

Fundamentals:

Chicago Board of Trade soybean and grain futures eased on Thursday as a strong U.S. dollar added to concerns about lackluster export demand, traders said.

Much of the day was spent by grain traders getting their positions in order ahead of the long holiday weekend. The main risk factors heading into the weekend are developments in the ongoing debt ceiling wrangling in Washington, and overall dry weather expected throughout much of the U.S. Corn Belt over the weekend.

Tension surrounding debt ceiling talks are being felt in all corners of the markets. Leaders are hoping to pass a deal ahead of a deadline next week when the government could run short of funds to pay all of its bills on time.

The dollar rose for a fourth straight session to a two-month high, making U.S. commodities look less attractive to importers.

Favorable weather for planting of U.S. corn and soybeans also hung over agricultural markets, though there are concerns about the risk for dryness to develop, traders said. Supplies of both crops are expected to rise sharply in the coming year due to forecasts for record harvests.

Although many areas of the U.S. Corn Belt have experienced ideal growing weather, others are having their driest April to May since 1992, according to a note from Jon Stewart and Associates. The U.S. Drought Monitor's most-recent outlook shows that a majority of Kansas is covered in either an exceptional or extreme drought, which is why wheat conditions there are overwhelmingly negative.

Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas are also struggling with areas of heavy drought. Areas of the Midwest are expected to be met with a cold front next week, allowing more rain to fall in overall parched areas.

CBOT December corn, which represents the crop that is being planted this spring for harvest in the fall, fell 4 cents to \$5.16 a bushel.

Nearby July corn futures, the most-active contract, ended 3-1/2 cents higher at \$5.90-3/4 a bushel. Strength in the cash market helped support the old-crop contract.

Soybean futures finished down 1/2-cent at \$13.24 a bushel, off the session low of \$13.05. Wheat also weakened, with the most-active contract slipping 2 cents to end at \$6.04-1/4 a bushel.

"Cool, dry weather favors planting of any remaining corn and soybean acreage," the U.S. Department of Agriculture said in a daily report. "However, topsoil moisture shortages are becoming more apparent."

The USDA separately reported weekly net export sales reductions of 75,200 tonnes for U.S. old-crop corn in the week ending on May 18. Net new-crop corn sales totaled only 52,100 tonnes, near the low end of analysts' expectations.

Weekly export sales of U.S. old-crop soybeans were 115,000 tonnes, at the low end of trade expectations, and new-crop sales were below expectations at 1,100 tonnes.

For U.S. wheat, the USDA reported net reductions of 45,100 tonnes for old-crop export sales. Net new-crop wheat sales totaled 245,100 tonnes, toward the low end of expectations.

(Source: Reuters, Dow Jones Newswires)

Contract		Close	Chg	High	Low
Soybeans	JUL 23	1,324.00	1.75	1,333.50	1,305.00
Soybean Oil	JUL 23	48.520	0.640	49.060	47.890
Soybean Meal	JUL 23	397.20	-4.40	405.50	395.60
Corn	JUL 23	590.75	4.00	593.00	583.50
Wheat	JUL 23	604.25	0.00	616.50	599.00
US Dollar Index		104.238	0.351	104.312	103.899

Argentina & Brazil Weekly Export Statistic (metric ton)

Date	A. Corn	B. Corn	A. Soybean	B. Soybean	A. Wheat	B. Wheat
22/05/2023	365,000	74,000	281,000	1,725,000	#N/A	#N/A
15/05/2023	189,000	273,000	155,000	1,339,000	0	32,000
08/05/2023	186,000	136,000	68,000	479,000	0	56,000
01/05/2023	476,000	165,000	37,000	1,140,000	0	38,000
24/04/2023	295,000	294,000	40,000	1,436,000	0	216,000
17/04/2023	160,000	273,000	40,000	1,601,000	0	110,000
10/04/2023	282,000	158,000	32,000	1,393,000	0	23,000
03/04/2023	224,000	247,000	62,000	1,393,000	0	148,000
27/03/2023	321,000	356,000	33,000	1,208,000	0	40,000
20/03/2023	342,000	222,000	396,000	970,000	0	147,000

