



Morning.

A weaker USD and higher WTI crude oil are supporting CBOT agriculture futures today. The weather situation in South America appears to remain adverse and traders are still concerned over the Argentina restriction on corn exports through February. However, with business potentially shifting to the US over the short term, it should be supportive for the nearby corn spread. Argentina grain handlers are still on strike action at some facilities bias southern export areas. One source mentioned exporters can load at one terminal but not another. Meanwhile Argentina corn registrations surged to over 1.2 million tons during the first week of new year for shipments beyond the February period. High Argentina corn prices are beneficial for exporters. Jordan saw 4 participants for their 120,000 ton barley import tender. Bangladesh is in for another 50,000 tons of wheat. Today the USDA/CCC seeks 2,000 tons of vegetable oil, packaged in 4 liter cans, for export to Kenya for February 1-28 shipment (Feb 16 to Mar 15 for plants located at ports). Malaysian palm oil traded 31 MYR higher and cash increased \$10.00/ton. A Reuters poll sees end of December palm stocks hitting at least a 13-year low at 1.22 million tons, down 22 percent from the previous month. Rotterdam meal and vegetable oil prices were lower from yesterday. Wheat futures may see limited upside today. Kansas winter wheat crop ratings increased to 46 percent good/excellent from 33 percent at the end of November, according to state data. Nebraska increased to 37 percent from 35 percent over the past month and Colorado decreased one point to 19 percent.

Last night there were 3900 CH 450c exercised leaving over \$1.1m of time value on the table. If you need help with options, please drop us a line.

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FI Est. Managed Fut. Only	334	205	32	91	113
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Prices as 1/5/21 8:11 AM

CBOT Soybeans				Soybean Meal				Soybean Oil			
		Change	Volume			Change	Volume			Change	Volume
JAN1	1338.75	22.25	90	JAN1	432.50	5.30	80	JAN1	43.47	0.54	78
MAR1	1338.00	25.00	47170	MAR1	429.40	5.70	11349	MAR1	42.86	0.73	20460
MAY1	1335.75	24.50	16559	MAY1	426.50	5.10	3684	MAY1	42.16	0.77	6890
JUL1	1327.25	23.50	7928	JUL1	423.80	4.80	2416	JUL1	41.67	0.76	3223
AUG1	1288.00	23.00	337	AUG1	411.40	4.40	510	AUG1	40.92	0.72	827
SEP1	1194.50	22.75	308	SEP1	391.20	4.30	158	SEP1	40.28	0.76	188
CBOT Corn				Oats				Chicago Wheat			
		Change	Volume			Change	Volume			Change	Volume
MAR1	487.25	3.50	42089	MAR1	359.00	3.00	44	MAR1	652.50	10.50	15924
MAY1	488.25	4.00	11487	MAY1	351.25	0.00	2	MAY1	650.25	9.75	6136
JUL1	486.50	4.25	9460	JUL1	344.00	(0.25)	2	JUL1	637.00	7.25	4216
SEP1	451.25	4.00	1955	SEP1	315.00	0.00	0	SEP1	637.50	6.00	2196
DEC1	437.50	3.00	5058	DEC1	308.00	2.00	1	DEC1	644.00	5.25	1561
MAR2	442.75	2.25	245	MAR2	313.25	0.00	0	MAR2	648.50	3.75	195
CBOT Black Sea Corn FOB (Platts)				CBOT Black Sea Wheat FOB (Platts)							
			OI								
JAN1	236.75	0.04	150	JAN1	272.50					4,390	
FEB1	238.75	0.00	1,277	FEB1	272.00					509	
MAR1	239.50	0.00	710	MAR1	272.00					8,443	
APR1	240.50	0.00	1,000	APR1	270.25					200	
MAY1	241.00	0.00	200	MAY1	268.25					100	

Soy/Corn Ratio X/Z 2021 2.6103

Source: FI and Reuters

Weather

IMPORTANT WEATHER ISSUES OF THE DAY

- Rainfall in Argentina overnight was a little better organized and locally greater than expected from western Buenos Aires through the heart of Cordoba
 - Most amounts ranged from 0.15 to 0.75 inch with local totals of 1.00 to 2.00 inches
 - One location in southwestern Buenos Aires reported 2.16 inches of rain
 - The greatest precipitation occurred in three pockets; 1) in southwestern Buenos Aires, 2) near the Buenos Aires/Santa Fe/Cordoba common border and 3) near and northwest of Cordoba City, Cordoba.
- Southeastern Paraguay received another good dose of rain overnight and some of that extended south into northern Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil where amounts varied greatly from 0.12 to 0.75 inch most often
 - However, 1.00 to 3.00 inches occurred in southeastern Paraguay and up to 1.57 inches occurred locally in northwestern Rio Grande do Sul
 - Some rain also scattered across a part of interior western Parana and across portions of Mato Grosso do Sul.
- Today's Argentina forecast still favors scattered shower and thunderstorm activity next week, but until then some areas will experience net drying especially in central and eastern parts of the nation
 - Rain is expected to concentrate on portions of Buenos Aires today and Wednesday with 0.30 to 1.00 inch and a few local totals of 1.00 to 2.00 inches
 - Precipitation elsewhere will not be very great
 - Not much other precipitation of significance will occur through Saturday, although a few showers may occur in the perimeter of Argentina's crop country
 - Isolated to scattered showers and thunderstorms will then begin Sunday and continue next week
 - The European model is not nearly as wet as the GFS model for next week in east-central crop areas and World Weather, Inc. favors the European solution
 - East-central Argentina may not receive more than 0.50 inch of rain next week while other areas receive 0.40 to 1.25 inches with local totals possibly getting up near and over 2.00 inches

