

Hello Colorado Wheat.

Super Bowl Sunday...**I pick Chiefs by 8 in a blowout.** We'll see how I do. I'm biased ...I remember watching Hank Stram urge his QB "C'mon Lenny...**keep matriculating the ball down field**". I'm still not quite sure what that coach meant, but...

KC Wheat's 25c gain last week...certainly matriculated the ball down the field, or something... Old-crop corn and beans are maybe settling for field goals now, running into some tougher defense:

	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
02/07	\$6.04	\$6.53	\$4.88	\$4.66	\$5.83	\$6.28	\$10.50	\$10.58	\$71.00	\$6050
01/31	\$5.79	\$6.27	\$4.82	\$4.60	\$5.60	\$6.16	\$10.42	\$10.51	\$72.53	\$6067
01/24	\$5.60	\$6.08	\$4.87	\$4.61	\$5.44	\$5.95	\$10.56	\$10.49	\$74.66	\$6133
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	\$75.75	\$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

Super Bowl proposition betting (Prop Bets) is big business, and a guy can waste is money on about anything, such as what color will the Gatorade be...The over/under on Taylor Swift appearances during the game is 6.5 and the over/under on President Trump appearances is 1.5. You can't legally bet in Minnesota online, yet...but I'll take the under on TS and the over on the Pres and of course the Chiefs to win, in a 3-bet parlay.

Just let me know how much I owe you.

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

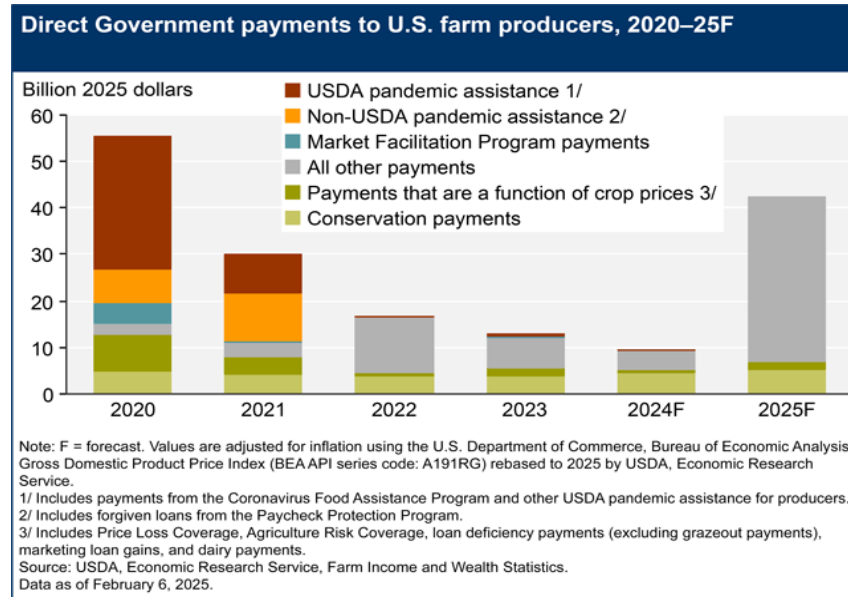
I have some good news. I saw this headline on Farm Doc daily:

Farm Income to Increase in 2025 Thanks to Federal Aid

And this chart from a DTN Progressive Farmer Katie Micik Dehlinger story,

<https://www.dtnpf.com/agriculture/web/ag/news/business-inputs/article/2025/02/06/2025-farm-incomes-forecast-30-aid> ...quoting a USDA recent Feb. 6 release

