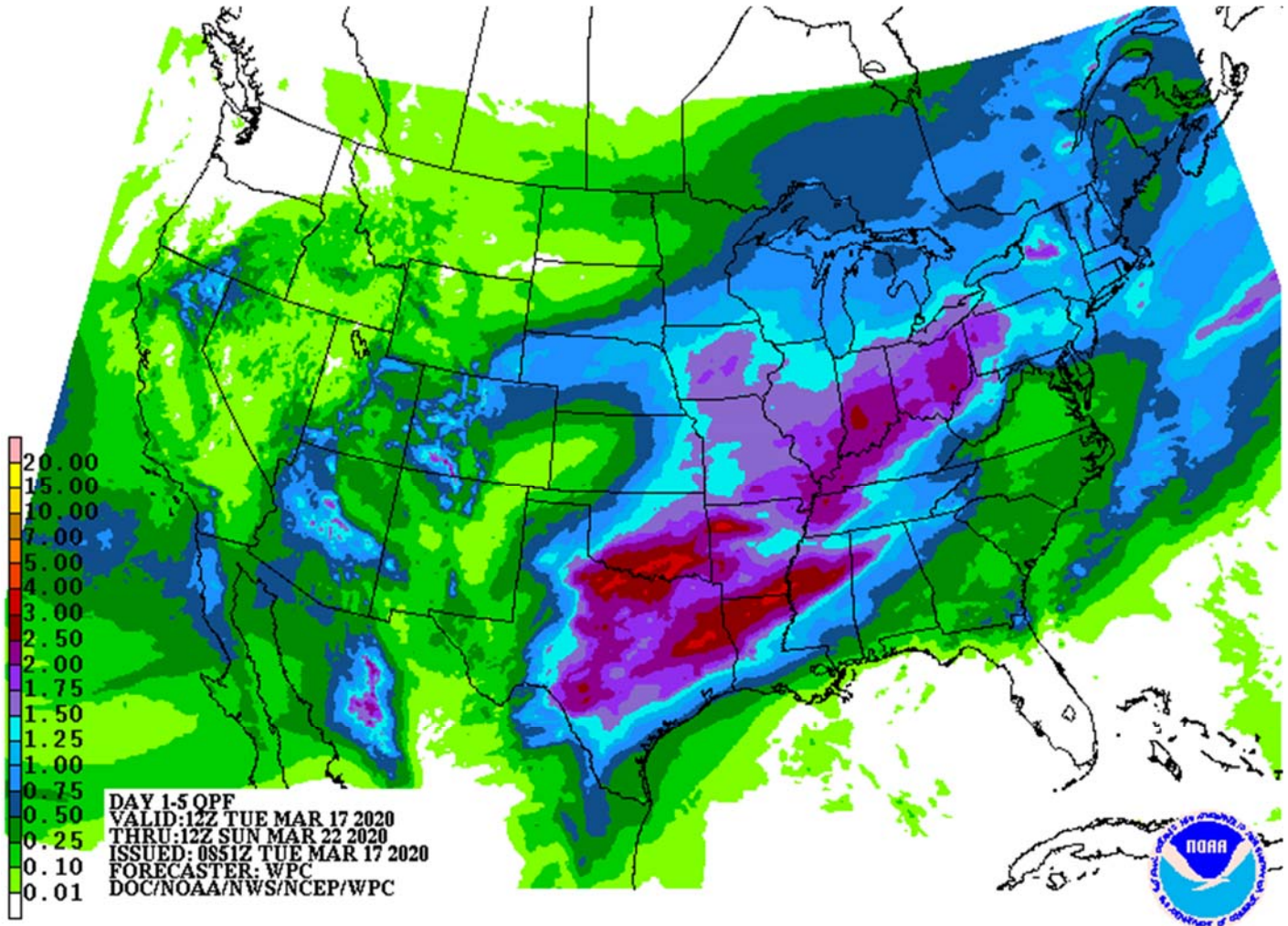




USD surges. WTI crude sells off. Dow stocks increase. Argentina is seeing export delays. Another leading analyst slashes SA soybean and corn production. Egypt is in for vegetable oils and SK bought a couple cargos of corn overnight. Wheat import tenders continue to develop.