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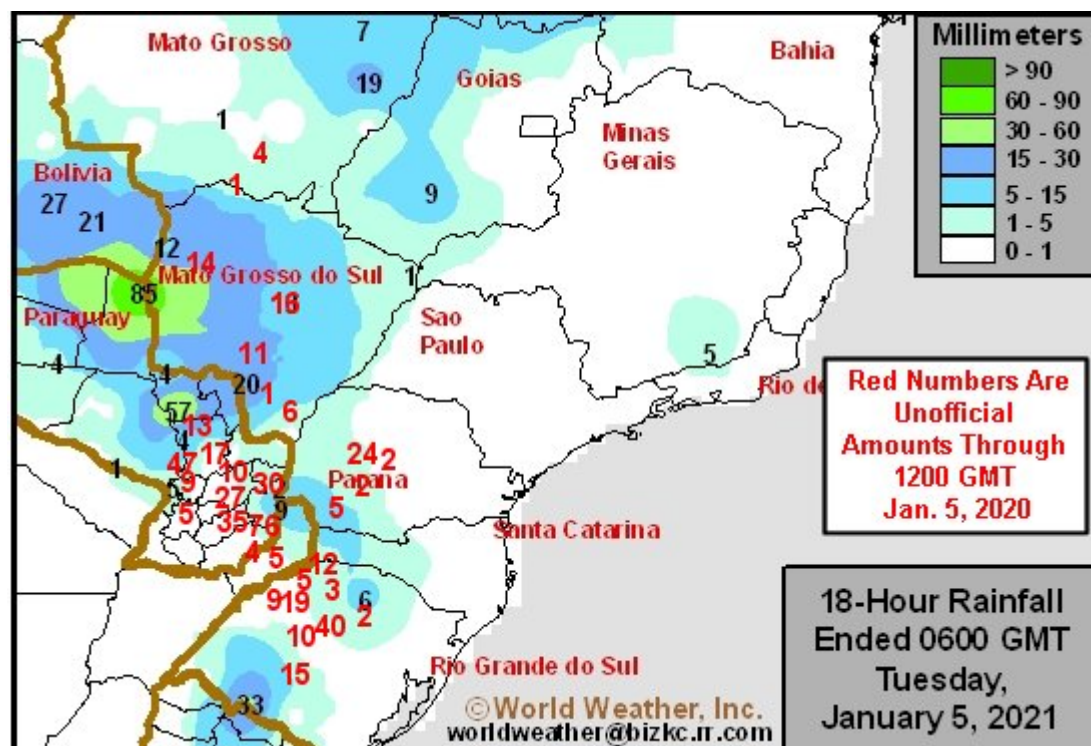
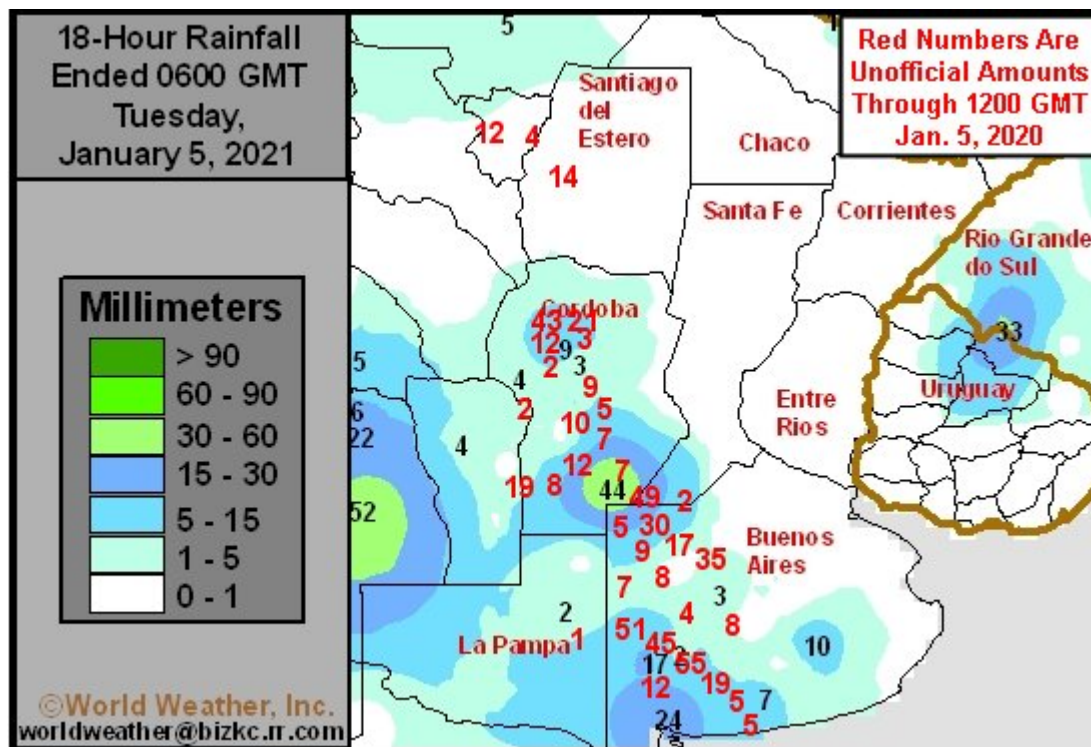
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- The greatest rainfall will occur in far northern and western parts of the nation
 - Additional rainfall will scatter across parts of Argentina periodically late next week and into the following weekend before a new round of net drying occurs
- World Weather, Inc. urges a little caution about the Argentina outlook next week. The GFS model has been too excited about rainfall. La Nina is still deeply in control of South America weather and the odds are good that the European model has the best solution suggesting east-central parts of Argentina may not do very well with rainfall next week. Our comments in Monday's special weather report on Argentina are still valid that even if the rain event next week is not as good as advertised there will be some short term benefit to crops and enough rain will fall to keep a large part of the nation's crop viable and still poised to perform adequately if timely rain continues. Recent rainfall and that expected over the next two weeks will be highly erratic and variable from one location to another resulting in pockets of serious crop stress not far from areas that will experience more favorable development potential.
- Brazil's weather outlook today has not changed much, although there is more rain advertised in both Rio Grande do Sul and in a part of northeastern Brazil
 - If the forecast changes verify most of Brazil will benefit greatly from weather in this coming ten days
 - Sufficient rain will fall to support crops in nearly all areas allowing the improving trend for pod setting and filling in soybean production areas to continue
 - Coffee, citrus, rice, cotton corn, cocoa and other crops will all benefit from a good distribution of rain
- Morocco will receive waves of rain over the coming week bolstering soil moisture for improved wheat and barley establishment
 - This is the beginning of the third year of drought in southwestern Morocco making the coming week of rain extremely important and welcome
- Northwestern Algeria has also been drier biased this season and some rain will fall there as well
- Most of the Mediterranean Sea region of southern Europe will receive frequent rainfall resulting in greater soil moisture, but also inducing some potential for flooding
 - Rainfall will be greatest in eastern Spain, Italy, the eastern Adriatic Sea nations and from parts of Greece and Bulgaria to Russia's Southern Region
- Waves of rain and snow will impact Russia's Southern Region through the next ten days resulting in a welcome boost to soil moisture in areas that have no frost in the ground
 - Snow will pile up on top of the ground in areas where temperatures are coldest, but the snow will melt during the warmer days and weeks ahead in late winter and early spring to improve soil conditions for better winter crop establishment
- Additional rain fell in northern India Monday resulting in further improvement in topsoil moisture
 - Additional moisture totals varied up to 0.75 inch, although most areas received lighter totals
 - Recent precipitation from eastern Rajasthan and northern Uttar Pradesh into Jammu and Kashmir has bolstered soil moisture for improved winter crop conditions
 - Moisture totals over the past several days have ranged from 0.30 to 1.00 inch with local totals to 1.58 inches
 - Today will be the last day for precipitation in the region for a while
 - Some rain will fall in central India Thursday and Friday of this week with amounts to 0.50 inch
- China will experience some very cold temperatures Wednesday possibly resulting in some potential for winterkill due to the lack of snow cover
 - Wednesday and Thursday will be coldest this week with extreme lows in the positive and negative single digits Fahrenheit near and north of the Yellow River with little to no snow on the ground
 - Winterkill is not very likely, but the situation will be closely monitored because of temperatures near the damage threshold
 - Sufficient wheat hardening has occurred over the past week and through the first part of this week to help limit the potential for permanent crop damage

