

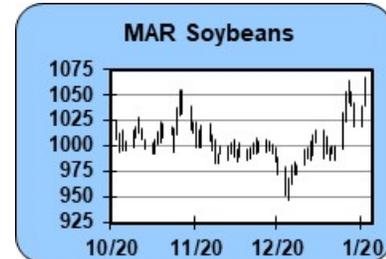
DAILY SOY COMPLEX COMMENTARY

1/22/2025

China takes measures to slow the flow of imported beans

OVERNIGHT CHANGES THROUGH 6:06 AM (CT):
SOY BEANS -0.0, **BEAN OIL** +0.0, **SOYMEAL** -0.1

OVERNIGHT DEVELOPMENTS: Soybeans (MAR 25) prices overnight are down -4; Soymeal (MAR 25) down -1.80; and Soyoil (MAR 25) down -0.15. Soybean open interest as of January 21 was up 7,734 contracts, soymeal up 1,435 contracts, and soybean oil down 916. Chinese Dalian (MAY 25) Soybeans up 0.47%, Soymeal up 0.64%, Soyoil up 0.36%, Palm oil down 0.17%. Malaysian Palm was down 1.22%.



NEAR-TERM MARKET FUNDAMENTALS: The soy complex is slightly weaker this morning following yesterday's strong rally. Some of the weakness may be coming from China's announcement this morning they are suspending some Brazilian soy shipments from 5 companies for contamination. China has commonly used the phytosanitary requirements in the past to manage the flow of imports and keep the ports from getting too congested. But it is a sign the heavy Brazilian purchases over the last few months are now beginning to back up at the ports. China also announced a Rural Revitalization Plan overnight to increase support for grain production, seed technology and market-based purchasing of imports. S&P Global, formerly Informa, reduced their estimate for US bean acres this spring by 700,000 to 83.3 million acres, down 3.8 million from last season. Dr Cordonnier lowered his Argentina crop 1 million tonnes to 51 million, compared to USDA at 52 and left his Brazil estimate unchanged. Deral reported bean harvest in Brazil's state of Parana is 8% done and Mato Grosso harvest is 2% done, compared to 13% at this time a year ago. Some follow up showers are still forecast for Argentina, but sizable portion of the country will remain too dry over the next 2 weeks. The US dollar is slightly lower this morning after the sharp break yesterday and despite the currency drop, Brazil beans are significantly cheaper than US prices. This could slow the current futures rally, especially with better Brazil harvest conditions upcoming. Longer-term moving average resistance stands at 1076 on March beans and the market has not closed above the 200-day in over a year. China's actions to slow imports is likely to weigh on prices today but there is no technical top formation at this time.

Soybean export inspections for the week ending January 16 came in at 973,145 metric tonnes. Cumulative inspections year-to-date are 32,297,933 metric tonnes which is 20.6% above last year. This is 65.0% of the USDA's forecast for the 2024-25 marketing year versus the five year average of 59.4%.

TODAY'S MARKET IDEAS:

China's plans to slow imports is a bearish factor today and some new bullish news will be needed to keep the rally going. A further fall in the US dollar would be beneficial for prices but South American offers remain well below the US. March beans 200-day moving average resistance stands at 1076 and an initial support at 1049. Aggressive speculators could probe the short side on a rally above 1073 today using a tight \$0.08 stop.

NEW RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS:

None

SOYBEAN COMPLEX TECHNICAL OUTLOOK:

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SOYBEANS (MAR) 01/22/2025: The daily stochastics gave a bullish indicator with a crossover up. Studies are showing positive momentum but are now in overbought territory, so some caution is warranted. The close above the 9-day moving average is a positive short-term indicator for trend. There could be more upside follow through since the market closed above the 2nd swing resistance. The near-term upside target is at 1089 1/4. The next area of resistance is around 1081 3/4 and 1089 1/4, while 1st support hits today at 1052 3/4 and below there at 1031 1/2.

