

April 25, 2025

What caught my eye:

Depending on how aggressive Brazil's corn export program is by mid-July, it looks like by a number of metrics, there should be further upside to the USDA's 2.550 buu export forecast. (1) the market is 89% sold and (2) exports to-date represent over 60% of the forecast. In the past 11 years, an 80% or better sales to forecast ratio at this point has added an average of 100 mbu to the April export number. Likewise, the 60+% exports to forecast ratio has meant an average 185 mbu higher final figure.

TRENDS

CN, +\$.0275; SN, +\$.0450; SMN, -\$0.0080; BON, +\$.0099; WN, +\$.0425;
 KWN, +\$.0425

Dalian: CK, +\$.0200; SK, -\$0.0750; SMK, -\$8.40; BOK +\$.0057; POU +\$.0089

Bursa Malaysia July Palm Oil: KPON -1 @ 4,036 ringgit

Macro

Looks like a mixed start; no clarity on status of U.S./China tariff talks.



WALL STREET FUTURES - Mixed:
 Dow, -12; S&P, +7.5; NAS, +32

Asia - Mixed:
 Nikkei, +1.9%; Shanghai, +0.07%;
 Hang Seng, +0.32%

EUROPE - Mixed:
 DAX, +0.86%; FTSE, -0.03%; CAC +0.85%

Other Markets



June Gold: \$-36.9 @3,312
 June CRUDE: \$-0.16 @\$62.63
 Jun U.S. Dollar Index: +0.367 @99.168

WEATHER



CORN

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WEATHER



Some rain continues through the U.S. Corn Belt and mid-South on Fri., but with lower coverage and/or amounts compared to Thu.; 0.10"–0.30" are likely to be most common with highest totals with southward extent. Pockets of rain and thunderstorms form Sat.–Sun. in the mid-South and southern Plains with 0.67"–1.33" probable (including wettest areas, and southern HRW wheat). Some showers develop on Sat. in the Plains and western Corn Belt, and then a swath of rain occurs in much of SD, ND and MN Sun.–Mon.; 0.60"–1.20", including ~60% of spring wheat. Thunderstorms then develop on Mon.–Tue. in much of the Corn Belt and Plains, but with totals mostly within 0.10"–0.60"

CORN / SORGHUM



- **ATI Research:** U.S. corn export interest continues to be strong
 - sales of 46 mbu/wk the past month are a 30-year seasonal high; exports into mid-May also forecast at a 30-year high of 62–75/wk
- Thunderstorms occur Fri. on the southern ~30% of second-corn in Brazil (Mato Grosso do Sul and Paraná); 1.00"–3.00" of rain is expected. Isolated to scattered thunderstorms continue over at least the next 5 to 10 days for the northern ~70% of second-corn in Brazil
- **BAGE Argentina** corn production estimate is unchanged at 49.0 MMT
 - harvest continues to progress slowly due to wet conditions; up only 1.7% last week to 29.7%
- Funds bot 8 K—solid export sales and domestic market firmness

SOYBEANS



- **ATI Research:** U.S. bean export sales were 10.3 mbu were dn 50% from last week but above 4.8 needed to reach annual USDA forecast
 - good soymeal of 170.9 K MT versus 150 needed to reach USDA est.
 - soyoil sales were decent at 12.4 K MT vs. trade range of 0–25
 - another upward revision in annual USDA forecast is likely
- **BAGE Argentina** bean production estimate is unchanged at 48.6 MMT
 - harvest at 14.5%, up 9.6% from the previous week
 - seasonable to slightly cool with a few showers and thunderstorms dominate over the next 14 days to allow harvesting to advance
- Funds bought 6 SB, 8 BO, sold 3 SM. May Crush, +\$.02 @ \$1.28

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WHEAT



- *ATI Research*: export sales cancellations of 5.3 mbu were near the low end of the trade range of (6)-19
 - HRW: unshipped old-crop sales up 8% versus the 5-year avg.
 - SRW: unshipped old-crop sales dn 6% versus the 5-year avg.
 - HRS: unshipped old-crop sales dn 4% versus the 5-year avg.
- Two weather systems turn the U.S. Central/Southern Plains and mid-South wetter to much-wetter over the next week
 - result is the HRW wheat drought likely ends and SRW turns (or continues) wet in the mid-South
- The Funds bot 2 K despite a rather weak export sales report

ENERGY / ETHANOL



- Chicago ethanol was +\$.0205 higher @ \$1.755/gallon
- Ethanol basis – firmer
- New York, +\$.0300 @ \$.1250; Gulf, +\$.0100 @ \$.1125; Dallas, +\$.0250; @ \$.0850; Tampa, +\$.0275 @ \$.1550; L.A., +\$.0250 @ \$.3050
- RINS: 3.50 firmer: 23's, 99-102.5; 24's, 100-104; 25's, 100-104
- The June RBOB/May ethanol spread is up .0220 @ -\$0.0647
- CLM, -\$0.16; EBK, unch; RBM, +\$0.0006; HOK, +\$0.0168; NGK, -\$0.0110

LIVESTOCK / POULTRY



- Choice boxed beef was \$1.73 higher on Thursday at \$333.70, and is up \$0.8 compared to a week ago
- Cash cattle trade has yet to occur this week. Asking prices are pegged at \$214 to \$215 in the South. Dressed trade has also yet to take place with asking prices of \$340 in the North
- The CME Lean Hog Index Increased \$0.52 to \$87.27. May lean hog futures was up \$0.075 on Thursday to \$91.95, and are \$0.44 above the index
- USDA mandatory pork carcass cutout value was \$1.28 higher on Thursday at \$94.30 and is \$3.14 higher versus the previous week
- Week-to-week increases have been seen in the USDA pork carcass cutout value for seven consecutive trading days—the longest stretch since mid-Feb.

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