

**March 7, 2024**

## **Weather**

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- Still not much change overnight
- Eastern Australia will continue dry with hot temperatures from Victoria to South Australia and southwestern New South Wales
- South Africa will continue to dry out in the western half of summer crop country
- Mainland areas of Southeast Asia may see a few more showers scatter around as time moves along, but it is still quite dry there over the next few days
- Philippines rainfall will continue limited for a while except in a few eastern coastal areas
- No serious changes to Brazil's outlook were noted today, although GFS predicted temperatures in days 10-15 were reduced to near normal
- Argentina's forecast has not changed today
- Model differences over CIS rainfall next week is a little more than usual, but they all suggest some increase in week two precipitation from parts of Ukraine to the Ural Mountains region
- Mexico and Central America precipitation will remain restricted over the next ten days
- Southern Europe will be wettest for the next week to ten days
- U.S. southwestern Plains get very little moisture over the next ten days
- South Texas will remain drier than usual over the coming week

- U.S. Delta, southeastern states and lower eastern Midwest will see the most frequent precipitation outside of coastal areas from the Pacific Northwest into British Columbia
- Indonesia and Malaysia will continue wet except in the Malay Peninsula where rain is needed
- No changes for the Middle East, China or India

## News:

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**Jerome Powell testified before a House panel**, asserting that it is premature to expect interest rate cuts in the near future. Powell emphasized the need for greater confidence in controlling inflation before considering any rate reductions, cautioning that premature or excessive rate cuts could lead to more severe rate hikes later on. While Powell acknowledged that interest rates may have peaked at their current range of 5.25% to 5.5%.

- Grain trade sources reported 66,000 mt of South American or South African feed Corn was bought by South Korea's Major Feedmill Group in a privately negotiated deal.
- Chinese customs data estimated Soybean imports over the January - February 2024 period at 13.04 mln mt. The customs agency in an unusual move revised their January - February 2023 estimate to 14.30 mln mt from originally published 16.17 mln mt. The Jan-Feb 2024 imports were off -8.8% from the revised 2023 figure, and at their lowest since 2019. They also pegged meat imports at 1.1 mln mt, that was off from the Jan-Feb 2023 period's 1.3 mln mt.
- China's imports of crude oil rose 5.1% in the first two months of 2024 from a year earlier, data showed on Thursday, as refiners ramped up purchases to meet fuel sales during the Lunar New Year holiday. Imports during January and February amounted to 88.31 million metric tons, or about 10.74 million barrels per day, according to the General Administration of Customs.
- China's exports surged 7.1% from year-ago during the first two months of 2024 to \$528.01 billion, easily beating forecasts for a 1.9% increase and signaling global trade is recovering. China's imports rose 3.5% to \$402.85 billion, beating forecasts for a 1.5% increase, due to improved domestic demand. That resulted in a trade surplus of \$125.16 billion for January and February combined. The trade surplus with the U.S. was \$47.29 billion, as exports rose 5% while imports declined 9.7%.
- Nearly 50 Democrats in the U.S. Congress urged the Federal Trade Commission to probe oil and gas company deals and expand current investigations to protect consumers and industry competition. The industry went on a \$250

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billion buying spree in 2023, taking advantage of companies' high stock prices to secure lower-cost reserves. Exxon Mobil Chevron Corp, and Occidental Petroleum made acquisitions worth a total of \$135 billion in 2023.

- Brazilian Trade Ministry February 2024 Data: Soybean exports at 6.61 mln mt; year ago month 5.02 mln mt; Beef exports at 179,119 mt; year ago month 126,394 mt; Poultry exports at 368,654 mt vs year ago month 353,297 mt; Corn exports at 1.713 mln mt; year ago month 2.274 mln mt
- **Stats Canada 2024 Planting Intentions Estimates: (Release is on Monday, March 11)**
  - All Wheat acres are estimated at 26.7 mil compared to last year's acres of 27.028 mil, 25.388 mil in 2022 and 23.455 mil in 2021. With total wheat acres steadily increasing each year recently, it is a little odd to see the avg estimate slightly lower year over year.
  - Spring wheat acres are estimated at 19.3 mil compared to 19.475 mil last year, 18.036 mil in 2022 and 16.022 mil in 2021.
  - Durum wheat acres are estimated at 6.1 mil compared to 6.034 mil last year, 6.006 mil in 2022 and 5.737 mil in 2021.
  - Canola acres are estimated at 21.6 mil vs last season's 22.082 mil, 21.396 mil in 2022 and 22.270 mil acres in 2021.
  - Soybean acres are estimated at 5.6 mil compared to 5.631 mil last year, 5.274 mil in 2022 and 5.158 mil acres in 2021.

