

Hello Colorado Wheat.

When I was a kid, a million years ago, DC Comics (Superman) created Bizarro World, where everything was the opposite of Earth. The good guys were bad guys. Beauty was ugly. Making money was a crime. Etc. I was too young, and it scared me, so I ignored it.

I follow David Frum of The Atlantic on twitter (X); after the FBI this week said Jeffrey Epstein killed himself, and had no client list, Frum posted: *As Scooby Doo taught millions of TV watchers: if the deceased villain's best friend tells you there's nothing worth seeing inside the locked closet ... there's probably something worth seeing inside the locked closet.*

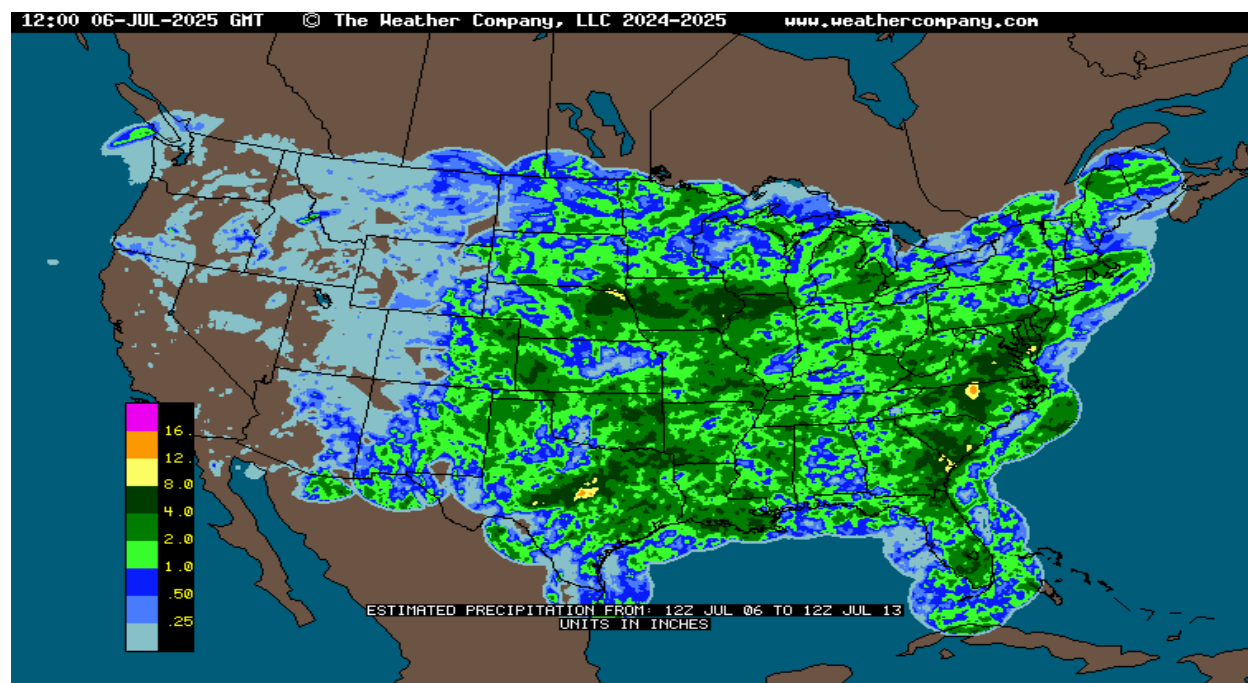
I had no idea 65 years later Bizarro World would be ...just another day. As an example, Friday's July WASDE was kinda bullish, thus good for only a dime drop in wheat.

