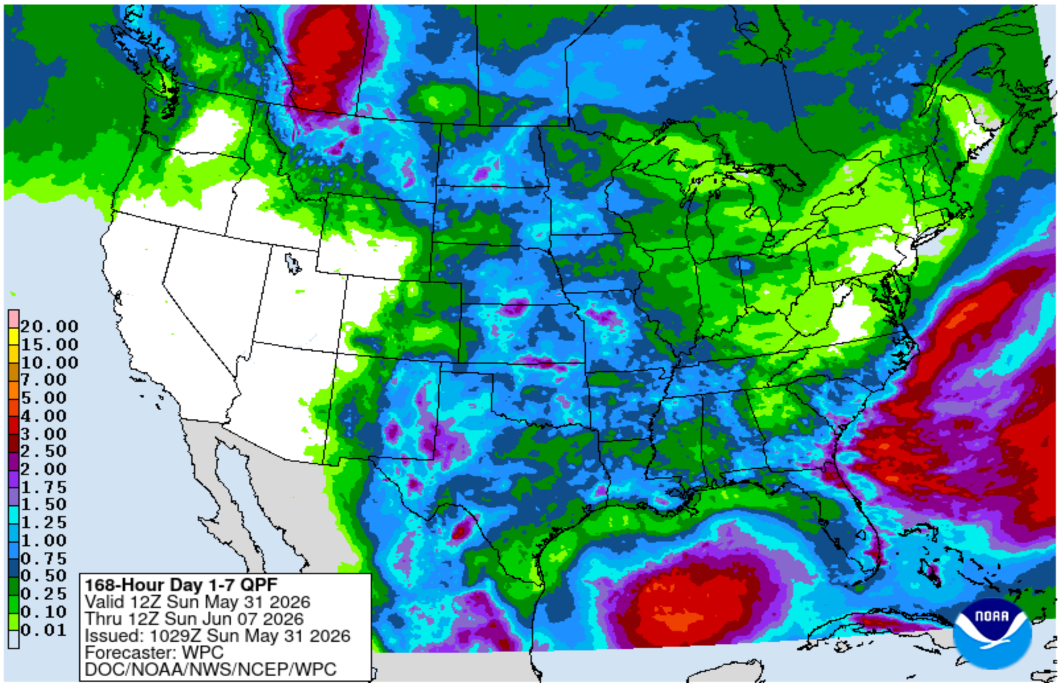
Hello Colorado Wheat.

Back in the day… a decent, but dry crop was ruined by wet weather at harvest… “50 weeks of drought, and 2 weeks of sprout”. I mentioned last week another pal told me he would always take a rain, but…but…but, he’ll probably get an inch or so again this week. And what about the Red Blob up in Alberta? Or the Gulf of Mexico? Or the southern East Coast?



Any of those Red Blobs may or may not eat everything and create some issues.

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 calendar says it's June already. Which means Noth America is about to enter Summer, which means that Red Blob up in Alberta probably won't be a foot of snow, but other than that...who knows? The USA Corn Belt might turn hot and dry and burn up this summer, but...I'd lean towards that won't happen.

