

Hello Colorado Wheat.

Early Sunday evening The White House posted a statement saying: “U.S. Announces China Trade Deal in Geneva.”

Secretary of the Treasury Scott Bessent said... “there will be a complete briefing tomorrow morning.” Game Theory says “take Door #2”. <https://jonathanweisberg.org/vip/the-monty-hall-problem.html>

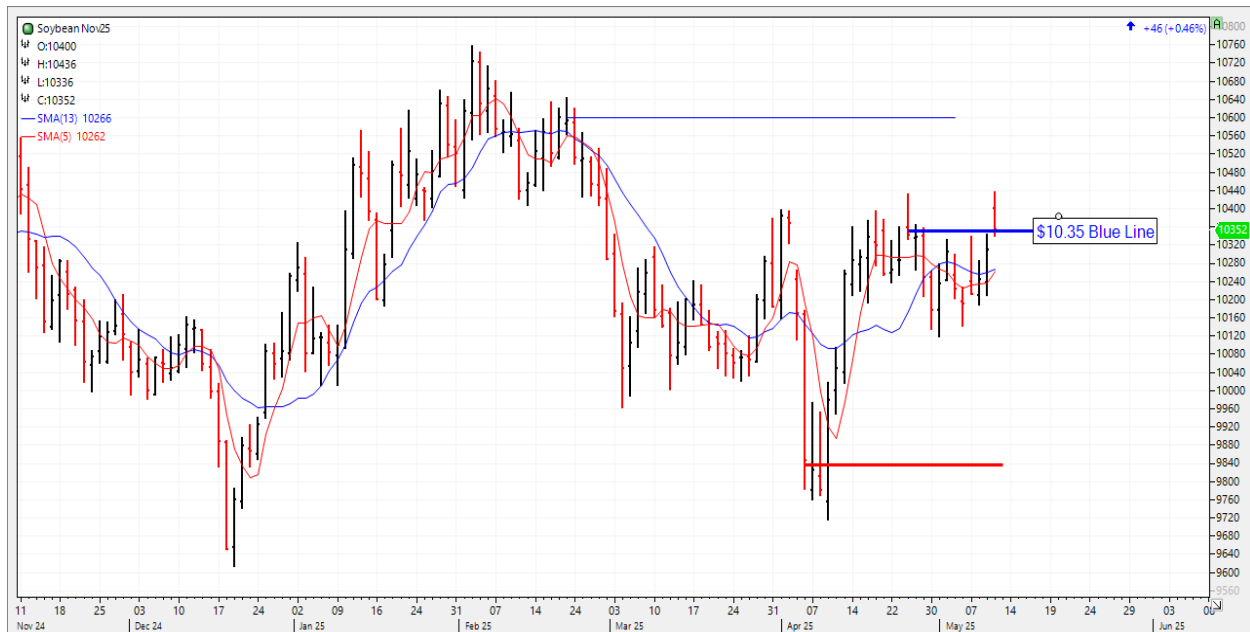
Charts and discussions follow, with the goal of giving you useful information to help you with the business of marketing your crops. My disclaimer remains the same: these are my sometimes rapidly changing opinions. ALSO, USE THE BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES YOU CAN. STUDIES SHOW GOOD MANAGEMENT ADDS AN AVERAGE OF 13 BU/ACRE; IT PAYS FOR ITSELF

Wheat and corn markets last week were finely ground last week. KC was down 23c, definitely Under Pressure. These are the days, it never rains, but it pours.