Source: WASDE and estimates by Reuters.

### **U.S GRAINS, COTTON & SOYBEAN COMPLEX CARRYOUT – 2023-24**

	<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>RANGE OF</b>	<b>USDA</b>
	<b>USDA</b>	<b>ANALYSTS</b>	<b>ANALYSTS'</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
	<b>ESTIMATE</b>	<b>ESTIMATE</b>	<b>ESTIMATES</b>	<b>FINAL</b>
<b>CORN</b>	<b>2.172</b>	<b>2.159</b>	<b>2.075-2.250</b>	<b>1.361</b>
<b>SOYBEANS</b>	<b>0.315</b>	<b>0.319</b>	<b>0.295-0.350</b>	<b>0.268</b>
<b>WHEAT</b>	<b>0.658</b>	<b>0.657</b>	<b>0.648-0.692</b>	<b>0.582</b>
<b>SOYOIL</b>	<b>1.577</b>			<b>1.602</b>
<b>SOYMEAL</b>	<b>400,000</b>			<b>371,000</b>
<b>OATS</b>	<b>0.039</b>			<b>0.035</b>
<b>SORGHUM</b>	<b>0.022</b>			<b>0.024</b>
<b>RICE</b>	<b>42.5</b>			<b>30.3</b>
<b>COTTON</b>	<b>2.80</b>			<b>4.25</b>

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## WORLD GRAINS, SOYBEAN & COTTON CARRYOUT - 2023-24 AND 2022-23

COMMODITY	FEB 2024	AVERAGE	FEB 2024
	<u>2023-24</u>	ANALYSTS	<u>2022-23</u>
	EST	EST	EST
WHEAT	259.44	259.12	271.21
CORN	322.06	320.39	300.25
SOYBEANS	116.03	114.27	103.57
SOYMEAL	15.15		13.64
SOYOIL	5.34		4.94
COTTON	83.70		82.97
RICE	167.18		176.35

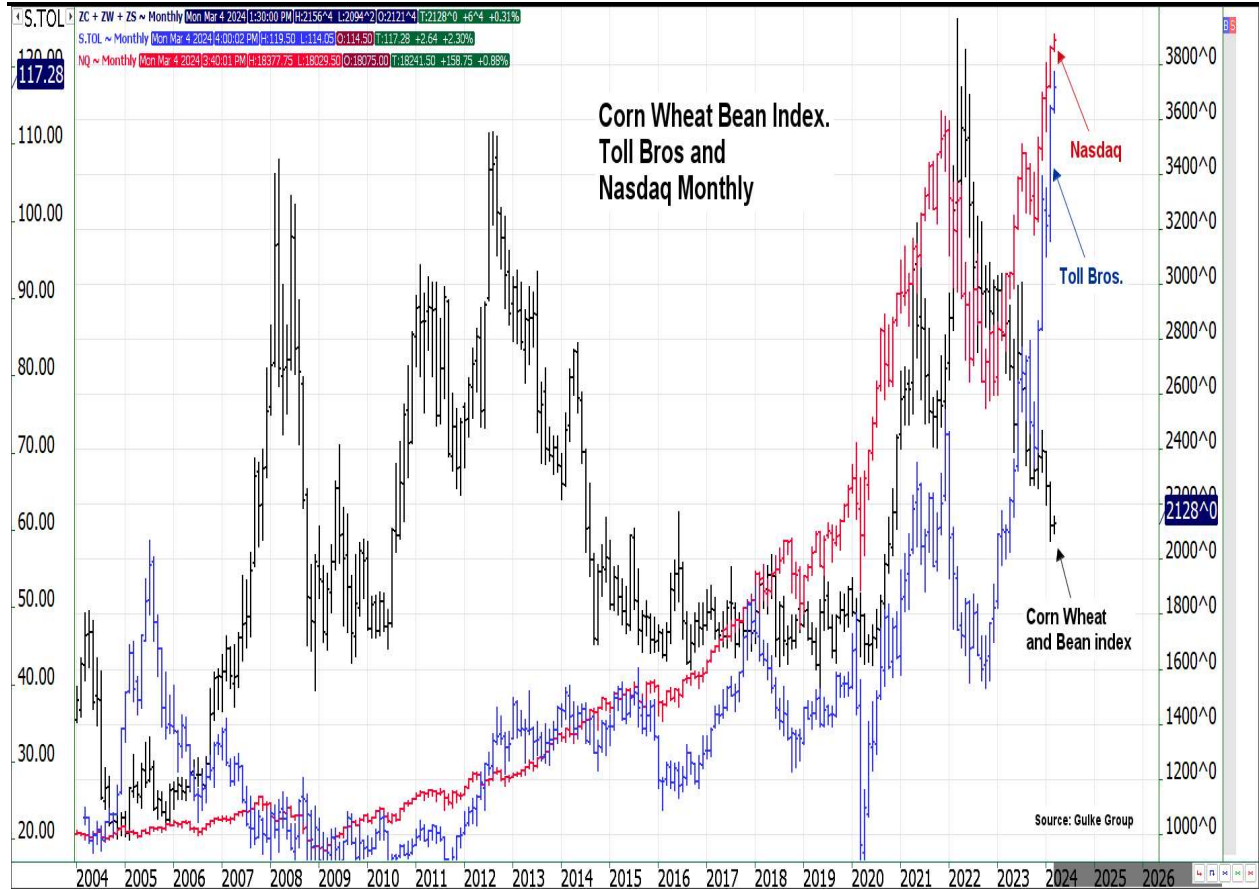
## ARGENTINA & BRAZIL - 2023-24 CORN & SOYBEAN ESTIMATES