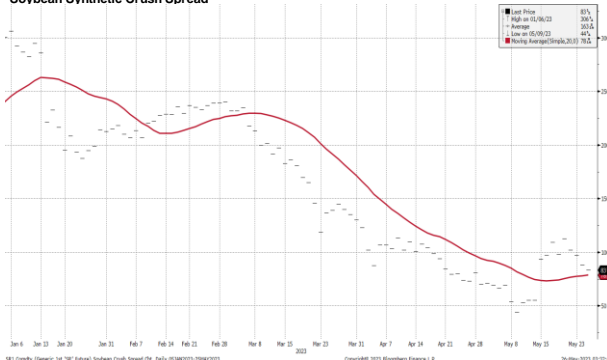
US Weekly Export Statistic Data by USDA (,000 metric tons)

Date	Corn	Soybean	Soy Oil	Wheat
18/05/2023	-23.1	116.1	6.2	391.9
11/05/2023	-265	680.8	0.9	291.5
04/05/2023	340.3	54.5	0.3	266.8
27/04/2023	-194.7	356.7	14	162.6
20/04/2023	400	311.3	0.1	153.4
13/04/2023	734.4	-25.3	0.2	144.5
06/04/2023	527.7	280.5	-0.4	292.7
30/03/2023	1272.8	107	27.6	277.5
23/03/2023	1058.2	352.1	2	387.9
16/03/2023	3188.9	286.5	10.8	121.1
09/03/2023	1367.3	721.6	3.9	255.1
02/03/2023	1525.2	149.1	7.3	429.8

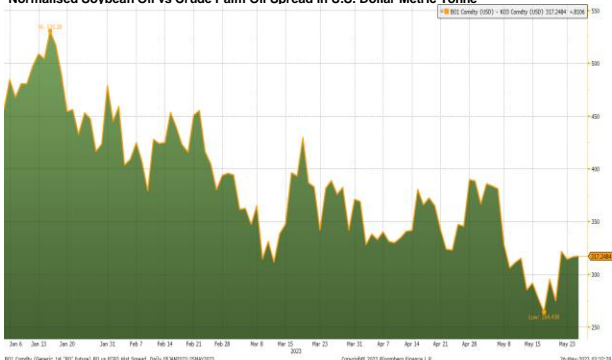
Historical Volatility

	10 Days	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days
Soybean Futures	26.61	18.55	16.67	15.62
Soybean Oil Futures	38.51	31.22	29.38	27.20
Soybean Meal Futures	14.81	18.07	18.88	18.90
Corn Futures	31.78	24.98	20.64	18.65
Wheat Futures	40.01	33.68	29.49	27.25

