

Hello Colorado Wheat.

I always assume we are more comfortable with “logic” and “certain expectations”, whether we like them or not. The phrase “jump the shark” signifies very little logic was involved. Oxford Languages defines “jump the shark” as “▪ (of a television series or movie) reach a point at which far-fetched events are included merely for the sake of novelty, indicative of a decline in quality”.

It’s EITHER based on the episode of Happy Days when a water-skiing Fonzie...jumps over a shark, OR possibly when Batman fights off a shark using Batspray before escaping into his Batcopter:

But the “I didn’t come here to play cards” response to “You don’t have the cards...” was some Big Time Shark Jumping, in real time, live from the White House, on national TV.

I think “Wow, Man, what did we just see?” is all that can be said with any certainty.

*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***

The markets didn't really jump any sharks acted, but acted semi- "logically" at least directionally, although the moves were a bit on the extreme side, with KC wheat down almost 50c, new-crop corn and beans both down 30c...Green numbers are new 4-week Closing Lows, seen everywhere.

	KC MAY HRW	DEC 25 HRW	May CORN	DEC 25 CORN	Chgo K wheat	Springs MAY (K)	MAY'25 BEANS	NOV BEANS	Crude oil	S&P (H)
CLOSE	KWK25	KWZ25	CK25	CZ25	WK25	MWK25	SK25	SX25	CRD24	ES24
02/28	\$5.73	\$6.21	\$4.70	\$4.55	\$5.56	\$5.98	\$10.26	\$10.30	\$69.76	\$5963
02/21	\$6.22	\$6.65	\$5.05	\$4.75	\$6.04	\$6.47	\$10.57	\$10.60	\$70.40	\$6029
02/14	\$6.33	\$6.72	\$5.09	\$4.73	\$6.14	\$6.49	\$10.53	\$10.52	\$70.38	\$6132
02/07	\$6.14	\$6.53	\$5.01	\$4.66	\$5.96	\$6.38	\$10.66	\$10.58	\$71.00	\$6050
01/31	\$5.89	\$6.27	\$4.93	\$4.60	\$5.72	\$6.23	\$10.58	\$10.51	\$72.53	\$6067
01/24	\$5.70	\$6.08	\$4.97	\$4.61	\$5.59	\$6.06	\$10.68	\$10.49	\$74.66	\$6133
01/17	\$5.59	\$5.97	\$4.93	\$4.56	\$5.51	\$5.93	\$10.45	\$10.28	\$77.39	\$6034
01/10	\$5.61	\$5.99	\$4.80	\$4.50	\$5.44	\$5.93	\$10.38	\$10.31	\$75.75	\$5866
01/03	\$5.47	\$5.86	\$4.58	\$4.41	\$5.41	\$5.87	\$10.04	\$10.08	\$73.96	\$5990
12/27	\$5.63	\$6.00	\$4.62	\$4.41	\$5.57	\$6.03	\$10.01	\$10.05	\$70.60	\$6027
12/20	\$5.53	\$5.90	\$4.52	\$4.38	\$5.43	\$5.98	\$9.88	\$9.87	\$69.46	\$6002

The Agriculture Outlook Forum (AOF) numbers were bearish for corn, and as that drives the Grain Train, we'll say "ok"...although if I had to nitpick, it would be with the soybeans' price direction (will have to assume South American weather was decent last week). Anyway..., it all kinda makes sense, and we can get on with life.

