

**August 16, 2024**

## **Weather:**

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- No significant changes overnight
- Typhoon Ampil has turned a little farther to the east to further minimize the potential impact on east-central Honshu, Japan
  - Some heavy rain may impact the coastal region, but damaging wind and serious flooding looks much more doubtful now
- Net drying and warm weather is expected to expand from the Balkan Countries of southeastern Europe through Ukraine and into Russia's Southern Region during the coming week to ten days
  - Some of the heat and dryness will eventually reach into Russia's Central Region as well
  - Crop moisture stress is likely in the lower Danube River Basin for the next week to ten days and especially from central Ukraine into Russia's Southern Region this week-end and next week
- Eastern Russia New Lands will see frequent bouts of rain returning this week with temperatures cooler than usual at times
  - Concern over small grain and sunseed quality is expected
- Central Europe is trending wetter and the process will prevail for the next full week slowing farming activity while ensuring good summer crop moisture
- Southern Australia will experience frequent bouts of significant rain to bolster soil moisture for use in the spring
- China will become wet again in many areas across the north while the Yangtze River Basin gets some welcome rain to ease dryness
- India rain will fall in most of the north, east and far south leaving northwestern areas with less than usual rainfall
  - Gujarat, northwestern Rajasthan and southeastern Pakistan will be driest
- U.S. Midwest crop areas are expected to receive periodic rain to improve topsoil moisture through the coming week
  - Not all areas will get significant moisture and drying is probable for Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and some neighboring areas
- No significant heat is expected in the U.S. Midwest over the next ten days; most temperatures in the coming week will be near to below normal further supporting good summer crop yield potentials

- Texas dryness will be great for cotton, corn and sorghum harvesting in the south while dryland crops in West Texas would welcome some additional rain
- U.S. southeastern states are seeing improving conditions after flooding last week and this trend will continue into next week, despite some showers and thunderstorms
- Canada's Prairies will get some rain periodically through the next ten days, although central through southwestern areas will not get much moisture and dryness will prevail
- Argentina still needs a general soaking rain and no such opportunity is forthcoming for a while
  - Cordoba, Santa Fe and Santiago del Estero remain too dry
- Hurricane Ernesto will impact Bermuda today and early Saturday and the system may ultimately impact Newfoundland, Canada early next week; damage will be greatest in Bermuda