*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***

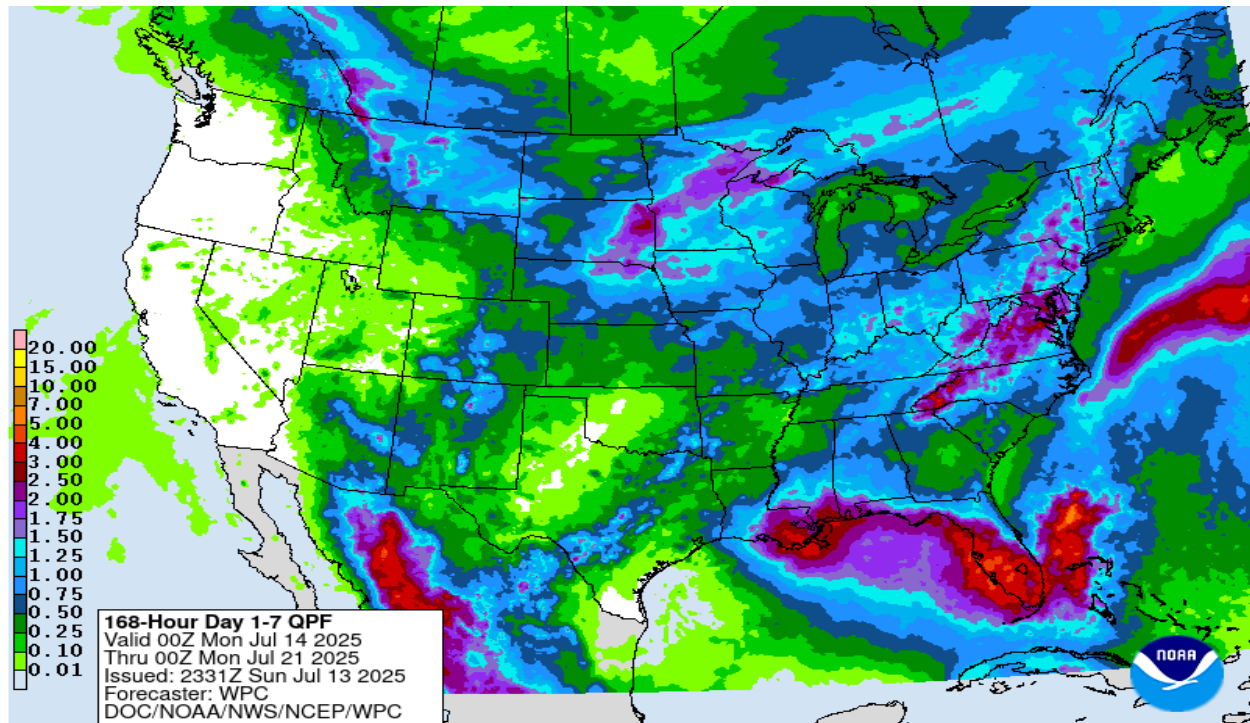
Markets closed the week weakly. Spring wheat was down 33c, KC was down 12c and set new Red Numbers, below the old-double bottom support (which is pretty much the opposite of a buy signal). Corn easily posted new Red Numbers as well, as did soybeans.

	KC U HRW	DEC 25 HRW	Sept CORN	DEC 25 CORN	Chgo U wheat	Springs Sept	AUG'25 BEANS	NOV BEANS	Crude oil	S&P (M)
CLOSE	KWU25	KWZ25	CU25	CZ25	WU25	MWU25	SQ25	SX25	CRD24	ES24
07/10	\$5.24	\$5.48	\$3.96	\$4.12	\$5.45	\$6.14	\$10.04	\$10.07	\$68.45	\$6300
07/03	\$5.36	\$5.61	\$4.20	\$4.37	\$5.57	\$6.47	\$10.56	\$10.49	\$67.00	\$6324
06/27	\$5.34	\$5.57	\$4.12	\$4.27	\$5.41	\$6.28	\$10.33	\$10.25	\$65.52	\$6224
06/20	\$5.79	\$6.02	\$4.26	\$4.41	\$5.84	\$6.57	\$10.72	\$10.61	\$73.84	\$6018
06/13	\$5.55	\$5.77	\$4.29	\$4.43	\$5.59	\$6.45	\$10.69	\$10.55	\$72.98	\$5979
06/06	\$5.63	\$5.84	\$4.33	\$4.49	\$5.69	\$6.44	\$10.51	\$10.37	\$64.58	\$6007
05/30	\$5.47	\$5.69	\$4.23	\$4.39	\$5.48	\$6.37	\$10.37	\$10.27	\$60.79	\$5916
05/23	\$5.54	\$5.77	\$4.38	\$4.51	\$5.58	\$6.21	\$10.56	\$10.51	\$61.53	\$5817
05/16	\$5.31	\$5.53	\$4.22	\$4.36	\$5.39	\$5.87	\$10.46	\$10.36	\$61.97	\$5976
05/09	\$5.32	\$5.54	\$4.29	\$4.42	\$5.37	\$6.07	\$10.47	\$10.31	\$61.02	\$5678
05/02	\$5.56	\$5.79	\$4.40	\$4.50	\$5.57	\$6.23	\$10.51	\$10.30	\$58.29	\$5709

