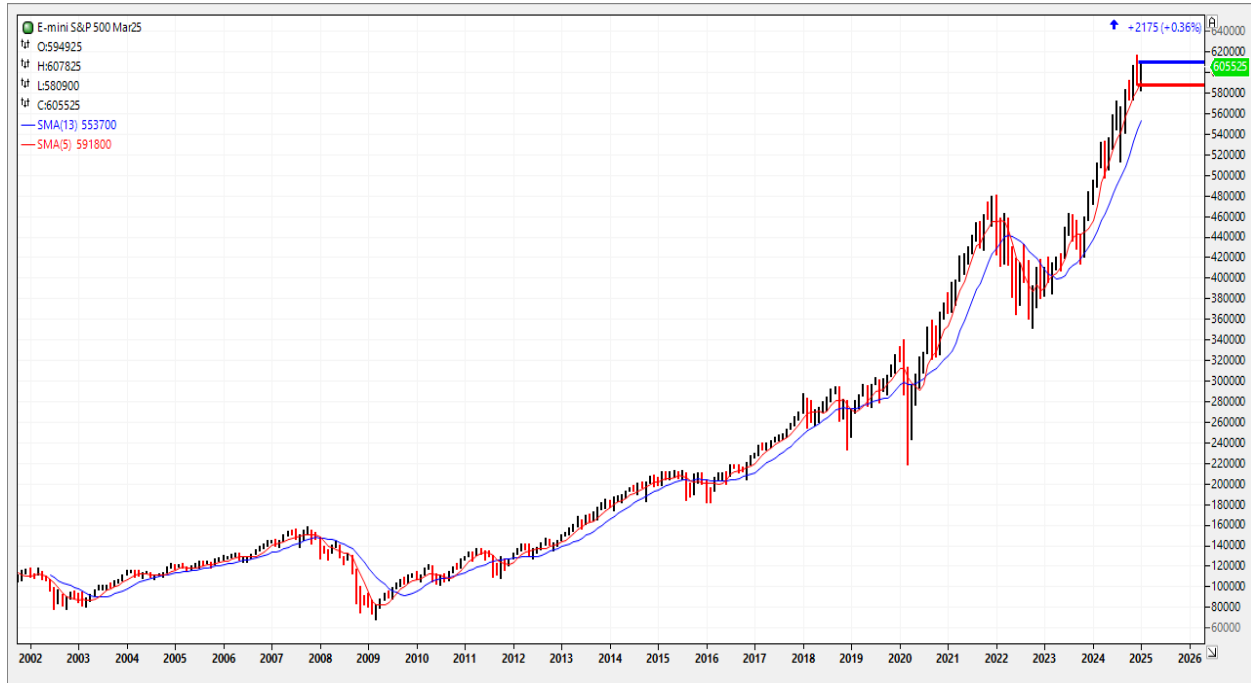


Hello Colorado Wheat.

For the record, I see Microsoft's Word has a new clickable button that could write this wire using AI. I haven't taken the Red Pill yet, but one of these days ...

I suspect the United States is about to live with a Red Pill.

Who knows? Things might be ok. This long-term monthly E mini futures chart which mirrors the S&P 500 Index suggests a positive long-term view is still the dominant trend.



**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**

Corn (and crude oil) continued leading the markets last week. Both commodities posted a new Blue line, and as corn's was a Third Blue Line, we should believe Funds are long corn, and will add to that long position on further new Blue lines (new 11-week Closing Highs.)