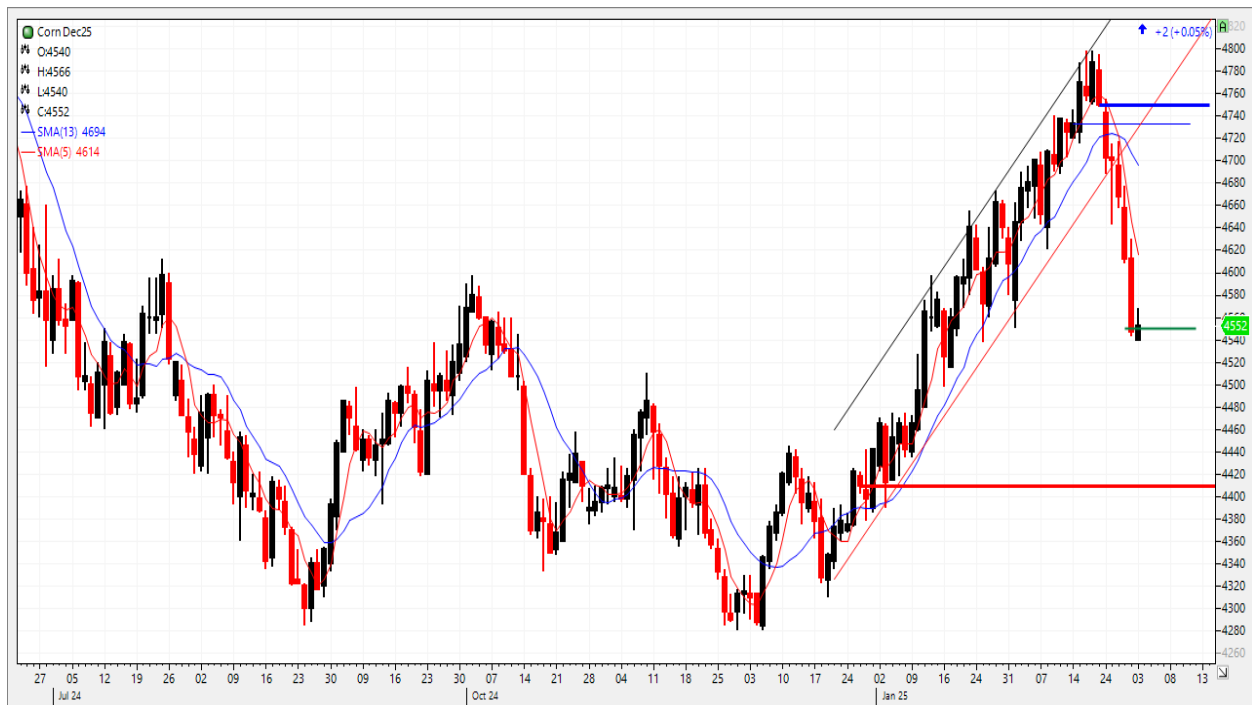
		AOF		AOF		AOF
USA	WHEAT	WHEAT	CORN	CORN	BEANS	BEANS
year	2024/25	2025/26	2024/25	2025/26	2024/25	2025/26
planted	46.1	47.0	90.6	94.0	87.1	84.0
harvested	38.5	38.4	82.9	86.1	86.1	83.2
yield	51.2	50.1	179.3	181.0	50.7	52.5
production	1,971	1,926	14,867	15,585	4,366	4,370
supply	2,798	2,830	16,655	17,150	4,729	4,770
domestic	1,154	1,154	12,665	12,785	2,524	2,585
exports	850	850	2,450	2,400	1,825	1,865
use	2,004	2,004	15,115	15,185	4,349	4,450
carryout	794	826	1,540	1,965	380	320
stox/use	39.63%	41.22%	10.19%	12.94%	8.74%	7.19%
USA \$ farm price	\$5.55	\$5.50	\$4.35	\$4.20	\$ 10.10	\$ 10.00

The AOF doesn't look great for farm revenue, but Ag. Secretary Rollins says the check is in the mail. Well, actually, she said the \$31 billion is on the way soon [https://www.yahoo.com/news/usda-secretary-says-farmers-could-163424633.html?fr=sycsrp\\_catchall](https://www.yahoo.com/news/usda-secretary-says-farmers-could-163424633.html?fr=sycsrp_catchall)

The Export Pace picture wasn't bad, especially for soybeans and wheat, BUT the Export **SALES...were crummy** for **corn** (31.3 mil bu) and **wheat** (9.9 mil bu). Soybean sales were 15 mil bu, exactly what's needed to hit the current USA bean export forecast.

