

January 26, 2023

Weather:

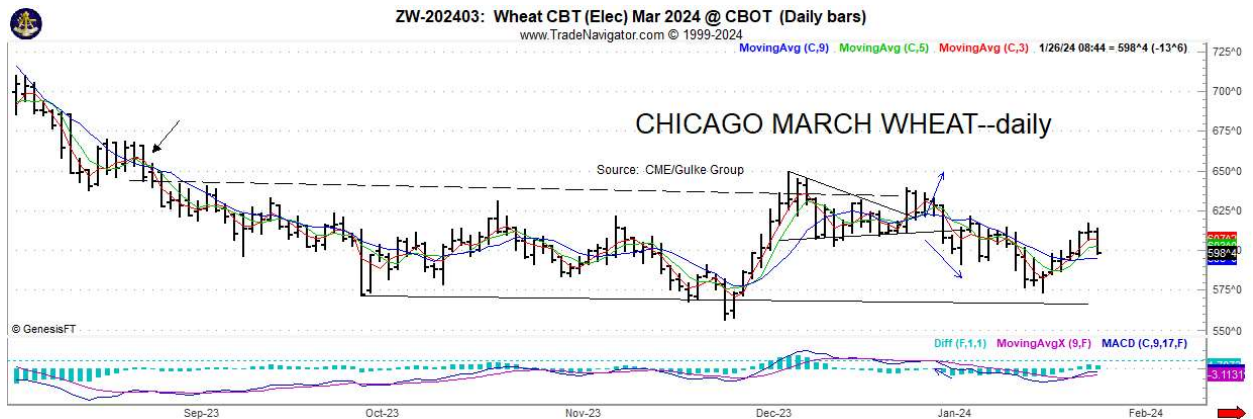
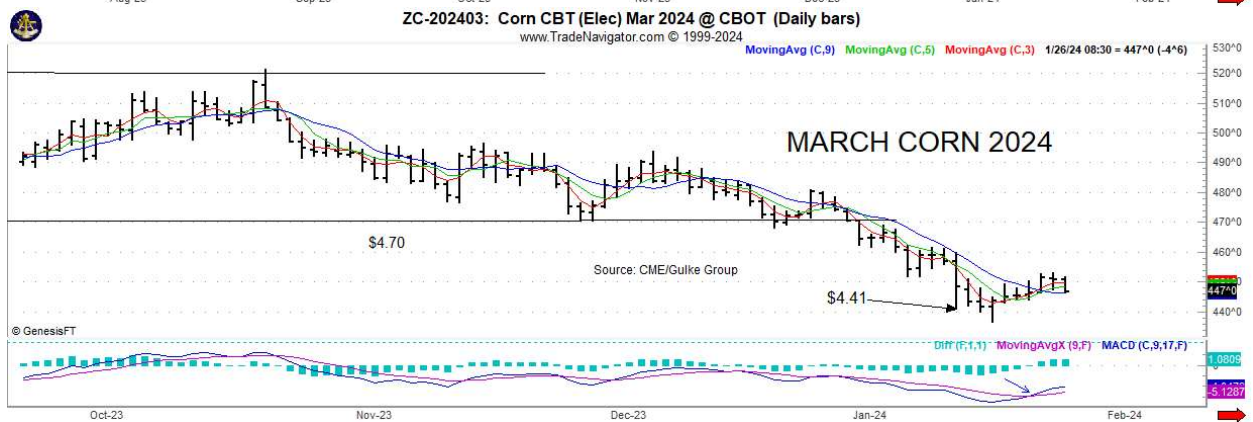
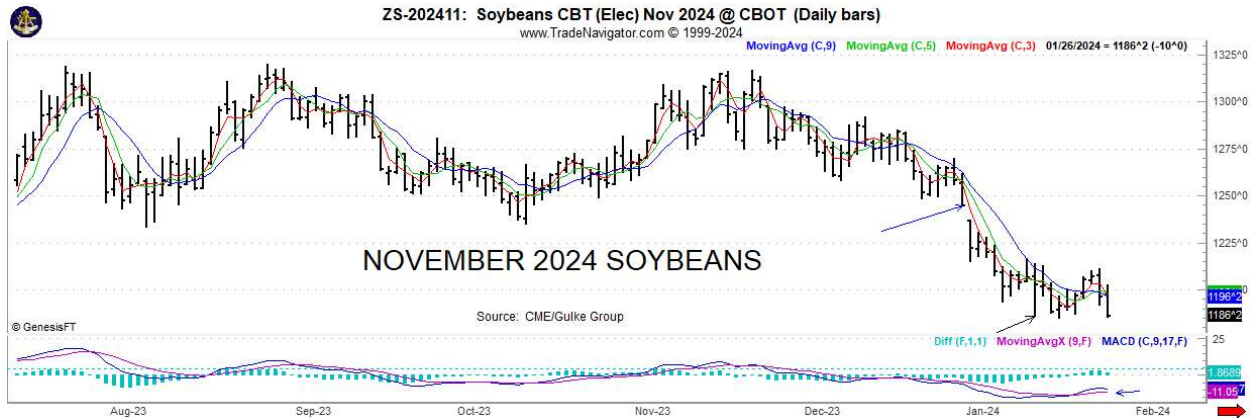
- **Argentina is advertised wetter today in the February 5-10 period relative to model runs earlier this week**
 - This change shows up in all of the major models and is consistent with World Weather, Inc.'s long range outlook
 - If the rain occurs as suggested there would be relief for most crops that will have been drying down for a while
 - **Central and southern Buenos Aires and central and southern La Pampa are already too dry and crop stress has been rising**
 - Additional warm and dry biased weather until Feb. 5 will raise crop stress and threaten some of the development and production potential, but rain after Feb. 4 might help improve crops again and put a cap on any production decline threat
 - **Late planted double cropped soybeans are likely to be most stressed until rain falls due to their short root systems**
 - The situation will need to be closely monitored
 - **Northern Argentina is also too dry**, though cotton in the region is expected to handle the situation better than grain and oilseed in southern parts of the nation
 - **Central Argentina** crops are in the best shape and likely to handle the drier weather without too much trouble as long as rain evolves as advertised
- **Brazil weather will continue wettest in the north for another week**
 - Areas from Bahia and northern Minas Gerais to Tocantins and Maranhao may experience a little too much rain for a little while
 - **Local flooding will be possible, but no serious crop damage is expected**
 - **Rain in southern parts of the nation** will be more varied and there will be some areas that experience a net loss in soil moisture that will firm the ground
 - **Drying in the south will include Mato Grosso do Sul, parts of Sao Paulo and western Parana as well as Paraguay and western and southern Rio Grande do Sul**
 - **The environment will be great for maturing soybeans and first season corn and supporting both their harvest and the early planting of Safrinha crops**
- **Brazil's weather in the Feb. 3-10 period will be wetter in the south and a little less wet in the north**