	KC MAR HRW	DEC 25 HRW	March CORN	DEC 25 CORN	Chgo H wheat	Springs MAR (H)	MAR'25 BEANS	NOV BEANS	Crude oil	S&P (H)
CLOSE	KWH25	KWZ25	CH25	CZ25	WH25	MWH25	SH25	SX25	CRD24	ES24
01/17	\$5.49	\$5.97	\$4.84	\$4.56	\$5.39	\$5.84	\$10.34	\$10.28	\$77.39	\$6034
01/10	\$5.52	\$5.99	\$4.71	\$4.51	\$5.31	\$5.84	\$10.25	\$10.31	\$75.71	\$5866
01/03	\$5.39	\$5.86	\$4.51	\$4.41	\$5.29	\$5.78	\$9.92	\$10.08	\$73.96	\$5990
12/27	\$5.55	\$6.00	\$4.54	\$4.41	\$5.47	\$5.95	\$9.90	\$10.05	\$70.60	\$6027
12/20	\$5.45	\$5.90	\$4.46	\$4.38	\$5.33	\$5.90	\$9.79	\$9.87	\$69.46	\$6002
12/13	\$5.57	\$6.01	\$4.42	\$4.39	\$5.52	\$5.99	\$9.95	\$10.06	\$71.09	\$6056
12/06	\$5.54	\$5.97	\$4.40	\$4.37	\$5.57	\$5.97	\$9.99	\$10.05	\$67.20	\$6099
11/29	\$5.41	\$5.86	\$4.33	\$4.32	\$5.48	\$5.92	\$9.96	\$10.11	\$68.00	\$6052
11/22	\$5.66	\$6.08	\$4.35	\$4.36	\$5.65	\$6.01	\$9.92	\$10.09	\$71.27	\$5987
11/15	\$5.52	\$5.98	\$4.35	\$4.40	\$5.54	\$5.91	\$10.09	\$10.20	\$67.02	\$5897
11/08	\$5.78	\$6.23	\$4.44	\$4.49	\$5.88	\$6.17	\$10.44	\$10.53	\$70.38	\$6025

And due to some dates rolling off the table, last week's March soybean close will in effect become a new Blue number, which if repeated, would bring in more Fund buying to beans.

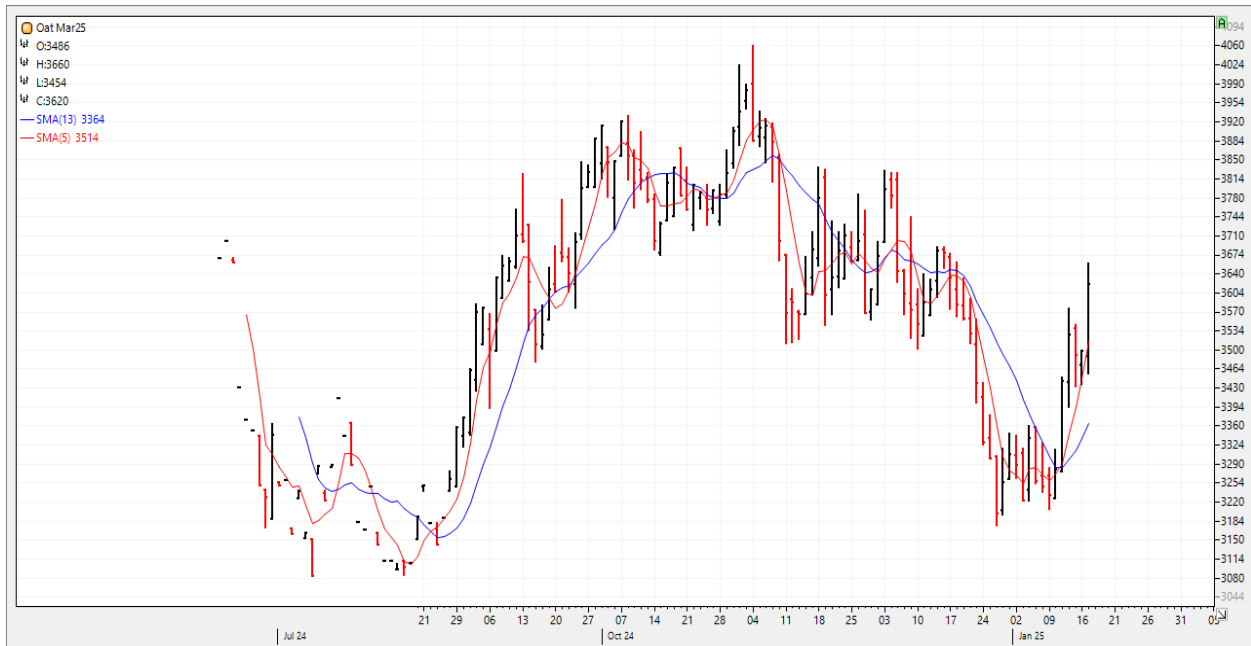
Wheat isn't quite ready to join the Corn Party but is certainly unable to ignore it either.

