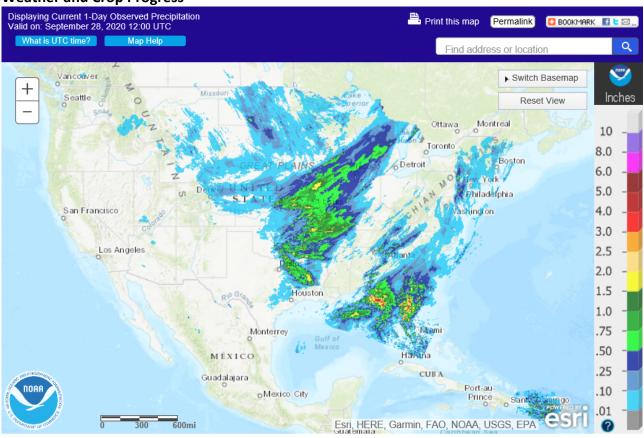
## Morning.

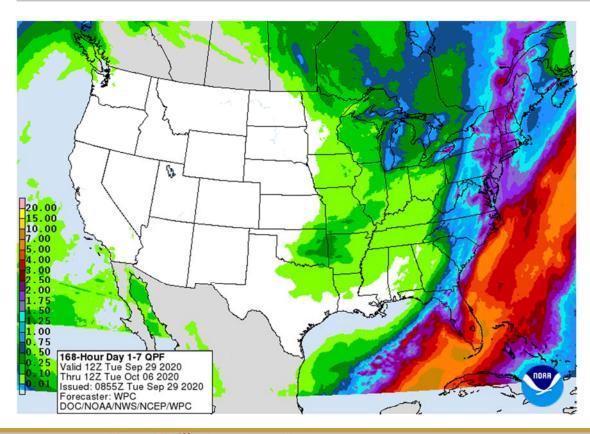
Markets are searching for direction today with mostly a softer undertone. Today is position day for October meal and oil. Meal registrations stand at 300 and SBO at 1,907. Look for positioning in other markets ahead of the USDA Grain Stocks report. US weather still looks favorable but cold. There were no major surprises in the US crop progress report. Soybean conditions were up one and corn unchanged. Winter wheat plantings are running at 35 percent, slightly above average. USD was down 22, WTI down \$0.24, gold \$1.90 higher and US equities mostly lower. Offshore values this morning were leading CBOT soybean oil 50 points lower and meal \$1.80 higher. Malaysian palm oil futures were down 45 and cash off \$5.50. China soybean oil and palm were up 0.3% and 0.4%, respectively. China warned La Nina may bring colder winter and frost in the corn region. Thailand is in for 213,000 tons of feed wheat. Yesterday Jordan bought 120,000 tons of wheat.

|                           | Corn | Bean | Chi. Wheat | Meal | Oil |
|---------------------------|------|------|------------|------|-----|
| FI Est. Managed Fut. Only | 86   | 192  | 6          | 58   | 101 |
| FI Est. Managed Money F&O | 100  | 191  | 8          | 60   | 101 |

| Prices as         | 9/29/20     | 8:07 AM    |        |             |            |          |           |           |          |              |            |
|-------------------|-------------|------------|--------|-------------|------------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|--------------|------------|
| <b>CBOT Soybe</b> | eans        | Change     | Volume | Soybean     | Meal       | Change   | Volume    | Soybean   | Oil      | Change       | Volume     |
| NOV0              | 991.25      | (5.00)     | 15369  | ОСТО        | 331.20     | (1.40)   | 906       | ОСТО      | 32.88    | (0.41)       | 359        |
| JAN1              | 995.25      | (5.00)     | 2701   | DEC0        | 332.00     | (1.90)   | 9595      | DEC0      | 32.71    | (0.40)       | 12879      |
| MAR1              | 992.00      | (4.25)     | 2739   | JAN1        | 331.30     | (1.30)   | 3002      | JAN1      | 32.75    | (0.39)       | 2231       |
| MAY1              | 991.75      | (4.25)     | 940    | MAR1        | 328.50     | (1.10)   | 1608      | MAR1      | 32.80    | (0.38)       | 1142       |
| JUL1              | 995.75      | (4.00)     | 1098   | MAY1        | 325.00     | (0.60)   | 1080      | MAY1      | 32.86    | (0.37)       | 768        |
| AUG1              | 990.75      | (3.25)     | 39     | JUL1        | 324.40     | (0.50)   | 262       | JUL1      | 32.92    | (0.35)       | 608        |
| <b>CBOT Corn</b>  |             | Change     | Volume | Oats        |            | Change   | Volume    | Chicago \ | Wheat    | Change       | Volume     |
| DEC0              | 363.50      | (3.25)     | 16105  | DEC0        | 276.25     | 1.25     | 79        | DEC0      | 548.75   | (1.50)       | 7579       |
| MAR1              | 372.75      | (2.75)     | 4488   | MAR1        | 277.50     | 1.00     | 16        | MAR1      | 555.25   | (1.75)       | 1729       |
| MAY1              | 378.25      | (2.75)     | 2448   | MAY1        | 274.75     | 0.00     | 0         | MAY1      | 560.50   | (1.75)       | 392        |
| JUL1              | 382.25      | (2.75)     | 1175   | JUL1        | 274.25     | 0.00     | 0         | JUL1      | 560.25   | (1.75)       | 353        |
| SEP1              | 377.75      | (2.00)     | 132    | SEP1        | 276.25     | 0.00     | 0         | SEP1      | 566.00   | (2.00)       | 153        |
| DEC1              | 382.25      | (2.25)     | 527    | DEC1        | 286.75     | 0.00     | 0         | DEC1      | 576.75   | (1.50)       | 195        |
| <b>CBOT Black</b> | Sea Corn FO | B (Platts) | OI     | OI <i>L</i> | 1          | CBOT BI  | ack Sea V | Vheat FOE | (Platts) | OI           | ΟΙ Δ       |
| SEP0              | 190.50      | 0.50       | 0      | 0           |            |          | SEP0      | 226.50    |          | 3,133        | 0          |
| ОСТО              | 191.50      | (0.50)     | 100    | 0           |            |          | ОСТО      | 229.00    |          | 975          | 0          |
| NOV0              | 193.50      | (0.50)     | 3,567  | 0           |            |          | NOV0      | 230.75    |          | 510          | 0          |
| DEC0              | 195.25      | (0.75)     | 740    | 0           |            |          | DEC0      | 231.00    |          | 13,049       | (375)      |
| JAN1              | 196.75      | (0.50)     | 100    | 0           |            |          | JAN1      | 231.25    |          | 1,160        | 105        |
|                   |             |            |        | Soy/        | Corn Ratio | X/Z 2020 | 2.7270    |           |          | Source: Fl a | nd Reuters |

