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Futures Price Changes

Corn down 2 (Mar) @ 4.56
Corn down 1 (Dec 25) @ 4.45

Soybeans down 7 (Mar) @ 9.91
Soybeans down 7 (Nov 25) @ 10.06

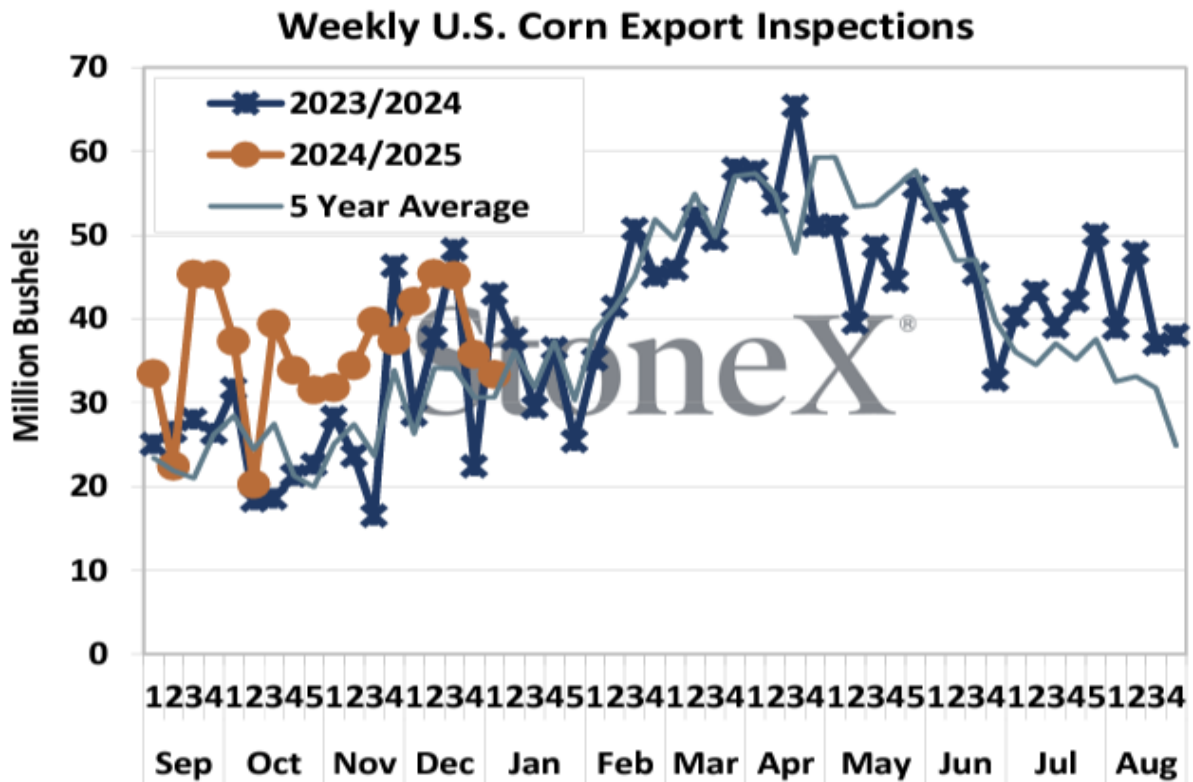
Wheat unchanged (Mar) @ 5.52
Wheat unchanged (Jul 25) @ 5.61