- Waves of rain will impact the Philippines starting late this week and lasting a full week
 - Excessive moisture is expected resulting in new flooding for parts of the nation especially in eastern most islands
 - Flooding has already been an issue for the nation at times in recent months and additional damage to crops and property will be possible
- Frequent rain in Indonesia and Malaysia will eventually result in some new flooding
 - Recent flooding in Peninsular Malaysia caused damage to crops and personal property, although that situation will improve before new excessive rain and flooding impacts a part of the region in the coming week to ten days
 - Other areas in Indonesia and Malaysia are likely to become too wet over time with Java and northern Borneo as well as peninsular Malaysia impacted from time to time.
- Mainland areas of Southeast Asia will be dry over the next ten days except coastal areas of Vietnam where waves of rain are expected
- Eastern Australia received additional rain Monday in New South Wales and parts of Queensland
 - Amounts varied from 0.10 to 0.88 inch with a few totals to 1.81 inches
 - Northeastern New South Wales has been wettest, but southeastern Queensland will become the wetter area over the balance of this week
- Eastern Australia will receive additional showers and thunderstorms into Friday and then net drying is expected for a while in key grain and cotton production areas
 - Another 0.50 to 2.50 inches of rain and locally more will occur by Saturday morning in southeastern Queensland
 - Not much other precipitation is expected there or in New South Wales for a full week
- Cape York Peninsula and the upper Queensland, Australia coast will experience frequent waves of rain through the next ten days resulting in more flooding
 - The area near Townsville, Queensland has received excessive rainfall in the past week and will be getting much more resulting in damage for sugarcane and some other agriculture
- South Africa received scattered showers and thunderstorms in the western and southern parts of the nation Monday with highly varying amounts of rain
 - Most areas reported less than 0.60 inch of moisture with local totals over 1.00 inch
 - Temperatures trended cooler in the wetter biased areas with highs in the upper 60s and 70s Fahrenheit which is down from 80s and 90s during the weekend
- South Africa will receive frequent showers and thunderstorms over the next ten days bringing rain to most summer crop areas and ensuring aggressive crop development
 - Western areas may be wettest for a while
- U.S. weather Monday was dry except for a little lingering snow in the northeast and widespread rain and mountain snow in the Pacific Northwest
 - Temperatures were a little warmer than usual in many areas across the nation
- U.S. weather changes were minor overnight
 - Rain, snow and a little freezing rain will occur tonight and Wednesday from the eastern Dakotas and western Minnesota into Missouri and eastern Kansas
 - Moisture totals will vary from 0.05 to 0.35 inch and locally more
 - Snowfall of 1 to 4 inches is most likely, but several counties in southeastern North Dakota and northeastern South Dakota will receive 4 to 8 inches
 - Locally heavy snow like that will also occur in a narrow band across interior western Iowa
 - The storm system responsible for rain and snow in the western Corn Belt through Wednesday will produce widespread rainfall across the Delta and into the southeastern states late Wednesday into early Friday