This is last week's precip map; if you live in a place that grows corn, it was a good week:



This week's forecast looks a lot like that map of last week, except this map says Montana might get wet:



These guys are skeptical about that Montana rain.

I think NASS was skeptical about the Montana crop ratings.

These are the current USA spring wheat good or better conditions, with Montana showing 2 weeks at only 2% good or better,

Goor or Better percentage							
Spring Wheat Conditions, selected states.							
	5/25/2025	6/1/2025	6/8/2025	6/15/2025	6/22/2025	6/29/2025	7/6/2025
MN	82	85	90	89	89	87	80
MT	36	33	25	16	10	2	2
ND	36	48	57	66	68	69	68
SD	55	52	61	70	52	59	55
total	52.3	54.5	58.25	60.25	54.75	54.25	51.25
USA	45	50	53	57	54	53	50

which is worse than 2021/22.

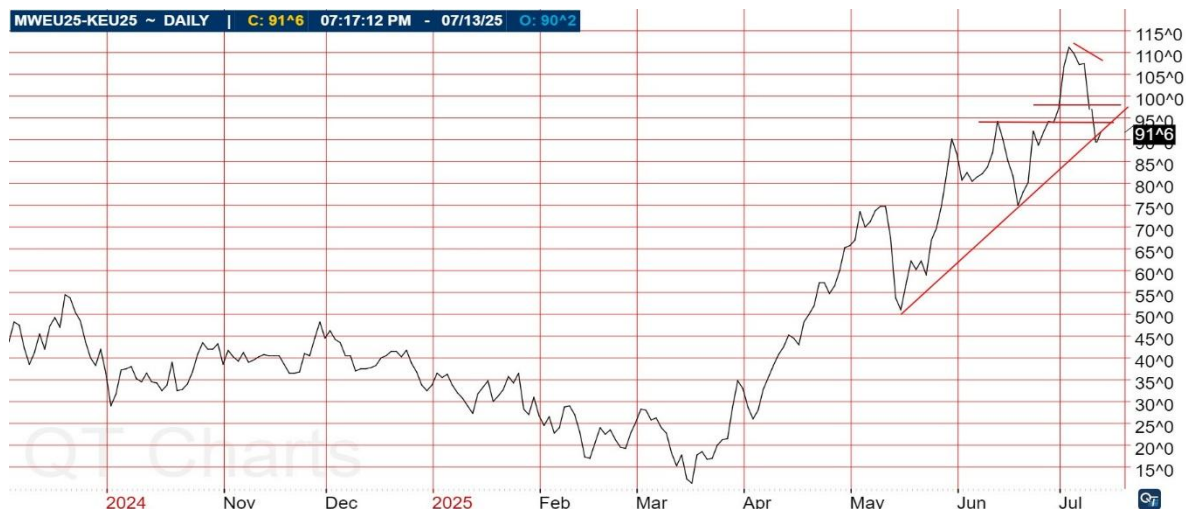
Montana other spring wheat	2021/22	2025/26
Current crop rating	7	2
Yield/bu	17	24
Montana spring wheat production; mil bu	37.1	53.0

SO...either the current crop ratings are grossly understated, or...the next NASS Production reports are expected to show big declines in spring wheat production.