	KC N HRW	DEC 25 HRW	July CORN	DEC 25 CORN	Chgo N wheat	Springs JULY	July'25 BEANS	NOV BEANS	Crude oil	S&P (M)
CLOSE	KWN25	KWZ25	CN25	CZ25	WN25	MWN25	SN25	SX25	CRD24	ES24
05/09	\$5.18	\$5.54	\$4.50	\$4.42	\$5.22	\$5.94	\$10.52	\$10.31	\$61.02	\$5678
05/02	\$5.41	\$5.79	\$4.69	\$4.50	\$5.43	\$6.11	\$10.58	\$10.30	\$58.29	\$5709
04/25	\$5.51	\$5.90	\$4.86	\$4.56	\$5.45	\$6.06	\$10.59	\$10.35	\$63.02	\$5550
04/18	\$5.70	\$6.08	\$4.90	\$4.66	\$5.62	\$6.19	\$10.48	\$10.33	\$64.68	\$5313
04/11	\$5.83	\$6.21	\$4.97	\$4.64	\$5.70	\$6.29	\$10.53	\$10.26	\$61.50	\$5391
04/04	\$5.70	\$6.07	\$4.67	\$4.47	\$5.43	\$6.00	\$9.93	\$9.84	\$61.99	\$5110
03/28	\$5.66	\$6.06	\$4.60	\$4.43	\$5.43	\$5.97	\$10.37	\$10.29	\$69.36	\$5623
03/21	\$6.04	\$6.39	\$4.72	\$4.51	\$5.75	\$6.21	\$10.22	\$10.08	\$68.28	\$5718
03/14	\$5.99	\$6.32	\$4.68	\$4.51	\$5.73	\$6.17	\$10.30	\$10.18	\$67.18	\$5640
03/07	\$5.77	\$6.12	\$4.76	\$4.54	\$5.66	\$6.06	\$10.39	\$10.26	\$67.04	\$5776
02/28	\$5.86	\$6.21	\$4.76	\$4.55	\$5.69	\$6.11	\$10.40	\$10.30	\$69.76	\$5963

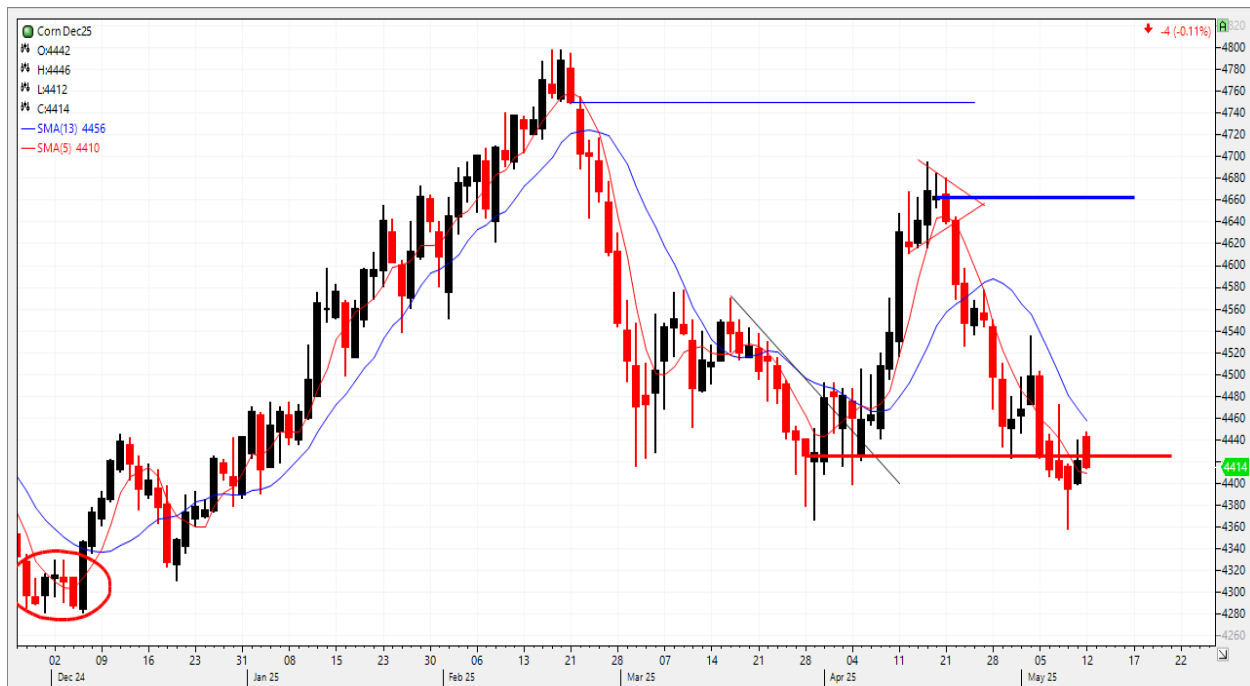
Everyone...assumes soybeans would benefit significantly from a Trade Deal with China.