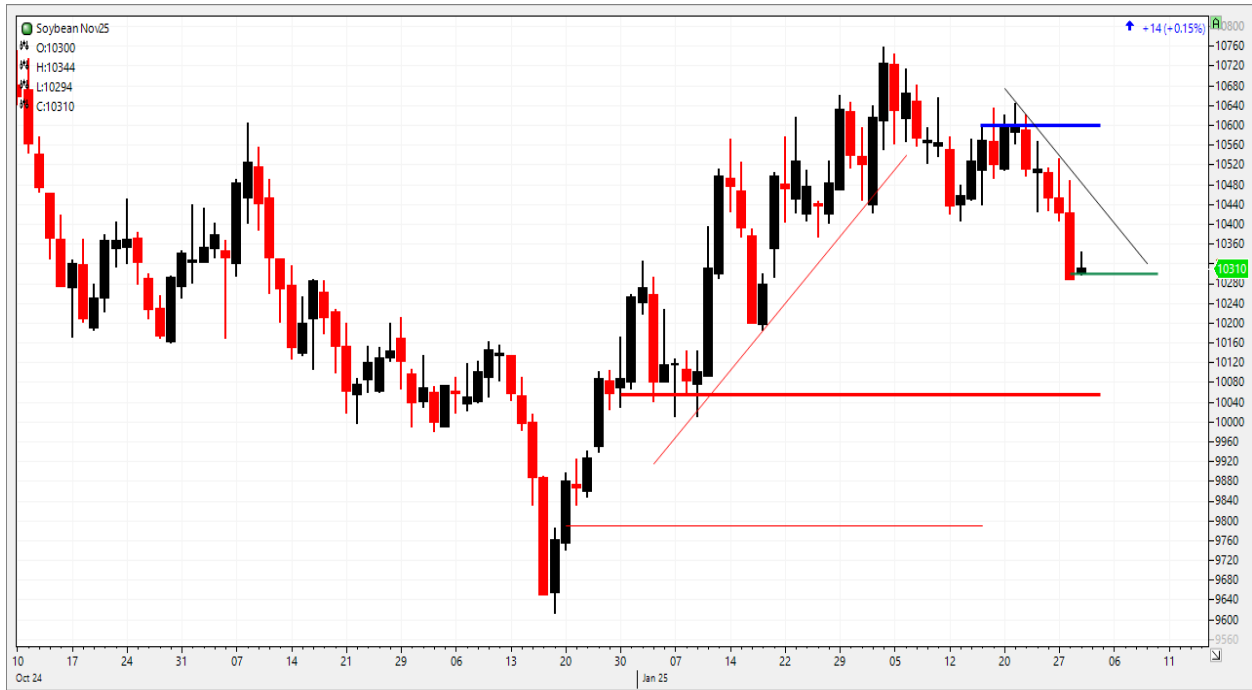
WEEK ENDED (02/20/25)	Weekly loadings	Accumulated in season (FGIS)	Estimated fudge factor	Total loaded est*	USDA projection	Amount needed	Weeks to go	Bu per week needed
Corn	44.7	<b>1018.6</b>	243	<b>1262</b>	2,450	1188	28	<b>42.4</b>
Soybeans	31.6	<b>1354.9</b>	52	<b>1407</b>	1,825	418	28	<b>14.9</b>
All wheat	13.8	<b>559.4</b>	19	<b>578</b>	850	272	15	<b>18.1</b>
Milo	0.1	<b>57.7</b>	5	<b>63</b>	170	107	28	<b>3.8</b>
LAST update								
Corn	63.4	<b>973.5</b>	243	<b>1217</b>	2,450	1233	29	<b>42.5</b>
Soybeans	26.5	<b>1323.2</b>	52	<b>1375</b>	1,825	450	29	<b>15.5</b>
All wheat	9.2	<b>545.6</b>	19	<b>565</b>	850	285	16	<b>17.8</b>
Milo	0.1	<b>57.5</b>	5	<b>63</b>	<b>170</b>	107	29	<b>3.7</b>

Thus the market continues to shift the focus to new-crop, and we get a new-crop Dec corn chart caught firmly in about a 33c trading range, sitting on a 4-week Closing Low:



I'm not changing my unfilled "close but no cigar" sell order at \$4.80 just yet.