The USDA did make a change to their **Canadian all wheat production estimate; they dropped it 1 mmt to 35 mmt.** For the record, Canadian wheat production in 2021/22 was only 21.65 mmt.

I'm sure those 3 guys on the bench on page 3 are very skeptical about the Canadian spring wheat estimate too.

Anyway...for whatever Bizarro reason, the Minny – KC spread (spring wheat – HRW) broke 21c last week, from +\$1.11, down to 90c, where it's still very expensive, but...I doubt we've seen the last of this thing, EITHER WAY.

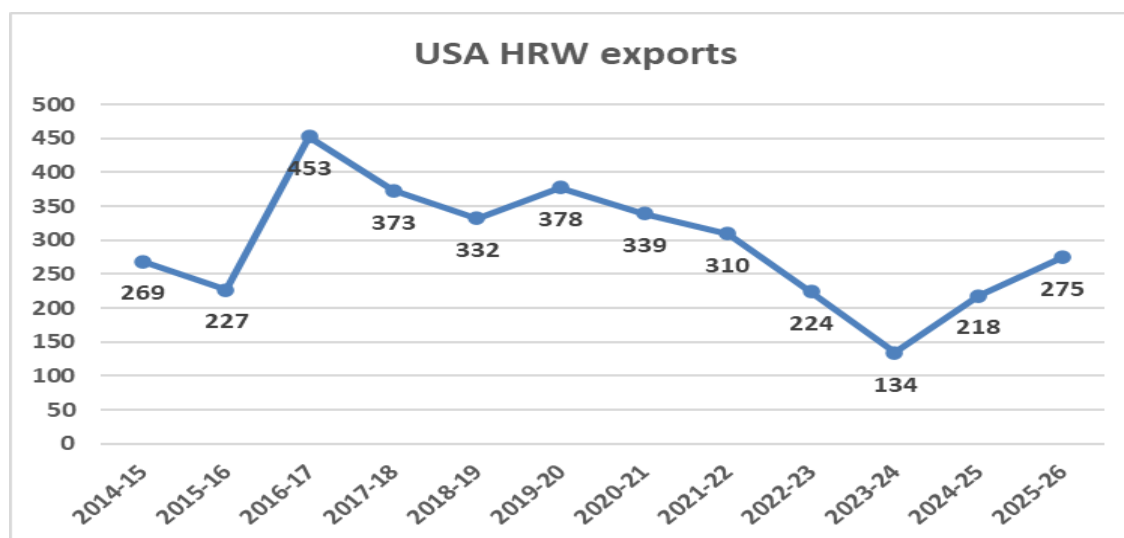


The discussion about Montana will need to include their HRW production too. NASS left MT's yield estimate at 44 bu/ac. In 21/22, the MT final HRW yield was 33 bu/ac.