## **Weather and Crop Progress**





| <b>USDA Crop Progress</b>  | Actual |          |           |          | As of:         | 9/27/2020 |          |       |       |
|----------------------------|--------|----------|-----------|----------|----------------|-----------|----------|-------|-------|
|                            | wow    |          | Previous  |          | 5-year         | FI G/E    | Trade    |       | USDA- |
|                            | Change | USDA G/E | Week      | Year Ago | Average*       | Estimate  | Average* | Range | TRADE |
| Corn Conditions            | 0      | 61       | 61        | 57       | 66             | 61        | 61       | 60-31 | 0     |
| Soybean Conditions         | 1      | 64       | 63        | 55       | 64             | 64        | 63       | 62-64 | 1     |
| Pasture Conditions         | (1)    | 26       | 27        | 45       | NA             | NA        | NA       | NA    |       |
| Cotton Conditions          | (2)    | 43       | 45        | 40       | NA             | NA        | NA       | NA    |       |
| Sorghum Conditions         | 0      | 51       | 51        | 65       | NA             | NA        | NA       | NA    |       |
| Barley Conditions          | 0      | 80       | 80        | 76       | NA             | NA        | NA       | NA    |       |
| Peanut Conditions          | (5)    | 63       | 68        | 55       | NA             | NA        | NA       | NA    |       |
|                            | wow    |          |           |          |                |           | Trade    |       |       |
|                            | Change | USDA     | Last Week | Year Ago | 5-year Average | FI Est.   | Average  | Range |       |
| Corn Mature                | 16     | 75       | 59        | 39       | 65             | NA        | NA       | NA    |       |
| Corn Harvested             | 7      | 15       | 8         | 10       | 16             | 20        | 17       | 13-21 | -2    |
| Soybean Dropping Leaves    | 15     | 74       | 59        | 49       | 69             | NA        | NA       | NA    |       |
| Soybeans Harvested         | 14     | 20       | 6         | 6        | 15             | 17        | 18       | 14-23 | 2     |
| Winter Wheat Planted       | 15     | 35       | 20        | 34       | 33             | 35        | 35       | 32-39 | 0     |
| Winter Wheat Emerged       | 7      | 10       | 3         | 8        | 8              | NA        | NA       | NA    |       |
| Cotton Bolls Opening       | 9      | 66       | 57        | 73       | 66             | NA        | NA       | NA    |       |
| Cotton Harvested           | 2      | 13       | 11        | 15       | 14             | NA        | NA       | NA    |       |
| Sorghum Harvested          | 4      | 31       | 27        | 29       | 33             | NA        | NA       | NA    |       |
| Sorghum Coloring           | 4      | 96       | 92        | 94       | 94             | NA        | NA       | NA    |       |
| Sorghum Mature             | 11     | 62       | 51        | 51       | 58             | NA        | NA       | NA    |       |
| Rice Harvested             | 10     | 57       | 47        | 65       | 70             | NA        | NA       | NA    |       |
|                            | wow    |          |           |          |                |           |          |       |       |
| Adequate+Surplus           | Change | USDA     | Last Week | Year Ago |                |           |          |       |       |
| Topsoil Moisture Condition | (3)    | 55       | 58        | 69       |                |           |          |       |       |
| Subsoil Moisture Condition | (1)    | 56       | 57        | 70       |                |           |          |       |       |

#### MOST IMPORTANT WEATHER TO WATCH

## AREAS OF CONCERN

- U.S. hard red winter wheat areas will be dry for the next ten days to two weeks and excessive heat and dryness has already depleted soil moisture
- o Montana and South Dakota wheat areas need greater moisture too
- Russia's Southern Region remains too dry for winter crop planting, although some brief showers will occur near the Ukrainian border over the coming week
- Kazakhstan wheat areas are still critically dry in unirrigated areas and rain is unlikely for the next two weeks
- Northeastern China continues to receive rain too frequently and summer crop maturation and harvesting remain slow, despite some weekend drying
- o South Africa winter crop areas need rain as do future spring planting areas
- o Brazil's center west and center south crop areas will be drier than usual into the middle of October further delaying the planting of early soybeans and some corn
- o Brazil coffee areas will experience little to no rain of significance for the next ten days
- o Brazil temperatures will remain very warm to hot over the next ten days
- Northwestern and west-central Argentina will remain too dry over the next ten days
- Flooding rain may impact a part of far southern Mexico and Central America in the next ten days to two weeks

- A tropical cyclone may form in the Caribbean Sea later this week and could threaten Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula
- Northeastern China's weather will become wetter biased again Wednesday through the weekend and drier next week

## AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT

- Ukraine has received some rain and more will fall over the coming week to improve winter crop planting and establishment conditions
- Northeastern China has seen some net drying recently and fieldwork may be advancing at a "snail's pace" with more rain coming
- Net drying will occur the remainder of this week in the U.S. Delta and southeastern states benefiting areas that have been too wet in recent weeks

#### **UNITED STATES**

- Dryness will continue in the U.S. Plains for at least ten days and probably longer
- Rain in the Midwest will be most frequent and significant in the Great Lakes region where field working delays will be most frequent
- Improving conditions are likely in the U.S. Delta and southeastern states
- Temperatures are still expected to be cold in the heart of the Midwest into next week while the western U.S. is quite warm

#### BRAZIL

- Worry over dryness in center west and center south will continue with little to no rain for the next ten days
- Some showers may develop thereafter, but with restricted rainfall resulting for some areas into mid-month
- Temperature will continue hot in many areas

#### ARGENTINA

- Rain is still not well distributed over the next two weeks, but there will be some precipitation
- Central and northern Cordoba, parts of Santa Fe, Santiago del Estero and other northwestern Argentina crop areas are unlikely to see much rain of significance for at least ten days
- Temperatures will be seasonable to slightly cooler biased

#### INDIA

- Rain will be greatest in the west-central, south and far eastern parts of the nation
- Net drying in the north and central crop areas