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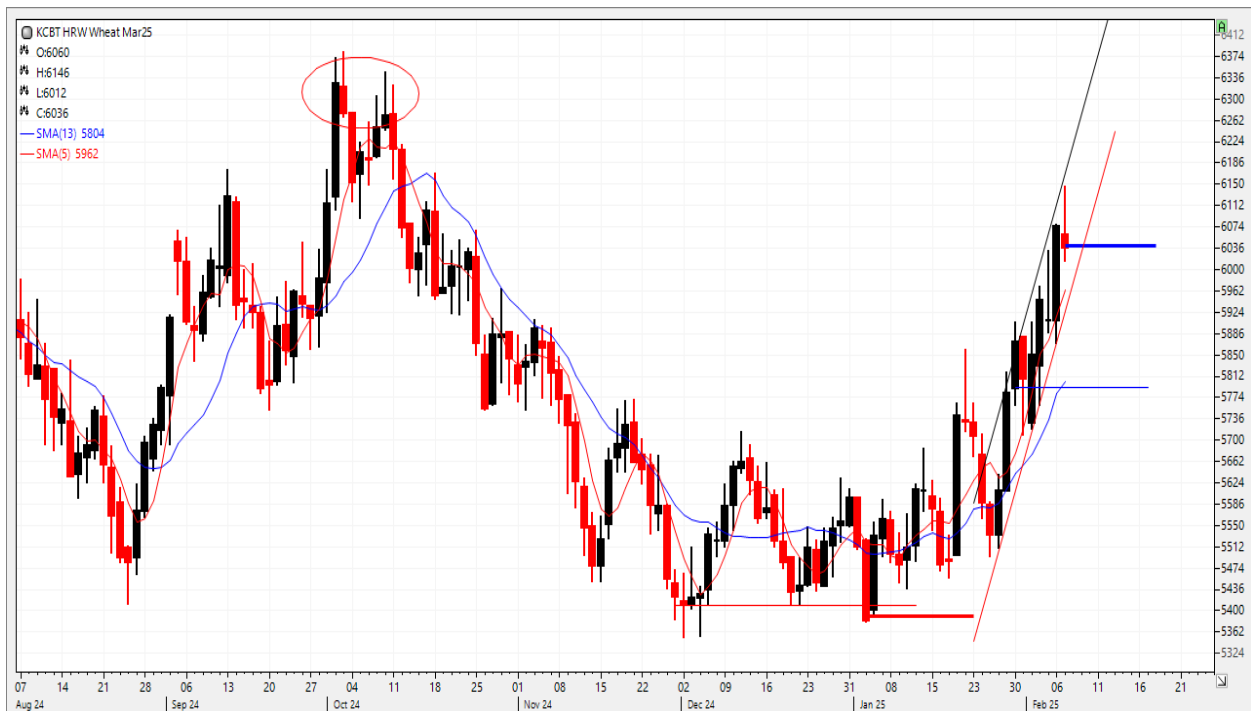
Anyway...

This is KC March wheat – March corn spread chart, in candlestick format, instead of a line chart:



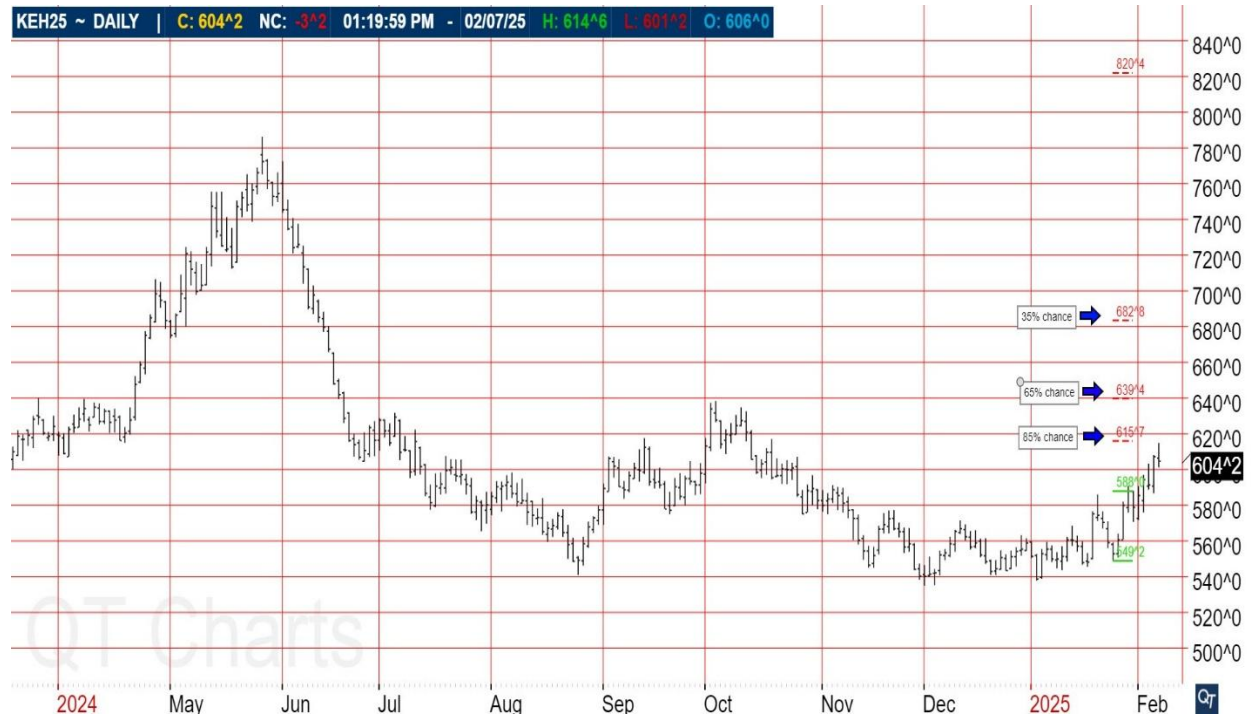
Just a couple weeks ago big wheat feeding seemed imminent, but now that we're 50c/bu higher, is it as likely? Does it even matter?

This is KC March wheat by itself, sporting a new Blue Line at \$6.04 and some Friday spike highs at \$6.15 in a steep up-trending channel. The double-bottom formation with lows early December and then again early January looks solid. Old resistance around \$6.30 looks like the target.



What are upside targets besides the old \$6.30 area? Let's do a Price Count Higher, using QT Market center's tool. I'm going to use the low on 01/27 at about \$5.49 which was 4 days prior to the first Blue line shown at \$5.88, set on the Friday 1/31 close.

This thing says there's a 65% chance KC March wheat will go test that old resistance and ... a 35% chance of reaching \$6.80 or better:



Do you have any old-crop wheat? The Price Count higher says there's a 5% chance of reaching \$8.20. I wouldn't wait for that, but what do I know? I'm not sitting on any old-crop wheat.

Why are we up here? It's not directly a result of USA wheat exports, although they could be worse.

WEEK ENDED (01/23/24)	Weekly loadings	Accumulated in season (FGIS)	Estimated fudge factor	Total loaded est*	USDA projection	Amount needed	Weeks to go	Bu per week needed
Corn	49.3	856.4	243	1099	2,450	1351	31	43.5
Soybeans	37.2	1251.7	52	1304	1,825	521	31	16.8
All wheat	9.3	515.4	19	534	850	316	18	17.6
Milo	0.03	54.4	5	59	220	161	31	5.0
LAST update								
Corn	49.1	806.9	243	1050	2,450	1400	32	43.8
Soybeans	26.8	1213.8	52	1266	1,825	559	32	17.5
All wheat	17.8	505.7	19	525	850	325	19	17.1
Milo	0.03	54.4	5	59	220	161	32	5.0

Sometimes those QT Market Center Price Counts are uncanny.

Back when Trump got elected...I included this Dec corn chart in my wire, showing the 11/08 Dec corn chart setting a new Blue number, and then...



