

Fundamentals:

Wheat futures fell from recent highs amid lingering concerns that Russia will intensify its war in Ukraine, posing a threat to planting and harvesting in the key producer and reducing exports through the Black Sea.

The food staple fell 0.5% to settle at \$7.965 a bushel in Chicago, the first decline in five sessions. Prices were trading near two-month highs as Russia launched its biggest barrage of missile attacks on the country so far this year. Infrastructure damage or a worsening of the conflict would hinder shipments, which are running about a third behind the previous season.

Expectations that Russia is ramping up its attacks on Ukraine, around its one-year anniversary of its military operations in the neighboring country, is injecting uncertainty into geopolitics. The Wall Street Journal reports that Russia has tightened its control of Ukrainian towns like Bakhmut and is attempting to expand outward. For grains, more warzone volatility means more potential issues for exports leaving the Black Sea.

The export pace has improved from the start of the season as the Black Sea Grain Initiative bolsters seaborne shipments. The deal is up for renewal in mid-March and its future is unclear. The UN's coordinator for the initiative called for an expansion in meetings with senior government officials and diplomats last week, according to a press briefing.

Ukraine approved a proposal to boost the minimum tonnage of grain-export ships using the crop corridor to 25,000 tons. Still, it may take about one and a half months until bigger-sized ships boost grain and oilseed export volumes due to the slow pace of vessel inspections, according to the infrastructure ministry.

Ukraine's grain exports have almost reached 1.9m tons in marketing year 2022-23 since July, down 49% from same period last season, according to Agriculture Ministry's data.

Elsewhere in markets, corn and soybeans fell. Soybeans have been on an uptrend since October as drought cut the crop in Argentina and hurt production in the far south of Brazil. Top grower Brazil is still heading for record output. Further forward, much will depend on the acreage and weather for the corn and oilseed crops in the US and Canada this summer.

The European Union's corn import demand has surged this season, after summer drought slashed the domestic harvest. About half of the supply brought in so far has come from Ukraine, and worries about an escalation of Russia's invasion and the longevity of the Black Sea crop-export corridor have stoked concern over future trade.

Ukrainian farmers are also cutting grain plantings for the 2023 season as they grapple with shrinking profits during the war. That could heighten the EU's reliance on supply from South America, where drought and heavy rain are also curbing output.

Corn is typically less expensive as it is primarily used for animal feed, while wheat is more commonly used in food. It flipped to a premium last summer, when the drought peaked and Ukraine's Black Sea corridor had only just been agreed.

The pact that opened the Black Sea route is up for renewal in March and its future remains unclear. Corn has been the top commodity shipped under the deal so far. The Paris corn rally is "noteworthy" and shows the European market's high dependence on Ukrainian imports in coming months, analysis firm Agritel said in a note.

Traders across commodities have been closely watching for how soon the Federal Reserve can control inflation, and for how long commodity demand may suffer during a recession. As a result, Thursday's U.S. CPI reading spurred selling in grains.

(Source: Bloomberg, Dow Jones Newswires)

Contract		Close	Chg	High	Low
Soybeans	MAY 23	1,530.00	-6.75	1,536.50	1,525.50
Soybean Oil	MAY 23	60.530	0.110	60.770	59.700
Soybean Meal	MAY 23	482.50	-2.50	487.00	480.80
Corn	MAY 23	679.75	-2.75	684.75	679.25
Wheat	MAY 23	796.75	-5.50	807.50	794.25
US Dollar Index		103.242	-0.103	103.518	102.586

Argentina & Brazil Weekly Export Statistic (metric ton)

Date	A. Corn	B. Corn	A. Soybean	B. Soybean	#/A. Wheat	B. Wheat
13/02/2023	277,000	197,000	32,000	1,090,000	#/A. N/A	147,000
06/02/2023	336,000	409,000	62,000	572,000	0	136,000
30/01/2023	193,000	418,000	33,000	260,000	0	183,000
23/01/2023	556,000	151,000	396,000	265,000	0	15,000
16/01/2023	127,000	579,000	30,000	338,000	0	265,000
09/01/2023	397,000	510,000	433,000	210,000	0	194,000
02/01/2023	221,000	570,000	386,000	142,000	0	187,000
26/12/2022	405,000	315,000	199,000	332,000	0	30,000
19/12/2022	528,000	465,000	392,000	651,000	0	80,000
12/12/2022	377,000	1,031,000	254,000	213,000	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	928	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

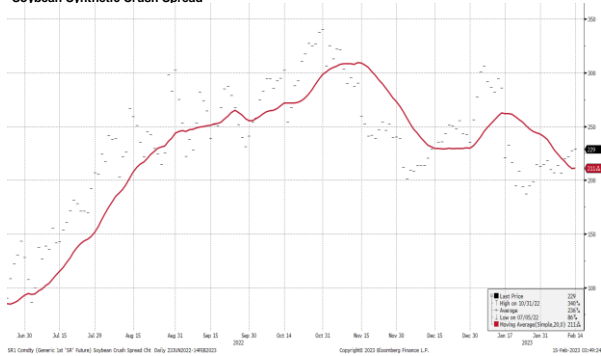
Historical Volatility

	10 Days	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days
Soybean Futures	10.55	13.16	14.68	15.22
Soybean Oil Futures	30.11	22.10	27.79	26.20
Soybean Meal Futures	18.65	19.21	22.74	21.15
Corn Futures	12.98	15.14	13.95	14.03
Wheat Futures	23.74	22.95	24.04	28.45

