

January 17, 2025

## What caught my eye:

A very respectable week of corn sales (opinion) at 40.3 million and with a strong showing from Far East destinations Japan, Taiwan, South Korea and Vietnam. The 4 accounted for 28 of this week's total. Unshipped sales to this region match last year when the Brazil crop would later shrink by 11% or so and should help underpin PNW export demand. Also, South Africa booked 2.2 million as a production shortfall will likely mean more YC and WC imports will be needed.

## TRENDS

CH, +\$.0175; SH, +\$.0450; SMH, +\$.0030; BOH, +\$.0047; WH, -\$.0150;  
 KWH, \$.0000

Dalian: CH, +\$.0200; SH, +\$.0225; SMH, +\$2.20; BOH -\$0.0075; POK -\$0.0064  
 Bursa Malaysia March Palm Oil: KPOH -18 @ 4,280 ringgit

## Macro

**Futures suggest U.S. equities could close out the week on a positive note.**



WALL STREET FUTURES - Firmer:  
 Dow, +171; S&P, +25.25; NAS, +122

Asia - Mixed:  
 Nikkei, -0.31%; Shanghai, +0.18%;  
 Hang Seng, +0.31%

EUROPE - Firmer:  
 DAX, +0.96%; FTSE, +1.24%; CAC +0.86%

## Other Markets



February Gold: \$-17.5 @2,733  
 March CRUDE: +\$0.37 @\$78.22  
 Mar U.S. Dollar Index: +0.033 @108.817

## WEATHER



## CORN

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## LIVESTOCK

## POULTRY



## WEATHER



Isolated to scattered thunderstorms develop Fri.–Sun. in Argentina as a cool front breaks heat; 0.25"–0.75" north contrasts with 0.50"–1.50" central and south. A fairly dry period follows for 5–7 days for most crops, except north where occasional thunderstorms unfold. Additional thunderstorms likely occur Jan. 24–26; 0.25"–0.75" in key areas of the central and south. The likely result is for 0.75"–2.25" in key areas over the next 14 days (~2.25" is normal). Recent heat from south to north through Sun. as the initial cool front passes, followed by slightly to moderately above-normal temps with highs in the 90s over much of Jan. 20–25 and probably beyond

## CORN / SORGHUM



- *ATI Research: U.S. corn export sales notes*
  - 40.3 mbu, which was slightly above the trade range (20–39) and well above the 25.4 needed to reach the annual USDA forecast
  - unshipped sales: 873 as of Jan. 9 vs. 673 last year (+30%)
    - book to unknown destinations: 277 mbu vs. 119 (+133%)
- Argentine new crop corn sales to the export market fell from 688 K last week to only 182 K; some say decline is due to increasing crop concerns
  - thus far, cumulative sales are down nearly 3.6 MMT from last year
- BAGE estimates Argentina corn production at 50.0 MMT; planting at 95.1%
  - optimal or adequate soil moisture declined 13% (hot/dry weather)
- The Funds sold 7 K on forecasts for improved Argentine weather

## SOYBEANS



- *ATI Research: U.S. soybean and soybean product export sales notes:*
  - bean sales of 20.9 mbu were above 8.1 last week, 10.3 last year and within the trade range of 30–73
    - however, outstanding sales of 350 mbu are down nearly 100 mbu compared to last year
  - tepid soymeal sales of 144,400 MT—below the trade range (150–300)
  - very good soybean oil sales of 57.2 vs. trade range of 10–50
- BAGE est. Argentina soybean production at 50.6 MMT; planting at 98.2%
  - excellent/good crop ratings: 32% vs. 49% last week & 40% last year
- Funds sold 8 K SB, 5 SM, 7 BO. Jan Board Crush,  $-\$0.07$  @  $\$1.24$

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## WHEAT



- *ATI Research*: U.S. export sales notes
  - noticeable improvement in sales: 18.9 vs. 4.1 last week
    - HRW: unshipped sales dn 22% versus the 5-year avg.
    - SRW: unshipped sales dn 21% versus the 5-year avg.
    - HRS: unshipped sales up 4% versus the 5-year avg.
- Temps plummet Sat.-Sun. in U.S. Southern Plains; lows fall below 0°F
  - burnback or winterkill may be seen on snow-free HRW wheat
  - cold eases Jan. 22-25
- BAGE notes completion of Argentina harvest; production est. of 18.6 MMT
- The Funds sold 6 K, succumbing to general commodity weakness

## ENERGY / ETHANOL



- Chicago ethanol was +\$.0270 higher @ \$1.712/gallon
- Ethanol basis - firmer
- New York, +\$.0150 @ \$.1230; Gulf, +\$.0125 @ \$.0955; Dallas, +\$.0200; @ \$.0480; Tampa, +\$.0300 @ \$.1380; L.A., +\$.0400 @ \$.2530
- RINS: -2.25 to -1.75 mostly weaker: 23's, 67.5-70; 24's, 68.5-70; 25's, 70-71
- The March RBOB/February ethanol spread is down .0336 @ -\$0.0085
- CLG, +\$.042; EBG, unch; RBH, +\$.00051; HOG, +\$.00037; NGG, -\$0.1440

## LIVESTOCK / POULTRY



- Choice boxed beef was \$0.73 lower on Thursday at \$333.41, and is up \$2.63 compared to a week ago
- Light dressed cattle sales were seen on Thu. at \$322 in the North, which was \$2.00 higher than a week ago
- The CME Lean Hog Index Increased \$0.09 to \$81.192. February lean hog futures fell \$0.825 on Thursday to \$82.3, and are \$0.92 above the index



- USDA mandatory pork carcass cutout value was \$0.33 lower on Thursday at \$89.45 and is \$0.48 higher versus the previous week
- Although modest declines were seen in the USDA mandatory pork carcass cutout on Thu., week-to-week increases have been seen for six consecutive trading days. This is the longest such stretch since mid-December

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