



CURRENT TREND: Higher **REASON:** Reduced acreage, yield, production, stocks at least estimated today...

EXPORT SALES/CFTC/JANUARY USDA REPORTS DELAYED DUE TO GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN...

MORNING TRIVIA: What is the only country in the world that passes through both the equator and a tropic (the Tropic of Capricorn at 23.5° South)?

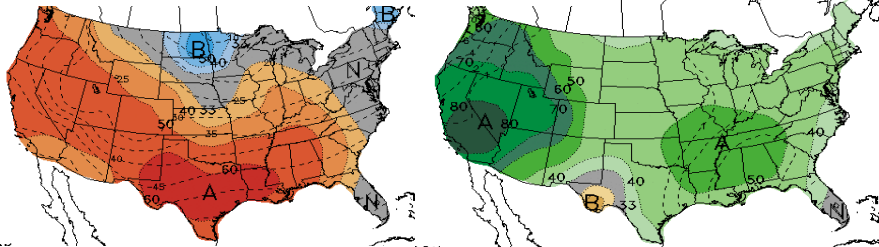
MARKET HEADLINES

- Quick editorial:** corn led overnight volume with the trade making sure it stays firmly in its lane—as it has for months—on the day the January S&D was to be published. There’s still no word yet on when that will be published, with the government still shut down. China’s government put in another massive corn revision but the USDA already had this one mostly accounted for...
- South Korea’s FLC bought 66k tonnes of optional-origin corn yesterday at just under \$210/tonne C&F, for April arrival; the country’s NOFI bought 69k tonnes of corn in a private deal as well, optional-origin, same price, for May 1
- China’s Ag Ministry raised their 2018/19 corn production estimate by 20% this month to 257.33 MMT, up from 215.04 MMT in Dec, all due to a planted acreage increase. Consumption rose 34.5 MMT this month to 285.3 MMT, with imports down 1 MMT to 1.5 MMT, and ending stocks down from 33.3 to 26.5 MMT. 2018/19 soybean output rose from 15.8 to 16.0 MMT.
- Private consultancy Agroconsult cut their 2018/19 Brazilian soybean production estimate from 122.8 to 117.6 MMT due to drought reductions coming mostly in Parana and Mato Grosso (3.5 MMT of that month-over-month decline came in those two states). Total corn production was pegged at 95.6 MMT this season, up from 80.8 MMT in 2017/18.
- January CBOT Deliveries:** soybeans 473 contracts, with next trade date available 1/10/19; meal 167 contracts and 1/10; bean oil 40 contracts and 1/9/19.
- 2018 USDA Yield Estimates (bpa):** Corn: **178.0** / 176.7-179.9 / 178.9
Soybeans: **51.8** / 51.5-52.4 / 52.1
- 2018 USDA Production (billion bu):** Corn: **14.538** / 14.3-14.8 / 14.626
Soybeans: **4.572** / 4.505-4.620 / 4.600
- '18/19 Carryout Estimates (bln bu):** Corn: **1.694** / 1.579-1.787 / 1.781
Wheat: **0.987** / 0.950-1.028 / 0.974
- Dec. 1 Stocks Estimates (bln bu):** Corn: **12.097** / 11.975-12.4 / 12.567
Wheat: **1.960** / 1.900-1.985 / 1.873
- Winter Wheat Seedings (mln ac):** All Winter: **32.3** / 31.513-33.3 / 32.5
SRWW: **6.0** / 5.6-6.2 / 6.1
Soybeans: **0.904** / 0.798-0.980 / 0.955
Soybeans: **3.725** / 3.414-3.872 / 3.161
HRWW: **22.7** / 22.1-23.6 / 22.9
White: **3.5** / 3.2-3.7 / 3.5

WEATHER UPDATE

- Precip is active in the southern Plains this morning and looks solid through tomorrow, with chances for the panhandles present now; extended maps look wetter north but still show normal-to-better precip going forward, while temperatures are finally showing signs of cooling off a bit by the 11-15 day span.
- Rains fell in far northern Brazil as well as southern BRZ/northern ARG over the past 24 hours; forecasts are running slightly drier for ARG today, and wetter for central/northern Brazil but not until the 11-15 day time frame...