Last week, Alberta's Provincial Premier (I think that's similar to a State Governor in the States) said after meeting with Trump, she fully expects tariffs on Canada's exports to the USA with no exceptions ... <https://www.marketwatch.com/story/alberta-premier-says-brace-for-trump-tariffs-with-no-exemption-for-canadian-energy-update-70760709>

That could have contributed to crude oil's continuing rally last week. The Grain markets heard it too. One way we know that is looking at the daily March oat chart, which was up 34c /bu last week (more than 10%).

Yet...early Monday nite action shows some possible hesitancy as the WSJ, according to Reuters...said Trump will not impose these expected new tariffs "on his first day"  
<https://www.reuters.com/world/trump-lay-out-trade-vision-wont-impose-new-tariffs-yet-wsj-reports-2025-01-20/>

Who knows? ...this is March oats after Monday nite's open, hanging in there:



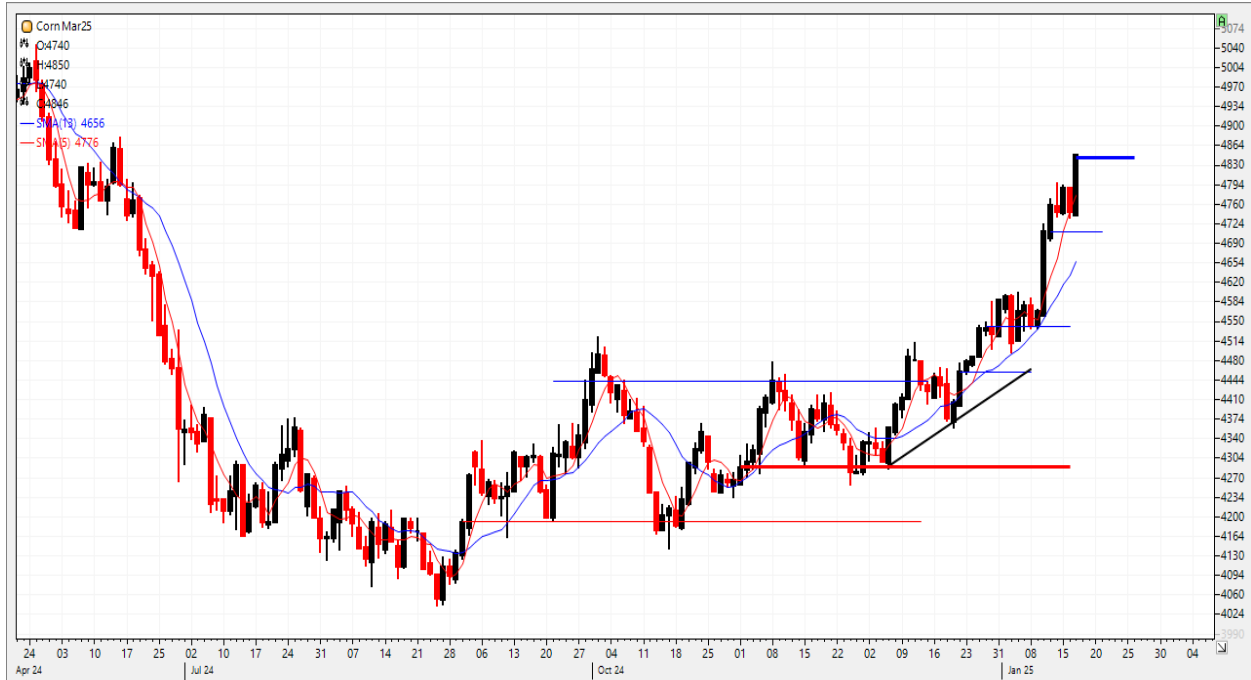
Another way we see potential tariff impacts is in the CME's Dollar - Euro FX, which was open Monday, shown bouncing up into previous resistance. (Keep in mind a weaker dollar would go up on this chart, so I think the immediate tariff threat has eased, and I'm assuming tariffs would correlate with a stronger dollar.)