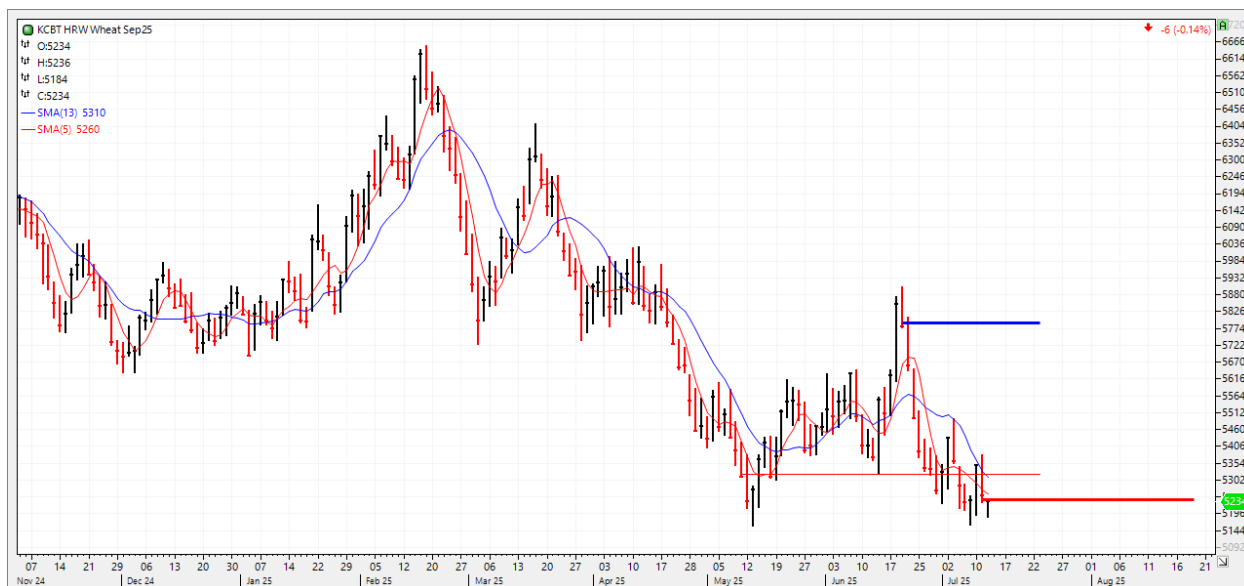
Kansas saw a 1 bu/yield drop on this report; Colorado saw a 3 bu/ac yield gain. Oklahoma dropped a bushel, but Texas gained 2 bu/ac.

Besides the 1 mmt drop to Canada's all-wheat production estimate, both Europe and Russia gained a .5 mmt, but Ukraine dropped 1 mmt. World wheat consumption increased 1 mmt. World ending wheat stocks dropped 1 mmt.

The **MOST INTERESTING** wheat item from this report was the forecast for this year's USA HRW exports increasing to 275 mil bu. (2024/25 was raised to 218.)



But the slightly friendly wheat numbers weren't enough to prevent new Red Numbers on the KC wheat charts. This is KC Sept, with the new red line below the old double-bottom:



This longer-term weekly continuous chart shows KC wheat remains in a powerful down trend, and a test of \$5.00 seems likely to me:

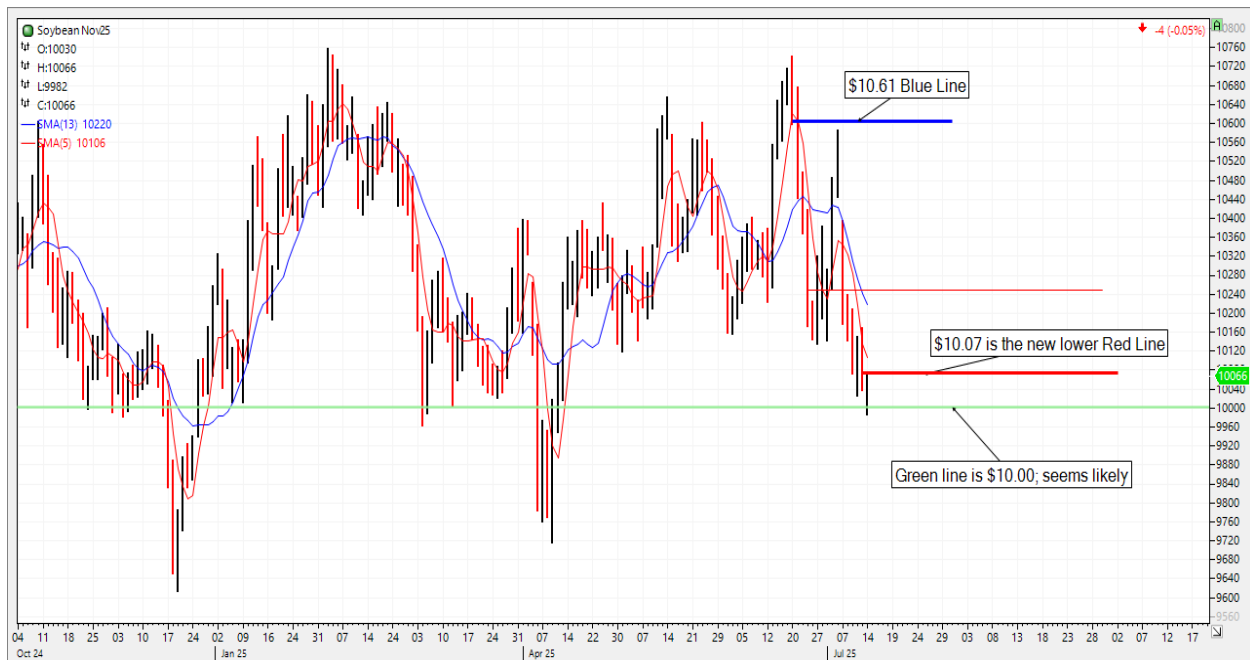


I'm not sure we can reach the new higher USA wheat export forecast, and I think wheat feed/residual category is overstated as well, but...we'll have to see if North American spring wheat production becomes an issue.

This wasn't much of a soybean report either. World soybean ending stocks were revised 1 mmt higher because world soybean carry in was revised 1 mmt higher. The USA new-crop

soybeans outlook was more bearish though, as USA soybean exports were dropped 70 mil bushels! This was mostly offset because the USA domestic usage was raised 50 mil bu...(we just gotta have that bean oil for fuel...), but the USDA basically saying until China starts buying USA beans again, prices are heading lower. The National average farm price for this coming year was dropped 15c/bu.

This is November beans getting ready to test \$10.00, and probably needing China to hold.



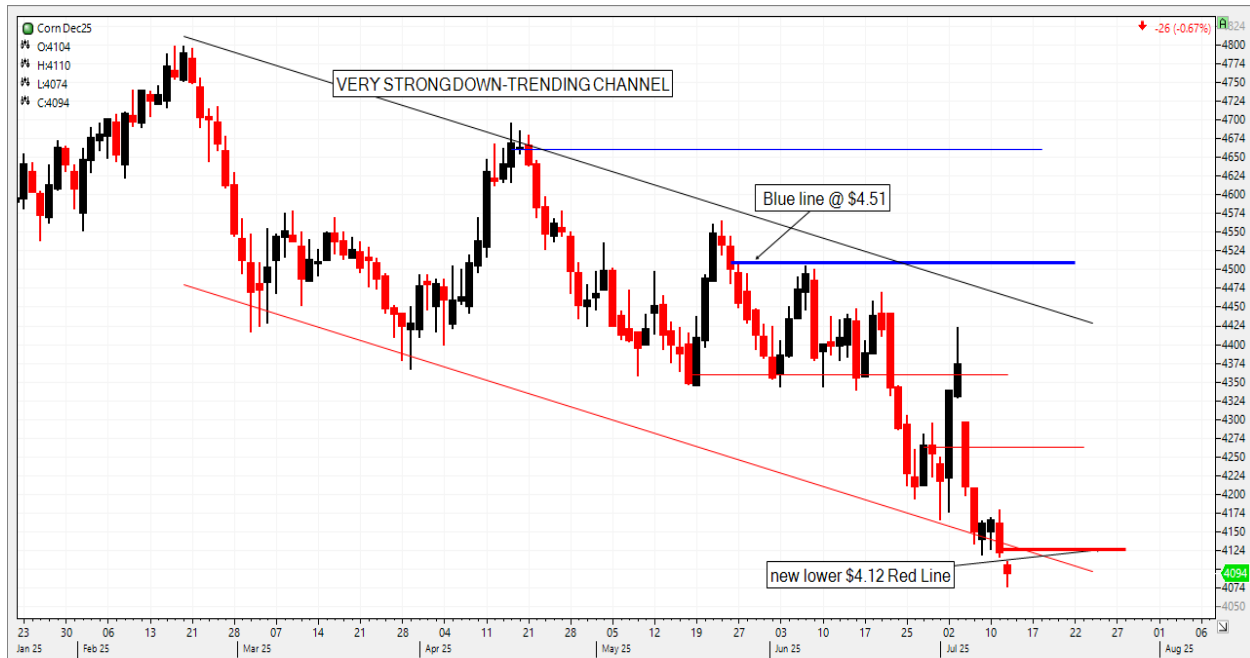
The WASDE was really about fine-tuning the corn picture. Old-crop corn exports raised up ANOTHER 100 million bu, ALTHOUGH old-crop corn feeding DECREASED 75 million bu! **Those are very big swings for mere fine-tuning this time of the crop year.**

