

CURRENT TREND: Mixed

Ukrainian export concerns have corn and wheat higher, continued investor selloff keeps soybeans trading lower

Trivia: Which fruit was originally called a "Persian apple"?

Soybeans

Soybeans trading lower today, with old crop down 25 cents and new crop down 19 cents. Friday, the USDA reported export sales of over 5 million bushels to Mexico (1.8 million old crop, 3.5 million of new crop). While the movement was good to see, its still not enough to prevent investors from selling off their positions. The market continues to be primarily focused on Chinese demand as well as Indonesian palm oil production and Black Sea sunflower oil production. New crop today is trading around \$14.20, I would think about getting some soybeans priced here above \$14 if I haven't already, and also getting some pricing orders closer to \$15. It doesn't take a ton of bullish news from uncooperative US planting weather, Chinese demand, or oilseed production around the globe to get the market moving higher. For reference, new crop beans traded at a contract high of \$14.90 on February 24th (the day Russia invaded the Ukraine).

Corn

Corn slightly higher today, with old crop up 2 cents and new crop up 2 cents. Friday, the USDA reported export sales of 53 million bushels to China (29 million of old crop, 24 million of new crop) and 11 million bushels to Mexico (3.5 million of old crop, 7.5 million of new crop). Even with the bullish export news, the market is struggling to rebound from last week's losses. Today's USDA planting progress report is expected to show corn planting well behind 2020 and 2021. This should help drive the market higher as the 6-10 forecast shows above average rain and slightly below average temperatures for much of the Corn Belt. I do think that \$7.50 is still attainable on old crop as long as China continues to buy corn and the Ukraine is unable to export. On new crop, we've been to \$7 a few times. If you missed a chance to contract \$7 before, I would suggest getting orders in now.

Wheat

Wheat trading higher this morning, with old crop and new crop up 2 cents. Not a ton of fresh news in the wheat market today. The Russia-Ukraine conflict and US crop conditions continue to be important stories. At 4pm the USDA will release their weekly crop conditions report, and if winter wheat conditions are lower I would expect prices to trade higher in the overnight trading. All that said, old crop is trading around \$10.20 today, and new crop is trading around \$10.35. If you still have old crop to sell, I would suggest getting orders in and having an exit plan. On new crop as I've said before, \$10+ is a great place to get some done if you don't have any contracted or you contracted early. Even a few hundred bushels at these double digit prices can bring your average up significantly.



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