## News:

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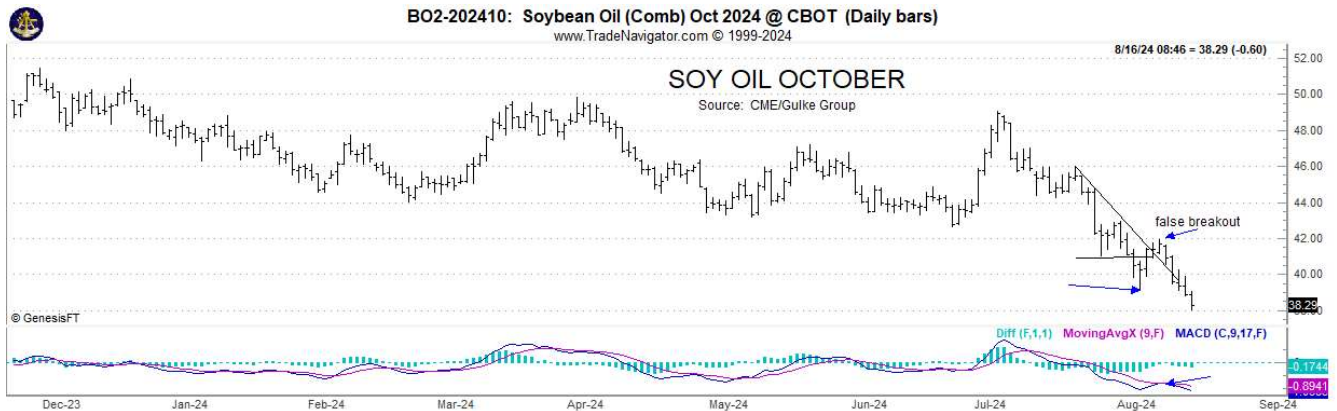
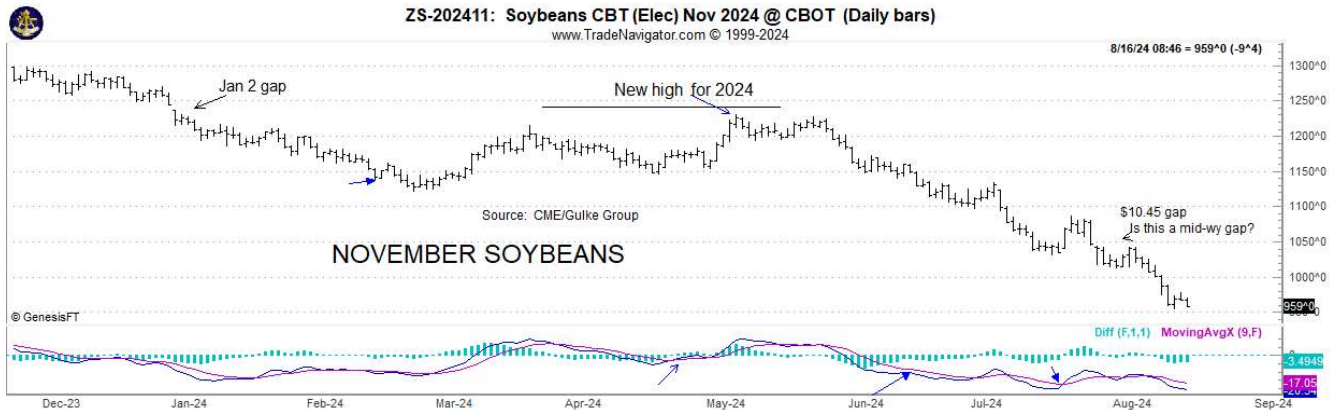
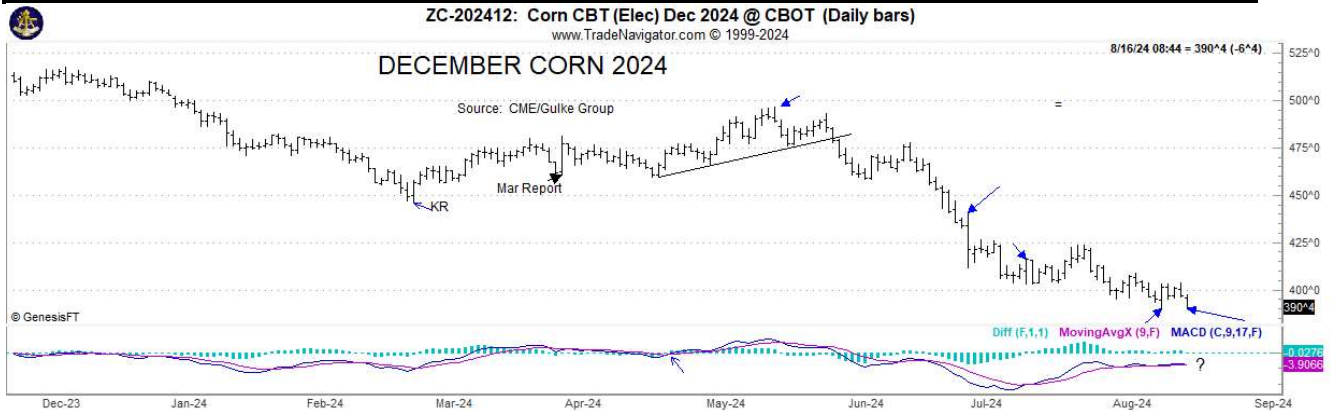
- Grain trade sources estimate around 500,000 mt of Durum Wheat has been bought by Algeria's state grain agency. They had been seeking a nominal 50,000 mt. Origins include Canada and Turkey, with around 275,000 mt of Canadian and 225,000 mt of various origins including Turkish durum.
- German farmer co-op on Friday estimated the country's 2024 Rapeseed crop at 3.64 mln mt, if realized that would be -13.9% lower than last year's, also due to untimely rains over the harvest period. Earlier this year they had projected harvest around 3.80 mln mt. They also estimated the country's 2024 wheat crop at 18.76 mln mt, if realized that would be -12.8% lower than last year's due to untimely rains during the harvest period. Earlier this year they had projected harvest around 20.20 mln mt.
- **California Air Resources Board earlier this week announced plans to restrict the state's low carbon fuel standard credits for renewable biodiesel to 20% of virgin soyoil feedstock.** They will also require proof that the soybean and canola used were grown before 2008. The American Soybean Assn estimated around 30% of the renewable diesel that qualified for credits in the first quarter of 2024 came from virgin soyoil and canola oil. CARB will take comments on the proposal through August 27th. It appears the finalized rules wouldn't take place until 2026. **(Further comments are in the body of the MC)**
- **Chinese biofuel executives, cited by media sources Friday, say EU anti-dumping duties on Chinese biodiesel supplies have pushed producers to seek alternative outlets for their exports.**
- **NOPA July 2024 US Soybean Crush: 182.88 million bushels; expected 182.37 mln bu.; prior month 175.599 mln bu; July 2024 US Soyoil Stocks: 1.499 billion lbs; expected 1.61 bln lbs; prior month 1.622 billion lbs**
- The Buenos Aires Grain Exchange estimated Argentina corn harvest at 97.8% complete, keeping their harvest forecast steady at 46.5 mln mt.