- Hard red winter wheat areas will receive their greatest precipitation during the weekend as snow and rain fall from Colorado to northern Texas and parts of Oklahoma
 - Moisture totals will vary from 0.10 to 0.35 inch with local totals of 0.35 to 0.75 inch and possibly more with northern Texas and southern Oklahoma wettest
- Rain will fall across eastern Texas, the lower Delta and southeastern states during the late weekend and early part of next week with 0.40 to 1.50 inches resulting
- Waves of rain and mountain snow will impact the Pacific Northwest throughout the coming two weeks maintaining wet conditions in some of those areas
- Colder air moving into North America near mid-month may drop a cold front through the north-central and eastern U.S. with a little snow and rain accompanying it
- Additional waves of cool air and brief bouts of snow will move from northwest to southeast across the central and eastern United States in the third week of this month and progressive cooling is expected
- Some of the bitter cold impacting China this week will reach North America near mid-month and will prevail into the end of January with Canada Prairies, the U.S. northern Plains and Midwest all experiencing notably colder weather over time.
- West Africa rainfall will remain mostly confined to coastal areas while temperatures in the interior coffee, cocoa, sugarcane, rice and cotton areas are in a seasonable range for the next ten days
- East-central Africa rainfall will continue limited in Ethiopia as it should be at this time of year while frequent showers and thunderstorms impact Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda over the next ten days
- Southern Oscillation Index remains very strong during the weekend and was at +18.25 today which is the highest this index has been in the current La Nina episode
- Mexico and Central America weather will continue to generate erratic rainfall
 - Far southern Mexico and portions of Central America will be most impacted by periodic moisture
- Canada Prairies will remain unseasonably warm this week and warmer than usual through day ten before cooling occurs during the weekend and next week
- Southeast Canada will receive less than usual precipitation this week and temperatures will continue a little warmer than usual

Source: World Weather Inc. and FI



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Bloomberg Ag Calendar

Tuesday, Jan. 5:

- New Zealand global dairy trade auction
- Purdue Agriculture Sentiment, 9:30am

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- Malaysia's Jan. 1-5 palm oil export data
- Virtual palm oil trade fair and seminar 2021, Jan. 5-7
- HOLIDAY: Russia

Wednesday, Jan. 6:

- EIA weekly U.S. ethanol inventories, production, 10:30am
- China's CNGOIC to publish soy and corn reports
- HOLIDAY: Russia, Poland

Thursday, Jan. 7:

- FAO World Food Price Index
- USDA weekly crop net-export sales for corn, soybeans, wheat, cotton, pork, beef, 8:30am
- Port of Rouen data on French grain exports
- HOLIDAY: Russia, Ghana, Egypt

Friday, Jan. 8:

- 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
- Trading of China's hog futures to begin on Dalian Commodity Exchange
- HOLIDAY: Russia

Source: Bloomberg and FI

CBOT Deliveries and Registrations

	Current		Reg.	Reg. Change
Soybeans	25	Customer Marex issued 25	76	0
Soybean Meal	0		175	0
Soybean Oil	0		1,313	0
Corn	NA		0	0
Oats	NA		0	0
Chi. Wheat	NA		49	0
KC Wheat	NA		113	0
Rice	3	no commercial stoppers	451	0
Ethanol	30	ADM INV Ser. Stopped 22	30	30
MN Wheat	NA			

Registrations

				Pre	Change
Ethanol					
VITOL, INC.	ARGO, IL	30	01/04/2021	0	08/09/2017 30

Source: CBOT, Reuters and FI

OPEN INTEREST IS SLIGHTLY OFF FROM PRELIMINARY CME REPORT

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CBOT Open Interest

CBOT Product			Prompt OI	Change	Total Open Interest*	Change
Soybeans	Sv1	Mar 21	413,594	3,095	916,491	27,184
Soy Oil	BOv1	Mar 21	210,503	(1,635)	467,140	(2,074)
Soy Meal	SMv1	Mar 21	183,239	(2,310)	416,676	1,170
Corn	Cv1	Mar 21	834,600	(1,396)	1,769,357	18,839
Oats	Oc1	Mar 21	3,901	(85)	4,842	(40)
CHI Wheat	Wv1	Mar 21	194,313	600	405,877	3,264
KC Wheat	KWv1	Mar 21	121,616	(536)	218,157	995
Rice	RRc2	Mar 21	9,346	208	9,456	121
CME Product					Total Open Interest*	Change
Live Cattle	LCc2	Dec 17	82,000	(95)	291,880	(715)
Lean Hogs	LHc2	Dec 17	47,281	1,519	198,111	4,234

*Previous day preliminary data as of 1/4/2021

Top 15 most active options

Option Strike	TL Globex/Pit Volume	Current Open Interest	Open Interest Change from previous day
CH 500C	15,783	32,535	+ 3,035
CH 480C	8,245	18,394	- 1,592
SH 1400C	7,252	14,171	+ 188
CH 450C	6,740	24,046	- 6,862
CG 500C	6,415	3,834	- 242
CH 520C	6,357	12,350	+ 2,089
CH 450P	5,935	10,964	- 2,628
CK 500C	4,856	10,957	- 1,672
CG 480P	4,799	4,114	+ 2,284
CZ 500C	4,780	18,223	+ 457
CH 460P	4,755	5,629	+ 2,478
SH 1500C	4,584	13,784	+ 526
SH 1360C	4,557	3,169	- 1,067
CG 490C	4,486	5,396	+ 143
CH 420C	4,310	19,405	- 2,958

*Previous day preliminary data as of 1/4/2021

Brazil selected commodities exports:

Commodity	December 2020	December 2019
CRUDE OIL (TNS)	5,442,921	8,539,668
IRON ORE (TNS)	33,165,506	24,990,225
SOYBEANS (TNS)	274,082	3,269,636
CORN (TNS)	5,006,035	4,164,806
GREEN COFFEE (TNS)	254,552	189,831
SUGAR (TNS)	2,983,359	1,437,471
BEEF (TNS)	142,524	148,767
POULTRY (TNS)	350,857	364,658
PULP (TNS)	1,276,018	1,205,654

CFTC Commitment of Traders**Traditional Daily Estimate of Funds 12/29/20**

	Corn	Bean	Chi. Wheat	Meal	Oil
Actual	510.5	260.4	27.5	121.6	140.4
Estimated*	509.5	296.2	19.4	123.0	139.1
Difference	1.0	(35.8)	8.1	(1.4)	1.3

*Estimated as of Tuesday

Source: Reuters, CFTC & FI (FI est. are noted with latest date)