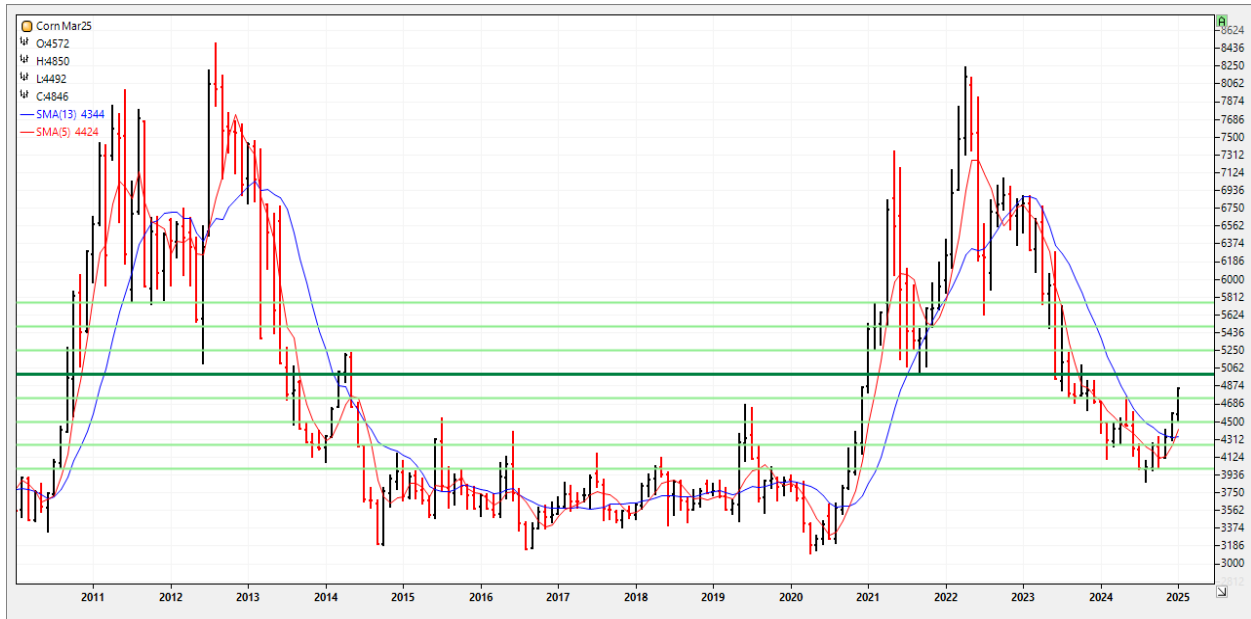
How “Drill Baby Drill” and \$80 crude go together remains to be seen...

What does this mean for corn, if anything? Maybe not much.

This is March corn, showing a set of Cascading Blue lines!



If I was a producer with unsold corn, I'd probably keep those “imaginary parallel lines every 25c apart” in mind, and have a price target “in the market” at \$5.00 (\$4.99 would be pretty good), and while I'm at it, have one in there at \$5.25 as well:



Corn export loadings rebounded strongly last week. Last week's not quite 57 mil bu were the most loaded is marketing year. And 40 million bu were sold, which is a little light of what's needed, but more than twice the amount sold in the previous week. This week's (every week's) corn export sales will be important.

Soybean loadings were good, and 20 mil bu export sales were a little more than needed.