Weather



MARKET WEATHER MENTALITY FOR CORN AND SOYBEANS:

Today's weather will not provide much bullish support except from the United States where a wet bias will continue in the Delta and Tennessee River Basin as well as in parts of central and eastern crop areas of Texas. South Texas moisture will be welcome and dry conditions in the far southeastern U.S. will support planting. South America weather is still advertised to be mostly good for Argentina and southern Brazil, although the distribution of rain over the next two weeks will have much to say about late season corn, soybean and peanut production.

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South Africa rainfall will be good for production and drier weather in eastern Australia will be supportive of early season sorghum and other coarse grain and oilseed crops.

India winter crops are still poised for excellence this year and drier weather will be needed in late March and especially April to protect crop quality.

China's winter weather has spring planting prospects looking very good. Rain in Spain and Portugal will improve spring planting potentials and support improved winter crop conditions.

Rain is still needed throughout Southeast Asia, but mostly in the mainland areas and in some of the northern palm oil and coconut production areas.

Overall, weather today will maintain a neutral to bearish bias to market mentality

MARKET WEATHER MENTALITY FOR WHEAT:

Cooling in southern Russia and southern Ukraine this week will help keep winter crop development in check after recent greening. Winter crop development potential in China remains very good and India is experiencing some fine filling conditions after a successful reproductive season. Europe wheat small grain production potential continues to improve and rain in North Africa and Spain this week may bring on some improvement for those areas as well.

U.S. winter crops are in mostly good shape, although drier weather is needed in the Delta. Southeastern Canada and the heart of the Midwest also need some drier weather.

Overall, weather today will maintain a neutral to bearish bias to market mentality.

Source: World Weather Inc. and FI

Bloomberg Ag Calendar

TUESDAY, MARCH 17:

- New Zealand global dairy trade auction

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18:

- EIA U.S. weekly ethanol inventories, production, 10:30am

THURSDAY, MARCH 19:

- USDA weekly crop net-export sales for corn, soybeans, wheat, cotton, 8:30am
- Port of Rouen data on French grain exports
- USDA total milk, red meat production, 3pm

FRIDAY, MARCH 20:

- ICE Futures Europe weekly commitments of traders report on coffee, cocoa, sugar positions ~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
- AmSpec, Intertek, SGS release palm oil export data for March 1-20
- **U.S. cattle on feed, 3pm**

Source: Bloomberg and FI

Corn.

- May corn ended 10.75 cents lower at \$3.44 and July down 8.50 cents to \$3.50 on eroding US demand for corn.
- We are hearing some US ethanol plants are shutting down and/or ethanol producers have been unwinding hedges in corn since Friday, another sign of slowing ethanol production down. They are keeping pressure on corn. Realistically we would think ethanol companies would slow at rates that coincide with the demand destruction in US gasoline demand. Last we heard US gasoline demand could drop 20 percent over the next month. In regard to DDGS production, look for meal and corn for feed demand to see an uptick over the medium term.

- A Bloomberg poll looks for weekly US ethanol production to be down 2,000 at 1.042 million barrels (1.030-1.058 range) from the previous week and stocks to increase 18,000 barrels to 24.352 million.
- (Reuters) - French sugar group Cristal Union will stop producing ethanol biofuel at one of its plants to switch it to alcohol.
- In addition, Goldman Sachs report recommended shorting corn. This report picked up by Bloomberg, was seen bearish.
- South Korea was active overnight picking up a couple cargos.
- Soybean and Corn Advisor:
2019/20 Brazil Corn Estimate Lowered 2.0 mt to 98.0 Million Tons
2019/20 Argentina Corn Estimate Unchanged at 49.0 Million Tons

Export Developments

- South Korea's NOFI bought 60,000 tons of corn at \$190.23/ton c&f for August 15 arrival.
- South Korea's FLC bought 66,000 tons of corn at \$199.98/ton c&f for July 15 arrival.