SOYBEAN OIL (MAR) 01/22/2025: Rising stochastics at overbought levels warrant some caution for bulls. The market's short-term trend is positive on the close above the 9-day moving average. The market has a slightly positive tilt with the close over the swing pivot. The next upside target is 47.00. The market is becoming somewhat overbought now that the RSI is over 70. The next area of resistance is around 46.41 and 47.00, while 1st support hits today at 45.13 and below there at 44.43.

SOYMEAL (MAR) 01/22/2025: The cross over and close above the 60-day moving average is an indication the longer-term trend has turned positive. The daily stochastics have crossed over up which is a bullish indication. Momentum studies are trending higher from mid-range, which should support a move higher if resistance levels are penetrated. The cross over and close above the 18-day moving average is an indication the intermediate-term trend has turned positive. The market's close above the 2nd swing resistance number is a bullish indication. The near-term upside objective is at 320.5. The next area of resistance is around 317.2 and 320.5, while 1st support hits today at 304.8 and below there at 295.7.

DAILY CORN COMMENTARY

1/22/2025

S&P Global estimates 2.9 million increase in acres this season

OVERNIGHT CHANGES THROUGH 6:06 AM (CT):
CORN -0.2

OVERNIGHT DEVELOPMENTS: Corn (MAR 25) prices overnight are down -2. Corn open interest as of January 21 was up 31,364 contracts. Chinese Dalian (MAY 25) Corn was down 0.35%.



NEAR-TERM MARKET FUNDAMENTALS: Yesterday, March corn hit its highest level since March 30th of last year as funds continue their heavy buying. Open interest was up another 31,000 contracts yesterday with total open interest gains since December 31st now pushing 300,000 contracts. There were some rumors yesterday of China purchases of US corn but there has been no confirmation. The market is slightly weaker this morning as S&P global, formerly Informa, raised their US spring corn acreage estimate by 700,000 acres to 93.5 million acres, up 2.9 million from last season. Dr Cordonnier lowered his Argentine corn estimate 1 million tonnes to 48 million, compared to USDA at 51 and left Brazil unchanged. Weekly ethanol production will be delayed until tomorrow morning. US egg production in December was down 3% year-over-year. ANEC estimates Brazil's January at 3.53 million tonnes, up from their previous forecast the week before of 2.98 million. A historic snowstorm across the Gulf Coast has halted port operations in New Orleans. Yesterday's corn rally was supported by ideas Trump will push China to fulfill the Phase 1 trade agreement from his 1st term, which could include significant purchases of US corn. TikTok will likely be used as leverage in negotiations with China. March corn has significant resistance at 500 and it is unlikely the market can sustain a rally above that level without a significant worsening of conditions in South America. Any sign of a technical top formation could start a decent pullback after the nearly \$0.60 rally on March over the last month.

Corn export inspections for the week ending January 16 came in at 1,541,423 metric tonnes. Cumulative inspections year-to-date are 19,249,865 metric tonnes which is 30.5% above last year. This is 30.9% of the USDA's forecast for the 2024-25 marketing year versus the five year average of 24.2%.

TODAY'S MARKET IDEAS:

Another large jump in open interest yesterday and the fund buying has been relentless since the 1st of the year. However, March corn is closing in on major resistance at 500. Speculative longs can tighten stops as the market approaches that level. Prices have seen only minimal pullbacks since mid-December and we would be interested on the long side again if March drops back \$0.15 - \$0.20.

NEW RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

CORN TECHNICAL OUTLOOK:

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CORN (MAR) 01/22/2025: Rising stochastics at overbought levels warrant some caution for bulls. The close above the 9-day moving average is a positive short-term indicator for trend. With the close over the 1st swing resistance number, the market is in a moderately positive position. The next upside objective is 496 1/4. The 9-day RSI over 70 indicates the market is approaching overbought levels. The next area of resistance is around 494 and 496 1/4, while 1st support hits today at 486 and below there at 480 1/4.