Nov beans opened up about 14c Sunday night, but faded to only up 4c later:



We see in the Closing Table new-crop Soybeans have closed 4 weeks now all within a 5c range!! That's either a heckova ceiling, or...if the deal goes down, then maybe it's a heckova floor. We'll see what Sec. Bessent says ...in the morning.

Old crop corn didn't fare much better than KC old-crop wheat last week, closing down 19c, and new-crop corn continued sliding too, down another 8c, but I'm calling the red Line now a double-bottom at the \$4.42-\$4.43 area. This is Dec corn:



China hasn't bought any USA corn all year, and I doubt they do now.

The USDA will publish their May WASDE update today, Monday morning at 11:00 am. Assuming we harvest 87 mil acres at a 181 bu/ac yield, and assuming next year's domestic demand is unchanged, but due to lower prices, let's assume we export another 100 mil bu, AND...with tariffs action, assuming we increase corn exports by 100 mil bu could easily be a major assumption...but if we did, then an initial May USA corn WASDE might look like:

	2024/25	2025/26
area planted	90.6	95.0
area harvested	82.9	87.0
yield	179.3	181.0
production	14,867	15,747
beginning stocks	1,763	1,465
supply	16,655	17,238
domestic demand	12,640	12,640
exports	2,550	2,650
total demand	15,190	15,290
carryout	1,465	1,948
stox/use	9.64%	12.74%
NAFP	\$4.35	\$4.05

and if this NAFP of \$4.05 is accurate, then Dec corn has MORE DOWNSIDE COMING.

Can corn exports increase next year? They're certainly humming along, and corn Export Sales were 65.4 mil bu. I think we'll see another increase tomorrow to this year's USA corn export forecast. Beans could also increase just a little; wheat could see a small decrease.

WEEK ENDED (05/01/25)	Weekly loadings	Accumulated in season (FGIS)	Estimated fudge factor	Total loaded est*	USDA projection	Amount needed	Weeks to go	Bu per week needed
Corn	63.3	1673.7	243	1917	2,550	633	17	37.2
Soybeans	11.9	1596.9	52	1649	1,825	176	17	10.4
All wheat	11.4	726.5	19	746	820	74	04	18.5
Milo	0.4	65.2	5	70	100	30	17	1.8
LAST update								
Corn	65.1	1609.9	243	1853	2,550	697	19	36.7
Soybeans	16.1	1584.3	52	1636	1,825	189	19	9.9
All wheat	23.8	715.0	19	734	820	86	06	14.3
Milo	0.09	64.7	5	70	100	30	19	1.6

I think it will be tough to increase USA wheat exports next year, as most major Wheat Exporters will see unchanged or better wheat production this coming new year.

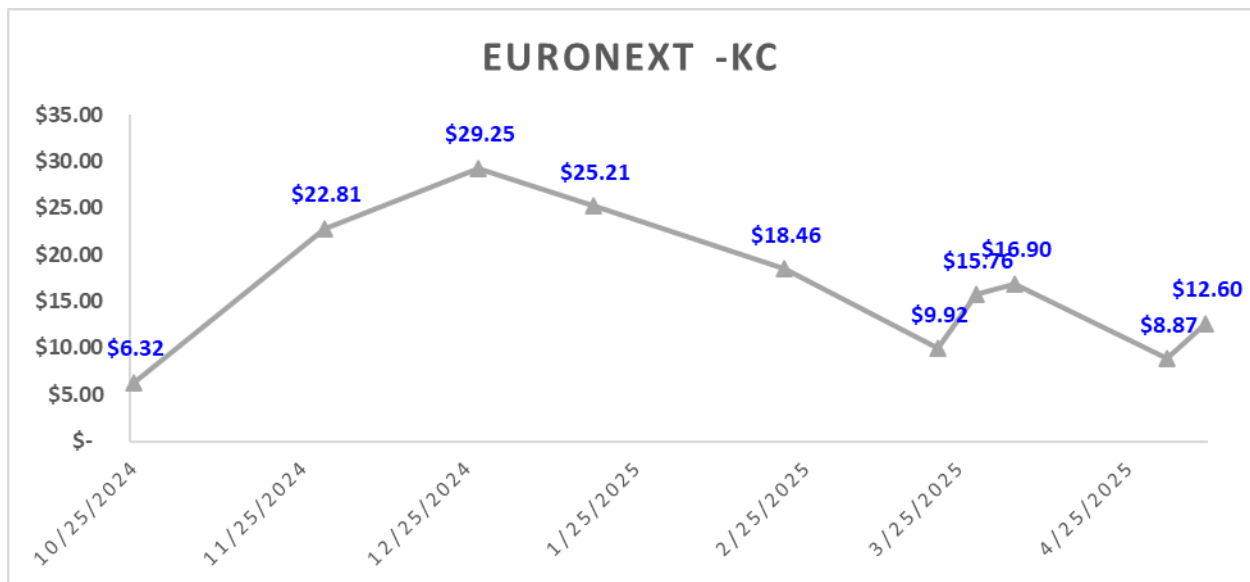
Current wheat conditions suggest we'll see the USDA post about an unchanged USA wheat production number tomorrow, and assuming demand is unchanged, carryover stocks would build next year because this year's carry in will be about 150 million more bu to start with. In this scenario, I reduced next year's wheat imports by 25 mil bu, and if my NAFP of \$5.25 is correct, downside would be limited...maybe another 20c.