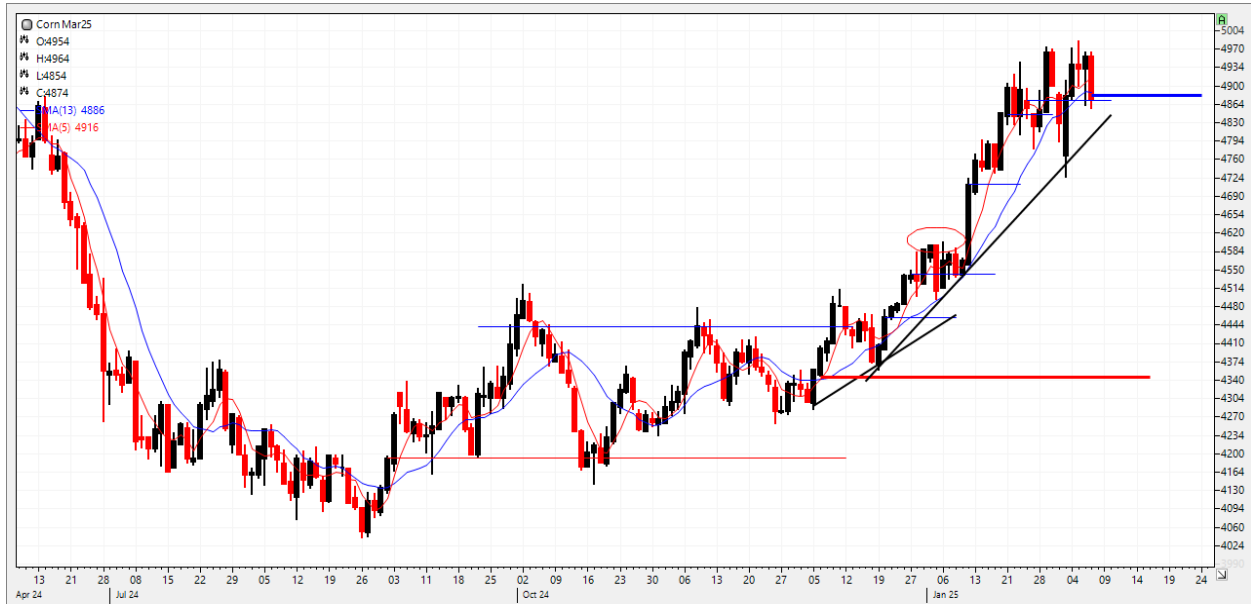
I also ran (but didn't include, as I already had included an E-mini Price Count Higher, which looks very shaky right now) a **QT Market Center Price Count Higher on March corn**, using a the low on 11/04 at about \$4.27 which was 4 days before that 11/08 Friday new Blue Line around \$4.48:



This Price Count Higher says there was a 35% chance of March corn hitting \$4.95 5/8. Friday's March corn spike high was \$4.985 (!!)

What the...that's very exact.

Here's March corn as we normally look at it, with a new Blue line at \$4.88, replacing the \$4.87, which had replaced the \$4.84...which makes me wonder if all those 3 closely spaced blue lines are getting top heavy...



And the weekly continuous corn, showing recent attempts at the imaginary but real...line at \$5.00



SO, if KC wheat still is pointing higher, but corn looks increasingly heavy, I'd have to say that No, we're not going to worry about feeding wheat for a while and the KC H wheat- March corn spread might not be done yet.

A quick look at old-crop beans, definitely testing their uptrend line:



South American weather is pretty good, not great, but not horrible either. The USDA issues their February WASDE update this Tuesday. I think we'll get some South American crop production updates.

Old-crop HRW posted bids at the Gulf are waving a red flag warning sign on sitting on old-crop wheat waiting on further futures gains, down 20c to 25c this week:

GULF date	12 pro	11's	diff
2/7/2025	105	90	15
1/31/2025	125	115	10
1/24/2025	125	115	10
1/17/2025	125	115	10
1/10/2025	125	115	10
1/3/2025	125	115	10

Weaker wheat export bids everywhere...facing more Chinese purchase cancellations... are not friendly <https://www.reuters.com/markets/commodities/china-has-delayed-or-redirected-600000-tons-wheat-imports-sources-say-2025-02-05/>

Exporters take no relief that this was mainly Aussie wheat cancelled by China. Trump Trade War Tariffs and reciprocal Chinese tariffs on the USA...have the feeling of maybe just beginning...<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cvg8zg7ll09o>

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Anyway, posted basis bids in the country did NOT move, BUT...we have to assume they will move lower if given a chance. I assume that drop in the Gulf bids can't be ignored forever.