New-crop corn production was down 115 mil bu on projected harvested acres! (seems like a guess at best).

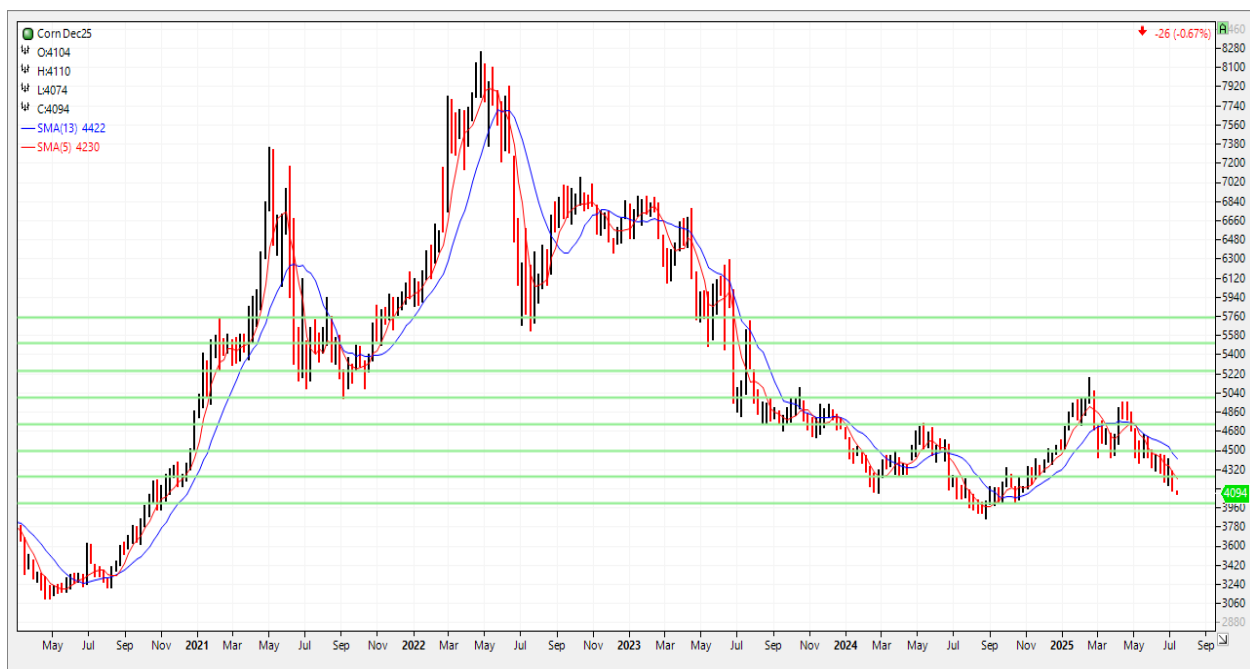
New-crop corn feeding was dropped 50 mil bu (after the 75 mil bu drop to old-crop corn feeding, and you can see why I believe USA wheat feeding is grossly overstated.) After all the fine-tuning gyrations, new-crop corn carryout decreased 90 million bu, and the NAFP was left unchanged at \$4.20

So here's Dec corn about \$4.10, just under the \$4.20 NAFP, with LOTS of moving parts between here and next July. In the meantime, an attempt to test \$4.00 seems quite likely to

me.



And this weekly continuous corn chart with the imaginary lines every 25c apart suggests holding the \$4.00 support is not guaranteed. Why? The weather still looks pretty good.