TRADITIONAL FUNDS net position changes

Wed to Tue, in 000 contracts

	Corn	Bean	Meal	Oil	Chi. Wheat	KC Wheat	Min Wheat
Futures Only	74.1	(10.8)	7.6	12.2	7.0	2.3	1.4
Futures & Options Combined	81.7	(2.8)	4.5	12.2	11.2	2.7	1.6

MANAGED MONEY net position changes

	Corn	Bean	Meal	Oil	Chi. Wheat	KC Wheat	Min Wheat
Futures Only	62.1	1.3	6.0	10.6	7.1	4.0	1.5
Futures & Options Combined	66.3	7.9	6.1	11.7	7.1	4.0	1.5

OPEN INTEREST net position changes

Wed to Tue, in 000 contracts

	Corn	Bean	Meal	Oil	Chi. Wheat	KC Wheat	Min Wheat
Futures Only	33.9	(60.8)	(18.6)	(28.0)	4.3	4.5	2.3
Futures & Options Combined	52.2	(128.6)	(30.6)	(31.4)	(1.9)	3.7	2.6

	Corn	Bean	Chi. Wheat	Meal	Oil
FI Est. Managed Fut. Only	334	205	32	91	113
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SUPPLEMENTAL	Non-Comm Net	Chg	Indexes Net	Chg	Comm Net	Chg
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Corn	377,636	79,749	402,096	2,546	-754,343	-77,584
Soybeans	174,943	-3,300	173,087	-6,571	-343,790	15,003
Soyoil	89,072	11,494	125,015	1,624	-233,322	-10,308
CBOT wheat	-10,218	11,322	131,921	-1,239	-106,329	-9,365
KCBT wheat	33,865	3,068	70,347	-60	-104,909	-4,111

FUTURES + OPTS	Managed		Swaps		Producer	
	Net	Chg	Net	Chg	Net	Chg
Corn	332,045	66,330	239,790	-4,101	-714,432	-72,932
Soybeans	196,487	7,864	92,865	-7,836	-336,247	15,728
Soymeal	89,487	6,102	69,726	2,372	-208,306	-5,256
Soyoil	112,989	11,736	88,376	-80	-242,531	-9,265
CBOT wheat	13,360	7,126	78,289	-2,876	-93,233	-7,592
KCBT wheat	55,560	4,016	40,824	-3,270	-98,716	-574
MGEX wheat	3,933	1,513	3,247	514	-15,505	-3,168
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Total wheat	72,853	12,655	122,360	-5,632	-207,454	-11,334
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Live cattle	49,001	1,303	66,972	-748	-127,904	1,471
Feeder cattle	3,726	368	7,637	-29	-3,718	497
Lean hogs	33,770	916	50,256	1,142	-79,293	-2,532

USDA inspections versus Reuters trade range

Wheat	324,983	versus 300000-500000	range
Corn	912,802	versus 750000-1300000	range
Soybeans	1,305,786	versus 1000000-2000000	range

Macros

Prices as 1/5/21 8:11 AM			
	Month	Price	Change
USD	Index	89.744	(0.125)
EUR/USD	Spot	1.2265	0.002
USD/BRL	Bid	5.3325	0.036
BITCOIN	BTCC1	\$31,615	\$65
WTI Crude	FEB1	48.21	0.590
Brent	MAR1	51.7	0.610
Nat Gas	FEB1	2.690	0.109
DJ Mini	MAR1	30045	(59)
US 10-Yr	MAR1	138 3/32	- 2/32
Gold	FEB1	1952.2	5.600
Source: FI and Reuters			

Corn.

- CBOT corn
- CBOT open interest for corn was up 19,620 contracts (March down 613 per CME).
- Managed money and traditional funds added many contracts for the week ending a week ago Tuesday. Funds were less long than expected in soybeans, which may prompt soybean/corn spreading.
- There were CH 450c exercised 3,900x yesterday afternoon. This leaves 1.1 million USD on the table.
- Mexico will phase out importing genetically modified corn over the next three years and phase out imports as they aim to become self-sufficient.

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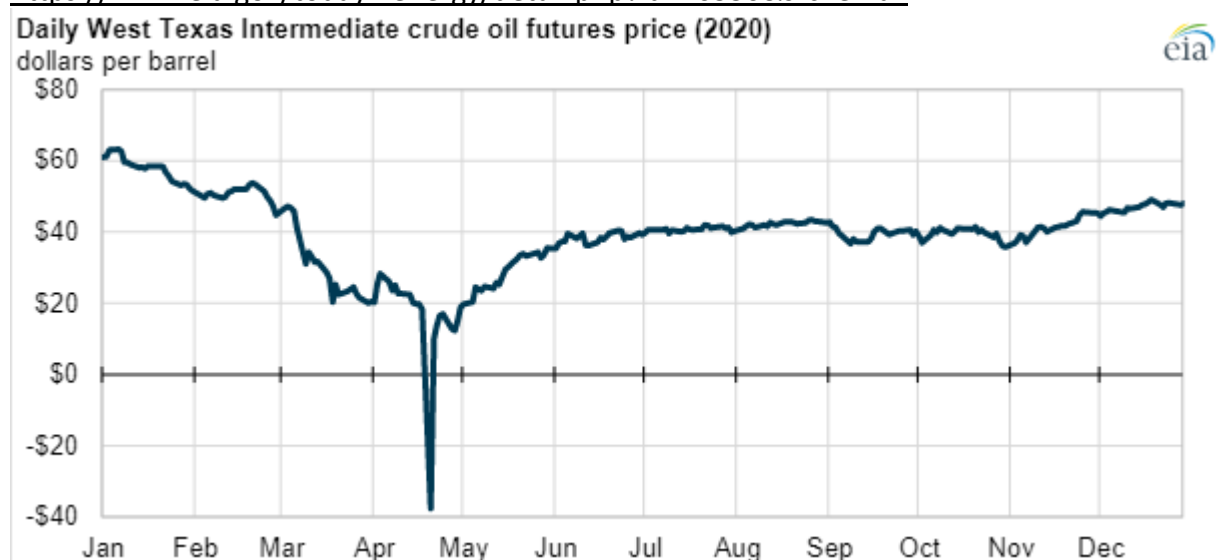
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- StoneX Brazil survey-based production lowered their soybean estimate to 132.64 million soybeans from 133.9 million previously. Corn was unchanged at 109.34 million tons.
- USDA US corn export inspections as of December 31, 2020 were 912,802 tons, within a range of trade expectations, below 1,255,341 tons previous week and compares to 550,930 tons year ago. Major countries included Mexico for 298,059 tons, Colombia for 161,868 tons, and Japan for 99,813 tons.