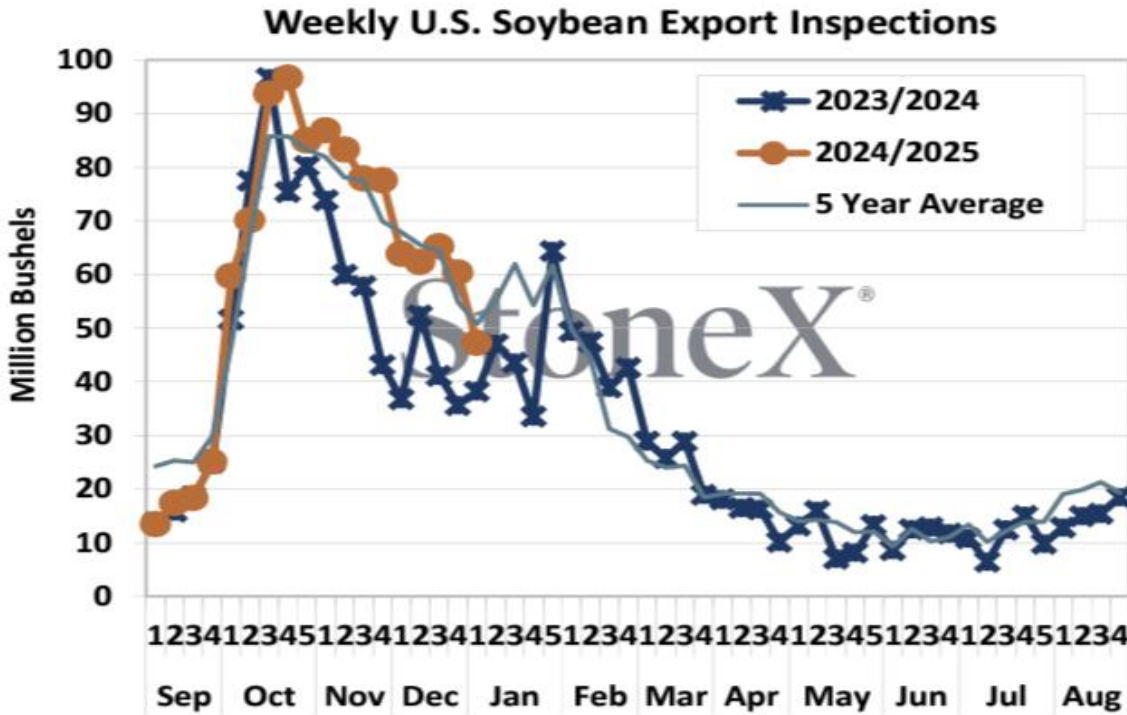
Perdue Grains Commentary



Good morning. Futures are seeing some additional pressure this morning, following a session that held some early promise but fizzled as the day wore on. A continuation of a dry Argentine forecast kept the bulls engaged but that was interrupted by some misinterpretation of what's going to be happening with the tariff issue. Needless to say, the misinterpretation was not supportive to exports or futures. I think all of that would have quickly faded given what the South American weather maps were showing yesterday morning but those maps are looking a bit more damp this morning for the majority of Argentina and southern Brazil. Export shipments of **33.4 million bushels** were seasonally solid but not strong enough to provide any price support. The charts have been damaged a bit but some fund rebalancing starting tomorrow could ease some of that pain. Demand remains strong and that's the best thing currently going for us. In early trading the March contract is down 3 1/4 cents to **\$4.54 1/2**, while the December is down 1 1/2 to **\$4.44**.