Wheat wasn't bad; sales of 19 mil bu and some updated math helped their picture.

WEEK ENDED (01/09/24)	Weekly loadings	Accumulated in season (FGIS)	Estimated fudge factor	Total loaded est*	USDA projection	Amount needed	Weeks to go	Bu per week needed
Corn	56.7	<b>697.1</b>	243	<b>940</b>	<b>2,450</b>	1510	<b>34</b>	<b>44.4</b>
Soybeans	49.6	<b>1150.7</b>	52	<b>1203</b>	1,825	622	<b>34</b>	<b>18.3</b>
All wheat	10.6	<b>477.9</b>	19	<b>497</b>	850	353	<b>21</b>	<b>16.8</b>
Milo	0.03	<b>54.0</b>	5	<b>59</b>	220	161	<b>34</b>	<b>4.7</b>
LAST update								
Corn	34.6	<b>604.7</b>	243	<b>848</b>	<b>2,475</b>	1627	35	<b>46.5</b>
Soybeans	57.7	<b>1050.7</b>	52	<b>1103</b>	1,825	722	35	<b>20.6</b>
All wheat	12.4	<b>451.3</b>	19	<b>470</b>	<b>850</b>	380	22	<b>17.3</b>
Milo	0.5	<b>53.9</b>	5	<b>59</b>	220	161	35	<b>4.6</b>

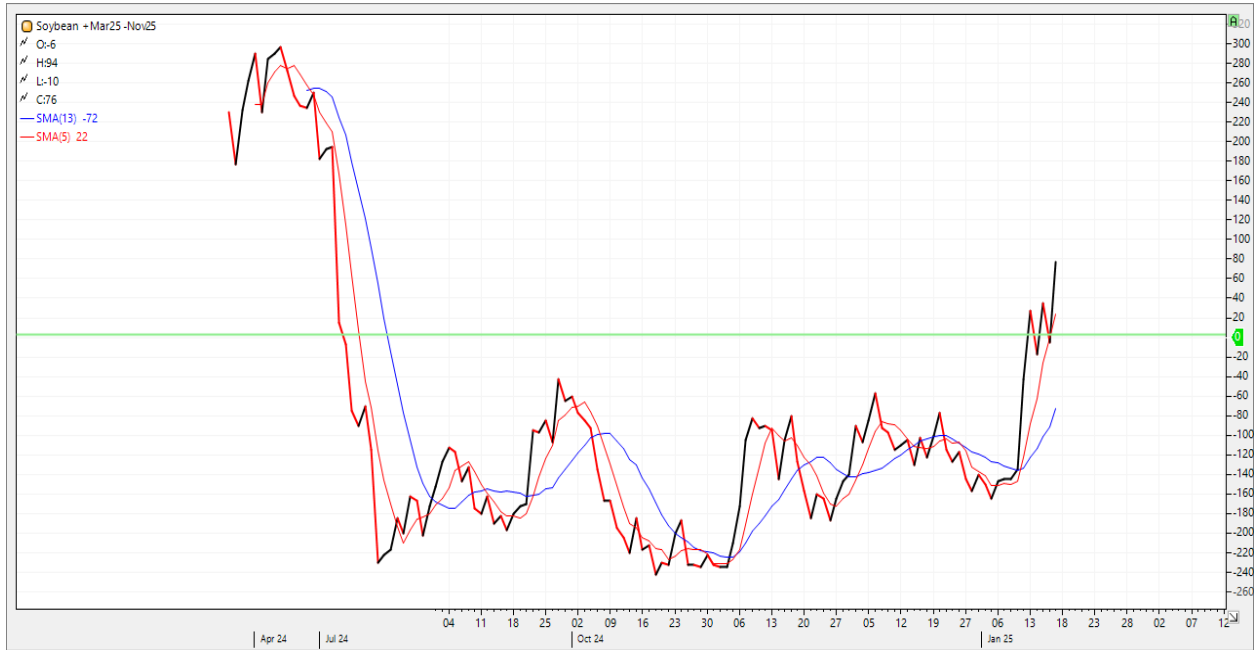
March soybeans with the new Blue line; should be an important week for soybeans.