## MAINLAND SOUTHEAST ASIA

• Nearly to above average rainfall is expected with northern Thailand to Myanmar and Bangladesh wetter than usual

#### CHINA

- Showers returned to the northeast Monday where some new disruption to net drying and farming activity resulted
- Rain also occurred Monday in the middle Yangtze River Basin
- Northeast China will be dry today, but frequent showers Wednesday into next Monday will restrict harvest progress in a part of the region
- Northeast China trends drier next week
- Best harvesting and planting weather is expected in the Yellow River Basin and North China Plain over next ten days with a mix of rain and sunshine
- Southern China will continue wet with frequent rain near and south of the Yangtze River over the next ten days

## **EUROPE**

- Additional waves of rain are expected in France and immediate neighboring areas in western Europe over the coming week
  - Excessive wind and heavy rain will impact France, northwestern Spain and northern Portugal late
     Thursday and Friday
    - Some property damage may result
  - Additional high wind speeds and rain may impact the U.K. and northern France late in the weekend and early next week
- Rain will also fall frequently in western Ukraine, southern Poland and northern Romania during the coming
  week
- A favorable mix of showers and sunshine will occur elsewhere over the next two weeks
- Temperatures will be mild to cool in the west and warm east

#### WESTERN CIS

- Temperatures will be warmer than usual in the coming week to ten days
- Waves of rain will be greatest in central and western Ukraine where some local flooding might eventually develop (mostly in the west)
- Showers in far western Russia, the Baltic States and Belarus will be a low impact on farming activity
- Limited rainfall is expected in the Middle and lower Volga River Basin, Russia's Southern Region and Kazakhstan over the next ten days
- Good harvest weather In New Lands

## **AUSTRALIA**

- Brief periods of rain will impact Victoria, South Australia and New South Wales during the next ten days to two weeks maintaining good field moisture
- Western Australia will get some brief showers in southern crop areas Thursday into Friday; more rain would benefit the state's crops

## INDONESIA/MALAYSIA

- Periodic rain is expected over the next two weeks maintaining a mostly good environment for most crops MEXICO/CENTRAL AMERICA
  - Rain will continue greatest from far southern Mexico into Central America
- A possible tropical cyclone in the northwestern Caribbean may impact the Yucatan Peninsula this weekend WEST-CENTRAL AFRICA
- Waves of rain will continue through the next ten days favoring coffee, cocoa, sugarcane, rice and other crops EAST-CENTRAL AFRICA
  - Rain will be erratic and light over the next couple of weeks

## **PHILIPPINES**

 Rain will impact most of the nation over the next ten days to two weeks maintaining a favorable outlook for crops

## **CANADA PRAIRIES**

- Showers will occur most often in the eastern half of the Prairies and in the Peace River Region leaving most other areas dry during the next week to ten days
- Temperatures will be near to above average in the west and near to below average in the east ONTARIO/QUEBEC
  - Rain will fall frequently over the next week to ten days while temperatures are mild to cool resulting in delayed summer crop maturation and harvesting

#### TYPHOON KUJIRA

 Was located over open water well east of Japan and posing no threat to land TROPICAL DEPRESSION 18E WEST OF MEXICO

• The storm will move away from North America and poses no threat to land

#### **NEW ZEALAND**

- Conditions will trend cooler this week while precipitation diminishes and becomes mostly confined to the west coast of South Island
- Southern Oscillation Index was +10.10 today and it will stay significantly positive throughout this week Source: World Weather Inc.

## **Bloomberg Ag Calendar**

TUESDAY, Sept. 29:

Nothing major scheduled

## WEDNESDAY, Sept. 30:

- EIA U.S. weekly ethanol inventories, production, 10:30am
- USDA quarterly corn, soybean, wheat, sorghum, barley and oat stocks
- U.S. wheat production for Sept.
- Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil virtual discussion on seasonal haze
- Malaysia Sept. 1-30 palm oil export data
- U.S agricultural prices paid, received for Aug., 3pm
- Poland to release grains output data
- HOLIDAY: Korea

## THURSDAY, Oct. 1:

- USDA weekly crop net-export sales for corn, soybeans, wheat, cotton, pork, beef, 8:30am
- Port of Rouen data on French grain exports
- USDA soybean crush, DDGS output, corn for ethanol, 3pm
- Australia commodity index for Sept.
- Webinar on the effects of climate change on coffee production in Southeast Asia
- Honduras, Costa Rica coffee exports monthly stats
- International Cotton Advisory Committee releases monthly world outlook
- HOLIDAY: China, Hong Kong, Korea

## FRIDAY, Oct. 2:

- ICE Futures Europe weekly commitments of traders report, 1:30pm (6:30pm London)
- CFTC commitments of traders weekly report on positions for various U.S. futures and options, 3:30pm
- FranceAgriMer weekly update on crop conditions
- HOLIDAY: China, Hong Kong, India, Korea

Source: Bloomberg and FI

| Open Interest           |               |           |           |         |                   |         |
|-------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|---------|-------------------|---------|
|                         |               |           |           |         | <b>Total Open</b> |         |
| <b>CBOT Product</b>     |               |           | Prompt OI | Change  | Interest*         | Change  |
| Soybeans                | Sv1           | Nov 20    | 400,092   | 4       | 973,005           | 4,610   |
| Soy Oil                 | BOv1          | Dec 20    | 194,020   | 504     | 470,113           | (2,723) |
| Soy Meal                | SMv1          | Dec 20    | 189,095   | 1,156   | 443,604           | (5,851) |
| Corn                    | Cv1           | Dec 20    | 790,985   | (990)   | 1,514,156         | 7,790   |
| Oats                    | Oc1           | Dec 20    | 4,809     | (166)   | 5,394             | (140)   |
| CHI Wheat               | Wv1           | Dec 20    | 208,600   | (415)   | 385,457           | (190)   |
| KC Wheat                | KWv1          | Dec 20    | 125,099   | (1,156) | 223,172           | (1,358) |
| Rice                    | RRc2          | Jan 21    | 439       | 1       | 9,538             | 13      |
|                         |               |           |           |         | <b>Total Open</b> |         |
| CME Product             |               |           |           |         | Interest*         | Change  |
| Live Cattle             | LCc2          | Dec 17    | 123,276   | 973     | 297,147           | 1,725   |
| Lean Hogs               | LHc2          | Dec 17    | 95,538    | 593     | 230,436           | 574     |
| *Previous day prelimina | ry data as of | 9/29/2020 |           |         |                   |         |