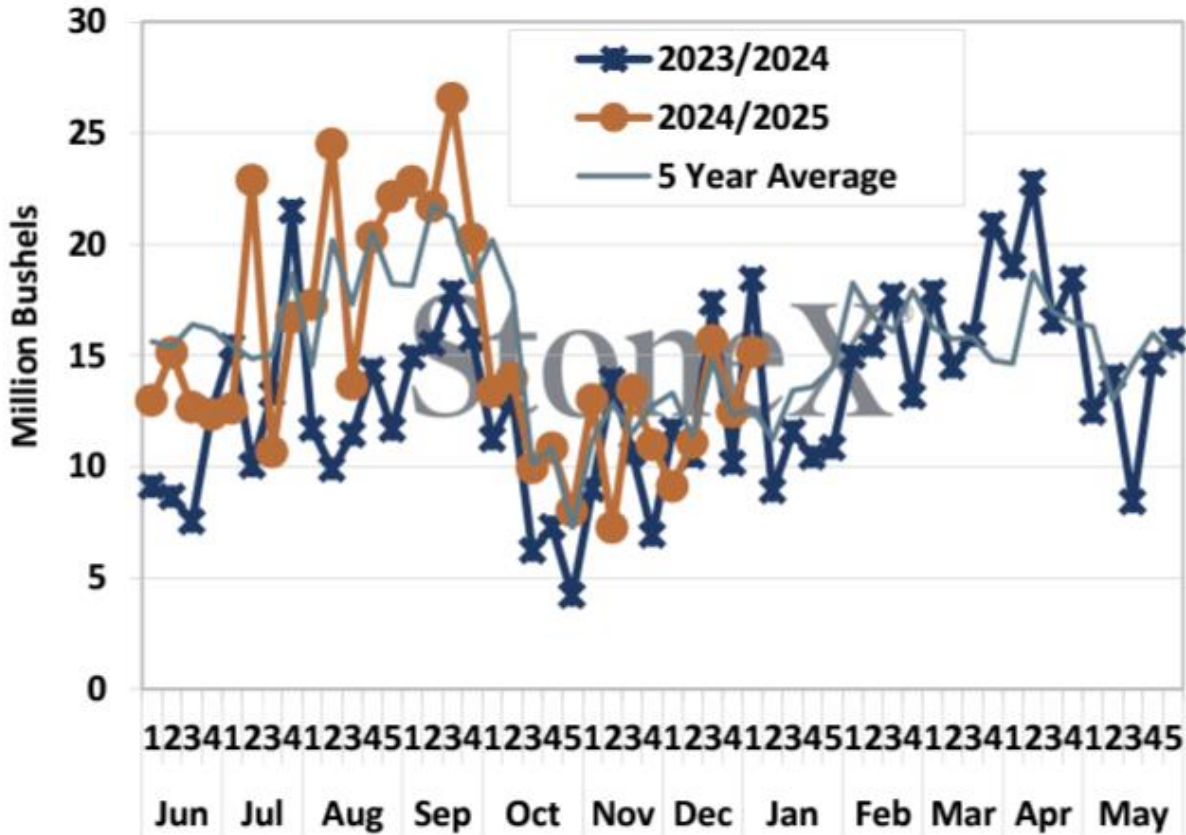


As with corn, soybean futures had a nice bounce to the upside interrupted by some confusion on the tariff issue but that would have ultimately succumbed to a wetter looking South American forecast. The forecast is far from verifying and could change before the day is over but for now, it's no longer a supportive issue. Harvest will soon be starting in northern Mato Grosso and that crop is expected to be on the exceptional side. After some early season planting delays, Mato Grosso as a whole has had close to perfect weather. And given that they produce close to a third of the Brazilian crop, that's going to remain a thorn in the bull's side. If anything at this point, too much water over the next several weeks could be the largest detriment to yield. As with corn, the charts are not looking nearly as chummy as they were yesterday morning, so some additional downside has to be expected if the newest weather maps back up this morning's first run. I'm currently seeing the March contract down 8 3/4 cents to **\$9.89**, while the November is down 8 to **\$10.05**.



Wheat futures managed to decouple themselves from corn and soybeans yesterday and that was a very good thing. The July contract ultimately finished 11 cents off its daytime low, which was a highly refreshing development. With wheat being less affected by tariffs and South American weather, the decoupling effort was made substantially easier. Export shipments of **15.2 million** were the second best of the past ten weeks and 4 million above the ten-week average, which didn't hurt the cause. Our export price is getting closer and closer to the Russians, which is something the trade has been expecting for quite some time. But it's still not competitive into the eastern Hemisphere markets, which will ultimately cap any fervent rally attempt.

Weekly U.S. Wheat Export Inspections



The equity markets had to deal with the tariff issue as well yesterday, which kept a respectable day from being even stronger. The Dow saw a very mild loss while the NASDAQ surged to a daily gain of 1.24%. Nvidia made an early-session run to test its all-time high but ran into some headwinds before the closing bell. Some supportive news in the evening has that stock poised to take out its record high when the opening bell rings at 9:30 EST. The Dollar Index was under some heavy pressure yesterday and that was supportive to corn and soybeans early on but it wasn't enough to keep the bears from taking back some control. Some additional weakness is being seen this morning, with the Index now sitting at **107.96**.