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- FranceAgriMer data showed the Soft Wheat crop is 98% harvested up from 88% last week. The soft wheat crop was rated only 48% good to excellent.

## Technically Speaking:



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MWE-202412: Wheat MGE (Elec) Dec 2024 @ MGE (Daily bars)  
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CZ 420 Calls	9 3/8	6 3/8	\$150.00
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## Market Fundamentals:

### Comments on the CARB Renewable Biodiesel Announcement:

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- Canada has basically adopted California's plan for renewable biodiesel. It is unclear if they will follow suit with the 20% cap but if they do it would be an even bigger blow to the industry.

The main reason used cooking oil is attractive is because you are reusing something thus lowering the carbon intensity score which has been pushed by the current administration. Price is another reason which is always key. Maybe this should not come as a surprise if we look back at a few things that have happened in the recent past.

- In May the current administration raised tariffs on certain products, and it was widely believed that used cooking oil was going to be on the list but in a head scratcher to many it was not. The American Soybean Association defended their

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absence in the spotlight at that time saying that their members (farmers) were afraid that if the US increased tariffs on used cooking oil that China might retaliate and put a tariff on imported grains.

- In July the U.S. government opened the door to Brazilian imports of used cooking oil by accepting international certification of the product. This move will likely further increase the use of imported used cooking oil and tallow.

Another industry concern is that countries like China, Malaysia and Indonesia are exporting way more used cooking oil than they are collecting. This likely means that there is a large amount of virgin oil and palm oil being mislabeled as used cooking oil to help take advantage of the incentive for advanced biofuels. These are not supposed to be used as their origination is closely linked to deforestation and considered more harmful.

- China specifically might be the biggest culprit of this as data suggests due to their huge gutter oil market that most of their collected used cooking oil is being purchased domestically raising strong suspicion that what they are exporting is a very low amount of actual used cooking oil.
- Currently European countries are using 130,000 barrels of used cooking oil while the US now consumes 40,000 barrels a day.
- Since 2020, in response to demand for renewable fuels, the U.S. has gone from importing less than 200 million pounds of UCO per year to importing over 3 billion pounds in 2023, with more than 50 percent of these imports coming from China.
  - ALL THIS HAS HAPPENED UNDER THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION'S WATCH--- Don't the republicans care???