| Top 15 most active options                   |               |          |               |
|--|---------------|----------|---------------|
|  |               | Current  | Open Interest |
|  | TL Globex/Pit | Open     | Change from   |
| Option Strike                                | Volume        | Interest | previous day  |
| SX 980P                                      | 4,028         | 8,966    | + 2,234       |
| CX 360P                                      | 3,843         | 9,024    | + 859         |
| CZ 350P                                      | 3,700         | 29,469   | + 863         |
| CX 375C                                      | 3,480         | 7,421    | - 11          |
| CZ 380C                                      | 3,265         | 24,934   | + 42          |
| SX 1000P                                     | 3,081         | 11,786   | + 1,370       |
| CX 380C                                      | 2,516         | 9,452    | + 192         |
| WZ 560C                                      | 2,472         | 8,068    | + 980         |
| SX 960P                                      | 2,346         | 12,540   | + 636         |
| SX 1000C                                     | 2,264         | 14,427   | + 456         |
| CZ 400C                                      | 2,183         | 50,814   | + 575         |
| SX 1060C                                     | 2,169         | 15,321   | + 1,196       |
| CX 350P                                      | 2,147         | 6,522    | - 258         |
| CX 355P                                      | 2,065         | 4,764    | + 250         |
| BOZ 340C                                     | 1,875         | 5,304    | + 902         |
| *Previous day preliminary data as of 9/29/20 | )20           |          |               |

| <b>CBOT Registrat</b> |             |       |  |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------|--|
|                       | Reg. Change | Now   |  |
| Soybeans              | 0           | 1     |  |
| Soybean Meal          | 0           | 300   |  |
| Soybean Oil           | 0           | 1,907 |  |
| Corn                  | 0           | 361   |  |
| Oats                  | 0           | 0     |  |
| Chi. Wheat            | 0           | 109   |  |
| KC Wheat              | 0           | 135   |  |
| Rice                  | 0           | 0     |  |
| Ethanol               | 0           | 1     |  |

## **USDA** inspections versus Reuters trade range

| Wheat    | 563,427   | versus 400000-650000   | range |
|----------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
| Corn     | 806,639   | versus 650000-900000   | range |
| Soybeans | 1,211,733 | versus 1100000-1400000 | range |

| Reuters poll for USDA        | September | 1 Stocks | (mil bu) | Reuters poll for US 2019 Soybean | Production |
|------------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------------------------------|------------|
|                              | Wheat     | Corn     | Soybeans |                                  |            |
| Average trade estimate       | 2.242     | 2.250    | 0.576    | Average trade estimate           | 3.575      |
| Highest trade estimate       | 2.380     | 2.574    | 0.608    | Highest trade estimate           | 3.614      |
| Lowest trade estimate        | 2.150     | 2.120    | 0.490    | Lowest trade estimate            | 3.542      |
| USDA June 1, 2020            | 1.044     | 5.224    | 1.386    | USDA last                        | 3.552      |
| USDA Sept. 1, 2019           | 2.346     | 2.221    | 0.909    | Futures International            | 3.607      |
| Futures International        | 2.234     | 2.275    | 0.571    |                                  |            |
| Source: Reuters, USDA and FI |           |          |          |                                  |            |

| Reuters poll for US 2020 Wheat Production |       |        |          |          |        |        |       |  |
|---|-------|--------|----------|----------|--------|--------|-------|--|
|   | All   | All    | Hard Red | Soft Red | White  | Other  | Durum |  |
|   | Wheat | Winter | Winter   | Winter   | Winter | Spring |       |  |
| Average trade estimate                    | 1.841 | 1.198  | 0.696    | 0.276    | 0.227  | 0.577  | 0.062 |  |
| Highest trade estimate                    | 1.920 | 1.244  | 0.729    | 0.281    | 0.234  | 0.590  | 0.068 |  |
| Lowest trade estimate                     | 1.823 | 1.187  | 0.684    | 0.267    | 0.223  | 0.568  | 0.051 |  |
| USDA August 2018                          | 1.838 | 1.198  | 0.695    | 0.277    | 0.226  | 0.577  | 0.062 |  |
| Futures International                     | 1.844 | 1.200  | 0.690    | 0.280    | 0.230  | 0.580  | 0.064 |  |
| Source: Reuters, USDA and FI              |       |        |          |          |        |        |       |  |

Note Reuters polled for 2019 corn production. We think it will be unchanged. Reuters average was 13.607 billion bu versus 13.617 USDA, so others also not looking for change (range 13.427-13.750 billion for those looking for a change).

Average estimates for 2019-20 ending stocks for September 1 don't deviate much from USDA USDA Aug 2019-20 corn carry 2.253 (ave. est. 3 bushels below USDA) USDA Aug 2019-20 soy carry 0.575 (ave. est. 1 bushel above USDA)

## Macros

US Wholesale Inventories (M/M) Aug P: 0.5% (est -0.1%; prevR -0.1%; prev -0.3%) US Advance Goods Trade Balance Aug: -\$82.9B (est -\$81.8B; prevR -\$80.1B)

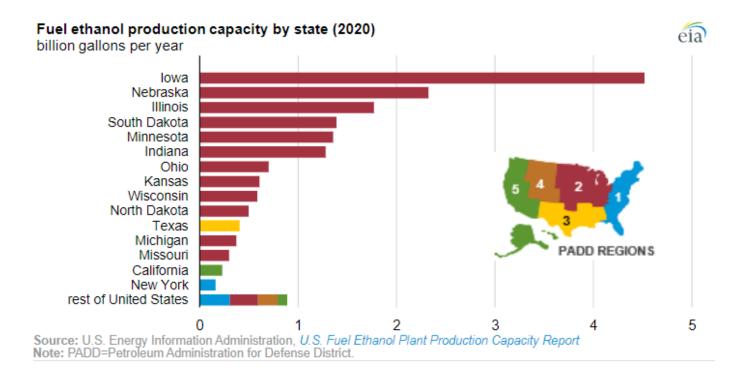
US Retail Inventories (M/M) Aug: 0.8% (est 1.1%; prev 1.2%)
Canadian Industrial Product Price (M/M) Aug: 0.3% (est 0.1%; prev 0.7%)
Canadian Raw Materials Price Index (M/M) Aug: 3.2% (prev 3.0%)