News:

- **USDA reported private sale of 100,000 mt of Soybean Meal to unknown destination for the 23/24 MY.**
- Russian state-run media on Friday reported the Kremlin has supplied 50,000 mt of grain to the Central African Republic on humanitarian terms.
- The weekly Buenos Aires Grain Exchange Argentina crop report pegged Soybean crop conditions at 44% good to excellent, 48% fair, 8% poor that compares with last week's 55% good to excellent, 43% fair, 2% poor. They estimated the Corn crop conditions at 41% good to excellent, 53% fair, 6% poor that compares with last week's 46% good to excellent, 51% fair, 3% poor.
- Buenos Aires Grain Exchange estimated the Argentina 23/24 Corn production at 56.5 mmt (USDA is at 55 mmt), they also are projecting 23/24 Soybean production at 52.5 mmt (USDA is at 50 mmt).
- China's Ag Ministry said at the end of 2023 the country's pig herd was 434.22 million head, off -4.1% from the year earlier period. The country's sow herd at the end of 2023 was 41.42 million head, off -5.7% from the end of 2022.
- More ships carrying grain were diverted from the Suez Canal to sailings around the Cape of Good Hope this week after attacks on vessels in the Red Sea, shipping analysts said. "Another 16 vessels were confirmed diverted this week, taking the total grain cargoes diverted to some 3.9 million tons, up from 3.0 million tons last week according to Reuters. "Many of the diverted ships are carrying U.S. grain cargoes showing caution with this freight," Bhanu said. About 7 million metric tons of grain cargoes normally transit the Suez Canal into the Red Sea each month.
- Ukrainian drones attacked a Rosneft-owned oil refinery in southern Russia in the latest such strike on Russian energy infrastructure, a Ukrainian source said on Thursday. Local officials in Russia said there was a fire overnight at the export-oriented unit in the town of Tuapse, but it was extinguished.