EIA: Crude oil prices briefly traded below \$0 in spring 2020 but have since been mostly flat

<https://www.eia.gov/todayinenergy/detail.php?id=46336&src=email>



Corn Export Developments

- Qatar seeks 100,000 tons of bulk barley on January 12.
- Qatar seeks 640,000 cartons of corn oil on January 12.

USDA NASS Monthly US Corn for Ethanol Use (sorghum FI est.)

		NASS							
	Nov-19	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20
Corn use (mil bu)	457	245	300	379	424	411	402	434	432
FI Estimate	444	248	309	372	404	412	396	402	427
Bloomberg Estimate	442	253	306	359	408	424	393	423	434
Sorghum use (mil bu)	7.2	4.9	3.7	2.3	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
DDGS Output (000 short tons)	1,880	1,014	1,234	1,664	1,865	1,805	1,736	1,824	1,794

Source: USDA Monthly Grain Crushings and Co-Products Production Report, & FI

US Weekly Petroleum Status Report - Ethanol

	Ethanol Production		Change		Ethanol Stocks		Change		Days of Ethanol
	FI Production Est.	Mbbl	Last Week	Last Year	FI Stocks Est.	Mbbl	Last Week	Last Year	
11/13/2020		962	-15	-6.9%		20,203	44	-1.5%	21.0
11/20/2020		990	28	-6.5%		20,866	663	2.9%	20.4
11/27/2020		974	-16	-8.1%		21,240	374	2.9%	21.4
12/4/2020		991	17	-7.6%		22,083	843	1.2%	21.4
12/11/2020		957	-34	-10.1%		22,950	867	5.3%	23.1
12/18/2020		976	19	-9.9%		23,169	219	7.9%	23.5
12/25/2020		934	-42	-12.4%		23,504	335	11.7%	24.8
1/1/2021	-5 to -10				+150 to +300				

Source: EIA and FI

Soybean complex.

- CBOT soybean complex is higher and CBOT crush lower. Same old news on SA weather and shrinking SA production estimates along with a lower USD are supporting prices.
- Argentina grain handlers are still on strike action at some facilities bias southern export areas. One source mentioned exporters can load at one terminal but not another. Meanwhile Argentina corn registrations surged to over 1.2 million tons during the first week of new year for shipments beyond the February period. High prices are beneficial for exporters.
- China bought at least one Brazilian soybean cargoes yesterday for March shipment, and two to three US PNW soybean cargoes for Sep-Oct shipment.
- The CBOT crush contracts have collapsed yesterday, bringing on ideas rationing during the second half of the US crop year will impact the balance sheet. May crush traded at 66 cents this morning. It was at 84.75 December 24. US farmers have sold 80-90% of this year's soybean crop and 60-70% of this year's corn crop. Down south we are hearing a good amount of September corn has been hedged.
- USDA NASS US crush showed a slightly less than expected crush rate for the month of November. Table is below. We do not see much of a market impact.
- Argentina weather this week will include scattered showers and thunderstorms. Brazil saw scattered showers over the long holiday weekend. Brazil will see rain on and off over the next two weeks. Some areas will not receive adequate rainfall including the southern and eastern Mato Grosso, Bahia, eastern Piaui, Pernambuco and northeastern Minas Gerais.
- CBOT open interest for soybeans was up 27,263 contracts (Jan down 1,127 to 3,071).
- Offshore values this morning were leading CBOT soybean oil 12 points lower and meal \$2.80 lower.
- Rotterdam soybean oil values are about 15 euros lower, rapeseed oil down about 5 euros, and Rotterdam meal 4-12 euros lower.
- Malaysian palm oil futures:

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- China futures

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- The European Union reported soybean import licenses since July 1 at 7.385 million tons, below 6.906 million tons a year ago. European Union soybean meal import licenses are running at 9.085 million tons so far for 2020-21, below 9.741 million tons a year ago. EU palm oil import licenses are running at 3.016 million tons for 2020-21, above 2.746 million tons a year ago, or up 10 percent.
- European Union rapeseed import licenses since July 1 were 3.534 million tons, down 6 percent from 3.776 million tons from the same period a year ago.

USDA Monthly Soybean Crush and Soybean Oil Stocks

		Nov-19	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	NASS Nov-20	Actual less trade Oct-20 Nov-20
Soybeans crushed										
mil bushels	174.6	179.5	177.3	184.5	174.7	171.0	196.5	191.0		
mil bushels per day	5.8	5.8	5.9	6.0	5.6	5.7	6.3	6.4		
Ave. Trade Estimate	176.0	180.4	177.9	183.0	175.6	171.3	196.6	192.2	(0.1)	(1.2)
FI Estimate	175.7	180.5	177.4	183.7	175.7	170.9	196.7	192.2		
Soybean oil Production million pounds	2,000	2,058	2,035	2,123	2,013	1,968	2,282	2,207		
Soybean oil stocks										
mil pounds	1,880	2,447	2,271	2,123	1,942	1,849	1,964	2,118		
Ave. Trade Estimate	1,853	2,399	2,343	2,131	2,003	1,833	1,911	2,012	53	106
FI Estimate	1,845	2,450	2,330	2,139	1,985	1,790	1,905	1,926		
Soybean oil yield pounds per bushel	11.45	11.46	11.48	11.51	11.52	11.50	11.61	11.55		
Soybean meal production 000 short tons	4,112	4,241	4,167	4,361	4,112	4,009	4,616	4,516		
Soybean meal stocks 000 short tons	467	498	462	451	421	341	374	458		
Soybean meal yield pounds per bushel	47.09	47.24	47.02	47.28	47.08	46.88	46.97	47.29		

Source: USDA NASS Fats and Oils, Bloomberg, & FI (Bloomberg range 191.9-193.0, 1,926-2,065; Reuters ave. 192.1, 2.023)

Oilseeds Export Developments

- Today the USDA/CCC seeks 2,000 tons of vegetable oil, packaged in 4 liter cans, for export to Kenya for February 1-28 shipment (Feb 16 to Mar 15 for plants located at ports).