	2024/25	2025/26
area planted	46.1	45.4
area harvested	38.5	38.0
yield	51.2	51.0
production	1,971	1,938
beginning stocks	696	846
supply	2,818	2,909
domestic demand	1,152	1,152
exports	820	820
total demand	1,972	1,972
carryout	846	937
stox/use	42.90%	47.52%
NAFP	\$5.50	\$5.25

This is KC Dec wheat:



KC was cheaper vs. the Euronext last week, but probably still range-bound:



And KC Dec wheat is about a 73c discount to spring wheat...some spring wheat dryness is priced in, but...spring wheat country is dry.



Posted Gulf to-arrive HRW bids were unchanged last week:

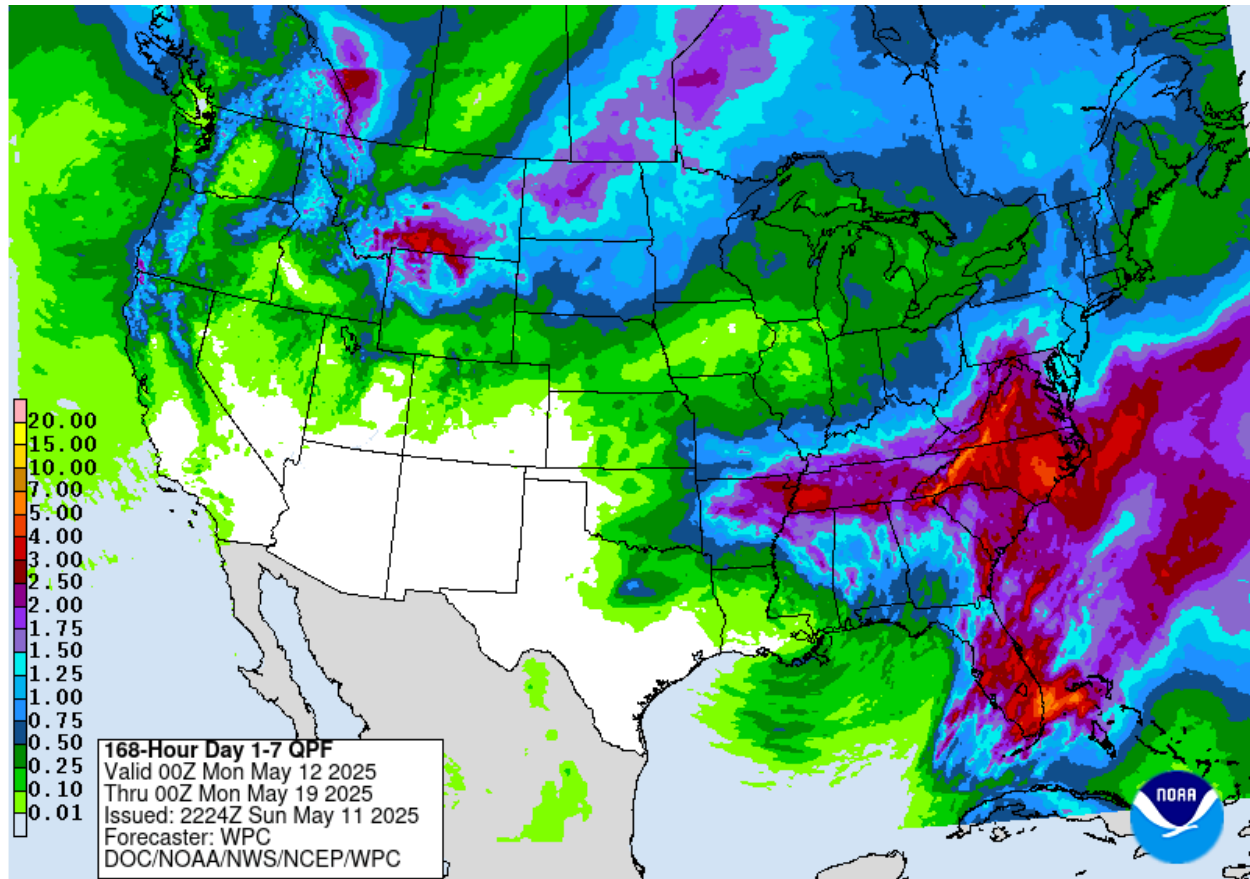
GULF date	12 pro	11's	diff	
5/9/2025	100	95	5	
5/2/2025	100	95	5	
4/25/2025	102	87	15	N
4/18/2025	100	95	5	K