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	
1/24/2020		1029	-20	1.7%		24,244	213	1.1%	23.4
1/31/2020		1081	52	11.8%		23,474	-770	-2.0%	22.4
2/7/2020		1033	-48	0.4%		24,358	884	3.8%	22.7
2/14/2020		1040	7	4.4%		24,781	423	3.6%	23.4
2/21/2020		1054	14	2.5%		24,718	-63	4.3%	23.5
2/28/2020		1079	25	5.4%		24,964	246	2.9%	22.9
3/6/2020		1044	-35	3.9%		24,334	-630	2.5%	23.9
3/13/2020	▲ -7				▲ -150				

Source: EIA and FI

Corn		Change	Oats		Change	Ethanol	Settle		
MAY0	344.00	(10.75)	MAY0	253.50	(6.00)	APRO	1.02	Spot DDGS IL	
JULO	350.00	(8.50)	JULO	255.50	(6.25)	MAY0	1.04	Cash & CBOT	
SEPO	354.75	(6.25)	SEPO	249.75	(5.50)	JUN0	1.05	Corn + Ethanol	
DECO	362.50	(4.50)	DECO	251.25	(5.25)	JULO	1.05	Crush	
MAR1	374.00	(3.75)	MAR1	255.25	(5.25)	AUG0	1.05	0.67	
MAY1	379.00	(3.75)	MAY1	255.25	(5.25)	SEPO	1.05		
Soybean/Corn		Ratio	Spread	Change	Wheat/Corn	Ratio	Spread	Change	
MAY0	MAY0	2.40	480.25	13.25	MAY0	1.45	155.25	12.00	
JULO	JULO	2.37	481.00	9.00	JULO	1.43	150.00	9.00	
AUG0	SEPO	2.35	480.00	5.75	SEPO	1.42	150.00	5.50	
NOVO	DECO	2.32	480.25	2.50	DECO	1.42	152.50	3.25	
JAN1	MAR1	2.26	472.00	0.75	MAR1	1.40	150.50	2.25	
MAY1	MAY1	2.21	460.00	(1.75)	MAY1	1.39	149.00	2.50	
US Corn Basis & Barge Freight									
Gulf Corn			BRAZIL Corn Basis			Chicago		+11 k unch	
MCH	+49 / 55 k unch		JLY	+40 / 50 n		dn3/unch	Toledo	+20 k unch	
APR	+50 / 55 k unch		AUG	+40 / 50 n		dn3/unch	Decatur	+15 k unch	
MAY	36 unch		SEP	+40 / 50 n		dn3/unch	Dayton	+30 h unch	
JUNE	+52 / 57 n up2/up4		OCT	+40 / 55 z		dn3/unch	Cedar Rapi	-4 k unch	
JULY	+52 / 57 n up2/up4						Burns Harb	k price unch	
USD/ton:	Ukraine Odessa	\$	157.00				Memphis-Cairo Barge Freight (offer)		
US Gulf	3YC Fob Gulf Seller (RTRS)	164.6	162.6	160.6	161.7	161.7	163.0	BrgF MTCT MAR	180 unchanged
China	2YC Maize Cif Dalian (DCE)	273.7	276.0	278.0	280.0	282.0	284.0	BrgF MTCT APR	190 unchanged
Argentina	Yellow Maize Fob UpRiver	-	168.2	168.6	161.7	-	-	BrgF MTCT MAY	190 unchanged

Source: FI, DJ, Reuters & various trade sources

Updated 3/9/20

- CBOT May is seen in a \$3.45 and \$4.00 range.

Soybean complex.

- CBOT soybeans traded mixed led by bull spreading, meal mostly lower and SBO about 25 points higher. May CBOT soybeans rebounded off a 10-month low on dryness in southern Brazil and parts of Argentina. Meanwhile, offshore values were friendly for soybean oil.
- 2 cargos of Brazilian soybeans were booked to China this morning.
- Brazil exported 4.3 million tons of soybeans during the first 15 days of March, down from 4.8 million during the first 17 days of March in 2019. February-March shipments of soybeans are expected to end up below expectations. Port congestion was to blame.
- Brazil's Rio Grande do Sul remains the wildcard for the size of the country's soybean crop. Drought considerably lowered yields this season. The local state agriculture department initially estimated the RGDS soybean crop at 19.7 million tons, but since then reduced it to their last of 13.3 million tons.
- Anec looks for 73-74 million tons of soybeans to be exported this season.
- RGDS is little more than 10 percent complete for soybean harvest progress. Rain will increase this week across southern Brazil and Paraguay, temporarily boosting soil moistures. The rain will not end the drought conditions but should improve yields. Paraguay and southern Brazil will turn dry again Monday through Thursday next week.