Gulke Group 2024 Winter Palm Springs Conference Rancho Las Palmas in Rancho Mirage, CA on Feb. 21-23. Current speakers include Drew Lerner on Weather, Roger Wallace on Livestock, Jamie Wasemiller on insurance, Michael Drury on economy and Jerry Gulke. Brian Phillips has agreed to preset his views via computer. **We've added a special session/discussion for Thurs pm on bio-fuels.** The conference will start at noon on Wednesday (Feb. 21) and conclude around noon on Friday (Feb. 23). The fee is \$695 for the conference for clients and \$2000 for non-clients. A second person within the household/company \$555. Sign up by calling or texting Jamie at 707-365-0601. Call Jamie if you need a room.

Technical:



Market Fundamentals:

The outcome of our early Gulke Group Planting Intentions Survey projects US Corn acres around 91.5 million acres with soybeans around 88 million acres. This would be a 3.14-million-acre reduction in corn acres a year after having a nearly 7-million-acre increase. In soybeans the increase in acres of 4.4 million acres after a 4-million acre decrease the year before.

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Rotation was a pretty consistent comments in the I states. There is continued confidence in corn yields (including corn on corn) along with reduced input costs for corn.

Below are some of the individual state changes using just the raw data. **If you disagree with the state data, please submit a survey as it would help our analysis.** NE and SD are some outliers and more information from ND would be needed

In fact, participation currently is lacking such that the confidence is very low!

	Corn Change	SB Change
IA	-2%	4%
IL	-3%	5%
IN	-1%	2%
KS	8%	12%
MN	-10%	8%
ND	-2%	0%
NE	-9%	23%
OH	-2%	-1%
SD	-14%	20%
MO	2%	-2%
WI	-2%	1%
MI	-3%	3%

Yesterday's Trades: Jan 25th Soybeans – For 2024 bot 15% SX24 at 1196 (**\$2462.50 profit**/ contract) and bot 15 % SX24 1260 calls @ 47 3/8 (**\$256.25 profit**/ contract).
Jan 17th

Yesterday's Trades: Corn – For 2023, bot 15% CN 500 calls at 15 1/8 (**\$268.75 profit**/contract) and bot 15% CN 510 calls at 12 3/4 (**\$512.50 profit**/contract). **Soybeans** – For 2023, bot 20% SN 1340 calls at 22 5/8(**\$1293.75 profit**/contract).
Jan 9th

Yesterday's Trades: Canola – For 2022, sold 25% in CASH vs. RSN at 627.
Jan 8th

Yesterday's Trades: Corn – For 2023 Sold 15% CN500 Calls at 20 1/2 cents. For 2024 Sold 15% CZ500 Calls at 36 1/4. **Soybeans** – For 2024 Sold 15% SX1260 calls at 52 1/2 cents. **Wheat** – For 2022 Sold 20% WN640 calls for 43 3/4 cents for all classes.
Jan 5th

Yesterday's Trades: Wheat For 2023 and 2024 Sold 20% WN24 640 Calls at 37.

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Jan 2nd

Yesterday's Trades: Soybeans For 2023 Sold 20% SN 1340 Calls at 48 ½. For 2024 Sold SX at 1245 ¼.

ADVICE: No new advice—grain rationale below. The trading for January thus far is shown above---- the objective was to gain some profits. So far it look ok but timing leaves something to be desired with a “waiting one more day” seemingly better.

- Arg government lowered soy crop G/E 10 pts and corn 5 pts
 - Weather shows rains for Argentina with Brazil ok
- Ukraine striking interior of Russia
- More ships in Suez being diverted
- Basis in Brazil very weak creating rumors of a cargo being shipped into the East Coast of the US.
- Charts updated as of 8:30 today
- Meats strong again today for LC and FC with hogs testing last Nov highs--- all look positive regardless of China's demand.

And grain prices taking a hit again with SH holding \$12, SX not, Corn CH below \$4.50 again, Wheat below \$6. Volatility increases even with meal sold in flash sale today.