| Prices as | 9/29/20 8:07 AM        |           |         |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------|------------------------|-----------|---------|--|--|--|--|--|
|           | Month                  | Price     | Change  |  |  |  |  |  |
| USD       | Index                  | 94.111    | (0.167) |  |  |  |  |  |
| EUR/USD   | Spot                   | 1.1695    | 0.003   |  |  |  |  |  |
| USD/BRL   | Bid                    | 5.6588    | (0.004) |  |  |  |  |  |
| BITCOIN   | BTCc1                  | \$10,840  | (\$120) |  |  |  |  |  |
| WTI Crude | NOV0                   | 40.37     | (0.230) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Brent     | NOV0                   | 42.28     | (0.150) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nat Gas   | NOV0                   | 2.669     | (0.126) |  |  |  |  |  |
| DJ Mini   | DEC0                   | 27453     | (29)    |  |  |  |  |  |
| US 10-Yr  | DEC0                   | 139 22/32 | 2/32    |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gold      | NOV0                   | 1877.6    | 0.000   |  |  |  |  |  |
|           | Source: Fl and Reuters |           |         |  |  |  |  |  |

#### Corn.

- Corn is lower on positioning ahead of the USDA reports due out Wednesday and US harvesting pressure. The US weather forecast looks mostly dry through mid-October.
- Look for volatility ahead of the September 30 Grains Stocks report as we near an end to the month and end of quarter. China starts their weeklong holiday on Thursday so we will see if they visit the US market before then.
- A South China Morning Post article mentioned through August, China bought less than one-third of the US exports that President Donald Trump pledged it would purchase this year, and that the proposed legislation against Xinjiang cotton puts added pressure on trade.
- China warned La Nina may bring colder winter and frost in the corn region.
- Germany ASF: 36 cases since September 10
- US corn harvest progress was active over the weekend and may slow this week across the Great Lakes
  region where rain will occur. USDA reported 15 percent of the corn crop collected, up from 8 percent
  last week and compares to 10 percent year ago and 16 percent average. Traders were looking for 17
  percent. 75 percent of the corn crop is mature, 10 points above year ago.
- South Africa's Crop Estimates Committee (CEC) estimated corn production at 15.422 million tons (6.620 yellow and 8.802 million tons white) in 2019-20, slightly lower than previous month, 37% higher compared with 11.275 million tons 2018-19. August was pegged at 15.537 million tons. A Reuters survey was at 15.271 million tons for the Sep estimate.
- US corn conditions were reported at 61 percent, unchanged from the previous week. Traders were looking for unchanged.
- USDA US corn export inspections as of September 24, 2020 were 806,639 tons, within a range of trade expectations, above 765,589 tons previous week and compares to 421,735 tons year ago. Major countries included Mexico for 303,192 tons, China Main for 274,205 tons, and Japan for 139,767 tons.

Today in Energy: U.S. fuel ethanol production capacity increased by 3% in 2019 <a href="https://www.eia.gov/todayinenergy/detail.php?id=45316">https://www.eia.gov/todayinenergy/detail.php?id=45316</a>



## Corn Export Developments

• Iran seeks 200,000 tons of corn feed and 200,000 tons of soybean meal on Sep 30 for OND shipment. The corn will be out of the Black or EU or South America.

## US Weekly Petroleum Status Report - Ethanol

|                | Ethanol Produ      | ction | Cha       | nge       | Ethanol Sto    | ocks   | Cha       | nge       | Days of |
|----------------|--------------------|-------|-----------|-----------|----------------|--------|-----------|-----------|---------|
|                | FI Production Est. | Mbbl  | Last Week | Last Year | FI Stocks Est. | Mbbl   | Last Week | Last Year | Ethanol |
| 8/7/2020       |                    | 918   | -13       | -12.2%    |                | 19,750 | -596      | -17.3%    | 22.2    |
| 8/14/2020      |                    | 926   | 8         | -9.5%     |                | 20,270 | 520       | -13.3%    | 21.3    |
| 8/21/2020      |                    | 931   | 5         | -10.3%    |                | 20,409 | 139       | -11.2%    | 21.8    |
| 8/28/2020      |                    | 922   | -9        | -9.0%     |                | 20,882 | 473       | -12.3%    | 22.1    |
| 9/4/2020       |                    | 941   | 19        | -8.0%     |                | 19,993 | -889      | -11.1%    | 22.2    |
| 9/11/2020      |                    | 926   | -15       | -7.7%     |                | 19,798 | -195      | -14.8%    | 21.6    |
| 9/18/2020      | _                  | 906   | -20       | -3.9%     |                | 19,997 | 199       | -11.1%    | 21.9    |
| 9/25/2020      | +7                 |       |           |           | +50 to +150    |        |           |           |         |
| Source: EIA ar | nd FI              |       |           |           |                |        |           |           |         |

## Soybean complex.

- Markets are searching for direction today with mostly a softer undertone mainly on US harvesting pressure. Today is position day for October meal and oil. Meal registrations stand at 300 and SBO at 1,907. Both spreads have firmed. We don't see much in the way of deliveries for meal (0-150) but soybean oil could end up between 800-1200 contracts.
- We heard at least four to five cargoes of US soybeans were bought by China late Monday out of both Gulf and PNW.

- US soybean conditions were up one point in the combined good and excellent categories at 64 percent. Traders were looking for unchanged.
- 20 percent of the soybean crop had been harvested as of Sunday, up from 6 percent last week and compares to 6 percent last year and 15 percent average. Traders were looking for 18 percent. 74 percent of the US soybean crop were dropping leaves, above 69 percent average.
- Offshore values this morning were leading CBOT soybean oil 50 points lower and meal \$1.80 higher.
- Rotterdam soybean oil values were about down 2 euros, rapeseed oil 5 lower in the benchmark positions, and Rotterdam meal 2-5 lower from this time previous session.
- China cash crush margins as of this morning, using our calculation, were 97 cents per bushel (99 previous) and compares to 92 cents a week ago and 117 cents around this time last year.

