

**March 13, 2024**

## **Weather**

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- Not many changes of significance overnight
- High pressure aloft will continue over southern Brazil restricting convection and rainfall for the next ten days from Mato Grosso do Sul and southern Mato Grosso into north-western Parana, Sao Paulo and some southern Minas Gerais locations
- Frequent rain and eventual flooding will be possible this weekend and more likely next week in east-central Argentina, Uruguay and Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil raising concern over rice and other crops in the region
- Improving rainfall in the Amazon River Basin the remainder of this month will help water supply, but the dry season is not far away and the relief will be temporary
- Europe, the CIS, China and India weather has not changed much overnight with forecasts basically the same as Tuesday
- South Africa has a few more showers and thunderstorms in the forecast during the second week of the forecast, but no general soaking of rain is expected
- Northeastern New South Wales, Australia is still advertised to get some rain this weekend and again periodically during the second week of the two week forecast while Queensland and the remainder of New South Wales is dry biased
- Shower activity in mainland areas of Southeast Asia will be restricted over the next ten days and the same is true for western and Philippines
- Indonesia and Malaysia rainfall has diminished to scattered showers of light intensity due to the passing of the most recent Madden Julian Oscillation event; rainfall will continue lighter than that of the past couple of weeks for a while
- North Africa and southern Spain rainfall will be restricted for much of the coming week with "some" potential for rain in the last ten days of this month
- Ukraine weather is looking a little wetter for next week; other areas in the western CIS will see restricted moisture for a while
- Middle East weather pattern will remain active for a while with frequent precipitation likely
- U.S. central and southwestern Plains as well as the northern Plains and upper Midwest experience restricted precipitation for a while
- Heavy snow is likely in the southern U.S. Rocky Mountains and along the front range in Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico
- U.S. Delta and southeastern states as well as parts of the central and eastern Midwest will experience waves of frequent precipitation in the next ten days; planting delays are likely in the south

- Texas crop areas and some in eastern Mexico will get rain in the coming week to ten days; West Texas will be driest
  - o Improved planting moisture is likely from eastern Mexico to the Texas Coastal Bend
- North America cold surge expected March 20-26 bringin

## News:

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- Thai importer group has reportedly bought around 120,000 mt of optional origin feed Wheat.
- As a result of higher palm oil prices, India's palm oil imports during February fell -36% to 497,824 mt, according to the India Solvent Extractors Assn. They noted that is the lowest level of imports since May 2023. Soyoil imports during February were off -8% to 172,936 mt. Sunflower imports in February jumped +35% to 297,092 mt.
- Datagro analysts suggested Brazil soybean farmers are reluctant to sell their new crop beans due to depressed domestic prices in spite of potential need to sell crops to meet financial commitments. Sales of 23/24 soy is around 33.2% as of March 1st, that is well below the long-term average 48.5% sales rate.
- Ukrainian maritime agricultural exports are expected to decline by 20% in March compared to February levels, according to a Reuters report. Although specific tonnage figures were not provided, the firm stated the pace of maritime exports is slowing down compared to February. Railway transit of agricultural products out of Ukraine has also decreased, with an average daily rate of 299 wagons this month compared to 374 in February, marking the lowest figure since the beginning of the war. Additionally, exports via roads have declined to 132,000 MT from March 1-11, compared to 172,000 MT for the same period in February.
- OPEC stuck to its forecast for relatively strong growth in global oil demand in 2024 and 2025, and further raised its economic growth forecast for this year saying there was more room for improvement. The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries said in a monthly report that world oil demand will rise by 2.25 million barrels per day in 2024 and by 1.85 million bpd in 2025. Both forecasts were unchanged from last month.
- The U.S. Energy Information Administration on predicted that domestic oil production will grow by 260,000 barrels per day in 2024, up 90,000 barrels per day from its previous forecast, but said estimated production cuts from OPEC+ will still slow global oil growth. U.S. crude oil production will rise to 13.19 million barrels per day this year, the EIA said in its Short-Term Energy Outlook. It had previously projected that crude production would rise this year by 170,000 bpd.

- France's ag ministry cut the country's wheat export outlook for 2023-24. It now forecasts wheat exports outside the EU at 10.15 MMT, down 100,000 MT from last month. Exports within the bloc are forecast at 6.19 MMT, down 130,000 MT from last month. As a result, French wheat stocks at the end of the 2023-24 marketing year are now projected at 3.74 MMT, nearly 47% above 2022-23 and a 19-year high.
- Rep. Ken Buck (R-Colo.) announced on Tuesday he would leave Congress March 22, further shrinking the GOP's already razor-thin majority. Buck didn't give a reason for resigning early. His departure will cut the House Republican margin to 218-213; Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.), will still have two votes to spare before needing Democrats to govern. But an April 30 special election in a Democratic-leaning Buffalo, New York-area district could cut that to a one-defection margin, since a tie vote loses in the House. A special election to replace former House Speaker Kevin McCarthy in a safely Republican California district follows just over three weeks later. U.S. Rep. Lauren Boebert, currently representing Colorado's 3rd District, is running to replace Buck in the 4th District. She would have to resign her current seat if she is elected to replace Buck in a special election to fill the seat later this year, or risk running against an incumbent.