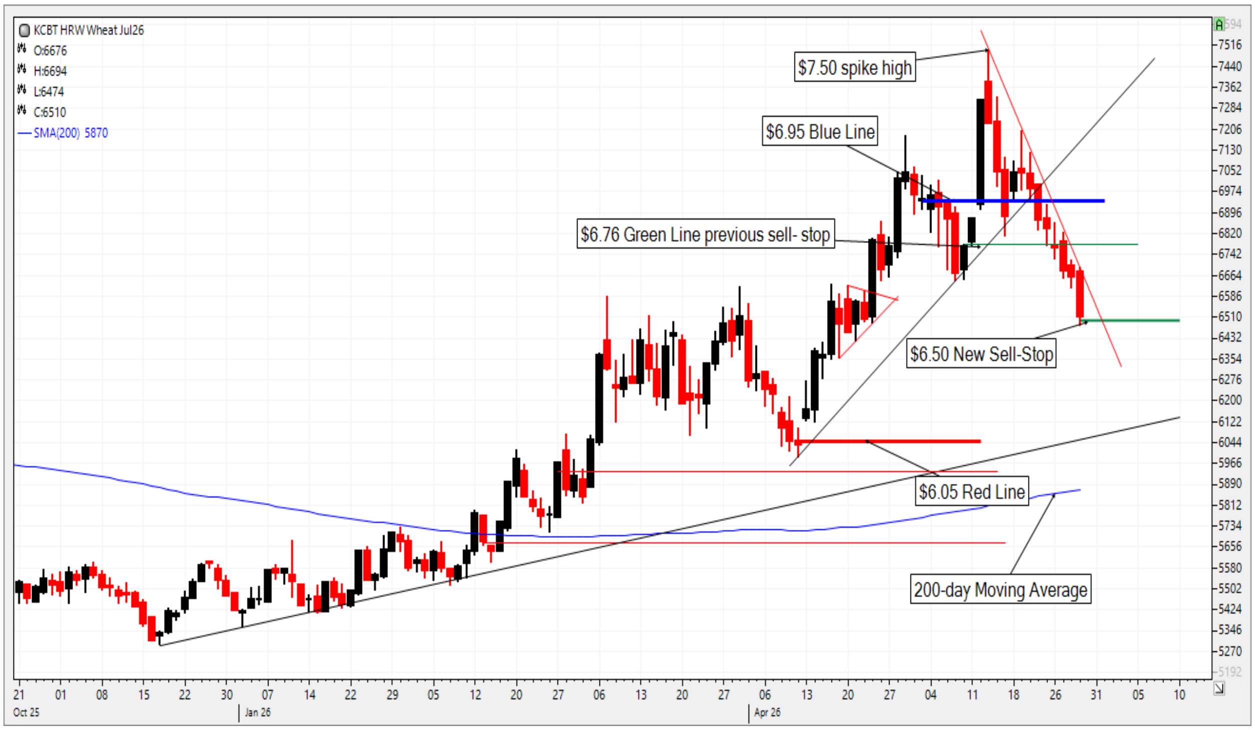
The week ended with LOTS of Green Numbers, new 4-Week Closing Lows. Some Funds will actually initiate new short positions on new Green numbers. Others might reduce existing long positions. Some might do nothing. In MY case, the previous Green numbers were sell-stops on some of this year's wheat, and some new-crop corn, and... "ominously", these new Green numbers might be some type of a warning sign, and in the case of wheat...might even call for some aggressive action. We'll have to dig into that. The stock market moved higher again, while crude oil moved lower again.

	KC July HRW	DEC 26 HRW	July 26 CORN	DEC 26 CORN	Chgo N wheat	Springs July	July'26 BEANS	NOV'26 BEANS	Crude oil	S&P (M)
CLOSE	**KWN26**	**KWZ26**	**CN26**	**CZ26**	**WN26**	**MWN26**	**SN26**	**SX26**	**CRD26**	**ES26**
05/29	**$6.50**	**$6.77**	**$4.47**	**$4.75**	**$6.11**	**$6.64**	**$11.87**	**$11.90**	**$87.36**	**$7596**
05/22	$6.82	$7.09	$4.63	$4.87	**$6.46**	$6.90	$11.97	$11.88	$96.60	$7491
05/15	$6.88	$7.11	$4.56	$4.81	$6.36	$6.85	**$11.77**	**$11.71**	$101.02	$7432
05/08	$6.76	$7.01	$4.71	$4.94	$6.19	$6.79	**$12.08**	**$11.90**	$95.42	$7419
05/01	**$6.95**	**$7.21**	**$4.80**	**$4.99**	$6.38	**$7.04**	$12.03	$11.83	$101.94	$7258
04/24	$6.70	$6.95	$4.64	$4.84	$6.17	$6.93	$11.79	$11.56	$94.40	$7195
04/17	$6.50	$6.76	$4.58	$4.77	$5.99	$6.70	$11.83	$11.57	**$82.59**	$7162
04/10	**$6.05**	**$6.38**	**$4.51**	**$4.72**	**$5.81**	**$6.27**	$11.91	$11.58	$96.57	$6855
04/03	$6.31	$6.62	$4.63	$4.81	$6.10	$6.61	$11.80	$11.54	**$111.54**	$6604
03/27	$6.48	$6.79	$4.74	$4.90	$6.16	$6.62	**$11.75**	$11.44	$99.64	**$6412**
03/20	$6.21	$6.55	$4.76	$4.91	$6.07	$6.42	**$11.77**	**$11.41**	$98.23	$6559