CORN (MAY) 01/22/2025: Daily stochastics have risen into overbought territory which will tend to support reversal action if it occurs. The market's close above the 9-day moving average suggests the short-term trend remains positive. Market positioning is positive with the close over the 1st swing resistance. The next upside target is 505 1/4. The market is approaching overbought levels with an RSI over 70. The next area of resistance is around 503 1/2 and 505 1/4, while 1st support hits today at 496 and below there at 490 1/2.

DAILY WHEAT COMMENTARY

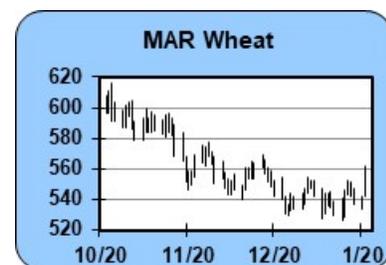
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Russian wheat exports in Jan forecast at lowest since 2017

OVERNIGHT CHANGES THROUGH 6:06 AM (CT):

WHEAT +0.03

OVERNIGHT DEVELOPMENTS: Chicago wheat (MAR 25) prices overnight are unchanged; Kansas City (MAR 25) up 1/2; and Minneapolis (MAR 25) up 1. MATIF Milling Wheat(MAR 25) was down - 0.3%. Chicago wheat open interest as of January 21 was down 4,018 contracts and KC wheat was up 2,416 contracts.



NEAR-TERM MARKET FUNDAMENTALS: Cold temperatures across the Plains, several global demand tenders, and easing trade war fears finally got the wheat market out of the doldrums yesterday and March Chicago rallied to a 5-week high. Jordan and Japan both tendered for wheat and Egypt reportedly made a private purchase deal for 4 cargoes. While the exact amount of the purchase was not revealed, 4 cargoes would be equivalent to something in the neighborhood of 250,000 tonnes. Russian wheat exports continue to shrink and SovEcon says Russian exports last week were 390,000 tonnes, down from 430,000 previous week and January exports for the month are expected to only reach 2.0 million tonnes, the lowest January figure since 2017.

SovEcon left their Russian production estimate unchanged at 78.7 million tonnes. Many areas of the Plains were left without snow cover as the cold temperatures moved in this week and private forecasters are now saying be on the lookout for some winterkill. The Plains will be dry for the next 5 days and in the 6 to 10 and 8 to 14 day outlooks temperatures do warm to normal and even above normal in the northern Plains. The question for today...was yesterday's trade strong enough to trigger significant managed money short covering? Global demand is beginning to pick up and if prices can build on yesterday's breakout of the sideways range with another higher close, funds will begin to feel the heat. Wheat is notoriously streaky once it starts a move and could quickly run to 1st resistance at 575 on March Chicago now that prices have moved above the recent range.

Wheat export inspections for the week ending January 16 came in at 261,786 metric tonnes. Cumulative inspections year-to-date are 13,279,169 metric tonnes which is 23.8% above last year. This is 57.4% of the USDA's forecast for the 2024-25 marketing year versus the five year average of 58.2%.

TODAY'S MARKET IDEAS:

The sharply weaker dollar and cold temperatures across the Plains were enough to spark the bull camp to action yesterday. March Chicago moved above the upper boundary of the sideways pattern and prices are likely to build on those gains today. 1st upside resistance is 575 and if funds get aggressive in covering her short positions, prices could spike up to longer-term resistance at 598 On March Chicago.

NEW RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

WHEAT TECHNICAL OUTLOOK:

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WHEAT (MAR) 01/22/2025: The cross over and close above the 60-day moving average indicates the longer-term trend has turned up. Positive momentum studies in the neutral zone will tend to reinforce higher price action. The cross over and close above the 18-day moving average indicates the intermediate-term trend has turned up. Since the close was above the 2nd swing resistance number, the market's posture is bullish and could see more upside follow-through early in the session. The near-term upside target is at 575. The next area of resistance is around 568 1/2 and 575, while 1st support hits today at 549 and below there at 535 3/4.

