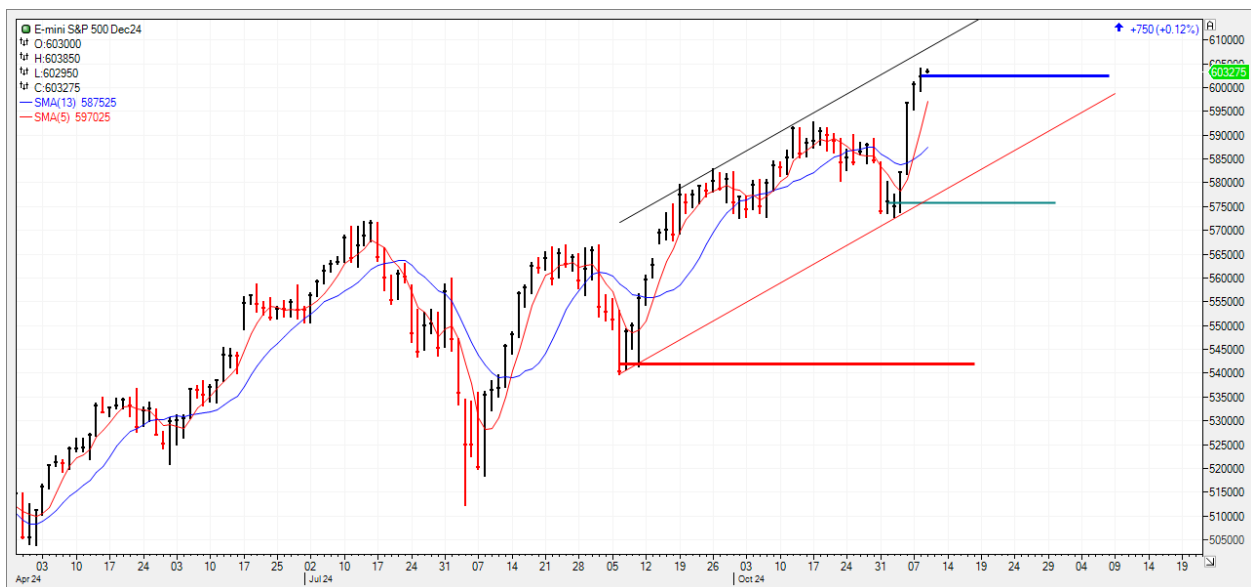


Hello Colorado Wheat.

Last week we saw 3 notable events: the November WASDE update, the Fed lowering interest rates ¼ point, and...the national Election of Donald Trump, Round 2. More than anything else, Big Money viewed the Election as a **Reduction of the Unknown**, and that...was viewed as bullish. Uncertainty is not what Big Money likes. USA business thinks they know how Trump's first session transpired, and feel they have a better handle on Supply Chain management this go round.

Here's a chart of the E Mini S& P 500 futures contract, showing an **up trending channel**, with a new Blue Line at 6025. QT's Market Center Price Counts Up would give us a First-Tier target at 6225, and the Second-Tier target at 6461.

The previous week's (11/01) close is the 4-week Closing Low at 5758, which would negate the Price Count Up, and the red line is at 5420 from 09/06, which would cause selling and probably turmoil.



Someone asked me how I could have missed calling the Election so badly, especially after I ran that story last week about The Selzer Poll, who was never wrong, until NOW. This story says someone won \$50 million, or possibly \$85 million!! on election betting sites <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/politics/the-trump-whale-won-almost-50-million-betting-on-another-donald-trump-presidency-heres-how-he-did-it/ar-AA1tGP9D?ocid=BingNewsSerp> and apparently the “Whale” paid for his own pollsters and used “**The Neighbor Effect**” polling method, where **instead of asking someone how they voted, they ask how their neighbors voted**, which seems brilliant to me. The method assumes people might lie how they voted but will NOT lie about how they think their neighbors voted.

Hah!! Maybe the USDA should try that when they're doing their next poll for the Grain Stocks.

*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***

Anyway...we'll see how all that plays out.

The November WASDE had some surprises of its own, as USA soybean yields dropped much more than expected due to too dry finishing weather, and corn set a new Blue number on continued big Export Sales.