I still have some unsold soybeans, and have had resting, unfilled "sell" paper in at \$10.82 on 25% of my production. I'm thinking I sold the last of my corn too cheap, and would like to do better on these beans, so...I'm moving that sell target up to \$11.02.

I still think the South American weather and crops will be huge, **but as mentioned, the USA soybean export situation hasn't died off yet.**

Thus we're looking at an inverted March-November (old-crop/new-crop) calendar spread:



KC wheat hasn't done much lately, other than lose ground quicker against corn; KC H - H corn:



The average posted wheat bid in Colorado is down to \$4.64, now 45c/bu below the best posted corn bid (+25 March corn = \$5.09/bu):

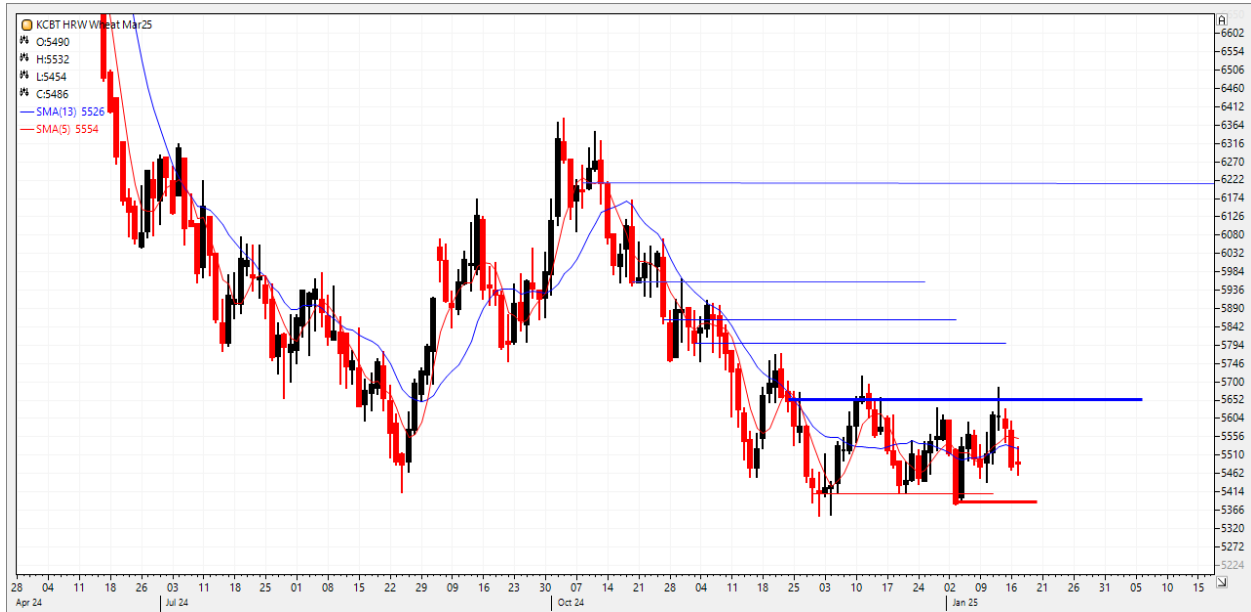
Date	SE Colorado	Chey. Wells	Burlington	Holyoke area	Roggen area
<b>01/17</b>	<b>\$4.54-\$4.79</b>	<b>\$4.49</b>	<b>\$4.49-\$4.49</b>	<b>\$4.34-\$4.54</b>	<b>\$4.81-\$5.29</b>
01/10	\$4.57-\$4.82	\$4.52	\$4.52-\$4.52	\$4.37-\$4.57	\$4.84-\$5.32
01/03	\$4.44-\$4.69	\$4.39	\$4.39-\$4.39	\$4.24-\$4.34	\$4.71-\$5.19
12/27	\$4.65-\$4.85	\$4.55	\$4.55-\$4.55	\$4.40-\$4.50	\$4.87-\$5.35
12/20	\$4.55-\$4.75	\$4.45	\$4.45-\$4.45	\$4.30-\$4.40	\$4.77-\$5.25
BASIS	SE Colorado	Chey. Wells	Burlington	Holyoke	Roggen area
<b>01/17(H)</b>	<b>-95, -70</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-100, -100</b>	<b>-115, -95</b>	<b>-68, -20</b>
01/10(H)	-95, -70	-100	-100, -100	-115, -95	-68, -20
01/03(H)	<b>-95, -70</b>	-100	-100, -100	-115, -105	-68, -20
12/27(H)	-90, -70	-100	-100, -100	-115, -105	-68, -20
12/20(H)	-90, -70	-100	-100, -100	-115, -105	-68, -20
Date	Concordia	Salina	Hutch/Wichita	Ark City	
<b>01/17(H)</b>	<b>-60</b>	<b>-40, -30</b>	<b>-50, -20</b>	<b>-50</b>	
01/10(H)	-60	-40, -30	-50, -20	-50	
01/03(H)	-60	-40, -30	-50, -20	-50	
12/27(H)	-60	-40, -30	-50, -20	<b>-50</b>	
12/20(H)	-60	-40, -30	-50, -20	-45	