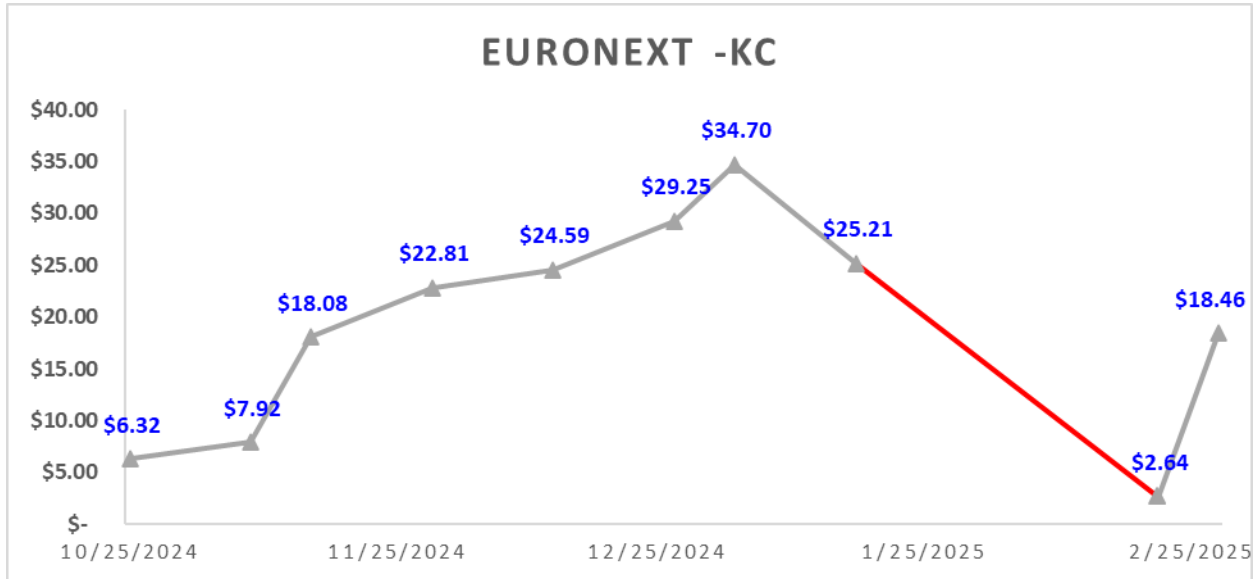
Similarly, new-crop soybeans, sitting on a Green line, about 31c below the Blue line, but 24c above the Red line...waiting, content to go sideways, maybe waiting on how the Chinese tariffs play out:



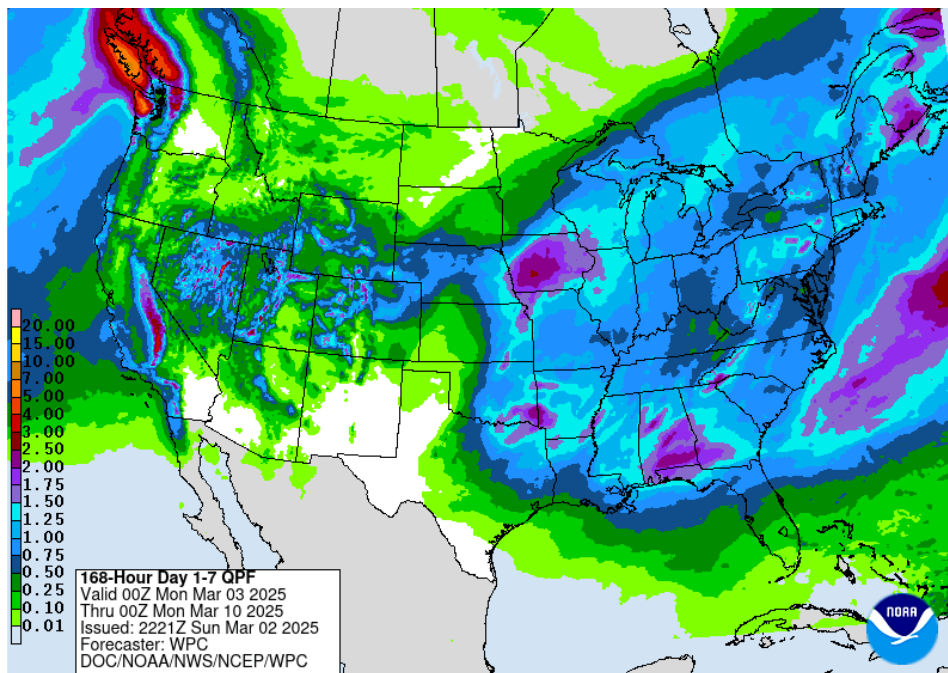
Even KC Dec wheat is sitting on a Green line, 51c below the Blue line, but 34c above the Red line.