COMMODITY	FEB 2024	AVERAGE	RANGE OF
	<u>2023-24</u>	ANALYSTS'	ANALYSTS'
	ESTIMATE	ESTIMATE	ESTIMATE
ARGENTINA CORN	55.00	55.00	54.00-57.00
ARGENTINA SOYBEANS	50.00	50.23	50.00-52.00
BRAZIL CORN	124.00	121.95	118.00-125.00
BRAZIL SOYBEANS	156.00	152.28	148.00-156.00

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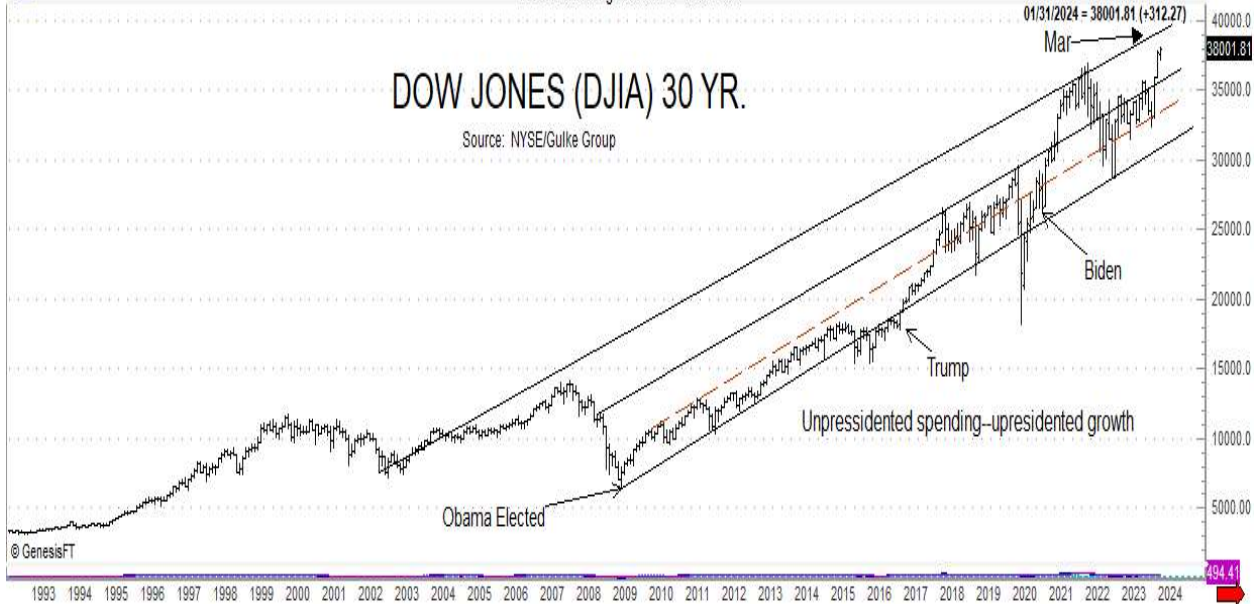


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### \$DJIA: Dow Jones Industrials Index (Monthly bars)

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## Market Fundamentals:

Date Lifted	Action	Exit Price	Current Price	Exit vs. Current	Open Positions	Entry Price	Current Price	P/L
2/16/2024	Sold CN 480 calls	11 1/8	12	\$43.75	Long CK	428.25	435	\$337.50
2/16/2024	Sold CZ 500 calls	23 3/8	23 1/8	(\$12.50)	Long CZ	463.25	465.5	\$112.50
2/16/2024	Sold SN 1260 calls	21 3/4	19 1/2	(\$112.50)	Short CK24 430 Puts	16.25	11.125	\$256.25
2/16/2024	Sold WN	568	548 1/2	(\$975.00)				
2/16/2024	Sold WN24 640 Calls	14 5/8	12	(\$131.25)				