Here's some more ominous green numbers...

This is KC July. I sold 25% a while ago and sold 25% last week. I still have nominally 50% to sell, although drought reduced how much I actually have remaining. BUT…whatever is remaining…ALL OF IT…I'm using the new Green Line at $6.50 as my sell-stop on what I have remaining. Which, more than likely…means I'll soon have sold ALL of this year's wheat.

The chart says there was a chance at selling $7.50 wheat on May 13, and that's true…at about 5:28 am, the chance existed for 1 minute. And that was the last day the nearby wheat futures closed above $7.00, let alone $7.50. Maybe some of you were smart or lucky enough to catch it. I didn't. And now I might sell it a dollar lower than that spike high.



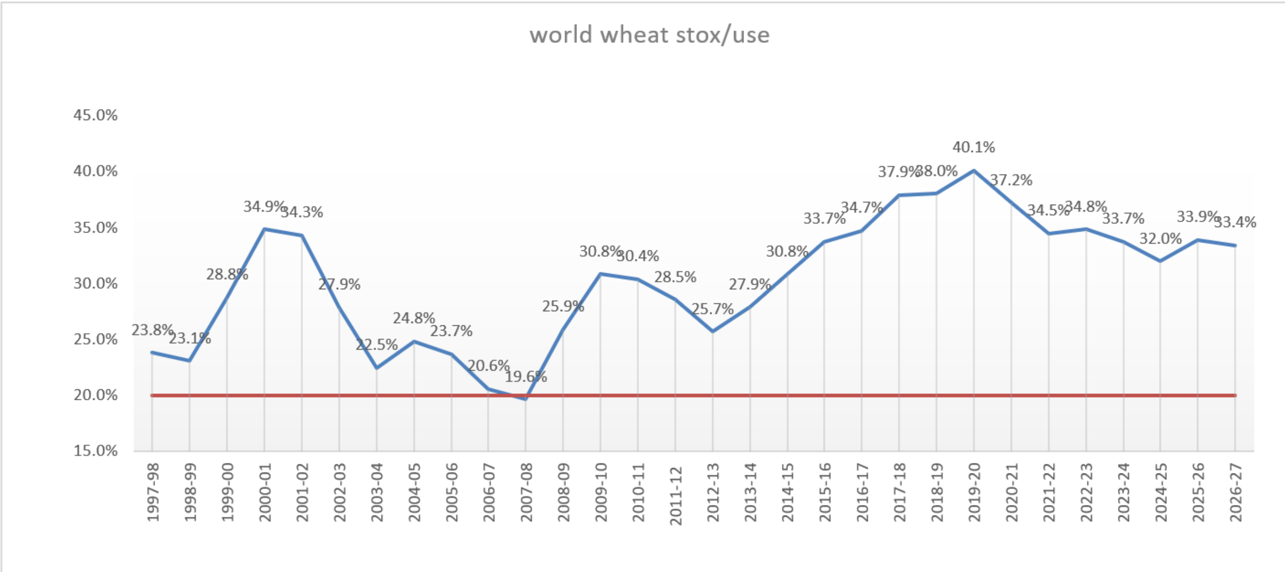
The market could rally back, although I don't expect a dollar rally. I find that extremely highly unlikely.