That downtrading channel (2 parallel lines) is so very steep...I'd say we're due for a bounce on wheat, but that doesn't change wheat took the stairs up, but the elevator down...again. KC did get expensive (narrow spread) against European wheat, but last week brought it back in line. That spread is in a \$32.50/mt range; nominally KC is expensive at only a \$2.50 discount, but maybe too "cheap" at a \$35/mt discount...

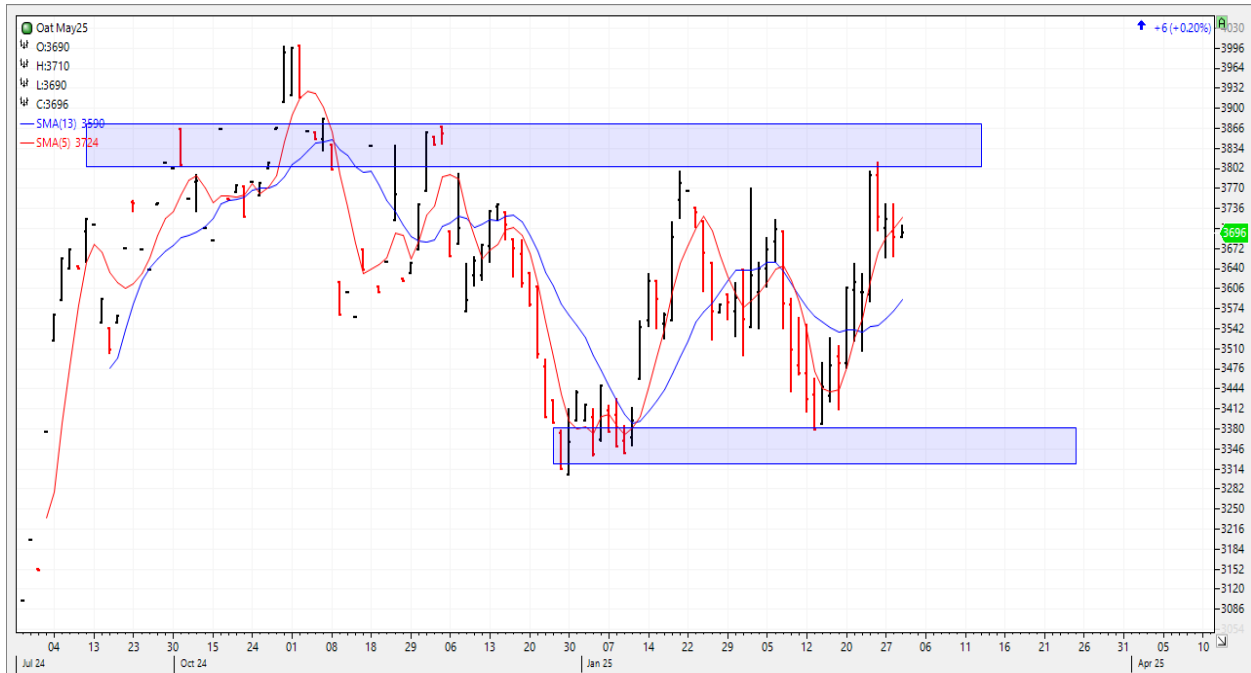


The calendar says we're in March, so pretty soon we'll be talking about wheat breaking dormancy with increasing moisture requirements. St. Patty's Day, March 17, is my average date for that. This week's forecast is kindova "miss", or possibly kindova "hit". We'll see.