	KC DEC HRW	July 25 HRW	Dec CORN	July 25 CORN	Chgo Z wheat	Springs DEC (Z)	JAN'25 BEANS	July BEANS	Crude oil	S&P (Z)
CLOSE	KWZ24	KWN25	CZ24	CN25	WZ24	MWZ24	SF25	SN25	CRD24	ES24
11/08	\$5.64	\$5.96	\$4.31	\$4.55	\$5.73	\$5.98	\$10.30	\$10.68	\$70.38	\$6025
11/01	\$5.67	\$6.00	\$4.15	\$4.42	\$5.68	\$6.00	\$9.94	\$10.38	\$69.49	\$5758
10/25	\$5.72	\$6.04	\$4.15	\$4.42	\$5.69	\$6.05	\$9.98	\$10.36	\$71.78	\$5846
10/18	\$5.81	\$6.13	\$4.05	\$4.31	\$5.73	\$6.17	\$9.83	\$10.23	\$69.22	\$5906
10/11	\$6.05	\$6.39	\$4.16	\$4.48	\$5.99	\$6.44	\$10.21	\$10.61	\$75.56	\$5860
10/04	\$5.98	\$6.32	\$4.25	\$4.55	\$5.90	\$6.39	\$10.56	\$10.96	\$74.38	\$5800
09/27	\$5.77	\$6.07	\$4.18	\$4.51	\$5.80	\$6.08	\$10.83	\$11.16	\$68.18	\$5791
09/20	\$5.64	\$5.90	\$4.02	\$4.38	\$5.69	\$6.08	\$10.30	\$10.68	\$71.00	\$5762
09/13	\$6.00	\$6.23	\$4.13	\$4.48	\$5.95	\$6.36	\$10.25	\$10.58	\$68.65	\$5630
09/06	\$5.78	\$6.01	\$4.06	\$4.42	\$5.67	\$6.14	\$10.23	\$10.59	\$67.67	\$5420
08/30	\$5.65	\$5.88	\$4.01	\$4.34	\$5.52	\$6.01	\$10.17	\$10.55	\$73.55	\$5661

Wheat, on the other hand...is struggling to stay above water. Minny spring wheat set a new Red number (barely) and KC Z wheat ALMOST did, closing right on the Red number...and as USA wheat (KC Dec) and European wheat futures are moving in lockstep, as this table shows:

8/30/2024	9/13/2024	9/27/2024	10/11/2024	10/25/2024	11/8/2024	
\$ 218.75	\$ 224.50	\$ 216.25	\$ 229.25	\$ 216.50	\$ 215.25	matif
\$ 212.20	\$ 220.46	\$ 207.24	\$ 222.12	\$ 210.18	\$ 207.33	KC
\$ 6.55	\$ 4.04	\$ 9.01	\$ 7.13	\$ 6.32	\$ 7.92	diff