## China Cash

| Cash Soybean Crush USD/BU          | Spot | \$0.97 | \$0.99 | -0.02     |
|------------------------------------|------|--------|--------|-----------|
| Average Cash Wheat USD/BU          |      | \$9.50 | \$9.51 | -0.01     |
| Average Cash Corn USD/BU           |      | \$8.77 | \$8.77 | -0.01     |
| Corn North USD/BU                  | Spot | \$8.27 | \$8.28 | -0.01     |
| Corn South USD/BU                  | Spot | \$9.19 | \$9.18 | +0.01     |
| Reuters Imported Corn South USD/BU | Spot | \$5.75 | \$5.75 | unchanged |

• Malaysia palm oil – mixed for various front months

| MALAYSIA PALM OIL               |       | 29-Sep   | 28-Sep   |                     |
|---------------------------------|-------|----------|----------|---------------------|
| Futures MYR/MT                  | DEC0  | 2777     | 2822     | -45 <b>\$669</b>    |
| RBD Olien Cash USD/MT           | Dec20 | \$701.50 | \$707.00 | -5.50 <b>-0.8</b> % |
| US Gulf Crude SBO over RBD Palm | Spot  | \$82     | \$79     | \$3                 |

- USDA US soybean export inspections as of September 24, 2020 were 1,211,733 tons, within a range of trade expectations, below 1,379,971 tons previous week and compares to 986,305 tons year ago. Major countries included China Main for 893,556 tons, Vietnam for 80,559 tons, and Mexico for 65,327 tons.
- The European Union reported soybean import licenses since July 1 at 3.365 million tons, above 3.321 million tons a year ago. European Union soybean meal import licenses are running at 4.028 million tons so far for 2019-20, below 5.003 million tons a year ago. EU palm oil import licenses are running at 1.454 million tons for 2020-21, above 1.435 million tons a year ago, or up 1 percent.

## Oilseeds Export Developments

- Iran seeks 200,000 tons of corn feed and 200,000 tons of soybean meal on Sep 30 for OND shipment. Soybean meal will be out of Brazil, Argentina and/or India.
- Under the 24-hour reporting system, US exporters reported the following:
  - Export sales of 100,000 tons of soybeans for delivery to Mexico during the 2020/2021 marketing year

## Wheat

- Wheat is setting back today after rallying Monday on lack of fresh news, but a weaker USD may limit downside risk.
- Thailand is in for 213,000 tons of feed wheat. Yesterday Jordan bought 120,000 tons of wheat.
- 35 percent of the US winter wheat crop had been planted as of Sunday, up from 20 percent a week earlier and compares to 34 percent year ago and 33 percent average. Traders were looking for 35

- percent complete. Winter wheat plantings for TX are running 3 percent below average, OK 7 percent below average, and NE 9 percent below average. 10 percent of the winter wheat crop was emerged compared to 8 percent for the 5-year average.
- Traders remain focused on Black Sea dryness. Ukraine's weather will improve this week, but parts of Russia are also in need of rain. Over in Australia, La Nina conditions could hinder harvest season as wetter than normal conditions could occur.
- Paris (Matif) December wheat was up 0.25 at 193.50 euros.
- The European Union granted export licenses for 756,000 tons of soft wheat exports, bringing cumulative 2020-21 soft wheat export commitments to 4.366 MMT, well down from 7.110 million tons committed at this time last year, a 39 percent decrease. Imports are down 9 percent from year ago at 0.830 million tons.
- USDA US all-wheat export inspections as of September 24, 2020 were 563,427 tons, within a range of trade expectations, above 503,034 tons previous week and compares to 502,915 tons year ago. Major countries included <a href="China Main for 186,783">Chile for 101,308</a> tons, and Philippines for 85,542 tons.

## Export Developments.

- Thailand seeks 213,000 tons of feed wheat on September 30 for Nov-Jan shipment. Origins sought are the Black Sea region, European Union, Canada, South America and Australia.
- Yesterday Jordan bought 120,000 tons of wheat ay \$257.90/ton c&f for shipment sometime during Decor Jan.
- Japan seeks 80,000 tons of feed wheat and 100,000 tons of barley for arrival by Feb on Sep 30.
- Ethiopia seeks about 80,000 tons of milling wheat on Sept. 30.
- Pakistan seeks 300,000 tons of wheat on October 5 for arrival by mid Jan.
- Ethiopia seeks 400,000 tons of wheat by October 13.
- (new 9/15) Ethiopia seeks about 200,000 tons of milling wheat on October 15.

## Rice/Other

- US COTTON 13 PCT HARVESTED VS 11 PCT WK AGO (14 PCT 5-YR AVG) -USDA
- US COTTON 43 PCT CONDITION GOOD/EXCELLENT VS 45 PCT WK AGO (40 PCT YR AGO) -USDA
- US COTTON 66 PCT BOLLS OPENING VS 57 PCT WK AGO (66 PCT 5-YR AVG) -USDA
- US RICE 57 PCT HARVESTED VS 47 PCT WK AGO (70 PCT 5-YR AVG) -USDA
- Syria is in for 39,400 tons of white rice on September 30.

The USDA is scheduled to release the report at 12 p.m. EDT (1600 GMT) on Wednesday, Sept. 30

## **POLL-Trade estimates for USDA U.S. quarterly grain stocks - Reuters News**

All figures in billions of bushels:

|                        | Wheat | Corn  | Soybeans |
|------------------------|-------|-------|----------|
| Average trade estimate | 2.242 | 2.250 | 0.576    |
| Highest trade estimate | 2.380 | 2.574 | 0.608    |
| Lowest trade estimate  | 2.150 | 2.120 | 0.490    |
| USDA June 1, 2020      | 1.044 | 5.224 | 1.386    |
| USDA Sept. 1, 2019     | 2.346 | 2.221 | 0.909    |
|                        |       |       |          |

## POLL-Trade estimates of U.S. 2019 soy, corn crops in USDA stocks report - Reuters News

|                        | 2019 soybean | 2019 corn  |
|------------------------|--------------|------------|
|                        | production   | production |
| Average trade estimate | 3.575        | 13.607     |
| Highest trade estimate | 3.614        | 13.750     |
| Lowest trade estimate  | 3.542        | 13.427     |
| USDA last              | 3.552        | 13.617     |
|                        |              |            |