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- A local association lowered Brazil soybean production to 120.6 million tons from 123 in February. Aprosoja said China will continue to buy soybeans and looked for a record for March shipments (see above).
- Soybean and Corn Advisor:
2019/20 Brazil Soybean Estimate Lowered 2.0 mt to 123.0 Million
2019/20 Argentina Soybean Estimate Lowered 3.0 mt to 51.0 Million
- Argentina's export chamber noted export delays out of Rosario as the government attempts to contain coronavirus.
- Argentina will see rain across much of its growing regions through Wednesday. Tuesday's weather forecast was wetter for next week.

Oilseeds Export Developments

- Egypt seeks 30,000 tons of soybean oil and 10,000 tons of sunflower oil for May 20/June 10 and June 15/July 5 arrival.

Soybeans			Soybean Meal			Soybean Oil		
		Change			Change			Change
MAY0	824.25	2.50	MAY0	298.30	2.00	MAY0	25.24	0.25
JUL0	831.00	0.50	JUL0	296.50	(1.00)	JUL0	25.59	0.25
AUG0	834.75	(0.50)	AUG0	296.70	(1.80)	AUG0	25.76	0.24
SEPO	837.75	(1.00)	SEPO	297.20	(2.20)	SEPO	25.94	0.23
NOVO	842.75	(2.00)	OCT0	297.70	(2.90)	OCT0	26.12	0.21
JAN1	846.00	(3.00)	DECO	299.90	(3.50)	DECO	26.47	0.22
MAR1	837.75	(5.00)	JAN1	299.50	(3.80)	JAN1	26.76	0.21

Soybeans	Spread	Change	SoyMeal	Spread	Change	SoyOil	Spread	Change
May/Jul	6.75	(2.00)	May/Jul	-1.80	(3.00)	May/Jul	0.35	0.00

Electronic Beans Crush		Oil as %	Meal/Oil \$	Meal	Oil		
Month	Margin	of Oil&Meal	Con. Value	Value	Value		
MAY0	109.65	MAY0 29.73%	\$ 14,686	656.26	277.64		
JUL0	102.79	JUL0 30.14%	\$ 14,296	652.30	281.49	EUR/USD	1.0993
AUG0	101.35	AUG0 30.27%	\$ 14,214	652.74	283.36	Brazil Real	4.9983
SEPO	101.43	SEPO 30.38%	\$ 14,156	653.84	285.34	Malaysia Bid	4.3480
NOVO/DECO	108.20	OCT0 30.49%	\$ 14,098	654.94	287.32	China RMB	7.0058
JAN1	107.26	DECO 30.62%	\$ 14,108	659.78	291.17	AUD	0.5979
MAR1	109.90	JAN1 30.88%	\$ 13,894	658.90	294.36	CME Bitcoin	5401
MAY1	109.31	MAR1 31.40%	\$ 13,320	650.10	297.55	3M Libor	1.05188
JUL1	109.83	MAY1 31.72%	\$ 13,020	647.46	300.85	Prime rate	3.2500
AUG1	112.02	JUL1 31.82%	\$ 13,056	652.74	304.59		

US Soybean Complex Basis			
MCH	+49 / 55 k up1/up1		DECATUR +10 k unch
APR	+50 / 55 k dn1/unch	IL SBM	SIDNEY +22 k unch
MAY	+50 / 55 k dn1/unch	CIF Meal	CHICAGO -24 k unch
JUNE	+52 / 57 n unch	Oil FOB NOLA	TOLEDO +3 k unch
JULY	+52 / 57 n unch	Decatur Oil	BRNS HRBR -10 k unch
			C. RAPIDS -10 k unch

Brazil Soybeans Paranagua fob		Brazil Meal Paranagua		Brazil Oil Paranagua	
APR	+50 / +55 h up8/up7	APR	-8 / -4 k dn1/up1	MCH	+40 / +110 h unch
MAY	+55 / +65 k up3/up10	MAY	-11 / -9 k unch	APR	-10 / +50 k unch/up20
JUNE	+55 / +65 n up5/up5	JUNE	-15 / -12 n unch	MAY	-30 / +50 k unch
JULY	+60 / +70 n up10/up5	JLY	-15 / -12 n unch	JUNE	-60 / +20 n unch/up10
AUG	+65 / +75 q unch	AUG	-13 / -10 q up5/up3	JLY	-60 / +20 n dn20/up10
	Argentina meal	297 1.0	Argentina oil	Spot fob	25.2 -0.37

Source: FI, DJ, Reuters & various trade sources

Updated 3/16/20

- *May soybeans are seen in a wide \$7.75-\$8.50 range.*
- *May meal is seen in a \$280 to \$315 range*
- *May soybean oil range is 24.00 to 28.00*

Wheat

- US wheat traded mixed. Chicago ended higher in the nearby contracts and lower in the back months. MN was lower but bull spreading limiting losses in the May and July contracts. KC wheat ended 8.50 cents higher basis the May, a strong move in the spread against Chicago and MN. Why? Funds might

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be unwinding long Chicago and short KC spreads. As of 3/10 managed money F&O were net long 16,700 Chicago wheat and net short 14,600 KC.