MPOB Jan. 11 palm estimates:

Range Median

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Production	1,296,000-1,386,000	1,326,283
Exports	1,272,000-1,650,000	1,500,000
Imports	60,000-150,000	100,000
Closing stocks	1,107,000-1,477,200	1,218,535

Wheat

- US wheat was higher earlier this morning from a lower USD despite an improvement in selected US state crop ratings.
- Kansas winter wheat crop ratings increased to 46 percent good/excellent from 33 percent at the end of November, according to state data. Nebraska increased to 37 percent from 35 percent over the past month and Colorado decreased one point to 19 percent.

Selected US state winter wheat crop conditions

Nebraska

11/29/2020	6	20	39	33	2	35
1/4/2021	4	11	48	36	1	37

Kansas

11/29/2020	6	16	45	30	3	33
1/4/2021	5	12	37	40	6	46

Colorado

11/29/2020	17	21	42	20	0	20
1/4/2021	15	19	47	18	1	19

Source: USDA and FI

- CBOT Chicago wheat open interest was up 3,271 contracts (March up 607).
- Ukraine winter grain crops remain in good conditions.
- UkrAgroConsult estimated Ukraine 2021 wheat production at 26.5 million tons, up 1 million from last season.
- EU March milling wheat was up 1.75 at 216.00 euros.
- The European Union cumulative 2020-21 soft wheat export commitments were 12.864 MMT, well down from 15.111 million tons committed at this time last year, a 15 percent decrease. Imports are up 9 percent from year ago at 1.241 million tons.
- USDA US all-wheat export inspections as of December 31, 2020 were 324,983 tons, within a range of trade expectations, below 406,975 tons previous week and compares to 420,653 tons year ago. Major countries included Philippines for 63,450 tons, Japan for 60,841 tons, and Mexico for 28,361 tons.

Export Developments.

- Ethiopia canceled an import tender for 600,000 tons of wheat that was set to close back on November.
- Jordan bought 60,000 tons of animal feed barley (120k sought). Possible shipment combinations are in 2021 for June 1-15, June 16-30, July 1-15 and July 16-31.
- Bangladesh seeks 50,000 tons of wheat in January 13 for shipment within 40 days of contract signing.

Rice/Other

- None reported

CME CLEARING - CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE

DLV600-T

BUSINESS DATE: 01/04/2021 DAILY ISSUES AND STOPS
 PRODUCT GROUP: GRAINS

RUN DATE: 01/04/2021
 RUN TIME: 08:19:33PM

CONTRACT: JANUARY 2021 SOYBEAN MEAL FUTURES
 SETTLEMENT: 427.200000000 USD
 NEXT AVAILABLE DATE: 11/30/2020
 INTENT DATE: DELIVERY DATE:

FIRM NBR	ORIG FIRM NAME	ISSUED	STOPPED
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TOTAL:	0	0
MONTH TO DATE:		

CONTRACT: JANUARY 2021 SOYBEAN OIL FUTURES
 SETTLEMENT: 42.930000000 USD
 NEXT AVAILABLE DATE: 11/30/2020
 INTENT DATE: DELIVERY DATE:

FIRM NBR	ORIG FIRM NAME	ISSUED	STOPPED
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TOTAL:	0	0
MONTH TO DATE:		

CONTRACT: JANUARY 2021 ROUGH RICE FUTURES
 SETTLEMENT: 12.450000000 USD
 NEXT AVAILABLE DATE: 01/04/2021
 INTENT DATE: 01/04/2021 DELIVERY DATE: 01/06/2021

FIRM NBR	ORIG FIRM NAME	ISSUED	STOPPED
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140	CUST E.M. COMBS& SON	3	1
314	CUST SHATKIN ARBOR L		1
405	CUST STONEX FIN INC		1

TOTAL:	3	3
MONTH TO DATE:		564

CONTRACT: JANUARY 2021 ETHANOL FUTURES
 SETTLEMENT: 1.485000000 USD
 NEXT AVAILABLE DATE: 12/29/2020
 INTENT DATE: 01/04/2021 DELIVERY DATE: 01/06/2021

FIRM NBR	ORIG FIRM NAME	ISSUED	STOPPED
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104	CUST MIZUHO		8
370	CUST CITIGROUP GLBL	30	

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905	HOUS ADM INV SER	22
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TOTAL:	30	30
MONTH TO DATE:		30

CONTRACT: JANUARY 2021 SOYBEAN FUTURES
SETTLEMENT: 13.165000000 USD
NEXT AVAILABLE DATE: 11/13/2020
INTENT DATE: 01/04/2021 DELIVERY DATE: 01/06/2021

FIRM NBR	ORIG FIRM NAME	ISSUED	STOPPED
685	CUST R.J.O'BRIEN		4
800	CUST MAREX SPEC	25	5
905	CUST ADM INV SER		16

TOTAL:	25	25
MONTH TO DATE:		35

CONTRACT: JANUARY 2021 MINI-SIZED SOYBEANS FUTURES
SETTLEMENT: 13.165000000 USD
NEXT AVAILABLE DATE: 12/10/2020
INTENT DATE: DELIVERY DATE:

