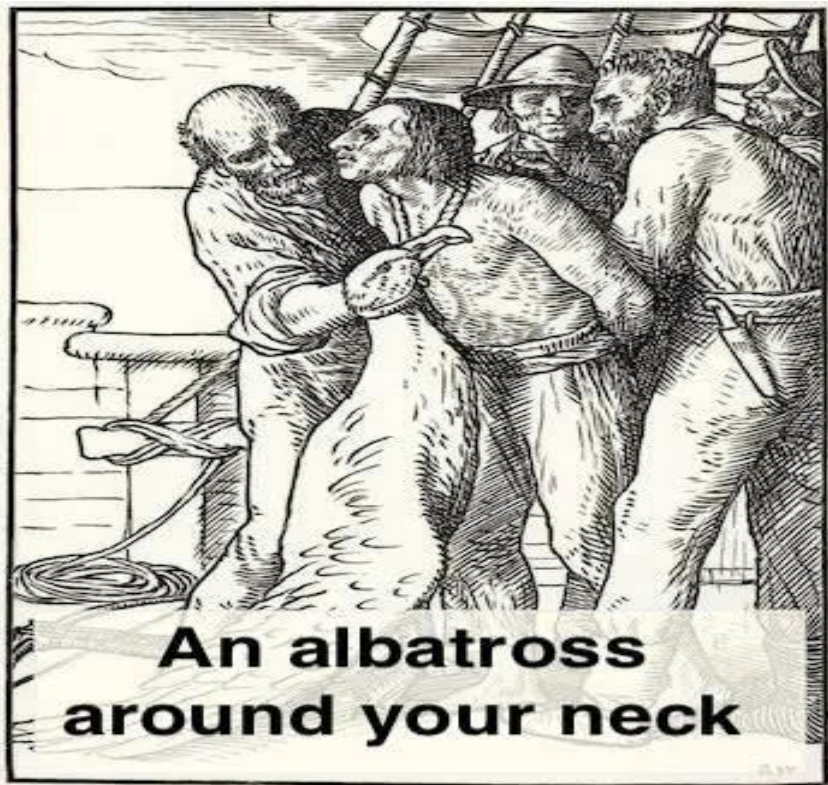
I'm 65% sold on this year's corn crop. The corn market is going sideways right now, although the Red Line moves up this week to \$4.01.



And Nov beans should be switched to the Jan, so instead we'll look at a July bean chart, which is also going sideways, having absorbed some kinda scattered moisture in Brazil, but clearly waiting for this election to be done.



The thought of Trump tariffs is an albatross tied to the neck of the Ancient Soybean Exporter.



When the election is over, maybe we can dig further into soybean oil, and canola, and Indonesian palm oil and imported Chinese used cooking oil...what a complex matrix all that is!

KC wheat was weaker than Euronext last week, but basically wheat hasn't moved in 3 months:

8/2/2024	8/9/2024	8/16/2024	8/23/2024	8/30/2024	9/13/2024	9/27/2024	10/11/2024	10/18/2024	10/25/2024	11/1/2024	
\$ 219.50	\$ 217.00	\$ 205.25	\$ 194.50	\$ 218.75	\$ 224.50	\$ 216.25	\$ 229.25	\$ 226.75	\$ 216.50	\$ 216.75	matif
\$ 205.67	\$ 203.56	\$ 198.33	\$ 191.07	\$ 212.20	\$ 220.46	\$ 207.24	\$ 222.12	\$ 213.39	\$ 210.18	\$ 208.34	KC
\$ 13.83	\$ 13.44	\$ 6.92	\$ 3.43	\$ 6.55	\$ 4.04	\$ 9.01	\$ 7.13	\$ 13.36	\$ 6.32	\$ 8.41	diff

The Gulf to-arrive bids are showing a 20c pop! BUT I THINK THIS IS WRONG. We'll see today.

GULF date	12 pro	11's	diff
11/1/2024	125	120	5
10/25/2024	105	100	5
10/18/2024	105	100	5
10/11/2024	105	100	5
10/4/2024	105	100	5

The country shows a couple spots up a nick or a dime, and a big terminal down almost a nick...:

Date	SE Colorado	Chey. Wells	Burlington	Holyoke area	Roggen area
11/01	\$4.92-\$5.07	\$4.77	\$4.77-\$4.77	\$4.62-\$4.72	\$5.02-\$5.52
10/25	\$4.92-\$5.07	\$4.77	\$4.77-\$4.77	\$4.62-\$4.72	\$5.02-\$5.52
10/18	\$5.01-\$5.16	\$4.86	\$4.86-\$4.86	\$4.71-\$4.81	\$5.11-\$5.61
10/11	\$5.25-\$5.40	\$5.10	\$5.10-\$5.10	\$4.95-\$5.05	\$5.35-\$5.85
BASIS	SE Colorado	Chey. Wells	Burlington	Holyoke	Roggen area
11/01(Z)	-80, -60	-95	-95, -95	-110, -100	-60, -20
10/25(Z)	-80, -65	-95	-95, -95	-110, -100	-70, -20
10/18(Z)	-80, -65	-95	-95, -95	-110, -100	-70, -20
10/11(Z)	-80, -65	-95	-95, -95	-110, -100	-70, -20
Date	Concordia	Salina	Hutch/Wichita	Ark City	
11/01(Z)	-50	-30, -25	-39, -10	-50	
10/25(Z)	-50	-30, -25	-35, -06	-50	
10/18(Z)	-50	-30, -25	-35, -06	-50	
10/11(Z)	-50	-30, -25	-40, -10	-50	

The Export pace is great ...for soybeans. And export Sales are great...for soybeans.

Everything else...is not good, starting to lag. So far, China remains absent from USA corn or wheat markets, and shows up 2 out of 5 weeks for milo.

WEEK ENDED (10/24/24)	Weekly loadings	Accumulated in season (FGIS)	Estimated fudge factor	Total loaded est*	USDA projection	Amount needed	Weeks to go	Bu per week needed
Corn	32.4	260.6	243	504	2,325	1821	44	41.4
Soybeans	88.0	382.3	52	434	1,850	1416	44	32.2
All wheat	9.1	349.4	19	368	825	457	31	14.7
Milo	0.1	18.5	5	24	220	196	44	4.5
LAST update								
Corn	39.4	228.1	243	471	2,325	1854	45	41.2
Soybeans	89.4	290.1	52	342	1,850	1508	45	33.5
All wheat	9.9	340.3	19	359	825	466	32	14.6
Milo	1.9	18.2	5	23	220	197	45	4.4

World news is...waiting and watching us.

Australia has a minor port strike...<https://www.reuters.com/markets/commodities/grain-handlers-go-strike-australian-exporter-graincorp-2024-10-29/>

Reuters says Russia's wheat export market pronouncements are causing confusion...
<https://www.reuters.com/markets/commodities/russias-tacit-grain-export-curbs-cause-market-confusion-2024-10-31/>

Some Indian wheat farmers can't get any fertilizer: <https://www.msn.com/en-in/news/India/haryana-grapples-with-acute-dap-fertiliser-shortage-deploys-police/ar-AA1tcJxd?ocid=BingNewsSerp>

China isn't buying much Canadian wheat either: <https://www.producer.com/news/china-significantly-reduces-its-wheat-purchases/>

OK, let's watch! I think markets will initially gyrate wildly, and then...I assume settle down, and back to "normal". But...who knows. Anyway, I have sell-stops in place on old-crop wheat and some soybeans.

I hope we get the rains.

Have a good week. Stay Safe. SLOW DOWN.