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What caught my eye:

2 rather large weeks of soybean exports with China lifting 107 mbu of the 160 shipped. China's 7-week U.S. total of 151 million trails 23-24 by 46 while purchases of 335 are 28 million behind. Interestingly enough, shipments to all destinations of 290 mbu are just 8 off of last year's pace thanks to elevated numbers to Europe (48 vs 25 LY); Other Asia (28 vs 12) and Africa (24 vs 4 LY). With expected Sep-Feb S AM shipments likely to be down 300+ mbu TY, FH U.S. exports may be better than people think.

TRENDS

CH, +\$.0025; SF, +\$.0025; SMF, -\$.0180; BOF, +\$.0063; WH, -\$.0350;
 KWH, -\$.0325

Dalian: CX, -\$.0400; SX, -\$.0037; SMX, -\$1.93; BOX +\$.0032; POF +\$.0066
 Bursa Malaysia January Palm Oil: KPOF +44 @ 4,299 ringgit

Macro

Despite decent corporate earnings so, not a good start for equities .



WALL STREET FUTURES - Weaker:
 Dow, -220; S&P, -34; NAS, -159

Asia - Mixed:

Nikkei, -1.39%; Shanghai, +0.54%;
 Hang Seng, +0.1%

EUROPE - Mixed:

DAX, +0.15%; FTSE, -0.79%; CAC +0.73%

Other Markets



December Gold: +\$10.7 @ 2,750

December CRUDE: +\$0.67 @ \$70.71

Dec U.S. Dollar Index: -0.084 @ 103.834

WEATHER



CORN

SOYBEANS



WHEAT



ENERGY / ETHANOL



LIVESTOCK

POULTRY



WEATHER



An upper-level low will trigger some scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms on Tuesday across the eastern edge of the U.S. Central Plains, although not likely heavy enough to build soil moisture and reduce drought across hard red winter wheat in the region. A few showers are possible from Wed.-Thu. across the Midwest although unlikely heavy enough to disrupt remaining corn and soybean harvest. Light showers are also possible this weekend (Oct. 26-27) in the eastern Corn Belt. Temps are forecast to be above to well above normal through Thu. before cooling on Thu.-Fri. Below normal temps are likely Oct. 26-27 across the Midwest

CORN / SORGHUM



- USDA *Crop Progress* report highlights
 - corn mature at 98% vs. 97% last year and the 5-year avg. of 95%
 - corn harvested at 65% vs. 55% last year and the 5-year avg. of 52%
- *ATI Research*: 24/25 U.S. corn ending stocks estimate is unchanged at 1.875 bbu (USDA: 1.999)
- Consultant: Brazil 2024/25 corn production est. is unchanged this week at 125.0 MMT; neutral bias going forward
 - first crop corn is 48% planted as of late last week compared to 46% last year (AgRural)
 - planting is at 90% in the state of Paraná
- The Funds bought 6 K as steady export demand gets some attention

SOYBEANS



- USDA *Crop Progress* report highlights
 - beans harvested at 81% vs. 72% last year and the 5-year avg. of 67%
- *ATI Research*: 24/25 U.S. soybean ending stocks estimate is unchanged at 0.585 bbu (USDA: 0.550)
- Consultant: Brazil 2024/25 production estimate is unchanged this week at 165.0 MMT; neutral bias going forward
 - nationwide planting was estimated at 18% as of late last week compared to 30% last year according to AgRural
 - planting is accelerated in southern areas, but lags in central
- Funds: bot 5 K SB, 4 BO, 2 SM. Dec crush: \$1.86, +\$.01

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WHEAT



- *ATI Research*: HRW ending stocks for 24/25 est. at 0.362 bbu (USDA: 0.371)
- *USDA Crop Progress* report highlights:
 - winter wheat planted: 73% vs. 74% last year & 76% for 5-yr. avg.
 - winter wheat emerged: 46% vs. 49% last year & 50% for 5-year avg.
- Year-to-date exports from Ukraine are running 3.2 MMT ahead of the 2023/24 pace
- U.S. weekly exports were light at just 9.9 mbu
 - total was below last week's 14.0 and also below the 15.1 needed to reach the annual USDA forecast
- The Funds were even Monday, a mixed day of weather perspectives

ENERGY / ETHANOL



- Chicago ethanol was +\$.0200 higher @ \$1.565/gallon
- Ethanol basis - mixed
- New York, +\$.0100 @ \$.0700; Gulf, +\$.0300 @ \$.1200; Dallas, +\$.0150; @ \$.1200; Tampa, -\$0.0050 @ \$.2050; L.A., -\$0.0300 @ \$.3325
- RINS: -1.375 weaker: 23's, 67-69.75; 24's, 68.25-70; 25's, 68.25-72.5
- The December RBOB/December ethanol spread is up .0170 @ -\$1.779
- CLZ, +\$.067; EBZ, unch; RBZ, +\$.0187; HOZ, +\$.0328; NGZ, +\$.0310

LIVESTOCK / POULTRY



- Choice boxed beef was \$2.21 higher on Monday at \$322.86, and is up \$9.54 compared to a week ago
- 5-Area Weekly Weighted Average Steer Price was up \$0.40 vs. last week at \$187.61/cwt, and is up \$1.47 versus last year
- The CME Lean Hog Index Increased \$0.27 to \$84.234. December lean hog futures was up \$0.45 on Monday to \$78.275, and are \$-0.18 below the index
- USDA mandatory pork carcass cutout value was \$1.77 higher on Monday at \$97.60 and is \$3.23 higher versus the previous week
- *ATI Research*: The current nearby crush value of \$48.90/cwt lean hogs compares to the previous week's value of \$47.62, last month's \$44.63 and last year's level of \$30.16

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