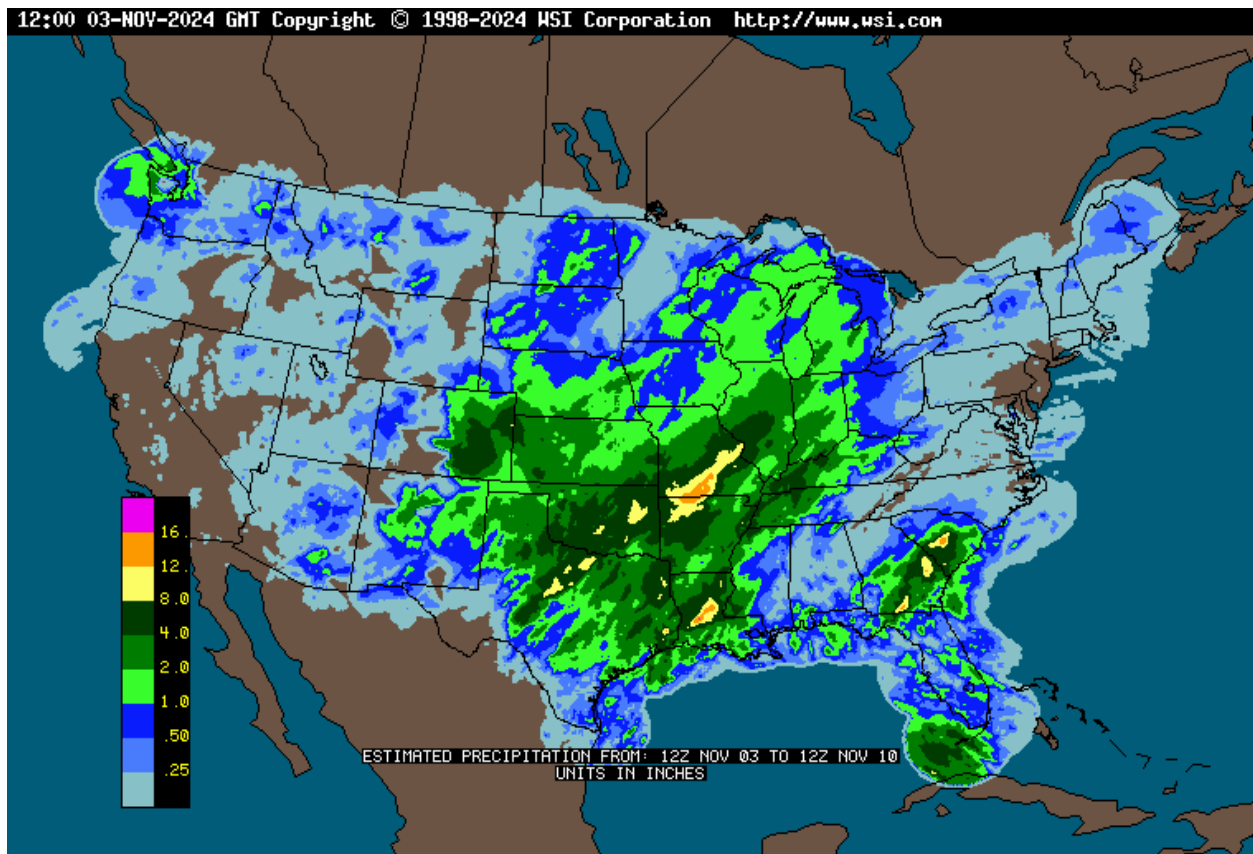
I think it's fair to say wheat everywhere feels heavy.

Why?

Changes to the World Wheat numbers on the November WASDE were NET minimal, with European, Argentinian and Russian wheat production dropping .5 mmt, yet Kazakhstan's production estimate was raised 2 mmt.

And on the demand side...**Chinese wheat imports were lowered a half million tonnes**, which is not psychologically friendly.

And...the USA Great Plains got a real rain. Almost everybody got at least an inch, and some places got 4 inches!



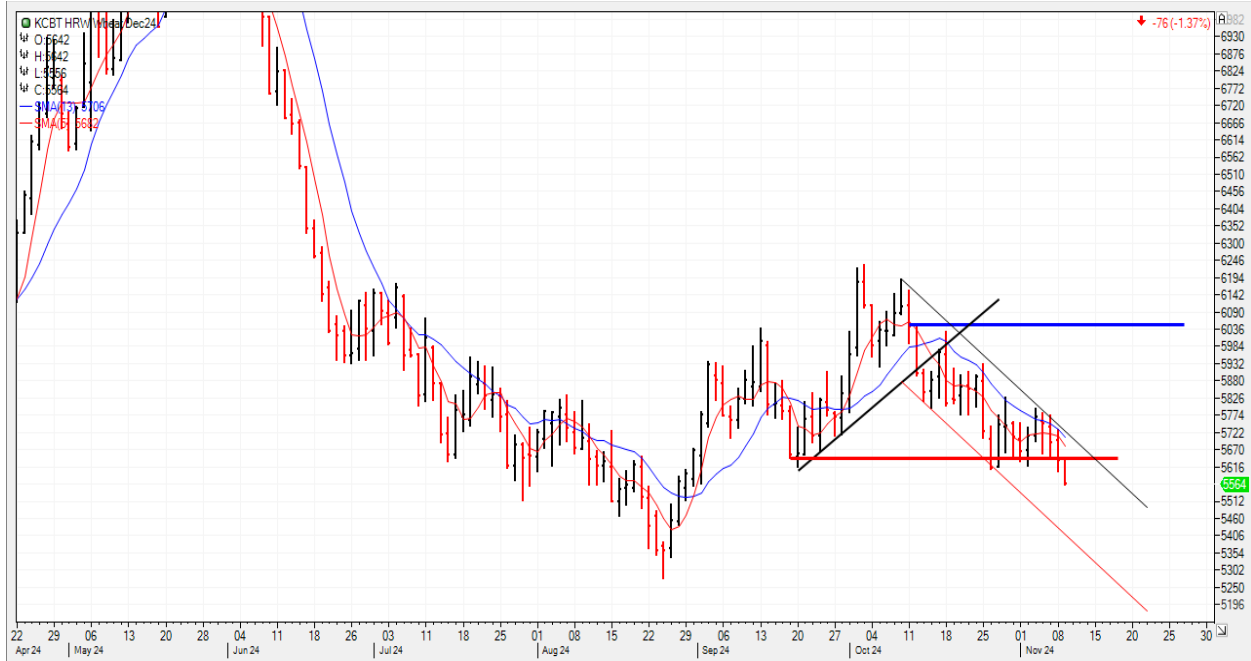
This week will revert to much drier, but I assume the newly planted winter wheat is now in much better shape heading into winter.