Posted basis bids in the country didn't do much, and the flat price of corn in the big feed lots is higher than the flat price of many of these wheat bids...which means check around.

Date	SE Colorado	Chey. Wells	Burlington	Holyoke area	Roggen area
05/09	\$4.08-\$4.48	\$4.43	\$3.98-\$4.23	\$3.93-\$4.03	\$4.28-\$4.98
05/02	\$4.31-\$4.66	\$4.66	\$4.21-\$4.46	\$4.16-\$4.26	\$4.51-\$5.21
04/25	\$4.33-\$4.58	\$4.58	\$4.23-\$4.33	\$4.13-\$4.36	\$4.63-\$5.18
04/18	\$4.53-\$4.78	\$4.78	\$4.48-\$4.58	\$4.38-\$4.53	\$4.83-\$5.38
04/11	\$4.63-\$4.88	\$4.88	\$4.58-\$4.68	\$4.43-\$4.63	\$4.93-\$5.48
04/04	\$4.53-\$4.78	\$4.78	\$4.48-\$4.58	\$4.33-\$4.53	\$4.83-\$5.38
BASIS	SE Colorado	Chey. Wells	Burlington	Holyoke	Roggen area
05/09 (N)	-110, -70	-75	-120, -95	-125, -115	-90, -20
05/02 (N)	-110, -75	-75	-120, -95	-125, -115	-90, -20
04/25 (K)	-105, -80	-80	-115, -105	-125, -102	-75, -20
04/18 (K)	-105, -80	-80	-110, -100	-120, -105	-75, -20
04/11 (K)	-105, -80	-80	-110, -100	-125, -105	-75, -20
04/04 (K)	-105, -80	-80	-110, -100	-125, -105	-75, -20
Date	Concordia	Salina	Hutch/Wichita	Ark City	
05/09 (N)	-55	-40, -20	-65, -30	-65	
05/02 (N)	-60	-40, -20	-65, -36	-65	
04/25(K)	-60	-40, -20	-65, -26	-65	
04/18(K)	-60	-40, -20	-65, -28	-65	
04/11(K)	-60	-40, -20	-70, -28	-65	
04/04(K)	-60	-40, -20	-70, -30	-65	

I believe the USDA's AMS website showing posted wheat bids needs some attention. I'll see if I can shake things up .

This forecast map says spring wheat country might get wet.



Should be an interesting week. We'll hear from Sec. Bessent what kind of deal we made with China, we might hear something on Russian willingness to negotiate (although I lean towards they will not negotiate anything at all), and of course we'll get the very important May WASDE, and Winter Wheat Production.

I'm taking Door #2.

Stay Safe. Slow Down.

PS; I plan on making the Wheat Tour meeting in Colby Tuesday night. Come up to me and tell me I owe you a beer, and I'll pay up.