## Yesterday's Trades: no new trades.

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**ADVICE:** No new advice--- markets continue volatile with still a lot of shorts in place. Livestock market news has an upheaval I pork as HOGS: HOGS: News about Smithfield abandoning contracts in UTAH and laying off workers and other relative negativism, however this is old news as these plants supported a slaughter facility that was already closed and destroyed--- **There is an old saying, don't believe anything you hear and only half of what you see ---with internet blogs, perhaps true today as well.**

**MEATS in general still show the positive fundamentals and questionable current price action.**

**COMMENTS:** The last 6-7 days for corn and soybeans have basically been sideways, wheat has fallen to new lows. However, grains got life overnight just ahead of a major report tomorrow at 11 am. We are long in various ways in the field, in the bin and long for specs and some coverage for end users. Weather is a little drier forecast for S American corn.

Our bias for stock indices continues negative. Fed chair Powell didn't say anything we didn't already know and the stock market is trying to claw its way back with another economic report out tomorrow. There is an update to our long standing chart we have used to look at the macro long term situation--- take a look. It will be in the TP spring column in a couple weeks---written early this week. I'd be interested in your opinions--! Also the old DJIA long term chart presented at PSprings--- it is March !!!! Also is the latest update on current situation with the tracking of profit taking on Feb 16<sup>th</sup> versus today's action --the wheat blind sided us for now.

**EDIBLE OILS/FEED STOCKS FOR VEGGIE DIESEL:** An updated chart through yesterday is above as well--- AM shows Palm surging higher to new recent highs.

**WHEAT: made new lows this week and now reported in Flash Sales that** Private exporters reported cancellations export sales of 130,000 metric tons of soft red winter wheat for delivery to China during the 2023/2024 marketing year. Reports of a cancellation in wheat circulated on Wednesday, helping fuel prices to fresh contract lows.

Are they playing games and don't need it or are switching to Russia or EU—is it the soft stuff that they make white bread out of not the HRSW that ND, Canada and Russia grow ---- so a ploy or a start to something new. They could feed it and it isn't all that much but has psychological value.

**OTHER GRAINS/OIL SEEDS:** Breaking out to upside pre-8:30

Gulke GroupSpec Table Buy/Sell Stops				(*New Positions in BOLD)			
	3/7/2024			Today's Stops		Current Position*	
	High	Low	Close	Buy	Sell	Long	Short
CN24	440 1/2	435	440	446	434		490 1/2
CZ24	461 1/2	457 1/2	461	465 1/2	456 1/2		456 3/4
SN24	1163 1/4	1151	1158 3/4	1171 1/2	1146	1175 3/4	
SX24	1148	1137	1142 1/4	1153 3/4	1130 3/4	1141 3/4	
SMN24	334.3	329.2	333.4	338.7	328.2	341.6	
BON24	46.19	45.39	45.73	47.03	44.43		46.39
WN24	556	539	542 1/2	560	525		566 3/4
KWN24	557 1/2	543 1/4	546 1/4	561	531 1/2		562 3/4
MWN24	654 3/4	644 1/4	647 3/4	658 3/4	636 3/4		655
LCJ24	187.900	186.800	187.250	188.850	185.650	187.750	
LCV24	185.900	185.050	185.625	186.675	184.575		184.100
LHJ24	85.200	83.875	85.000	86.525	83.475	85.225	
LHV24	86.125	85.275	85.675	86.725	84.625		82.825
FCJ24	258.050	254.950	255.875	259.175	252.575	257.550	
CTK24	97.70	94.40	95.280	98.63	91.93		96.27
CTN24	96.34	93.25	93.990	97.28	90.70		94.34
SBK24	21.68	20.72	21.450	22.46	20.44	<b>21.55</b>	
GCI24	2160.7	2131.9	2156.70	2186.00	2127.40	2017.7	
NRK24	18.21	17.91	17.93	18.27	17.60	18.550	
DJH24	38901.00	38584.00	38706	39043	38369		38783.00
CLJ24	80.67	77.99	79.13	82.01	76.25	79.80	
NGJ24	1.983	1.921	1.929	2.006	1.852	1.928	
DXH24	103.85	103.150	103.330	104.23	102.44		104.080
USM24	121 23/32	120 9/32	121 19/32	123 9/32	119 29/32	118 24/32	

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