I saw 2 spots in Western Kansas showing a lower basis bid for HRW, which is kinda surprising to me; one can only assume HRW is not yet cheap enough to easily displace corn.

We note posted Gulf HRW basis bids were unchanged.

GULF				
date	12 pro	11's	diff	
1/17/2025	125	115	10	
1/10/2025	125	115	10	
1/3/2025	125	115	10	
12/27/2024	120	115	5	
12/20/2024	120	115	5	

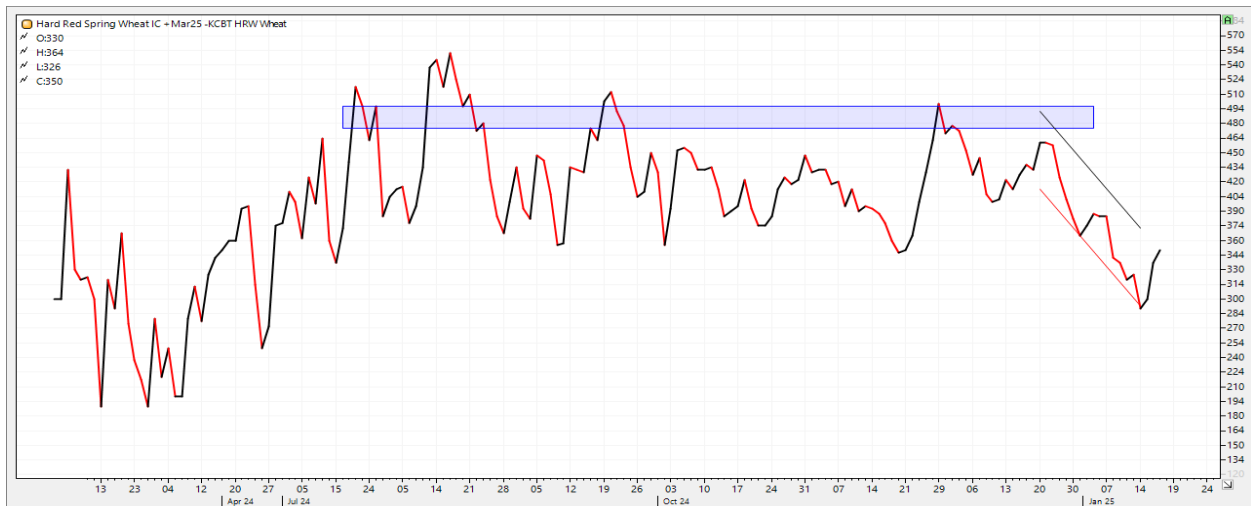
KC March wheat by itself, with a new lower (easier to reach?) Blue line at \$5.66. This mainly matters to those who are short wheat futures, such as The Funds, who will use that lower Blue number as a closer to the market buy-stop.