- Egypt will temporarily suspend wheat inspections until March 31.
- May Paris wheat futures were up 4 euros to 179.25, a 2.3% increase.
- We updated our wheat by class export projection for 2019-20 and 2020-21 for the US.

US wheat exports by class projections

	USDA	Last	FI	USDA-FI		FI	
	Proj.	year	Proj.	Dif.	% total	Proj.	% total
	2019-20	2018-19	2019-20			2020-21	
HRW	390	331	389	(1)	40%	365	37%
SRW	100	128	96	(4)	10%	130	13%
HRS	275	259	270	(5)	28%	280	28%
WHITE	195	196	190	(5)	19%	190	19%
DURUM	40	22	35	(5)	4%	35	4%
All Wheat	1000	936	980	(20)		1000	

11 weeks left in the export sales crop-year

Source: Futures International and USDA

(Reuters) - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service in a weekly crop report on Monday rated **46% of the Kansas** winter wheat crop in good to excellent condition, **down from 47%** a week earlier. Kansas is the biggest U.S. winter wheat producer. The USDA reported surplus moisture in 18% of Kansas topsoil, up from 7% a week ago.

- For **Texas**, the No. 2 winter wheat state by planted area, the USDA rated **36%** of the crop as good to excellent, **up from 26%** the previous week.
- The Texas corn crop was 29% planted, up from 28% a week earlier and ahead of the state's five-year average of 16%.
- For **Oklahoma**, the USDA rated **67%** of the winter wheat crop in good to excellent condition, **up from 58%** a week earlier.
- The USDA said 10% of Oklahoma's winter wheat had reached the jointing stage of growth, compared with the five-year average of 20%.
- For **Colorado**, the USDA rated **46%** of the winter wheat as good to excellent, a **decline from 59%** in the state's previous report, released at the end of February.
- Farmers in the Plains state grow hard red winter wheat, the largest U.S. wheat class, which is milled into flour for bread.
- In Arkansas, where farmers grow soft red winter wheat used to make cookies and snack foods, the USDA rated 39% of the state's wheat as good to excellent,
- The USDA on Jan. 10 said U.S. farmers planted 30.804 million acres of winter wheat for 2020 harvest, down 1% from a year earlier and the fewest since 1909. (Full Story)

Export Developments.

- Algeria bought 50,000 tons of feed barley at \$194-\$195/ton c&f for April shipment.
- Japan seeks 90,311 tons of food wheat from the US and Canada on Thursday.

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Japan food wheat import details are via Reuters as follows (in tons):

COUNTRY	TYPE	QUANTITY
U.S.	Western White	18,785 *
U.S.	Hard Red Winter(Semi Hard)	14,300 *
U.S.	Hard Red Winter(Semi Hard)	11,775 *
U.S.	Dark Northern Spring(protein minimum 14.0%)	12,970 *
Canada	Western Red Spring(protein minimum 13.5 pct)	32,481 *

Shipments: * Loading between April 21 and May 20

Source: Japan AgMin, Reuters and FI

- Tunisia's state grains agency bought at least 67,000 tons of durum wheat. Lowest price offered was \$326.00 a ton c&f. Tunisia also bought 25,000 tons of optional origin soft milling wheat at an estimated \$220.94 a ton c&f. They last picked up soft wheat on March 11 at \$206.74/ton. The durum is for April 10-May 25 shipment, depending on origin, and soft wheat for April 1-10 shipment.
- Jordan received no participants for milling wheat. They were in for 120,000 tons.
- Jordan seeks 120,000 tons of feed barley on March 18.
- Japan in an SBS import tender seeks 120,000 tons of feed wheat and 200,000 tons of feed barley for arrival in Japan by Aug 27, on March 18.
- Syria seeks 200,000 tons of wheat from Russia by March 23. No purchase was made that closed on February 17.
- Ethiopia seeks 400,000 tons of wheat on April 7. IN a separate tender, they seek 200,000 tons of wheat on April 1. Both are optional origin.