KC WHEAT (MAR) 01/22/2025: The major trend could be turning up with the close back above the 60-day moving average. The daily stochastics have crossed over up which is a bullish indication. Stochastics are at mid-range but trending higher, which should reinforce a move higher if resistance levels are taken out. The cross over and close above the 18-day moving average is an indication the intermediate-term trend has turned positive. Since the close was above the 2nd swing resistance number, the market's posture is bullish and could see more upside follow-through early in the session. The next upside target is 595 1/4. The next area of resistance is around 587 1/2 and 595 1/4, while 1st support hits today at 561 and below there at 542.

MINN WHEAT (MAR) 01/22/2025: The cross over and close above the 60-day moving average indicates the longer-term trend has turned up. The crossover up in the daily stochastics is a bullish signal. Momentum studies are trending higher from mid-range, which should support a move higher if resistance levels are penetrated. The market now above the 18-day moving average suggests the intermediate-term trend has turned up. The market has a bullish tilt coming into today's trade with the close above the 2nd swing resistance. The near-term upside objective is at 621 1/4. The next area of resistance is around 615 1/4 and 621 1/4, while 1st support hits today at 593 3/4 and below there at 578 1/4.

DAILY TECHNICAL STATISTICS

	CLOSE	9 DAY RSI	14 DAY RSI	14 DAY SLOW STOCH D	14 DAY SLOW STOCH K	4 DAY M AVG	9 DAY M AVG	18 DAY M AVG	45 DAY M AVG	60 DAY M AVG
GRAIN COMPLEX										
CNAH25	490	77.73	74.29	91.44	94.66	481.88	473.22	464.00	448.53	444.78
CNAK25	499 3/4	78.02	74.81	91.36	94.44	490.94	482.42	472.28	455.79	452.10
SSAH25	1067 1/4	69.97	66.41	74.78	77.54	1040.75	1031.36	1013.97	1001.27	1004.93
SSAK25	1077 3/4	69.41	65.96	75.37	77.70	1052.31	1043.53	1025.57	1012.69	1017.20
SMAH25	311.0	59.17	56.60	34.32	35.50	301.15	301.84	306.20	299.76	300.67
BOAH25	45.77	70.54	65.79	81.67	82.58	45.69	44.99	42.64	42.57	43.34
WHAH25	558 3/4	63.88	58.00	54.26	65.57	545.50	541.58	541.90	548.94	558.07
WHAK25	571 1/2	64.88	58.89	57.40	68.98	557.63	553.72	553.58	559.32	568.51
RCAH25	14.990	69.99	62.38	77.38	89.12	14.82	14.60	14.30	14.77	14.83
KWAH25	574 1/4	67.50	61.78	59.50	67.65	557.44	555.97	553.79	554.49	561.05
MWAH25	604 1/2	63.56	57.87	44.12	56.18	589.25	588.08	589.74	594.07	601.11
OTAH25	372 3/4	73.97	65.14	66.96	83.51	358.69	345.33	336.24	352.48	359.33

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DAILY SWING STATISTICS

Contract		Support 2	Support 1	Pivot	Resist 1	Resist 2
GRAIN COMPLEX						
CNAH25	Corn	480 1/4	486	488 1/4	494	496 1/4
CNAK25	Corn	490 1/2	496	498	503 1/2	505 1/2
SSAH25	Soybeans	1031 1/2	1052 3/4	1060 1/2	1081 3/4	1089 1/2
SSAK25	Soybeans	1041 1/2	1063	1070 3/4	1092 1/2	1100
SMAH25	Soymeal	295.7	304.8	308.1	317.2	320.5
BOAH25	Soybean Oil	44.42	45.12	45.71	46.41	47.00
WHAH25	Wheat	535 1/2	549	555 1/4	568 1/2	575
WHAK25	Wheat	549	562	567 3/4	581	586 1/2
RCAH25	Rice	14.648	14.852	14.923	15.127	15.198
KWAH25	KC Wheat	542	561	568 3/4	587 1/2	595 1/2
MWAH25	MINN Wheat	578 1/4	593 3/4	599 3/4	615 1/4	621 1/4
OTAH25	Oats	352 1/4	364	369 3/4	381 1/2	387 1/4

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