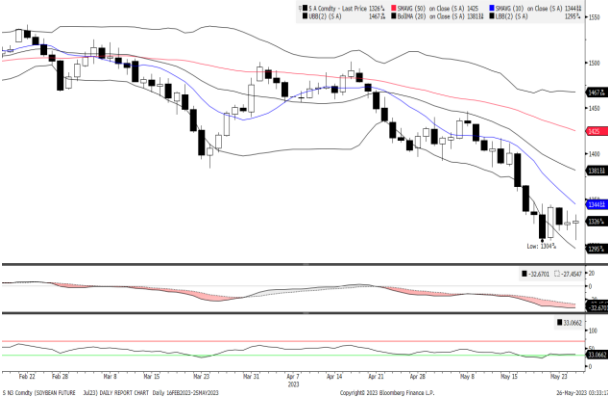
Soybean Synthetic Crush Spread



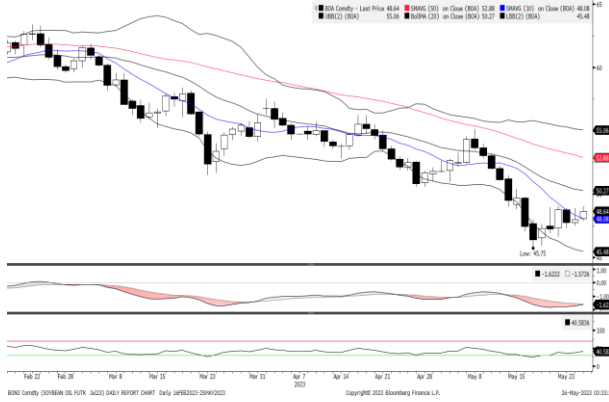
Normalised Soybean Oil vs Crude Palm Oil Spread in U.S. Dollar Metric Tonne



CBOT Soybean Daily Chart



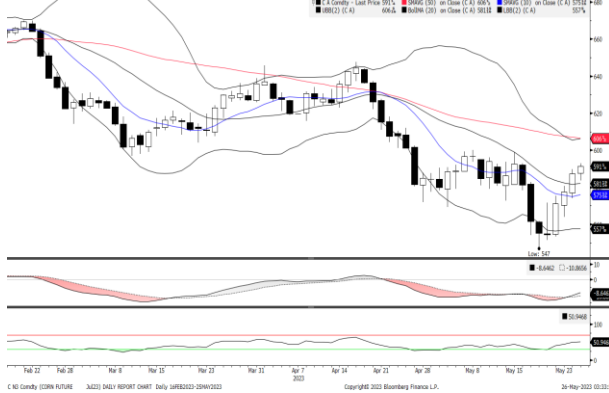
CBOT Soybean Oil Daily Chart



CBOT Soybean Meal Daily Chart



CBOT Corn Daily Chart



CBOT Wheat Daily Chart



Technical Analysis

Soybean

1st Resistance:	1343.86	2nd Resistance:	1363.72
1st Support:	1304.14	2nd Support:	1284.28
MACD:	-32.669		
MACD DIFF:	-5.216		
RSI:	33.065		

Soybean Oil

1st Resistance:	49.25	2nd Resistance:	49.98
1st Support:	47.79	2nd Support:	47.06
MACD:	-1.623		
MACD DIFF:	-0.049		
RSI:	40.581		

Soybean Meal

1st Resistance:	403.16	2nd Resistance:	409.12
1st Support:	391.24	2nd Support:	385.28
MACD:	-10.110		
MACD DIFF:	-1.897		
RSI:	25.960		

Corn

1st Resistance:	599.61	2nd Resistance:	608.47
1st Support:	581.89	2nd Support:	573.03
MACD:	-8.649		
MACD DIFF:	2.221		
RSI:	50.944		

Wheat

1st Resistance:	613.31	2nd Resistance:	622.38
1st Support:	595.19	2nd Support:	586.12
MACD:	-16.219		
MACD DIFF:	-1.170		
RSI:	38.419		

Strategy

	Long:	Profit target:	Stop-loss:	Long:	Profit target:	Stop-loss:	Short:	Profit target:	Stop-loss:	Short:	Profit target:	Stop-loss:
Soybean	1304.14	1317.18	1,297.62	1284.28	1297.12	1,277.86	1343.86	1330.42	1,350.58	1363.72	1350.08	1,370.54
Soybean Oil	47.79	48.27	47.55	47.06	47.54	46.83	49.25	48.76	49.49	49.98	49.48	50.23
Soybean Meal	391.24	395.15	389.29	385.28	389.14	383.36	403.16	399.13	405.17	409.12	405.02	411.16
Corn	581.89	587.71	578.98	573.03	578.76	570.16	599.61	593.62	602.61	608.47	602.39	611.51
Wheat	595.19	601.14	592.21	586.12	591.98	583.19	613.31	607.18	616.38	622.38	616.15	625.49

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