If you don't want to sell it here, I don't blame you. It's your wheat. And we were a dollar higher less than 3 weeks ago. Maybe you'll wait until the 200-day MA (currently at $5.815) is violated before you throw in the towel. Most funds will liquidate long positions on new Red numbers, which is currently down at $6.05. So…you can wait for any of those, or whatever criteria you chose. If nothing else, having sales target orders might help catch a rally.

Hopefully I'll get lucky and be able to raise my sell-stop, but…either way, I've made up my mind. (And remember, my sell-stops are based on a Friday close. So even though KC July traded down to $6.49 Sunday nite, my stop wasn't triggered (yet).

It’s not like I’m a Super Bear. I mainly don’t think world wheat fundamentals are bullish. The markets have dealt with a 33% world wheat stox/usage ratio for the last 6 years

A World wheat stox/usage ratio of 20% guarantees panic; and even approaching 25% gets things on edge, but that doesn’t appear to be in the cards.



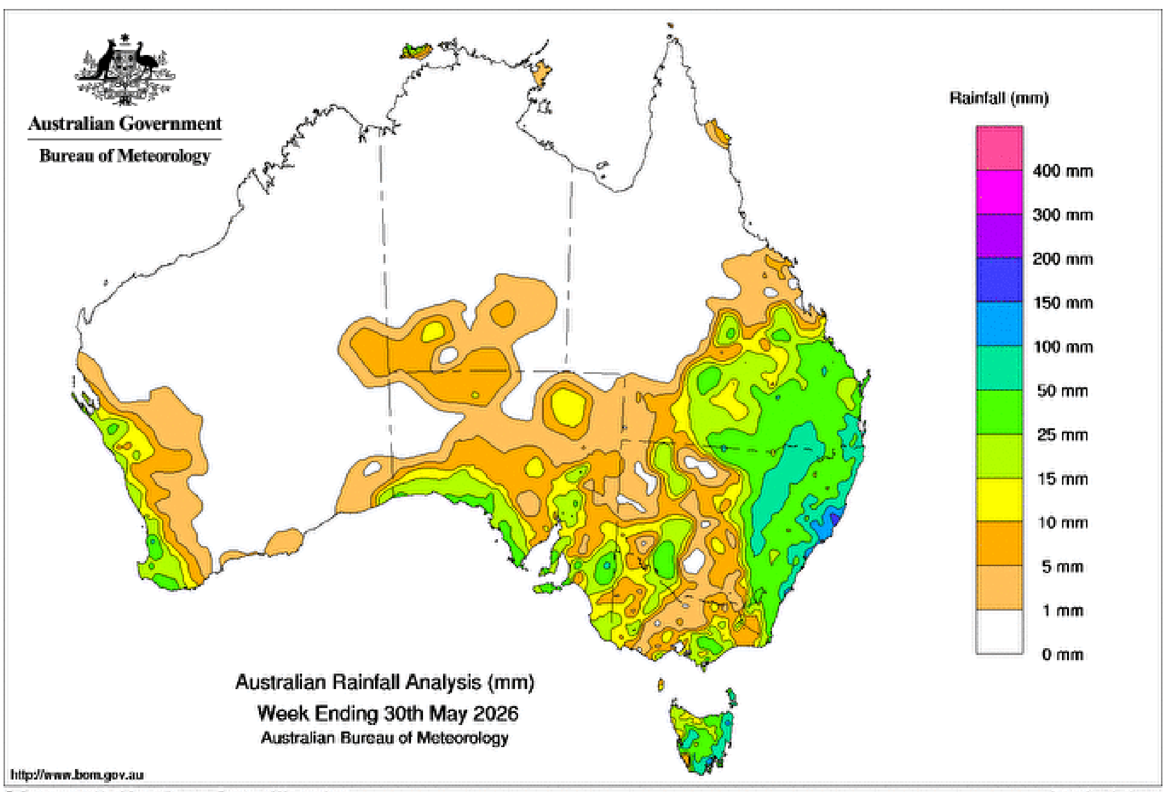
What else causes rallies, besides fundamentals? Weather and government actions contribute to those fundamentals. And wild cards, big geo-political actions, such as war.