Gulke Group Spec Table Buy/Sell Stops				(*New Positions in BOLD)			
	1/26/2024			Today's Stops		Current Position*	
	High	Low	Close	Buy	Sell	Long	Short
CH24	453 1/4	447 1/2	451 3/4	458	445 1/2	450 1/4	
CN24	471	465 1/2	469 1/4	475 1/4	463 1/4		490 1/2
SH24	1247 1/2	1215 1/2	1223	1255 1/2	1190 1/2		1297 1/2
SX24	1211 1/2	1191 3/4	1196 1/4	1216 1/2	1176		1227 3/4
SMH24	366.8	357.0	358.2	368.2	348.3		390.4
BOH24	47.47	46.12	46.53	48.38	44.68		47.98
WH24	617 1/4	606 1/2	612 1/4	623 1/2	601	610	
WN24	632 1/2	621 1/2	627 1/2	639	616	625	
KWH24	637 3/4	624	637	651 1/4	622 3/4	618	
MWH24	711 1/2	700 3/4	709	720 1/4	697 3/4		713 3/4
LCG24	177.975	174.900	177.725	181.000	174.450	165.550	
LCM24	178.125	174.650	177.600	181.575	173.625	166.850	
LHG24	74.600	73.625	74.300	75.475	73.125	71.950	
LHM24	95.350	94.550	95.250	96.250	94.250	92.850	
FCH24	238.925	231.975	238.175	245.325	231.025	236.125	
CTH24	85.83	85.08	85.760	86.71	84.81	81.56	
CTK24	87.03	86.21	86.980	87.85	86.11	82.41	
SBH24	24.62	23.92	24.040	24.79	23.29	21.00	
GCG24	2025.6	2004.0	2020.40	2042.50	1998.30	2066.4	
NRH24	18.06	17.72	17.97	18.34	17.60	17.540	
DJH24	38219.00	37911.00	38210	38538	37882	38084	
CLH24	77.51	75.16	77.36	79.91	74.81	75.09	
NGH24	2.334	2.158	2.180	2.371	1.989		2.477
DXH24	103.49	102.915	103.295	104.07	102.53	101.620	
USH24	120 4/32	119	119 26/32	121 6/32	118 14/32		123 22/32