Funds or some other traders also are aware that KC has gained about \$9.50/mmt against Euronext wheat in 2 weeks. My phone continues to show Volgograd Russia gets a dab of snow a couple days about every 10 days.

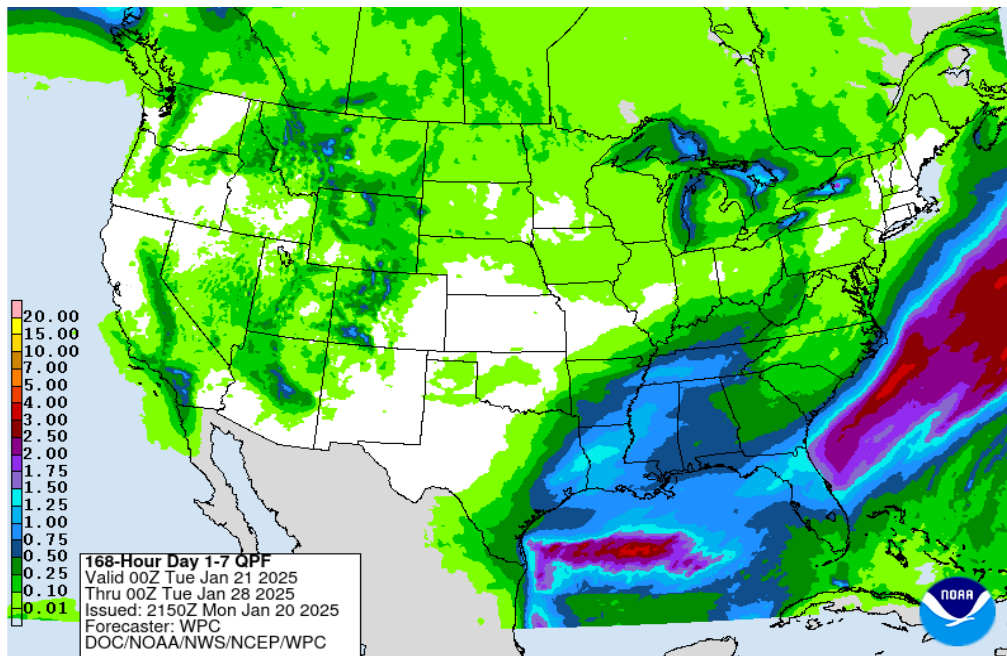
10/25/2024	11/8/2024	11/15/2024	11/29/2024	12/13/2024	12/20/2024	12/27/2024	1/3/2025	1/10/2025	1/17/2025	
\$ 216.50	\$ 215.25	\$ 216.50	\$ 221.50	\$ 229.25	\$ 227.25	\$ 233.00	\$ 232.75	\$ 233.00	\$ 226.75	matif
\$ 210.18	\$ 207.33	\$ 198.42	\$ 198.69	\$ 204.66	\$ 200.16	\$ 203.75	\$ 198.05	\$ 202.74	\$ 201.54	KC
\$ 6.32	\$ 7.92	\$ 18.08	\$ 22.81	\$ 24.59	\$ 27.09	\$ 29.25	\$ 34.70	\$ 30.26	\$ 25.21	diff

IF these tariffs don't go into effect soon, then I wonder if the recent MIAX (Minnny) spring wheat futures strength vs. KC futures is "sustainable"...





This weather forecast for the Great Plains is mainly cold and dry; not overly concerning yet.



World wheat news is dormant.

OK, we opened after the Inauguration... a couple hours into it, I see corn up a nickel, beans up almost 15c and wheat up a dime. The stock market is steady, and crude's down 50c. Should be an interesting week.

Stay safe. Slow Down!

Have a good week.