Date	SE Colorado	Chey. Wells	Burlington	Holyoke area	Roggen area
02/07	\$5.09-\$5.34	\$5.09	\$5.04-\$5.09	\$4.89-\$5.09	\$5.36-\$5.84
01/31	\$4.84-\$5.09	\$4.84	\$4.79-\$4.84	\$4.64-\$4.84	\$5.11-\$5.59
01/24	\$4.65-\$4.90	\$4.60	\$4.60-\$4.60	\$4.45-\$4.65	\$4.92-\$5.40
01/17	\$4.54-\$4.79	\$4.49	\$4.49-\$4.49	\$4.34-\$4.54	\$4.81-\$5.29
01/10	\$4.57-\$4.82	\$4.52	\$4.52-\$4.52	\$4.37-\$4.57	\$4.84-\$5.32
BASIS	SE Colorado	Chey. Wells	Burlington	Holyoke	Roggen area

02/07(H)	-95, -70	-95	-100, -95	-115, -95	-68, -20
01/31(H)	-95, -70	-95	-100, -95	-115, -95	-68, -20
01/24(H)	-95, -70	-100	-100, -100	-115, -95	-68, -20
01/17(H)	-95, -70	-100	-100, -100	-115, -95	-68, -20
01/10(H)	-95, -70	-100	-100, -100	-115, -95	-68, -20

Date	Concordia	Salina	Hutch/Wichita	Ark City
02/07(H)	-60	-40, -30	-50, -20	-55
01/31(H)	-60	-40, -30	-50, -20	-55
01/24(H)	-60	-40, -30	-50, -20	-50
01/17(H)	-60	-40, -30	-50, -20	-50
01/10(H)	-60	-40, -30	-50, -20	-50

What about new-crop wheat?

Well...2 weeks ago I said I was putting a sales target on 25% on my new-crop wheat at \$6.54 with KC Dec (Z) wheat, which got hit last week.