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HYPOTHETICAL HEDGING POSITION MATRIX					1/26/2024									
2023 Corn - margin= \$1425					2023 SOYBEANS - margin= \$2500					2022 WHEAT - margin= \$2600				
Date	Action	Price	Status	% Hedged	Date	Action	Price	Status	% Hedged	Date	Action	Price	Status	% Hedged
Cash (futures price day of sale)					Cash (futures price day of sale)					Cash (futures price day of sale)				
6/22/23	Sold CASH vs. CZ	621 1/2	\$8,199.16	5.0%	12/1/2022	Sold CASH vs. SX23	1387	\$874.16	15.0%	3/31/2022	Sold CASH vs. WN22	1021	\$11,299.16	10%
					1/4/2023	Sold CASH vs. SX23	1389 1/2	\$999.16	5.0%	6/17/2022	Sold CASH vs. WZ22	1076	\$17,349.16	10%
					1/5/2023	Sold CASH vs. SX23	1386 1/4	\$836.66	5.0%	9/2/2022	Sold CASH vs. WZ22	804	\$3,749.16	10%
					1/20/2023	Sold CASH vs. SX23	1352 1/2	(\$850.84)	5.0%	9/14/2022	Sold CASH vs. WZ22	860	\$6,549.16	20%
Futures/Options					3/13/2023	Sold CASH vs. SX23	1340 1/4	(\$1,463.34)	5.0%	9/16/2022	Sold CASH vs. WZ22	836 1/2	\$5,374.16	10%
					4/4/2023	Sold CASH vs. SX23	1317 1/4	(\$2,613.34)	10.0%	12/2/2022	Sold CASH vs. WH23	767	\$3,986.66	10%
Futures/Options Hedged				0.0%	10/3/2023	Sold CASH vs. SF24	1290	\$4,174.16	10.0%	1/4/2023	Sold CASH vs. WH23	745 1/2	\$2,911.66	5%
Total Hedged(Included CASH)				5.0%	11/8/2023	Sold CASH vs. SF24	1366	\$7,974.16	25.0%			Total		75%
2024 Corn - margin= \$1075					2024 Soybeans - margin - \$1725					2023 WHEAT - margin= \$2600				
Date	Action	Price	Status	% Hedged	Date	Action	Price	Status	% Hedged	Date	Action	Price	Status	% Hedged
Cash (futures price day of sale)					Cash (futures price day of sale)					Cash (futures price day of sale)				
Futures/Options					Futures/Options					Futures/Options				
Futures/Options Hedged				0.0%	Futures/Options Hedged				0.0%	Futures/Options Hedged				20.0%
Total Hedged(Included CASH)				5.0%	Total Hedged(Included CASH)				80.0%	Total Hedged(Included CASH)				95.0%
End User Coverage - Corn					2023 Canola - margin = \$890CD					2024 WHEAT - margin= \$2400				
Date	Action	Price	Status	% Hedged	Date	Action	Price	Status	% Hedged	Date	Action	Price	Status	% Hedged
1st Quarter 2024					Cash (futures price day of sale)					Cash (futures price day of sale)				
Futures/Options					Futures/Options					Futures/Options				
Futures/Options Hedged				15.0%	Futures/Options Hedged				0.0%	Futures/Options Hedged				20.0%
Total Hedged(Included CASH)				15.0%	Total Hedged(Included CASH)				30.0%	Total Hedged(Included CASH)				45.0%
2nd Quarter 2024					2022 MN WHEAT - margin= \$3000					2022 KC WHEAT - margin= \$2400				
					Cash (futures price day of sale)					Cash (futures price day of sale)				
Futures/Options					Futures/Options					Futures/Options				
Futures/Options Hedged				0.0%	Futures/Options Hedged				0.0%	Futures/Options Hedged				20.0%
Total Hedged(Included CASH)				0.0%	Total Hedged(Included CASH)				0.0%	Total Hedged(Included CASH)				20.0%
Live Cattle - margin = \$1600					2022 MN WHEAT - margin= \$3000					2023 KC WHEAT - margin= \$2400				
Date	Action	Price	Status	% Hedged	Date	Action	Price	Status	% Hedged	Date	Action	Price	Status	% Hedged
Spring 2024					Cash (futures price day of sale)					Cash (futures price day of sale)				
Futures/Options					Futures/Options					Futures/Options				
Futures/Options Hedged				0.0%	Futures/Options Hedged				10%	Futures/Options Hedged				10%
Total Hedged(Included CASH)				0.0%	Futures/Options Hedged				10%	Futures/Options Hedged				10%
					Total Hedged(Included CASH)				45%	Total Hedged(Included CASH)				65.0%
Fall 2024					2024 WHEAT - margin= \$2500					2022 WHEAT - margin= \$2600				
					Cash (futures price day of sale)					Cash (futures price day of sale)				
Futures/Options					Futures/Options					Futures/Options				
Futures/Options Hedged				0.0%	Futures/Options Hedged				20.0%	Futures/Options Hedged				20.0%
Total Hedged(Included CASH)				0.0%	Total Hedged(Included CASH)				65.0%	Total Hedged(Included CASH)				20.0%
Feeder Cattle - Producer - margin = \$2850					2023 MN WHEAT - margin= \$3000					2023 KC WHEAT - margin= \$2400				
Date	Action	Price	Status	% Hedged	Date	Action	Price	Status	% Hedged	Date	Action	Price	Status	% Hedged
Spring 2024					Cash (futures price day of sale)					Cash (futures price day of sale)				
Futures/Options					Futures/Options					Futures/Options				
Futures/Options Hedged				0.0%	Futures/Options Hedged				15%	Futures/Options Hedged				15%
Total Hedged(Included CASH)				0.0%	Futures/Options Hedged				10%	Futures/Options Hedged				10%
					Total Hedged(Included CASH)				25%	Total Hedged(Included CASH)				25%
Fall 2024					2024 WHEAT - margin= \$2500					2023 KC WHEAT - margin= \$2400				
					Cash (futures price day of sale)					Cash (futures price day of sale)				
Futures/Options					Futures/Options					Futures/Options				
Futures/Options Hedged				0.0%	Futures/Options Hedged				0%	Futures/Options Hedged				0.0%
Total Hedged(Included CASH)				0.0%	Total Hedged(Included CASH)				0%	Total Hedged(Included CASH)				25.0%
Live Hogs - margin = \$1600					Energy					Spec				
Date	Action	Price	Status	% Hedged	Date	Action	Contracts	Price	Status	Date	Action	Contracts	Price	Status
4th Quarter 2023					1/4/2024					1/4/2024				
Futures/Options					Futures/Options					Futures/Options				
Futures/Options Hedged				0.0%	Futures/Options Hedged				20.0%	Futures/Options Hedged				20.0%
Total Hedged(Included CASH)				0.0%	Futures/Options Hedged				20.0%	Futures/Options Hedged				20.0%
					Total Hedged(Included CASH)				45.0%	Total Hedged(Included CASH)				20.0%
1st Quarter 2024					Livestock Trading Hours					Grain Trading Hours				
					Mon - Fri 8:30 am to 1:05 pm CST					No Night Trading				
Futures/Options					Sun - Fri 7pm to 7:45am and 8:30am to 1:20pm CST									
Futures/Options Hedged				0.0%										
Total Hedged(Included CASH)				0.0%										

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