FIRM NBR	ORIG FIRM NAME	ISSUED	STOPPED
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TOTAL:	0	0
MONTH TO DATE:		

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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
1/4/2021	49	0	0	0	0	0	30	30	76	0	1,313	0	175	0	451	0	113	0
12/31/2020	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	0	1,313	0	175	0	451	0	113	0
12/30/2020	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	(24)	1,313	0	175	0	451	138	113	0
12/29/2020	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	1,313	0	175	(25)	313	0	113	0
12/28/2020	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	1,313	0	200	0	313	0	113	0
12/24/2020	49	(16)	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	(75)	1,313	0	200	0	313	0	113	0
12/23/2020	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	175	0	1,313	0	200	(25)	313	0	113	0
12/22/2020	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	175	0	1,313	0	225	0	313	0	113	0
12/21/2020	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	175	0	1,313	0	225	0	313	0	113	0
12/18/2020	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	175	0	1,313	(108)	225	(25)	313	0	113	0
12/17/2020	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	175	0	1,421	0	250	0	313	0	113	0
12/16/2020	65	(15)	0	0	0	(69)	0	0	175	0	1,421	0	250	0	313	0	113	0
12/15/2020	80	(2)	0	0	69	0	0	0	175	0	1,421	0	250	0	313	0	113	0
12/14/2020	82	(2)	0	0	69	68	0	0	175	0	1,421	0	250	57	313	0	113	0
12/11/2020	84	(7)	0	(36)	1	0	0	0	175	0	1,421	(4)	193	0	313	0	113	0
12/10/2020	91	(14)	36	(29)	1	0	0	0	175	0	1,425	0	193	0	313	0	113	0
12/9/2020	105	(43)	65	(19)	1	0	0	0	175	0	1,425	0	193	0	313	0	113	0
12/8/2020	148	(27)	84	6	1	0	0	0	175	0	1,425	0	193	0	313	0	113	0
12/7/2020	175	(33)	78	0	1	0	0	0	175	0	1,425	(5)	193	0	313	0	113	0
12/4/2020	208	(1)	78	0	1	0	0	0	175	0	1,430	(93)	193	0	313	0	113	0
12/3/2020	209	0	78	(50)	1	0	0	0	175	0	1,523	(68)	193	0	313	0	113	0
12/2/2020	209	0	128	(112)	1	0	0	0	175	0	1,591	(1)	193	0	313	0	113	0
12/1/2020	209	0	240	0	1	0	0	0	175	0	1,592	(66)	193	0	313	0	113	0
11/30/2020	209	100	240	240	1	0	0	0	175	0	1,658	0	193	0	313	0	113	0
11/27/2020	109	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	175	0	1,658	0	193	0	313	0	113	0
11/25/2020	109	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	175	0	1,658	0	193	0	313	0	113	0
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11/18/2020	109	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	175	0	1,743	(27)	193	0	417	0	113	0
11/17/2020	109	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	175	(4)	1,770	0	193	0	417	0	113	0
11/16/2020	109	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	179	0	1,770	0	193	0	417	0	113	0
11/13/2020	109	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	179	(118)	1,770	0	193	0	417	0	113	0
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Foreign Agriculture Market Guidance

As of 6:52 AM

Day on day change

		5-Jan	4-Jan	Change
Rotterdam Oils				
Soy oil EUR/MT	Feb/Apr	907.50	922.50	-15.00
Rape oil EUR/MT	Feb/Apr	865.00	870.00	-5.00

Rotterdam Soybean Meal

Argentina USD/MT (high protien)	Apr/Sep	500.50	505.00	-4.50
Argentina USD/MT	Oct/Dec	480.00	492.00	-12.00
Brazil USD/MT (pellets)	Apr/Sep	488.50	496.00	-7.50
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China Cash

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Average Cash Wheat USD/BU		\$10.25	\$10.24	+0.01
Average Cash Corn USD/BU		\$10.61	\$10.56	+0.05
Corn North USD/BU	Spot	\$10.08	\$10.06	+0.02
Corn South USD/BU	Spot	\$11.14	\$11.14	-0.00
Reuters Imported Corn South USD/BU	Spot	\$6.88	\$7.00	-0.11

Matif Wheat (Liffe)

		\$/ton	\$264.99	\$264.98	
Matif EUR/MT morning over morning	MAR1		216.00	215.50	+0.50
Matif wheat from prev. settle day before	MAR1		214.25	213.25	+1.00

Baltic Dry Index

	Spot	1374	0	+1,374
		4-Jan	24-Dec	

Exchange Rates

EU	Euro/\$	1.2268	1.2296	-0.0028
MYR	Ringgit/\$	4.0140	4.0040	+0.0100
CNY	RMB/\$	6.4640	6.4605	+0.0035

ALL OILS
Average lead
-12
ALL MEAL
Average lead
-\$2.89

Currency adjusted to the CME pit close

In cents/bu	5-Jan
oils in points and meal in USD/short ton	
Rot soy oil	-69
Rot rape oil	-12

Rot meal	Apr/Sep
	-\$2.71
Rot meal	Oct/Dec
	-\$7.46

Malaysian Fut	+52
Malaysian Cash	+72

China soy #1	-16
China meal	\$1.51
China oil	-28

Dalian corn	+0
Zhengzhou wheat	-2

CME electronic close change

SF21	+1.25	SMF21	-7.20	BOF21	-40	CH21	-0.25
SH21	+2.00	SMH21	-5.70	BOH21	-27	CN21	+1.00
SK21	+4.50	SMK21	-2.00	BOK21	-13	CU21	+2.00
SN21	+6.25	SMN21	-0.50	BON21	-3	WH21	+1.50
SQ21	+6.50	SMQ21	+0.10	BOQ21	-5	WK21	+1.00
SU21	+11.00	SMU21	+1.00	BOU21	-9	WN21	+1.50
						WU21	+1.25

#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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