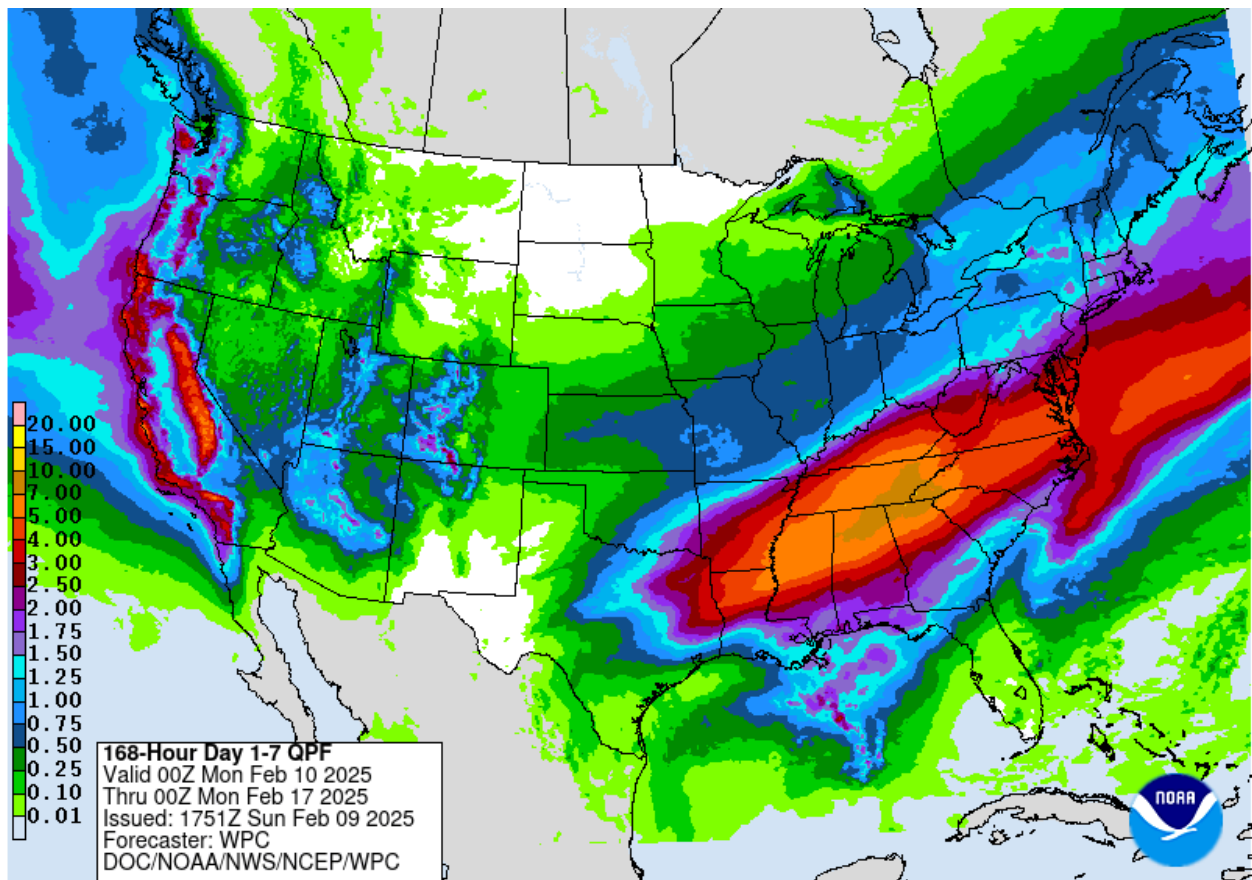
That can be the down-side of putting in Sales targets. If you put them in, and forget about them...sometimes they get hit.

Here's the updated KC Z chart, pointing higher. I figure I got started selling this year's wheat, which will be harvest in 4 months...at that Blue Line. Old contract highs are about 20c or so higher.



So far...my wheat looks pretty good, but what really matters is a month or so from now, as that is when wheat normally breaks dormancy and water requirements start to increase.

This week's forecast is not bone dry.



India is complaining about recent high temps... <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/high-daytime-temperatures-threaten-up-wheat-crop/articleshow/118073612.cms>

Russian weather is dry, and Trump has shown a willingness to increase sanctions, so maybe wheat stealing (exporting Ukrainian wheat as “Russian”) might slow down... but maybe not.

<https://www.bairdmaritime.com/security/incidents/piracy/documents-show-russian-company-behind-egypt-wheat-cargo-had-history-of-selling-stolen-ukraine-grain>

We’ll keep an eye on Russia as we progress. IF their wheat crop is horrible, approaching 70 mmt, much, much higher prices are coming. IF Russian wheat is similar to this year’s 81 mmt, then assuming Europe bounces back, Black Sea impacts might remain muted.

Anyway, I sold a chunk of my new-crop wheat, and feeling I was a little hasty.

Here’s a QT Price Count higher, using the same method, using the first Blue Line as a buy signal, with the low from 4 days previous:



SINCE I ALREADY sold some, I’m going to put in my next target at the 35% chance area, up at \$7.29. IF I hadn’t sold any, I’d probably pit in an initial sales target at \$6.84, which has a 65% chance of getting hit.

Anyway...Have a good week. There is a WASDE update Tuesday, and keep in mind corn acts topy, and wheat should be nervous about that big drop in the Gulf to-arrive bids.

Stay Safe and Slow Down.

And Go Chiefs!