Rice/Other

- South Korea seeks 73,664 tons of rice on March 25 for arrival around end of Sep. to Oct 31.

Chicago Wheat			KC Wheat			MN Wheat Settle		
		Change			Change			Change
MAY0	499.25	1.25	MAY0	432.25	8.50	MAY0	509.25	(0.50)
JUL0	500.00	0.50	JUL0	438.00	7.00	JUL0	518.75	(0.75)
SEPO	504.75	(0.75)	SEPO	445.50	5.00	SEPO	528.50	(1.25)
DECO	515.00	(1.25)	DECO	459.75	5.50	DECO	542.50	(2.50)
MAR1	524.50	(1.50)	MAR1	471.75	4.50	MAR1	556.75	(2.75)
MAY1	528.00	(1.25)	MAY1	481.75	4.50	MAY1	564.25	(3.00)
JUL1	519.25	(0.25)	JUL1	484.50	3.25	JUL1	570.00	0.00

Chicago Rice			Change		
MAY0	13.95	0.335	JUL0	13.76	0.265
			SEPO	11.94	0.045

US Wheat Basis

Gulf SRW Wheat		Gulf HRW Wheat		Chicago mill	
MCH	+65 / k unch	MCH	150 / k unch	Toledo	+20 k unch
APR	+65 / k unch	APR	150 / k unch	PNW US Soft White 10.5% protein	+15 k unch
MAY	+70 / k unch	MAY	150 / k unch	PNW MAR	600 unchanged
JUNE	+70 / n unch	JUNE	148 / n dn1	PNW APR	602 unchanged
JULY	+70 / n unch	JULY	148 / n dn1	PNW May	605 unchanged
				PNW Jun	605 unchanged

Euronext EU Wheat		OI		World Prices \$/ton		
	Change		OI Change		Change	
MAY0	179.25	4.00	146,842	(3,998)	US SRW FOB	\$225.02 \$2.94
SEPO	176.38	2.88	68,732	1,115	US HRW FOB	\$214.50 \$1.40
DECO	180.00	3.25	98,603	1,631	Rouen FOB 11%	\$195.13 \$5.25
MAR1	183.25	3.25	12,339	1,956	Russia FOB 12%	\$207.00 \$6.00
EUR	1.0993				Ukr. FOB feed (Odessa)	\$217.50 \$0.00
					Arg. Bread FOB 12%	\$259.68 \$1.28

Source: FI, DJ, Reuters & various trade sources

Updated 3/16/20

- CBOT Chicago May wheat is seen in a \$4.75-\$5.40 range
- CBOT KC May wheat is seen in a \$4.00-\$4.65 range
- MN May wheat is seen in a \$4.90-\$5.35 range

USDA Export Sales Estimates/Results in 000 tons

	ESTIMATED 3/12/2020			ACTUAL This Week		3/5/2020 Last Week			3/14/2019 Year Ago		
Beans	19/20	600-850		19/20		19/20	302.8		18/19	399.5	
	n/c	60-100		n/c		n/c	1.4		n/c	(64.4)	
				Sales to China		Sales to China (90.3)			Sales to China 142.6		
Meal	Shipped					Shipped			Shipped		
	19-20	200-400	200-350	19/20		19/20	171.8	341.5	18/19	97.5	185.4
	n/c	0.0		n/c		0.1			n/c	0.0	
Oil	Shipped					Shipped			Shipped		
	19-20	15-30	15-30	19/20		19/20	24.7	13.9	18/19	5.6	29.2
	n/c	0.0		n/c		0.0			n/c	0.0	
			Sales to China		Sales to China 0.0			Sales to China 0.0			
Corn	19/20 900-1200			19/20		19/20 1,471.2			18/19 855.9		
	n/c 50-150			n/c		n/c 128.1			n/c 60.0		
				Sales to China		Sales to China 0.0			Sales to China 0.0		
Wheat	19/20	350-500		19/20		19/20	452.3		18/19	298.6	
	n/c	50-100		n/c		n/c	28.5		n/c	138.8	

o/c=Old Crop, n/c= New Crop

Source: Futures International and USDA

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