This is the weekly KC chart …it’s hard for me to remember… but this chart shows KC wheat traded above $13.00 in May 2022. The USA’s final ending stocks/usage ratio was 30.4% that year (2022/23) compared to year’s initial USA wheat stox/use much higher 40.7%, so the big input that year was not weather-related fundamentals, but…Russia invaded Ukraine.

Anyway…selling $6.50 wheat seems pretty good to me.

If the USA Corn Belt burns up this summer, that would certainly raise the price of…corn. This is KC July wheat at about $2.07 above July corn, almost 45c off the peak. I'm not betting on a corn rally causing a wheat rally…but could it bounce? Sure. And I hope it does, as I'd like to get a chance to raise my sell-stop.

Australia might burn up, BUT they got some rain Down Under last week:



Apparently Australia got enough rain after a big harvest ...it triggered a mice plague... https://www.yahoo.com/news/world/articles/mouse-plague-terrorises-australian-farms-124202898.html?fr=sycsrp_catchall&guccounter=1&guce_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly9uZXdzLnNlYXJjaC55YWhvby5jb20vc2VhcmNoO195bHQ9QXdyRmMzSm82eHhxWndJQXd6WlhOeW9BO195bHU9WTI5c2J3TmlaakVFY0c5ekF6RUVkbUJwWkFNRWMyVmpBM0JwZG5NLT9wPWF1c3RyYWxpYSt3ZXRoZXImZnlyPXBpdi13ZWImdHlwZT1FMjEwVVM4ODVHMCZmcj1tY2FmZWU&guce_referrer_sig=AQAAAE8oNF2DfwEWhn6H6fEo029AaPWYryzzQoTKPCwxy_9LvxCsof2QfXLxTsiTW_3dZ3V6WswOwSNJqXZzXA_9ElOsohPtL1lYxE-vSvD2w3BhlQB9mAk_PaLKb7LbiBpaHSEKsracM6c4x9gJqdjKG6QBt8rmibvCSkvLvKbeIu0l

(I don't know why that link takes up half a page. But here's the mouse photo; YUCKY!!)

Is this another hantavirus story in the making...? Here's the latest update on the hantavirus cruise ship; stable at 13 cases...https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/hantavirus-cases-cruise-outbreak-rise-072025303.html?fr=sycsrp_catchall

I mentioned the Red Blob in Alberta, Canada. My phone shows chances of rain every day this week in north central North Dakota too, so at this early stage of the game, I don't think Canada is burning up either.

Anyway...My sell-stop is in the pit.

The updated USA Export Pace scorecard shows wheat has 1 week remaining in the wheat marketing year and had a strong week last week, so we'll be pretty close to the USDA's May USA wheat forecast of 910 mil bu. Corn and beans had good weeks too. Looks like there was an adjustment to previous milo data.

WEEK ENDED (05/21/26)	Weekly loadings	Accumulated in season (FGIS)	Estimated fudge factor	Total loaded est*	USDA projection	Amount needed	Weeks to go	Bu per week needed
Corn	62.3	**2,369.1**	110	**2,479**	**3,300**	**821**	**14**	**58.6**
Soybeans	21.0	**1,291.0**	34	**1,325**	**1,530**	**205**	**14**	**14.6**
All wheat	13.5	**862.7**	27	**890**	**910**	**34**	**01**	**20.0**
Milo	0.1	**152.6**	5	**158**	**225**	**67**	**14**	**4.8**
LAST update								
Corn	54.3	**2,306.0**	110	**2,416**	**3,300**	**884**	**15**	**58.9**
Soybeans	17.8	**1,266.6**	34	**1,301**	**1,530**	**229**	**15**	**15.3**
All wheat	8.2	**848.7**	27	**876**	**910**	**34**	**02**	**17.0**
Milo	3.1	**147.0**	5	**152**	**225**	**73**	**15**	**4.6**

