

Fundamentals:

U.S. wheat futures dropped on Thursday, with rains in the U.S. Plains easing some concerns about crop health in that key growing area, traders said.

Corn and soybean futures also were weaker, pressured by lackluster export data and expectations that overseas buyers will soon shift their orders to Brazil and Argentina as newly harvested supplies from South America reach the market.

All three commodities fluctuated between positive and negative territory during the session.

In South America, traders were focused on the impact of a drought in Argentina that withered crops, leading to a sharp reduction in the harvest outlook in that key global supplier. Rain delays to Brazil's soybean harvest, which may also hold up corn planting, were also being monitored.

Chicago Board of Trade March soybean futures settled down 1/2 cent at \$15.19-1/4 a bushel.

CBOT March corn futures were 7-3/4 cents lower at \$6.70-3/4 a bushel and CBOT March soft red winter wheat dropped 7-1/2 cents to \$7.57-1/4 a bushel.

The U.S. Agriculture Department said on Thursday morning that weekly U.S. export sales of soybeans fell to 644,400 tonnes from 927,951 tonnes. Corn export sales were down 33% at 1.170 million tonnes.

Wheat export sales were a lackluster 150,900 tonnes, near the low end of market expectations.

On Wednesday, the US Department of Agriculture cut its forecast for Argentina's soy and corn crops. Meanwhile, Brazil's Conab highlighted the risk to yields in the country's southern growing regions amid dryness. Still, the USDA left its estimate for global soybean exports nearly unchanged, with lower Argentine shipment being offset by more cargoes from Paraguay and Brazil.

A severe drought in South America continues to wreak havoc on crops, with regional forecasters warning harvests in key exporters like Argentina will fall short of US government estimates.

The Rosario Board of Trade shaved its soybean forecast 7%, estimating Argentine farmers will collect 34.5 million metric during the second-quarter harvest. That figure stands well below the US Department of Agriculture's latest downward revision for the drought-stricken region, which projects 41 million tons.

Water storage in soil is "critical" in Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil's third largest producing state located in the south, and yield losses may increase if rains continue to be insufficient to replenish moisture, according to the national supply company Conab.

Earlier, Conab warned in a report that farmers in the far south may suffer further yield losses if the drought persists. In the nation's central growing areas, excessive rains — a consequence of La Nina's weather pattern in the region — are delaying the soy harvest and shipments.

The phenomenon may also impact Brazil's corn crop. The sluggish pace of soy collection will shorten the ideal window for winter-corn seeding, potentially leading some farmers to switch to others grains, Conab said.

Brazil trimmed its corn output estimate for the fourth time in a row, this time by 1.2% to 123.7 million tons. Nonetheless, the world's second largest corn exporter is still expected to produce a record harvest.

In Argentina, the third-biggest exporter of the grain, the corn crop is now seen at 42.5 million tons by Rosario Exchange, 5.6% lower than last month.

(Source: Reuters, Bloomberg)

Contract		Close	Chg	High	Low
Soybeans	MAR 23	1,519.25	-1.00	1,533.75	1,512.00
Soybean Oil	MAY 23	59.170	-1.430	61.080	59.100
Soybean Meal	MAY 23	478.00	7.40	479.10	467.60
Corn	MAR 23	670.75	-7.75	681.00	670.25
Wheat	MAR 23	757.25	-9.25	770.50	754.75
US Dollar Index		103.26	-0.149	103.554	102.641

Argentina & Brazil Weekly Export Statistic (metric ton)

Date	A. Corn	B. Corn	A. Soybean	B. Soybean	#N/A	A. Wheat	B. Wheat
06/02/2023	336,000	409,000	32,000	572,000	N/A	N/A	136,000
30/01/2023	193,000	418,000	62,000	260,000		0	183,000
23/01/2023	556,000	151,000	33,000	265,000		0	15,000
16/01/2023	127,000	579,000	396,000	338,000		0	265,000
09/01/2023	397,000	510,000	30,000	210,000		0	194,000
02/01/2023	221,000	570,000	433,000	142,000		0	187,000
26/12/2022	405,000	315,000	386,000	332,000		0	30,000
19/12/2022	528,000	465,000	199,000	651,000		0	80,000
12/12/2022	377,000	1,031,000	392,000	213,000		0	79,000
05/12/2022	401,000	153,000	254,000	610,000		0	79,000

US Weekly Export Statistic Data by USDA (.000 metric tons)

Date	Corn	Soybean	Soy Oil	Soy Meal	Wheat
02/02/2023	1170.3	644.4	1.9	152.5	150.9
26/01/2023	1756.4	929	0.9	169.6	168.8
19/01/2023	925.9	1274.7	2.2	333.9	561.4
12/01/2023	1219.2	986.2	0.7	362.5	508.1
05/01/2023	278.1	783.4	0.6	3.3	92.3
29/12/2022	319.2	872	0.4	79.3	144.2
22/12/2022	951.6	563.3	5.4	264.3	511.1
15/12/2022	636.8	804.8	0.8	311.4	334.2
08/12/2022	958.9	2943.4	-0.2	209.6	469
01/12/2022	691.6	1746.2	0.5	241.2	189.9
24/11/2022	632.7	623.4	-2.3	169.5	162.5
17/11/2022	2478.3	620.2	-0.1	533.5	511.7