NWS 6-10 DAY OUTLOOK: TEMPS & PRECIP



CFTC MANAGED MONEY & RECORD (Since June 2006) POSITIONS:

	Corn	Beans	Meal	Oil	Chi Wheat	KC Wheat
Daily	-12,000	-8,000	-5,000	-5,000	-4,000	0
Est Net	112,427	-2,834	-7,177	-70,611	-5,612	3,908
Rec +	409,444	260,433	132,126	125,722	73,662	72,845
Rec -	-242,884	-125,912	-54,855	-63,489	-171,269	-30,005

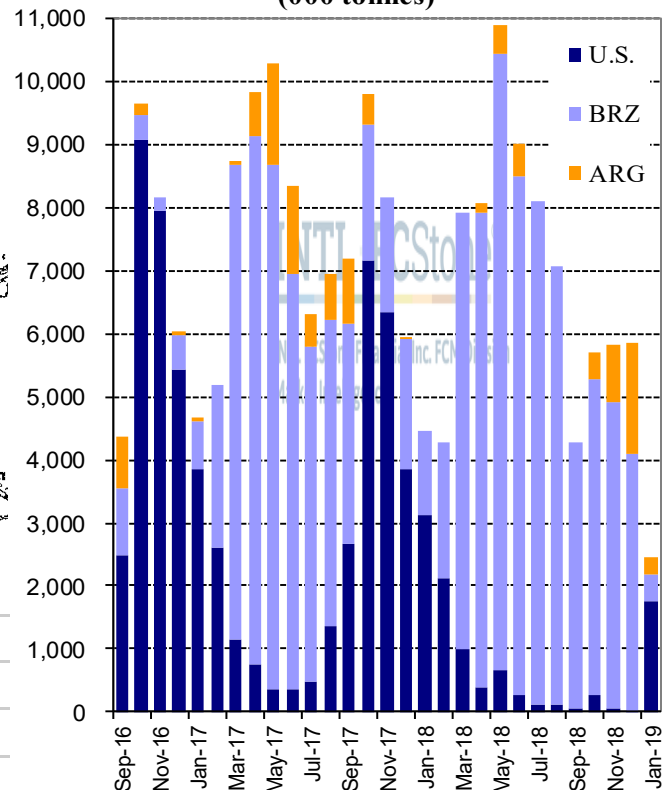
NIGHT SESSION (to 7:00 AM): Grain Volume: 80,129

Symbol	High	Low	Last	Chg	Vol
CH9	379.25	377.00	378.25	+2.00	13,865
CK9	387.75	385.25	386.75	+2.25	6,603
CZ9	401.75	399.25	401.25	+2.25	1,232
WH9	519.75	512.75	519.50	+5.75	6,561
KWH9	505.00	497.50	503.75	+5.00	2,098
SF9	897.50	897.25	897.50	+2.00	9
SH9	911.75	906.75	910.00	+3.25	10,255
SK9	925.25	920.25	923.50	+3.25	1,523
SMH9	318.00	316.20	317.50	+0.70	6,590
BOH9	28.41	28.20	28.36	+0.17	8,947
CLG9	53.31	52.14	52.82	+0.23	209,395
DXY	95.10	94.78	94.84	-0.28	6,377

FUNDAMENTAL UPDATE

Today’s charts show monthly soybean exports to China, from the three main suppliers, since the start of the 2016/17 (U.S.) marketing year, including Informa’s estimates for December and January. Oct-Nov-Dec combined exports from the U.S./BRZ/ARG to China were estimated to have plateaued just short of the 6 MMT mark in each month, compared to an average of just shy of 8 MMT in the previous two seasons, and Jan exports are seen by Informa at less than 2.5 MMT, the lowest single month since Sept ‘12.

Monthly Bean Exports to China (000 tonnes)



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