## POLL-Trade estimates for U.S. 2020 wheat crop in USDA Sept report - Reuters News

|                        | All   | All    | Hard Red | Soft Red | White  | Other  | Durum |
|------------------------|-------|--------|----------|----------|--------|--------|-------|
|                        | Wheat | Winter | Winter   | Winter   | Winter | Spring |       |
| Average trade estimate | 1.841 | 1.198  | 0.696    | 0.276    | 0.227  | 0.577  | 0.062 |
| Highest trade estimate | 1.920 | 1.244  | 0.729    | 0.281    | 0.234  | 0.590  | 0.068 |
| Lowest trade estimate  | 1.823 | 1.187  | 0.684    | 0.267    | 0.223  | 0.568  | 0.051 |
| USDA August 2020       | 1.838 | 1.198  | 0.695    | 0.277    | 0.226  | 0.577  | 0.062 |
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# **CBOT Deliverable Commodities Under Registration**

Source: CBOT and FI

| Date      | CHI Wheat | Change | Oats | Change | Corn | Change | Ethanol | Change | Soybeans | Change | Soy Oil | Change | Soy Meal | Change | Rough Rice | Change | KC Wheat | Change |
|-----------|-----------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|---------|--------|----------|--------|---------|--------|----------|--------|------------|--------|----------|--------|
| 9/28/2020 | 109       | 0      | 0    | 0      | 361  | 0      | 1       | 0      | 1        | 0      | 1,907   | 0      | 300      | 0      | 0          | 0      | 135      | 0      |
| 9/25/2020 | 109       | 0      | 0    | 0      | 361  | 150    | 1       | 0      | 1        | 0      | 1,907   | 0      | 300      | 0      | 0          | 0      | 135      | 0      |
| 9/24/2020 | 109       | 0      | 0    | 0      | 211  | (11)   | 1       | 0      | 1        | 0      | 1,907   | 0      | 300      | 0      | 0          | 0      | 135      | 0      |
| 9/23/2020 | 109       | 0      | 0    | 0      | 222  | 0      | 1       | 0      | 1        | 0      | 1,907   | 0      | 300      | 0      | 0          | 0      | 135      | 0      |
| 9/22/2020 | 109       | 0      | 0    | 0      | 222  | 0      | 1       | 0      | 1        | 0      | 1,907   | 0      | 300      | 0      | 0          | 0      | 135      | 0      |
| 9/21/2020 | 109       | 0      | 0    | 0      | 222  | 0      | 1       | 0      | 1        | 0      | 1,907   | 0      | 300      | 0      | 0          | 0      | 135      | 0      |
| 9/18/2020 | 109       | 0      | 0    | 0      | 222  | 0      | 1       | 0      | 1        | 0      | 1,907   | 0      | 300      | 0      | 0          | 0      | 135      | 0      |
| 9/17/2020 | 109       | 0      | 0    | 0      | 222  | (55)   | 1       | 0      | 1        | 0      | 1,907   | (8)    | 300      | 0      | 0          | 0      | 135      | 0      |
| 9/16/2020 | 109       | (15)   | 0    | 0      | 277  | 0      | 1       | 0      | 1        | (11)   | 1,915   | (20)   | 300      | 0      | 0          | (4)    | 135      | (6)    |
| 9/15/2020 | 124       | (6)    | 0    | 0      | 277  | 0      | 1       | 0      | 12       | (1)    | 1,935   | (194)  | 300      | 0      | 4          | 1      | 141      | (6)    |
| 9/14/2020 | 130       | 35     | 0    | 0      | 277  | 57     | 1       | 0      | 13       | 11     | 2,129   | (174)  | 300      | (3)    | 3          | 3      | 147      | 0      |
| 9/11/2020 | 95        | 0      | 0    | 0      | 220  | 0      | 1       | 0      | 2        | 0      | 2,303   | (1)    | 303      | 0      | 0          | 0      | 147      | 0      |
| 9/10/2020 | 95        | 0      | 0    | 0      | 220  | 0      | 1       | 0      | 2        | (21)   | 2,304   | (127)  | 303      | (9)    | 0          | 0      | 147      | 0      |
| 9/9/2020  | 95        | 0      | 0    | 0      | 220  | 0      | 1       | (4)    | 23       | 0      | 2,431   | 0      | 312      | (37)   | 0          | 0      | 147      | 0      |
| 9/8/2020  | 95        | 0      | 0    | 0      | 220  | 0      | 5       | (11)   | 23       | 0      | 2,431   | 0      | 349      | (34)   | 0          | 0      | 147      | 0      |
| 9/4/2020  | 95        | 0      | 0    | 0      | 220  | 0      | 16      | 0      | 23       | 0      | 2,431   | 0      | 383      | (25)   | 0          | 0      | 147      | 0      |
| 9/3/2020  | 95        | 0      | 0    | 0      | 220  | 220    | 16      | 0      | 23       | 0      | 2,431   | (50)   | 408      | (103)  | 0          | 0      | 147      | 0      |
| 9/2/2020  | 95        | 0      | 0    | 0      | 0    | 0      | 16      | 0      | 23       | 0      | 2,481   | 0      | 511      | 0      | 0          | 0      | 147      | 50     |
| 9/1/2020  | 95        | 0      | 0    | 0      | 0    | 0      | 16      | 0      | 23       | 0      | 2,481   | (100)  | 511      | 0      | 0          | 0      | 97       | 50     |
| 8/31/2020 | 95        | 0      | 0    | 0      | 0    | 0      | 16      | 0      | 23       | 0      | 2,581   | 0      | 511      | 0      | 0          | 0      | 47       | 0      |
| 8/28/2020 | 95        | 0      | 0    | 0      | 0    | 0      | 16      | 0      | 23       | 0      | 2,581   | (51)   | 511      | 0      | 0          | 0      | 47       | 0      |
| 8/27/2020 | 95        | 0      | 0    | 0      | 0    | 0      | 16      | 0      | 23       | 0      | 2,632   | 0      | 511      | 0      | 0          | 0      | 47       | 0      |
| 8/26/2020 | 95        | 0      | 0    | 0      | 0    | 0      | 16      | 0      | 23       | 0      | 2,632   | 0      | 511      | 0      | 0          | 0      | 47       | 0      |
| 8/25/2020 | 95        | 0      | 0    | 0      | 0    | 0      | 16      | 0      | 23       | 0      | 2,632   | 0      | 511      | 0      | 0          | 0      | 47       | 0      |
| 8/24/2020 | 95        | 0      | 0    | 0      | 0    | 0      | 16      | 0      | 23       | 0      | 2,632   | 0      | 511      | 0      | 0          | 0      | 47       | 0      |
| 8/21/2020 | 95        | 0      | 0    | 0      | 0    | 0      | 16      | 0      | 23       | 0      | 2,632   | 51     | 511      | 0      | 0          | 0      | 47       | 0      |
| 8/20/2020 | 95        | 0      | 0    | 0      | 0    | 0      | 16      | 0      | 23       | 0      | 2,581   | (25)   | 511      | 0      | 0          | 0      | 47       | 0      |
| 8/19/2020 | 95        | 0      | 0    | 0      | 0    | 0      | 16      | 0      | 23       | 0      | 2,606   | 0      | 511      | 0      | 0          | 0      | 47       | 0      |
| 8/18/2020 | 95        | 0      | 0    | 0      | 0    | 0      | 16      | 0      | 23       | (77)   | 2,606   | 0      | 511      | 0      | 0          | 0      | 47       | 0      |
| 8/17/2020 | 95        | 0      | 0    | 0      | 0    | 0      | 16      | 0      | 100      | (36)   | 2,606   | 0      | 511      | 0      | 0          | 0      | 47       | 0      |
| 8/14/2020 | 95        | 0      | 0    | 0      | 0    | 0      | 16      | 0      | 136      | (84)   | 2,606   | 48     | 511      | 0      | 0          | 0      | 47       | 0      |
| 8/13/2020 | 95        | 0      | 0    | 0      | 0    | 0      | 16      | 0      | 220      | 0      | 2,558   | 0      | 511      | 0      | 0          | 0      | 47       | 0      |
| 8/12/2020 | 95        | 0      | 0    | 0      | 0    | 0      | 16      | 0      | 220      | 220    | 2,558   | (50)   | 511      | 0      | 0          | (11)   | 47       | 0      |
| 8/11/2020 | 95        | 0      | 0    | 0      | 0    | 0      | 16      | 0      | 0        | 0      | 2,608   | 0      | 511      | 0      | 11         | 0      | 47       | 0      |
| 8/10/2020 | 95        | 0      | 0    | 0      | 0    | 0      | 16      | 0      | 0        | 0      | 2,608   | 0      | 511      | 0      | 11         | 0      | 47       | 0      |
| 8/7/2020  | 95        | 0      | 0    | 0      | 0    | 0      | 16      | (5)    | 0        | 0      | 2,608   | (48)   | 511      | 0      | 11         | 0      | 47       | 0      |