Wheat export sales saw about 30 mil bu rolled into next year. Corn export sales last week were less than half of the previous week's sales, which certainly makes me raise an eyebrow…

River barge bids for corn and beans are slightly firmer:

south illinois river bids	corn	corn	beans	beans
5/29/2026	**-3**	**1**	**-11**	**-8**
5/22/2026	-7	0	-12	-8
5/15/2026	-7	0	-12	-8
5/8/2026	0	0	-15	-10

Posted Texas Gulf HRW to-arrive bids are unchanged for 12's but 11's slipped a nickel:

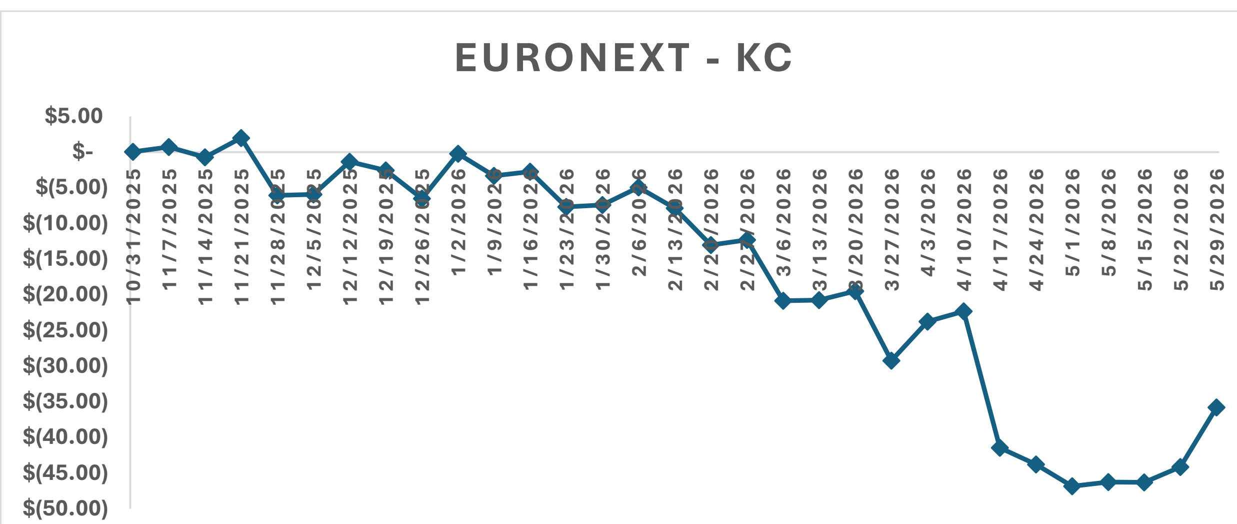
GULF			
date	**12 pro**	**11's**	**diff**
5/29/2026	**120**	**115**	5
5/22/2026	120	120	0
5/15/2026	120	120	0
5/8/2026	120	120	0

Posted basis bids for HRW in the country are mixed. Mills bids are a little better again, and the low end of the Hutch-Wichita area has firmed 15c this month, and that's mainly because of the new 75-mile enlarged KC wheat (CME) "delivery" market.