Besides the tiny changes to the world wheat outlook, the USA wheat picture didn't change much either. Spring wheat imports were increased 5 mil bu, but total wheat food usage went up 2 mil bu, so the net change was a 3 mil bu increase to carryout. No biggie, although...we see the USDA dropped their National Average farm price a dime to \$5.60. One other change to the US wheat S&D was durum exports dropped 5 million bu, but soft red gained 5 mil bu; net effect was 0.

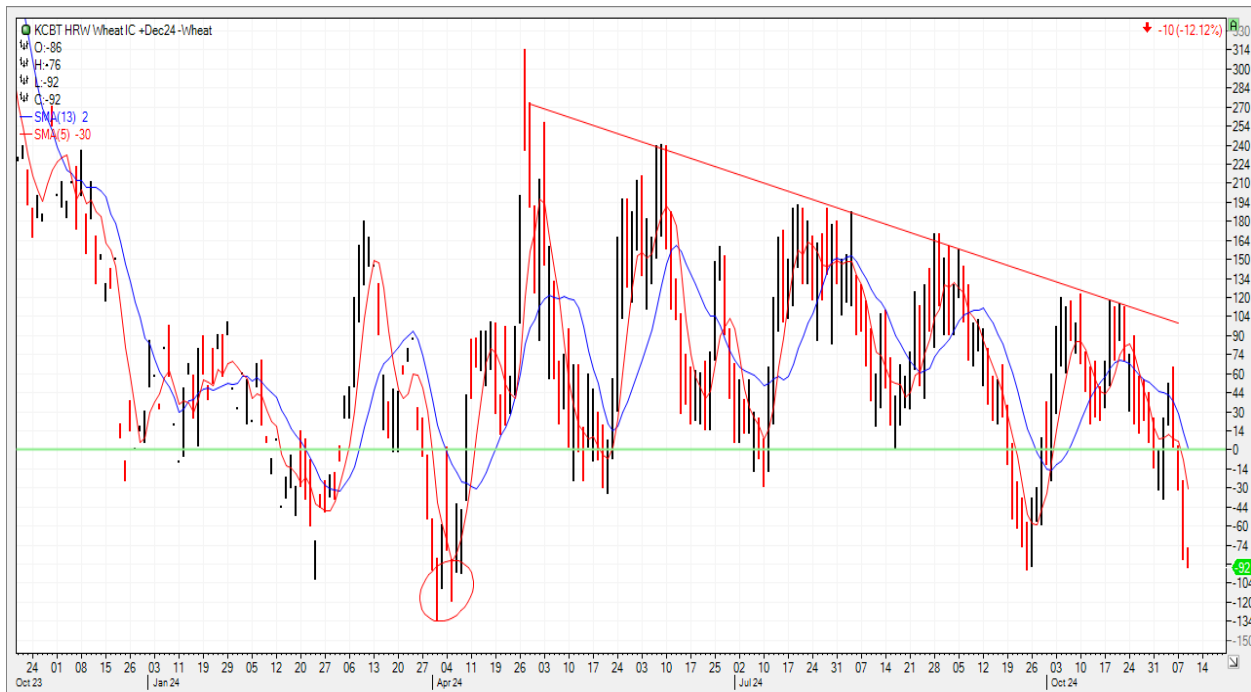
When The Hollies sang "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother" in 1969, they were NOT singing about wheat.