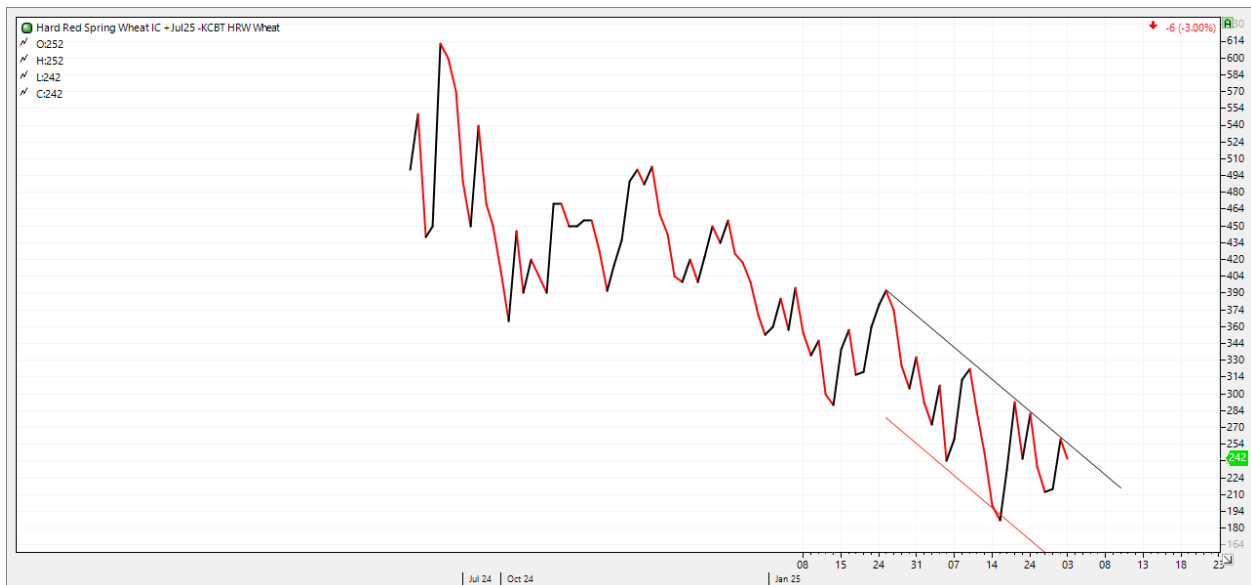


I THINK the Tariffs on Canada and Mexico will take effect this Tuesday, although I admit I'm not really sure what Trump will actually do.

I assume IF they are put in place, we'll see something in spring wheat, although whether it will be "futures" or "basis", or...just what, who knows. And we would expect to certainly see something in oats, but **this is May oats**, squarely in a 50c trading range, waiting in the upper end of the range, but...waiting. And I don't blame them. For all I know, these tariffs will never be put in place, or maybe they will exempt key Ag grains like wheat and oats and key Ag inputs, like potash for fertilizer.



This spread chart of Mpls July wheat over KC wheat at only a 24c premium doesn't show the market has any major concerns about not having plenty of spring wheat:



We saw a nickel pop in 11's at the TX Gulf for HRW to-arrive; these bids are now over the May:

GULF date	12 pro	11's	diff	
2/21/2025	<b>95</b>	<b>85</b>	10	<b>K</b>
2/14/2025	105	90	15	<b>H</b>
2/7/2025	<b>105</b>	<b>90</b>	15	
1/31/2025	125	115	10	
1/24/2025	125	115	10	
1/17/2025	125	115	10	

Posted basis bids in the country are showing mixed moves...some of this might be to the Gulf, but some is still getting rolled to the May futures...The easiest way going into harvest would be to expect a drooping basis.

Date	SE Colorado	Chey. Wells	Burlington	Holyoke area	Roggen area
<b>02/28</b>	<b>\$4.68-\$4.93</b>	<b>\$4.93</b>	<b>\$4.63-\$4.73</b>	<b>\$4.48-\$4.68</b>	<b>\$4.91-\$5.53</b>
02/21	\$5.14-\$5.39	\$5.29	\$5.11-\$5.21	\$4.94-\$5.14	\$5.41-\$5.89
02/14	\$5.26-\$5.51	\$5.26	\$5.21-\$5.26	\$5.06-\$5.26	\$5.53-\$6.01
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
BASIS	SE Colorado	Chey. Wells	Burlington	Holyoke	Roggen area
<b>02/21(K)</b>	<b>-105, -80</b>	<b>-80</b>	<b>-110, -100</b>	<b>-125, -105</b>	<b>-82, -20</b>
02/21(H)	-95, -70	-80	-98, -88	-115, -95	-68, -20
02/14(H)	-95, -70	-95	-100, -95	-115, -95	-68, -20
02/07(H)	-95, -70	-95	-100, -95	-115, -95	-68, -20
01/31(H)	-95, -70	-95	-100, -95	-115, -95	-68, -20
Date	Concordia	Salina	Hutch/Wichita	Ark City	
<b>02/28(K)</b>	<b>-75</b>	<b>-55, -35</b>	<b>-76, -35</b>	<b>-70</b>	
02/21(H)	-60	-40, -30	-53, -20	-55	
02/14(H)	-60	-40, -30	-50, -20	-55	
02/07(H)	-60	-40, -30	-50, -20	-55	
01/31(H)	-60	-40, -30	-50, -20	-55	