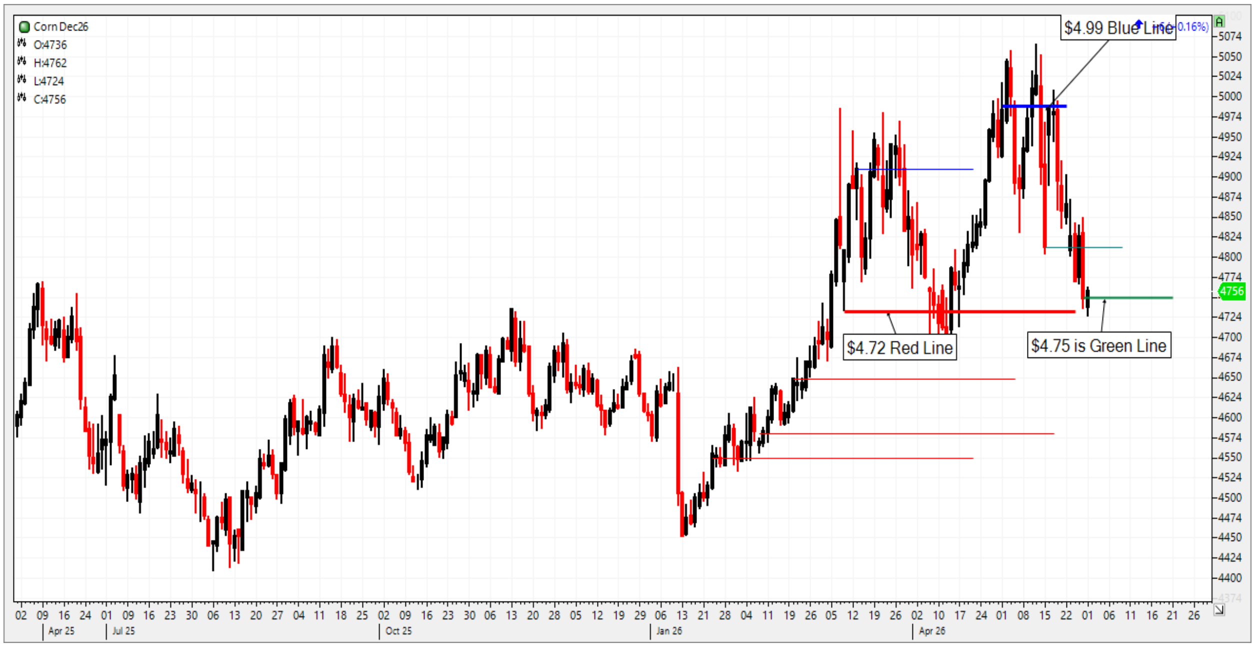
Date	SE Colorado	Chey. Wells	Burlington	Holyoke area	Roggen area
05/29	**$5.55-$5.65**	**$5.70**	**$5.46-$5.56**	**$5.40-$5.75**	**$6.10-$6.35**
05/22	$5.92-$6.02	$6.02	$5.83-$5.93	$5.77-$5.97	$6.32-$6.57
05/15	$5.93-$6.03	$6.03	$5.84-$5.94	$5.78-$5.98	$6.33-$6.58
05/08	$5.81-$5.91	$5.91	$5.72-$5.82	$5.66-$5.81	$6.21-$6.41
BASIS	**SE Colorado**	**Chey. Wells**	**Burlington**	**Holyoke**	**Roggen area**
05/29(N)	**-95, -85**	**-80**	**-110, -94**	**-110, -75**	**-40, -15**
05/22(N)	-90, -80	-80	-99, -89	-105, -85	-50, -25
05/15(N)	-95, -85	-85	-104, -94	-110, -90	-55, -30
05/08(N)	-95, -85	-85	-104, -94	-110, -95	-55, -35

Date	Concordia	Salina	Hutch/Wichita	Ark City
05/29(N)	**-50**	**-45, -20**	**-50, -20**	
05/22(N)	-50	-45, -20	-55, -20	
05/15(N)	-50	-40, -20	-60, -25	
05/08(N)	-55	-40, -20	-65, -25	
05/01(N)	-55	-48, -30	-68, -30	