Because this old-crop KC Dec (Z) wheat chart is heavy, fighting to stay afloat, and early Sunday night action suggests this week might be the week it slips under the waves...in fact, we might have to cue up Celine Dion's "My Heart Will Go On" from the 1997 Titanic movie...

KC Z here, thinking about taking out that Red line, and maybe eyeballing the late August spike lows...another 35 to 40c lower. My sell-stop of my remaining old-crop wheat is in play. All it takes is a weekly close below \$5.64. I'm not selling it yet, as there's still a lot of time between now and Friday, **but this does not look promising.**



That little WASDE increase to Soft Red exports pushed KC to losing more ground to Chgo wheat. This spread chart shows KC testing the old support areas...



Heavy...like Fat Albert.

Gulf bids are unchanged but will take more than an “unchanged basis bid” to stop the futures decline.

GULF date	12 pro	11's	diff
11/8/2024	125	120	5
11/1/2024	125	120	5
10/25/2024	105	100	5
10/18/2024	105	100	5
10/11/2024	105	100	5

Posted basis bids in the country didn't change either.

Date	SE Colorado	Chey. Wells	Burlington	Holyoke area	Roggen area
11/08	\$4.84-\$5.04	\$4.69	\$4.68-\$4.69	\$4.54-\$4.64	\$5.04-\$5.44
11/01	\$4.87-\$5.07	\$4.72	\$4.72-\$4.72	\$4.57-\$4.67	\$5.07-\$5.47
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
11/08(Z)	-80, -60	-95	-95, -95	-110, -100	-60, -20
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	
11/08(Z)	-50	-30, -25	-39, -10	-50	
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 updated Export pace scorecard shows wheat plodding along, slowly losing ground against what's needed to hit the unchanged export target of 825 mil bu. Wheat export sales last week were 13.8 mil bu, which is about a million bu less than needed.

WEEK ENDED (10/31/24)	Weekly loadings	Accumulated in season (FGIS)	Estimated fudge factor	Total loaded est*	USDA projection	Amount needed	Weeks to go	Bu per week needed
Corn	30.7	292.2	243	535	2,325	1790	43	41.6
Soybeans	79.3	470.3	52	522	1,825	1303	43	30.3
All wheat	7.1	358.3	19	377	825	448	30	14.9
Milo	2.6	21.2	5	24	220	196	43	4.5
LAST update								
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

Corn had a slow week of loadings, but another good week of export Sales (109 mil bu). The USDA did not change their USA corn export forecast. We haven't seen big USA corn sales to China this year, and as the USDA dropped their Chinese corn import forecast by 3 million tonnes, we might not see them for a while.

Soybeans...on the other hand, had another great week of loadings, AND another great week of export Sales, at almost 75 mil bu, YET the USDA dropped their USA soybean export forecast by 25 mil bu! The USDA must expect USA soybean exports to come to a complete stop in late April, early May.

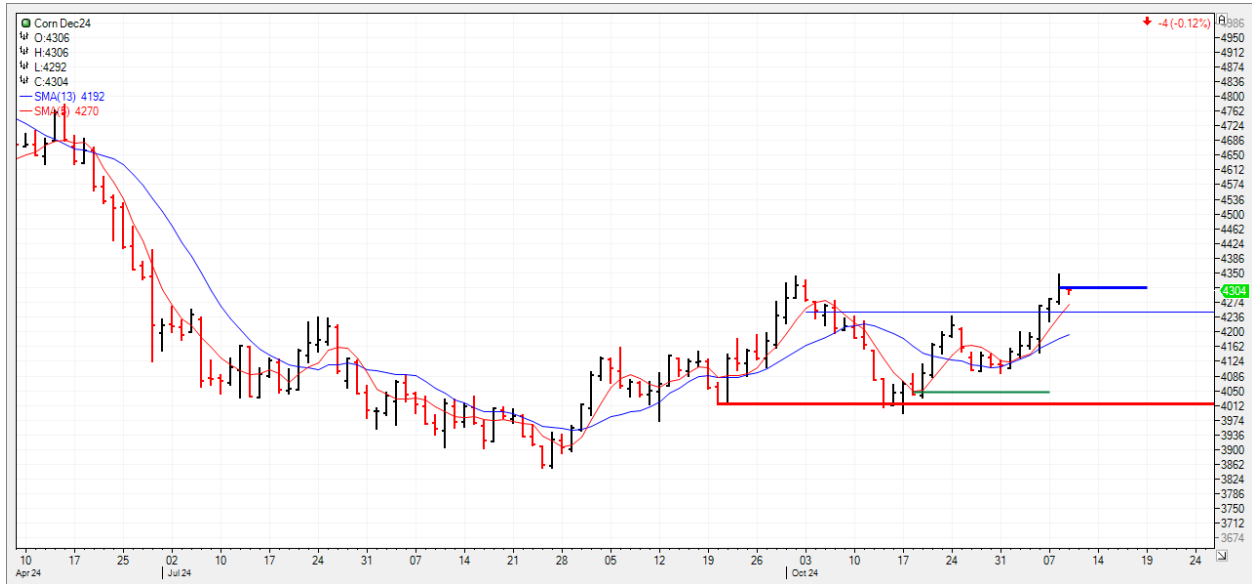
Besides those changes, the November WASDE did make changes to the USA production estimates for corn, which dropped 60 million bu on a .7 (7/10) bu/ac yield reduction, and soybeans lost 121 million bu on a 1.4 bu/ac yield decline.