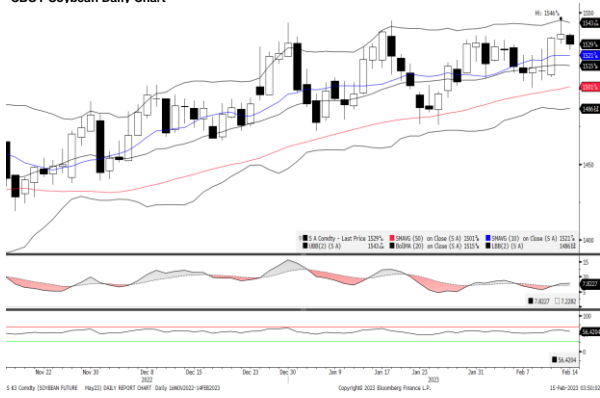
Normalised Soybean Oil vs Crude Palm Oil Spread in U.S. Dollar Metric Tonne



Soybean Synthetic Crush Spread



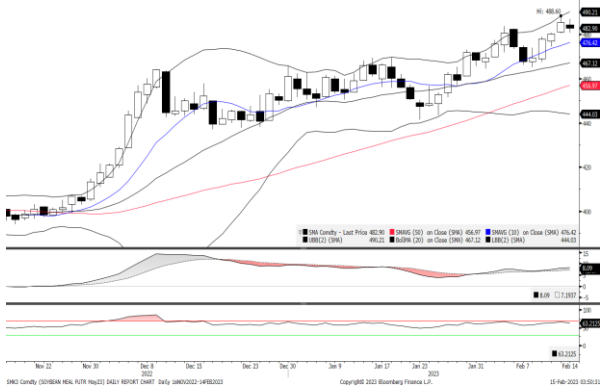
CBOT Soybean Daily Chart



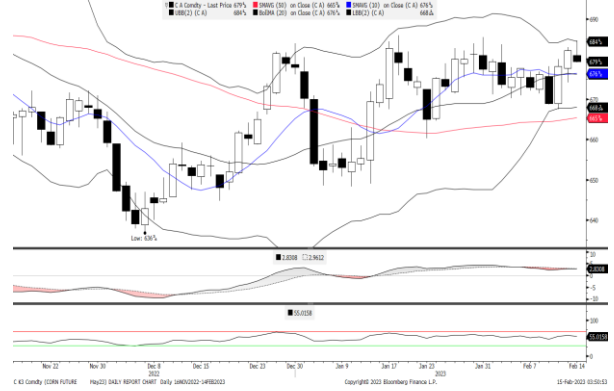
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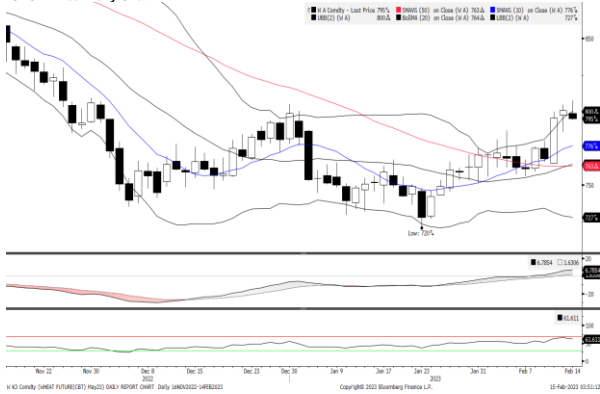
CBOT Soybean Meal Daily Chart



CBOT Corn Daily Chart



CBOT Wheat Daily Chart



Technical Analysis

Soybean

1st Resistance: 1552.95 2nd Resistance: 1575.90
 1st Support: 1507.05 2nd Support: 1484.10
 MACD: 7.817
 MACD DIFF: 0.597
 RSI: 56.405

Soybean Oil

1st Resistance: 61.44 2nd Resistance: 62.35
 1st Support: 59.62 2nd Support: 58.71
 MACD: -0.731
 MACD DIFF: 0.014
 RSI: 44.849

Soybean Meal

1st Resistance: 489.74 2nd Resistance: 496.98
 1st Support: 475.26 2nd Support: 468.03
 MACD: 8.091
 MACD DIFF: 0.896
 RSI: 63.211

Corn

1st Resistance: 689.95 2nd Resistance: 700.14
 1st Support: 669.55 2nd Support: 659.36
 MACD: 2.836
 MACD DIFF: -0.133
 RSI: 55.017

Wheat

1st Resistance: 808.70 2nd Resistance: 820.65
 1st Support: 784.80 2nd Support: 772.85
 MACD: 6.790
 MACD DIFF: 5.152
 RSI: 61.609

Strategy

	Long:	Profit target:	Stop-loss:	Long:	Profit target:	Stop-loss:	Short:	Profit target:	Stop-loss:	Short:	Profit target:	Stop-loss:
Soybean	1507.05	1522.12	1,499.51	1484.10	1498.94	1,476.68	1552.95	1537.42	1,560.71	1575.90	1560.14	1,583.78
Soybean Oil	59.62	60.22	59.32	58.71	59.30	58.42	61.44	60.82	61.75	62.35	61.72	62.66
Soybean Meal	475.26	480.02	472.89	468.03	472.71	465.68	489.74	484.84	492.19	496.98	492.01	499.46
Corn	669.55	676.25	666.21	659.36	665.95	656.06	689.95	683.05	693.40	700.14	693.14	703.64
Wheat	784.80	792.65	780.87	772.85	780.58	768.98	808.70	800.61	812.74	820.65	812.45	824.76

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