Energy futures have been on an impressive run the past five weeks, with the nearby crude contract currently \$7 above its low tick from December 6. Hopes of a rebound in demand are spurring on some buying but I'm not sure that's going to hold on for much longer. Nonetheless, this has been an impressive rally that won't be hurting the demand for ethanol.



The national radar map has finally quieted down after several days of messiness from the Rocky Mountains to the Atlantic Ocean. The seven-day projected is suggesting a substantially drier week ahead but it's definitely going to be a cold one. The extended maps are keeping those cold temperatures in place through the tenth day but some moderation is expected after that. That's not going to be hurting my feelings much.

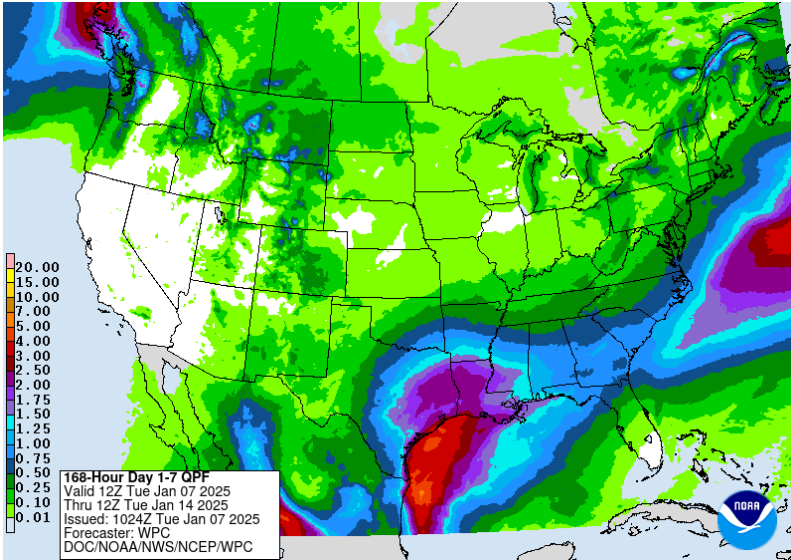
That's all for this morning. I hope your day goes well.

John

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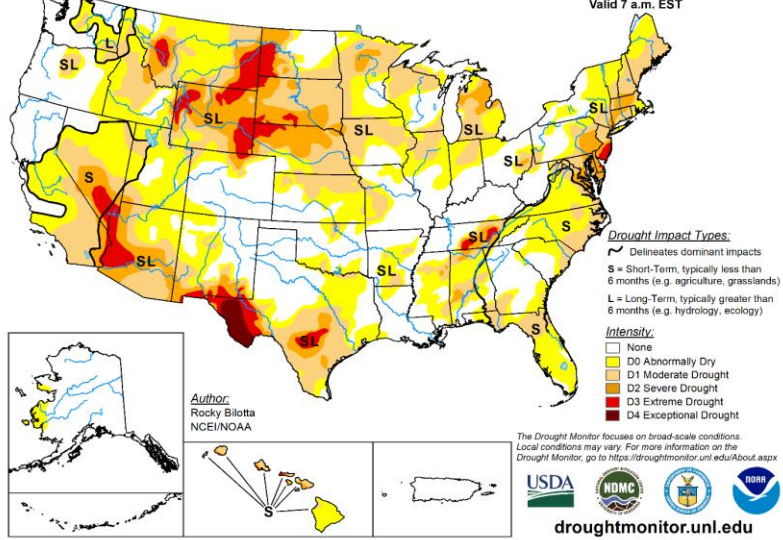
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Seven Day Projected



U.S. Drought Monitor

December 31, 2024
 (Released Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025)
 Valid 7 a.m. EST