## Foreign Agriculture Market Guidance

## As of 6:45 AM

#### Currency adjusted to the CME pit close Day on day change 29-Sep 28-Sep Change **Rotterdam Oils** oils in points and meal in USD/short ton Soy oil EUR/MT Nov/Jan -36 751.33 753.33 -2.00 Rot soy oil Rape oil EUR/MT Nov/Jan 780.00 785.00 Rot rape oil -51 -5.00 **Rotterdam Soybean Meal** Argentina USD/MT (high protien) Sep-Oct 421.00 425.50 -4.50 Rot meal Sep-Oct Argentina USD/MT Nov-Dec 421.00 424.00 -3.00 \$0.90 Brazil USD/MT (pellets) Sep-Oct 424.00 427.00 -3.00 Rot meal Nov-Dec Brazil USD/MT Nov-Dec 422.00 424.00 -2.00 \$2.23 **MALAYSIA PALM OIL** 29-Sep 28-Sep Futures MYR/MT DEC0 2777 2822 -45 \$669 Malaysian Fut -72 RBD Olien Cash USD/MT Dec20 \$701.50 \$707.00 -5.50 -0.8% Malaysian Cash -62 US Gulf Crude SBO over RBD Palm Spot \$82 \$79 \$3 China Futures (Last - Prv. Settle) 29-Sep 28-Sep Soybeans #1 (DCE) CNY/MT JAN1 4412 4502 -90 -2.0% China soy #1 -31 3077 \$2.16 Soybean Meal JAN1 3091 -14 -0.5% China meal 6922 China oil Soybean Oil IAN1 6944 -22 -0 3% -63 China Palm Oil JAN1 5912 5934 -22 -0.4% China Futures Crush Margin JAN1 -1.34 -1.47 +0.14 USD/BU CNY/MT JAN1 -719.83 -794.74 +74.91 2475 Corn (DCE) CNY/MT JAN1 2479 -4 -0.2% Dalian corn -4 Wheat (ZCE) CNY/MT JAN1 2609 2609 unchanged 0.0% Zhengzhou wheat -2 China Cash \$0.97 Cash Soybean Crush USD/BU \$0.99 -0.02 Spot Average Cash Wheat USD/BU \$9.50 \$9.51 -0.01 Average Cash Corn USD/BU \$8.77 \$8.77 -0.01 Corn North USD/BU Spot \$8.27 \$8.28 -0.01 \$9.19 Corn South USD/BU \$9.18 +0.01 Spot Reuters Imported Corn South USD/BU \$5.75 Spot \$5.75 unchanged \$/ton Matif Wheat (Liffe) \$225.26 \$222.86 Matif EUR/MT morning over morning Matif morning MAR1 192.50 191.00 +1.05 +1.50 Matif settle MAR1 192.75 Matif wheat from prev. settle day before 192.25 +0.50 -2.13**Baltic Dry Index** Spot 1654 1667 -13 **ALL OILS** 28-Sep 25-Sep **Exchange Rates** Average lead -50 Euro/\$ EU 1.1702 1.1668 +0.0034 MYR Ringgit/\$ 4.1540 4.1730 -0.0190 **ALL MEAL** CNY RMB/\$ 6.8168 6.8122 +0.0046 Average lead \$1.76 CME electronic close change SX20 SMV20 BOV20 CZ20 -6 25 +45 -4 30 +1 50 CH21 SF21 -6.00 SMZ20 -4.70 BOZ20 +29 +2.25 **SH21** SMF21 BOF21 CN21 -5.00 -4.30 +25 +2.25 SK21 SMH21 **BOH21** WZ20 -3.50 -3.50 +24 +6.00 **SN21** SMK21 **BOK21** WH21 -2.25 -3.20 +23 +5.50 **SU21** SMN21 -2.90 BON21 WK21

#1 China SB is only designed for Non-GMO soybeans, but captures 96-98% of total bean open interest. #2 China soybeans are not heavily traded Source: Reuters, Dow Jones Newswires and Futures International

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