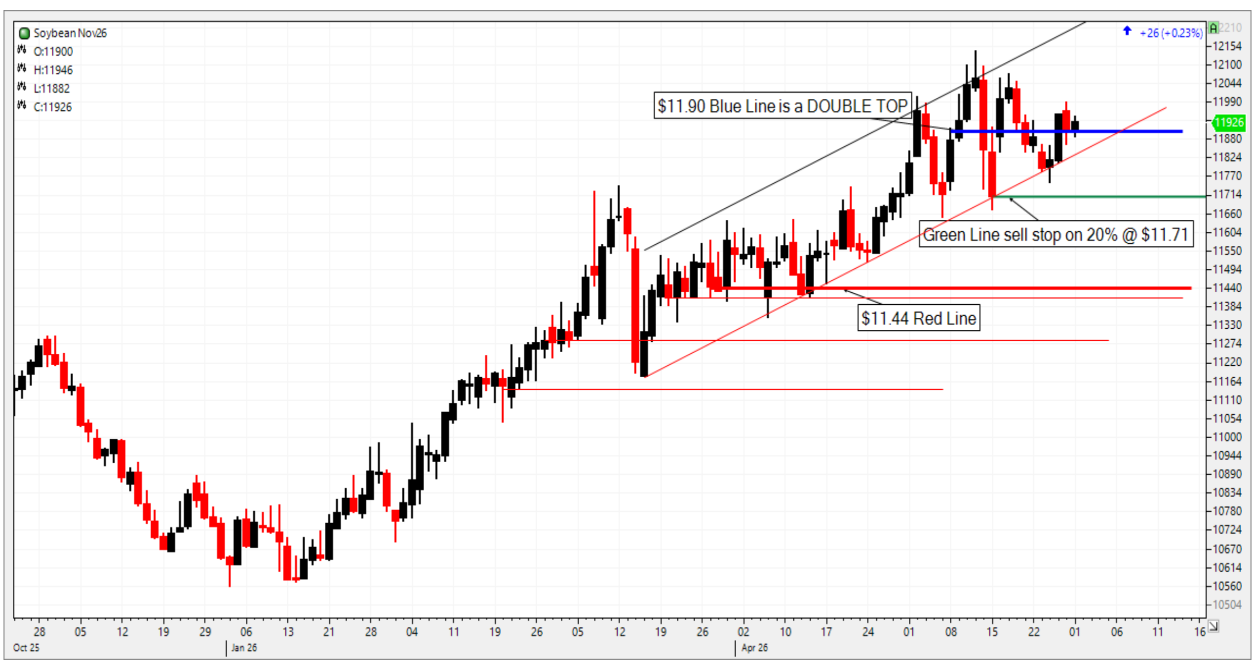
One last wheat chart is Euronext U – KC U, showing KC dropped more than Europe last week. But Europe at “only” a $35/mmt discount will not stop European wheat coming to the USA this year. And the main reason will be domestic freight costs more than vessel freight.



And one last wheat marketing move…**I'm selling 15% of expected new-crop wheat at $7.00 or better.** This will get me to 25% sold on the wheat I'll plant this fall. Speaking of new-crop…CORN. Here's Dec corn; **I've sold 30% of my expected crop**. IF we get a new red line (a weekly close below $4.72), expect Fund selling.



I'm still lugging a dab of old-crop beans, using $11.77 as my sell-stop, and this is November new-crop soybeans, and $11.71 is my sell-stop on 20% of my expected crop:



Anyways…we have some marketing plans. I think something of a plan is better than nothing of a plan.

Other semi-interesting news…besides the Aussie mice…Mr Jinks said "I hate those meeces to pieces!"

India is suffering under an extreme heat wave.
https://global.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202605/29/WS6a18ea42a310d6866eb4b56a.html

So is Europe, which could have easily affected that Euronext _ KC wheat spread we looked at…https://www.yahoo.com/news/weather-news/articles/europe-deadly-spring-heat-wave-130000502.html?fr=sycsrp_catchall

Last week I said I'd be surprised if fertilizer prices fell with crude oil, but Barchart Ag said this on twitter: US Gulf urea prices have fallen sharply, dropping below pre-Iran conflict levels. Elevated prices dampened demand, while growing optimism around a reopening of the Strait of Hormuz has added further downward pressure on the market.

and here's a DTN article quoting a South Dakota State study which concluded the Renewable Fuel Standards Act "transferred hundreds of billions of dollars to Corn Belt landowners… https://www.dtnpf.com/agriculture/web/ag/news/business-inputs/article/2026/05/29/biofuel-policys-hidden-cost-rising

Have a good week. I suspect you're almost finished with planting. BUT…

Stay Safe. Slow Down.