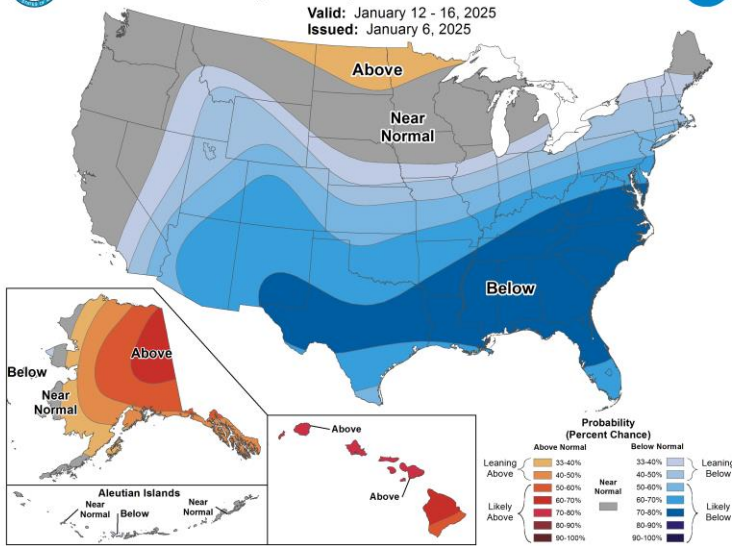




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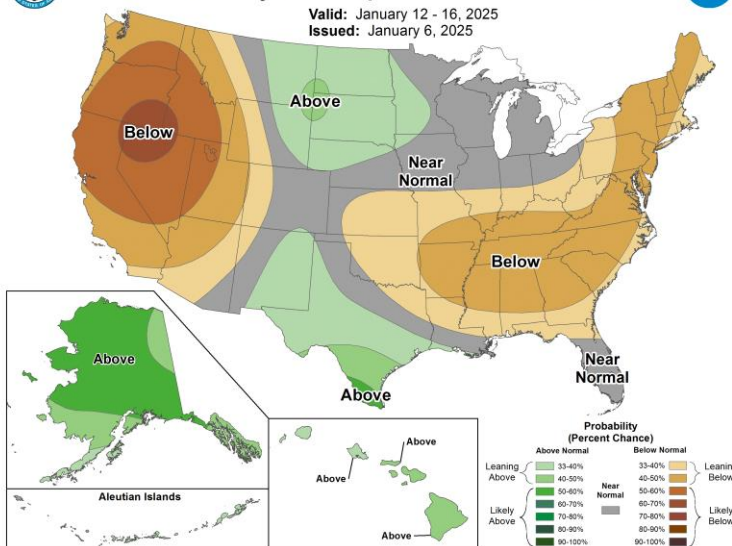
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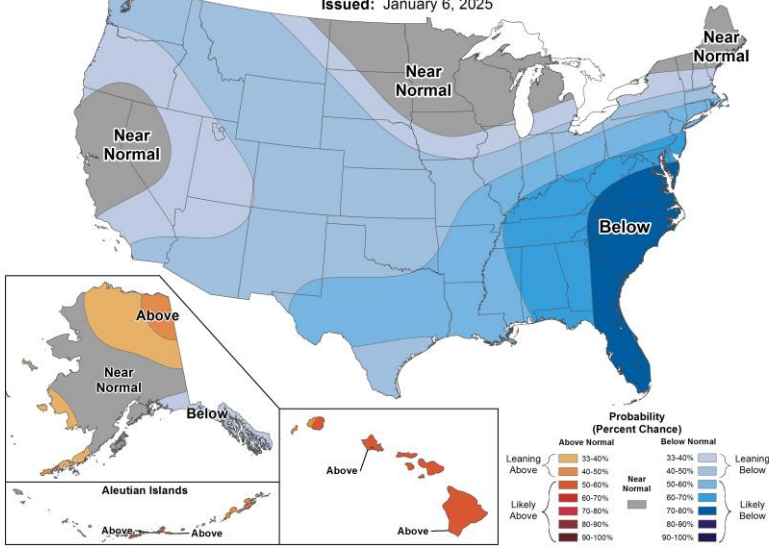




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