The updated Export Pace scorecard...I raised my Fudge Factor for wheat 8 mil bu (big deal). I increased the old-crop corn exports to 2.75 Billion bu(!), and the wheat export forecast

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increased 25 mil bu, and...which seems a little shaky to me, although wheat export sales last week were almost 21 mil bu. Corn export sales last week were almost 50 mil bu and soybeans were 18.5 mil bu, so lower prices are indeed seeing more export sales, **and it's still all without China.**

WEEK ENDED (06/26/25)	Weekly loadings	Accumulated in season (FGIS)	Estimated fudge factor	Total loaded est*	USDA projection	Amount needed	Weeks to go	Bu per week needed
Corn	58.7	2222.2	243	2465	2,750	285	08	35.6
Soybeans	14.3	1699.5	52	1752	1,850	98	08	12.3
All wheat	16.0	64.6	27	92	850	758	47	16.1
Milo	0.4	76.1	5	81	100	19	08	2.4
LAST update								
Corn	53.9	2163.0	243	2406	2,650	244	09	27.1
Soybeans	8.2	1684.8	52	1737	1,850	113	09	12.6
All wheat	16.0	47.0	19	66	825	759	48	15.8
Milo	0.4	78.5	5	83	100	17	09	1.9

The Tariff wars are on the front burner again, including tariffs on Canada and Mexico, even though a Trade agreement exists. And tariffs are expected to increase on many other countries as well. This has to be inflationary, although Reuters says the tariffs are bringing in a lot of money. Like **\$100 BILLION**...<https://www.reuters.com/business/trumps-tariff-collections-expected-grow-june-us-budget-data-2025-07-11/>

Where's that Bizarro World comics again?

Posted Gulf HRW to-arrive basis bids are unchanged:

GULF date	12 pro	11's	diff	
7/11/2025	100	85	15	U
7/4/2025	100	85	15	U
6/27/2025	105	95	10	N
6/20/2025	105	95	10	N

Posted basis bids in the country are mixed, and some are still reported as basis the July, which has to be WRONG. So aggravating...

Date	SE Colorado	Chey. Wells	Burlington	Holyoke area	Roggen area
07/11	\$4.39-\$4.39	\$4.39	\$4.04-\$4.14	\$4.19-\$4.31	\$4.44-\$5.04
07/04	\$4.26-\$4.51	\$4.51	\$4.26-\$4.36	\$4.31-\$4.43	\$4.56-\$5.16
06/27	\$4.36-\$4.49	\$4.49	\$4.24-\$4.34	\$4.19-\$4.34	\$4.36-\$5.14
06/20	\$4.73-\$4.93	\$4.73	\$4.63-\$4.73	\$4.48-\$4.73	\$4.73-\$5.43
06/13	\$4.51-\$4.71	\$4.46	\$4.21-\$4.31	\$4.16-\$4.31	\$4.61-\$5.21
BASIS	SE Colorado	Chey. Wells	Burlington	Holyoke	Roggen area
07/11 (U)	-85, -85	-85	-120, -110	-105, -93	-80, -20
07/04 (U)	-110, -85	-85	-110, -100	-105, -93	-80, -20
06/27 (U)	-98, -85	-85	-110, -100	-115, -100	-98, -20
06/20 (N)	-90, -70	-90	-100, -90	-115, -90	-90, -20
06/13 (N)	-90, -70	-95	-120, -110	-125, -110	-80, -20
Date	Concordia	Salina	Hutch/Wichita	Ark City	
07/11 (U)	-55	-42, -35	-65, -40	-85	
07/04 (U)	-55	-42, -30	-65, -38	-68	
06/27 (U)	-55	-45, -28	-78, -38	-68	
06/20 (N)	-40	-27, -10	-60, -20	-50	
06/13 (N)	-40	-27, -10	-60, -20	-50	

Have a good week. Stay Safe. I hope you can finish harvesting soon.

Slow Down is still good advice.