Soybeans also saw a 15 mil bu drop in domestic crushing consumption, whereas corn had no changes to their demand side.

Somewhat inexplicably, the USA corn stox/usage ratio tightened almost half a point, yet the USDA did not change the NAFP for corn (unchanged at \$4.10/bu) and worse, the soybean ending stox/use ratio tightened 1.7% (almost 2 points!) and there too, the USDA did not change their NAFP estimate.

We'll cut the USDA some slack and say they're really not sure how Trump ag policies will proceed. In that regard, I don't think anyone knows.

The updated Dec corn chart shows a new Blue Line, and the moving averages look constructive...



But I wish China would show up as a buyer. Anyway, I'm putting in a sell order on my remaining 35% of my corn crop at \$4.50.

And soybeans, after the big production reduction surprise, but a drop in domestic demand and a drop in export demand...shows Jan beans almost half way between their Blue line of \$10.83, and Red line of \$9.83:



I've only sold 25% of my soybeans. I put in a sell 25% more at a \$10.82 target.

So this week I put in a couple of sell targets, for corn and beans, hoping the recent rally continues, while for wheat, I'm fairly certain I'll be selling the last of this year's crop sometime this week.

World news...is mainly fixated on guessing what Trump will do. I already said I don't think anyone really knows anything about that.

This story says Russian wheat policies allowed Ukraine to get a big chunk sold to Egypt last week and says Romania still has plenty to sell <https://www.msn.com/en-gb/money/other/russia-s-grain-policies-help-ukraine-secure-sales/ar-AA1tCbol>

We noticed the November WASDE update reduced Kazakhstan's wheat exports by .5 mmt, even though their production went up 2 mmt, and this story says the Kazahks are blaming Russia <https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/markets/kazakhstan-wheat-exports-experience-a-big-dip/ar-AA1t9glK>

Here's a story about Canada being the world's third largest wheat exporter...<https://financialpost.com/commodities/agriculture/canada-third-largest-wheat-exporter-24-25-crop-year>

India continues to struggle with fertilizer availability, and their official wheat sowing season will end on Nov. 25...<https://www.msn.com/en-in/news/India/haryana-wheat-sowing-delayed-amid-dap-shortage-rue-farmers/ar-AA1tQNTL?ocid=BingNewsSerp>

and they are struggling with inflation, and are increasing the supply of subsidized wheat flour <http://www.msn.com/en-in/money/other/govt-takes-big-steps-to-control-prices-of-rice-wheat-launches-phase-2-of-subsidised-bharat-atta-rice/ar-AA1twTfY?ocid=BingNewsSerp> which to me means they have potential issues with both supply and demand. There is a possibility this thing gets away from them, and if so, MIGHT possibly maybe potentially ...be what turns the world wheat market around. A LOT depends on India's next wheat season. I've sold 25% of next year's wheat, and am sitting (even though I don't think highly of my prospects right now, but if India gets in big trouble, maybe I'll luck out).

Have a good week. Stay Safe.

Slow Down.