We didn't get any more new-crop wheat sold last week with the big futures drop. We'd definitely like to see the Green line hold this week.

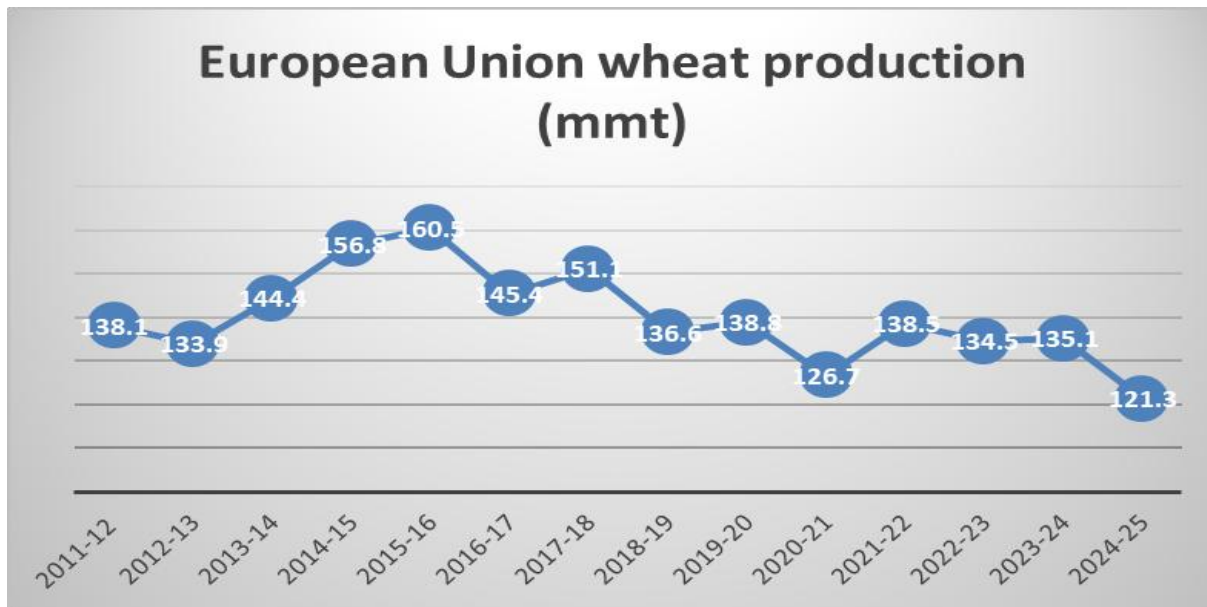
**The tariffs should be newsworthy this week. Hopefully we can keep the jumping shark out of sight, out of mind.**

Early Sunday night action shows subdued action after last week's whacking. Corn is unchanged and wheat 4 to 5c higher. Soybeans are 1 to 2c higher.

World wheat news is subdued as well. India is nervous about hot weather, but seems like they're always kinda nervous...<https://www.the-independent.com/climate-change/news/india-heatwave-wheat-prices-march-weather-forecast-b2706243.html>

This story about European wheat prices firming a bit as Russian wheat is not competitive going into Morocco is interesting, and it says the European wheat crop conditions are NOT a lot better than last year's poor crop... <https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/eu-wheat-steadies-with-exports-in-focus/>

**IF that European wheat crop is NOT significantly better than last year, THEN...that would be a bullish input that is NOT "in" the market currently.**



Have a good week.

Slow Down. Stay Safe.