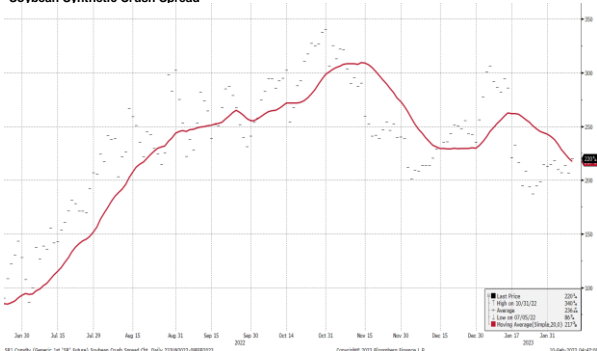
Historical Volatility

	10 Days	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days
Soybean Futures	13.74	15.12	15.90	15.74
Soybean Oil Futures	30.70	22.92	28.05	26.09
Soybean Meal Futures	22.41	20.52	22.75	21.18
Corn Futures	10.22	15.66	14.94	14.70
Wheat Futures	16.04	23.50	24.01	29.53

Normalised Soybean Oil vs Crude Palm Oil Spread in U.S. Dollar Metric Tonne



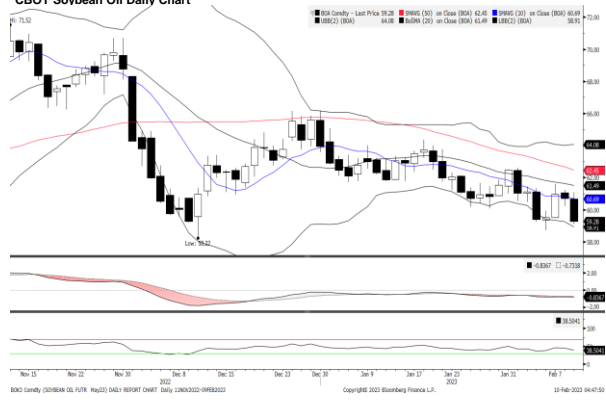
Soybean Synthetic Crush Spread



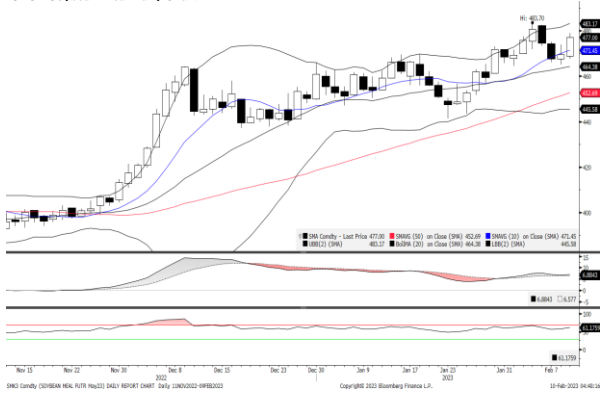
CBOT Soybean Daily Chart



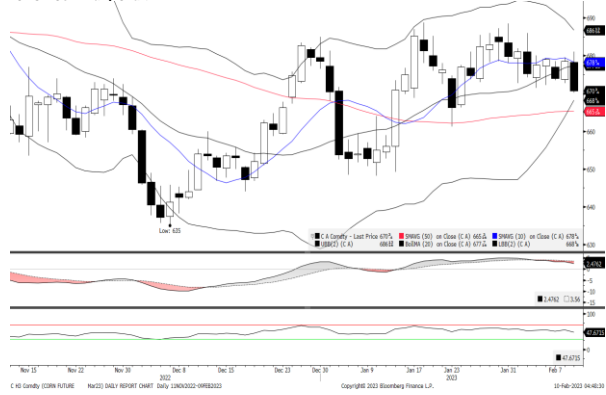
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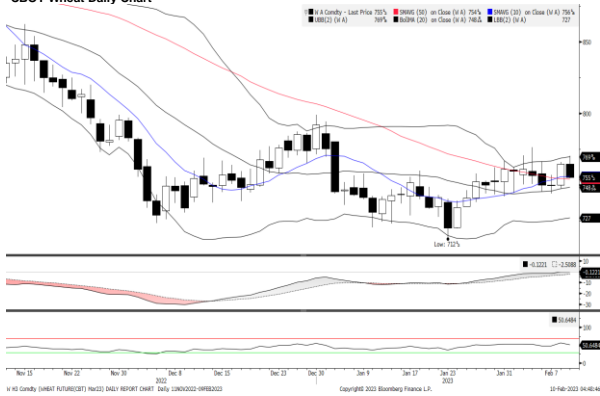
CBOT Soybean Meal Daily Chart



CBOT Corn Daily Chart



CBOT Wheat Daily Chart



Technical Analysis

Commodity	1st Resistance:	2nd Resistance:	1st Support:	2nd Support:	MACD:	MACD DIFF:	RSI:
Soybean	1542.04	1564.83	1496.46	1473.67	7.984	-1.611	52.755
Soybean Meal	485.17	492.34	470.83	463.66	6.884	0.307	61.172
Wheat	768.61	779.97	745.89	734.53	-0.126	2.389	50.631
Soybean Oil	60.06	60.95	58.28	57.39	-0.837	-0.105	38.497
Corn	680.81	690.87	660.69	650.63	2.480	-1.086	47.667

Strategy

Commodity	Long:	Profit target:	Stop-loss:	Long:	Profit target:	Stop-loss:	Short:	Profit target:	Stop-loss:	Short:	Profit target:	Stop-loss:
Soybean	1496.46	1511.43	1,488.98	1473.67	1488.41	1,466.30	1542.04	1526.62	1,549.75	1564.83	1549.18	1,572.65
Soybean Oil	58.28	58.87	57.99	57.39	57.97	57.11	60.06	59.46	60.36	60.95	60.34	61.25
Soybean Meal	470.83	475.54	468.48	463.66	468.30	461.34	485.17	480.32	487.60	492.34	487.42	494.80
Corn	660.69	667.30	657.39	650.63	657.13	647.37	680.81	674.00	684.22	690.87	683.96	694.33
Wheat	745.89	753.35	742.16	734.53	741.88	730.86	768.61	760.92	772.45	779.97	772.17	783.87

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