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

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**COMMENTS:** It is continually a negative market led by the whole soy complex with meal and oil continuing to be negative on the back of a bearish WASDE report and huge carryover. SX got to levels we didn't think would happen that fast but fortunately the matrix shows 90% hedged so we'll plan to deliver on hedges unless something changes. We should be getting more corn export business, but the market is looking at old and new crop deliveries. Cash corn at the elevator in N IL is now \$3.48 for Aug delivery. An indirect negative is that at today's prices we have to sell about 150% more bushels to achieve that same amount of cash flow---same for soybeans. Thus, what took 1000 bu sold for cash it now takes 1500 bu putting even more pressure on amounts to be sold. If there is anything positive it is that what is in the bin commercially or otherwise has already been dried and shrunk so keeping old crop and selling new crop seems like an alternative and most new crop won't be sold for another 30-60 days. Pro Farmer next week doesn't look like they'll find anything under 181 or 52 as a national yield. Rains of  $\frac{3}{4}$  across N IL on westward over large are just in time to fill beans and corn. Crop got a little bigger here or odds got better of a big crop

We did more research on the bio-diesel (veggie diesel) fiasco and a fiasco is what it is with "some" senators and representatives unaware of the importing of cooking oil and/or the amounts and the apparent cheating that has been going on for months. [https://farmpolicynews.illinois.edu/2024/08/california-proposes-credits-cap-for-soy-based-renewable-diesel/?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=Thu+Aug+15+2024&utm\\_campaign=California+Proposes+Credits+Cap+for+Soy-Based+Renewable+Diesel](https://farmpolicynews.illinois.edu/2024/08/california-proposes-credits-cap-for-soy-based-renewable-diesel/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=Thu+Aug+15+2024&utm_campaign=California+Proposes+Credits+Cap+for+Soy-Based+Renewable+Diesel)

**TECHNICALLY:** Updated charts for CZ, SX and MplsZ wheat. Note the key reversals higher over time have not had follow-through as wone might expect in normal times but these aren't normal times as just when there seemed to be a catalyst like weather, war, China, S American crops, etc ---the overwhelming market bias towards negative has overwhelmed while funds stay short for months. These charts are bad enough, but the 2025 outlook doesn't look much better especially if anything like normal weather prevails. The SX25 at \$10.50 and CZ25 at \$4.50 look like strong overhead resistance. Traders are continually looking for some kind of bounce.

Gulke GroupSpec Table Buy/Sell Stops			(*New Positions in BOLD)				
	8/16/2024		Today's Stops		Current Position*		
	High	Low	Close	Buy	Sell	Long	Short
CU24	383 1/2	374 1/2	375	384 1/2	365 1/2		<b>374 1/2</b>
CZ24	403 3/4	396 1/4	397	405	389	404 3/4	
SU24	961	950 1/2	951 1/2	962 1/2	940 1/2		974 1/2
SX24	978 1/4	967 1/2	968 1/2	979 3/4	957 1/4		987 1/2
SMV24	307.6	301.7	305.0	311.4	298.6	320.4	
SMZ24	310.2	303.8	307.7	314.3	301.2	321.3	
BOZ24	39.53	38.45	38.51	40.09	36.93		46.96
WZ24	568	548 1/2	550 1/4	570 1/4	530 1/4	573 1/4	
KWZ24	572 3/4	551	552 3/4	575	530 1/2		563 3/4
MWZ24	617 3/4	600	602	620 1/4	583 3/4		<b>601 3/4</b>
LCV24	182.525	180.375	180.750	183.100	178.400	180.425	
LCZ24	182.075	180.350	180.625	182.850	178.400	179.550	
LHV24	76.875	74.825	76.500	78.750	74.250		77.050
LHZ24	68.375	66.475	68.225	70.325	66.125		67.625
FCU24	245.875	243.075	246.725	249.725	243.725		256.950
CTZ24	67.94	67.05	67.150	68.09	66.21	68.47	
CTH25	69.40	68.64	68.720	69.68	67.76	70.07	
SBV24	18.09	17.81	17.880	18.21	17.55		17.94
GCZ24	2508.0	2469.2	2493.10	2532.40	2453.80		2485.70
RSX24	588.2	575.0	577.8	611.0	544.6		594.6
DJU24	40721	40113	40683	41311	40055	39873	
CLV24	77.38	75.7	76.99	78.87	75.11	76.90	
NGV24	2.421	2.317	2.332	2.451	2.213		2.121
DXU24	103.07	102.375	102.895	103.79	102.00		103.487
USU24	124 17/32	122 21/32	123 9/32	125 13/32	121 5/32		<b>123 13/32</b>

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