## **Technically Speaking:**

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## **Market Fundamentals:**

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Brazil's food agency Conab has slashed its soybean crop estimates for the third consecutive month to 146.9 million mt, a 1.7% decline from the previous report, and cut its corn output forecast by 0.8% to 112.7 million mt in a monthly update published Tuesday. In February, Conab pegged the soybean crop at 149.4 million mt and the country's corn output at 113.6 million mt.

Brazil's 2024 soybean export estimates were reduced to 92.3 million mt from last month's 94.1 million mt forecast, 9.3% below the record 101.8 million mt sent abroad in 2023.

Soybean crushing estimates were trimmed by 829,000 mt to 52.5 million mt versus the previous 53.3 million mt projection, slightly above the 52.1 million mt soybean crush from 2023.

According to Conab, that reflects the lower availability of soybeans but is mostly due to an increase in Argentina's crop, which will hinder Brazilian products exports.

Brazil's new corn output estimate is 14.5% lower than last year's 131.9 million mt record crop. The summer crop production was trimmed to 23.4 million mt, a 0.8% decline from last month's 23.6 million mt forecasts and 14.5% drop from 2022/23's 27.37 million mt output. Second crop safrinha production was also reduced to 87.3 million mt, a 0.8% loss when compared to the 88 million mt projection from February. The new figure is 14.7% lower than the 2022/22 102 million mt record crop. Brazil's total corn crop area was cut by 0.4% to 20.36 million ha from last month's 20.4 million ha estimates, an 8.6% decline when compared to the 22.26 million ha sowed in the previous crop year. The summer crop area was slightly increased to 3.9 million ha, a 1% gain from the previous estimate, but down 10.7% from 2022/23's 4.4 million ha. The second corn crop safrinha area was trimmed to 15.75 million ha, a 0.8% decline from last month's 15.87 million ha projection and is 8.3% below the 17.2 million ha planted in 2022/23. Conab kept its 2024 corn export estimates unchanged at 32 million mt. That compares to a record 55.5 million mt exports in 2023.

**Yesterday's Trades: No new trades.**

**ADVICE: no new advice. Technically looking better after yesterday's prices but expect continued buying low and selling high---don't see a lot of long-term trader bias yet but things changing each day as the bar is being raised.**

**COMMENTS: Not much new news—read the news section and new overview of Brazil in above comments. Rain to relieve Midwest dryness. Still concerns for Brazil in late March for needed rains in April.**

**Meats recovered yesterday.**

**Spec table leaning all long now in grains.**

Gulke Group Spec Table Buy/Sell Stops				(*New Positions in BOLD)			
	3/13/2024			Today's Stops		Current Position*	
	High	Low	Close	Buy	Sell	Long	Short
CN24	457	450 1/2	453 3/4	460 3/4	446 3/4	446	
CZ24	475 1/4	469 3/4	472 3/4	478 3/4	466 3/4	465 1/2	
SN24	1209	1188 3/4	1208 1/2	1229 1/4	1187 3/4	1175 3/4	
SX24	1187 3/4	1169 1/2	1187 1/4	1206	1168 1/2	1141 3/4	
SMN24	344.6	338.9	342.9	348.8	337.1	341.6	
BON24	48.39	46.74	48.29	50.44	46.14	<b>48.36</b>	
WN24	568 1/4	555	560 3/4	574 1/2	547	551 1/2	
KWN24	594 1/4	579 1/2	587 1/2	602 3/4	572 1/4	561	
MWN24	680 3/4	665	675 1/2	691 3/4	659 1/4	658 3/4	
LCJ24	188.975	187.300	188.250	190.425	186.075	187.750	
LCV24	186.575	185.025	185.875	187.625	184.125	186.675	
LHJ24	85.575	83.275	85.350	87.850	82.850	<b>85.250</b>	
LHV24	86.350	85.275	86.275	87.550	85.000		82.825
FCJ24	254.775	252.675	254.125	256.425	251.825	<b>254.650</b>	
CTK24	95.77	94.05	95.230	97.00	93.46	98.63	
CTN24	95.00	93.47	94.590	96.32	92.86	97.28	
SBK24	22.10	21.77	21.890	22.27	21.51	21.55	
GCJ24	2190.8	2156.2	2163.80	2198.90	2128.70		<b>2173.90</b>
NRK24	17.92	17.83	17.86	17.98	17.74	18.550	
DJH24	39095.00	38653.00	39032	39494	38570		38783.00
CLJ24	78.73	77.34	77.56	79.15	75.97	79.80	
NGJ24	1.823	1.691	1.714	1.861	1.567		1.852
DXH24	103.32	102.700	102.905	103.72	102.09		104.080
USM24	121 27/32	120 16/32	120 24/32	122 11/32	119 5/32	118 24/32	

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