Fundamentals: U.S. com lutures rose on Thursday on technical buying and short covering following a two-week slide that took prices to 2-1/2 year lows.

Soybean futures fell in a profit-taking retreat from multi-month highs posted after the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) unexpectedly slashed its U.S. plantings estimate and as recent rains were expected to benefit the crop.

Wheat futures were steady to lower following sharp gains in the previous session.

After sizable price moves over the past several trading sessions, traders paused and assessed recent rains that boosted com and soybeans in some parts of the Midwest but missed crops in others.

Further showers and mild temperatures are expected in the central and southern Midwest over the next two weeks, aiding corn that is entering its crucial pollination phase. Northern crop areas, however, may remain stressed amid forecasts for below-normal precipitation.

Recent rainfall has eased some fears that dry soil in crop-growing areas will stifle yields, but traders continue to have concerns that the soil moisture isn't enough, particularly for corn.

Drought conditions in the Eastern Corn Belt improved for the week ended July 4 in Illinois and Indiana, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. However, high temperatures and drought will likely continue to be a pressure point for grains going forward.

Weekly U.S. Drought Monitor data showed marginal improvement in parts of the corn belt and further deterioration in others. As of July 4, 60% of soybeans and 67% of corn remain affected by drought, down 3 points from a week earlier.

Chicago Board of Trade December corn rose 13 cents to \$5.06-1/2 a bushel after hitting the lowest for a most-active contract since January 2021 in the prior session.

November soybeans fell 15-1/2 cents to \$13.39-1/2 a bushel, but held technical support at its 200-day moving average.

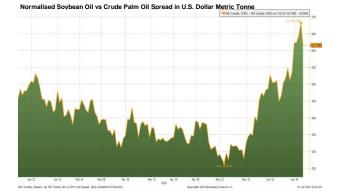
CBOT September soft red winter wheat was down 16-1/4 cents at \$6.58 a bushel after surging 5% on Wednesday. Hard red winter and spring wheat contracts were narrowly mixed.

Production of U.S. ethanol rose in the week ended June 30, finding a six-month high according to the latest weekly report from the EIA. Average production was 1.06 million barrels a day, up from 1.052 million barrels a day in the previous week and topping forecasts by analysts surveyed by Dow Jones. Ethanol stocks fell by roughly 700,000 barrels from the previous week, finding a low last seen in November. The drop-off in stocks was more than expected by analysts.

Traders are watching for ramped-up activity in the Russia-Ukraine war, potentially causing more damage to Ukrainian farmland, with special emphasis on the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant.

Analysts surveyed by The Wall Street Journal are forecasting another down week for U.S. grain export sales, with only light new sales expected. Analysts see Friday's report as potentially showing a dropoff across the board, which would be a continuation of the middling figures reported last week. For the week ended June 29, the only major flash sale reported was one to Mexico for 149,000 metric tons of corn in the 2023/24 marketing year.

(Source: Reuters, Dow Jones Newswires)





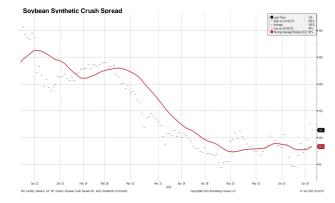
Argentina & Brazil Weekly Export Statistic (metric ton)

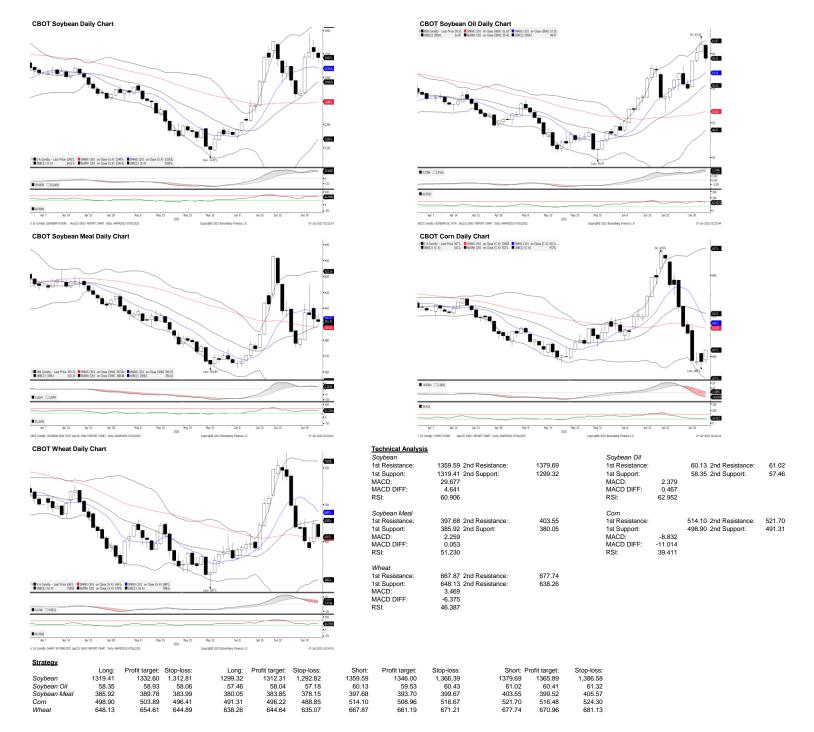
| Date       | A. Corn | B.Corn  | A.Soybean | B.Soybean | A.Wheat  | B.Wheat |
|------------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|----------|---------|
| 03/07/2023 | 150,000 | 148,000 | 30,000    | 971,000   | #N/A N/A | 20,000  |
| 26/06/2023 | 513,000 | 143,000 | 36,000    | 766,000   | 0        | 33,000  |
| 19/06/2023 | 177,000 | 60,000  | 79,000    | 955,000   | 0        | 62,000  |
| 12/06/2023 | 340,000 | 198,000 | 172,000   | 1,739,000 | 0        | 37,000  |
| 05/06/2023 | 234,000 | 292,000 | 271,000   | 1,262,000 | 0        | 32,000  |
| 29/05/2023 | 234,000 | 92,000  | 281,000   | 1,683,000 | 0        | 56,000  |
| 22/05/2023 | 365,000 | 74,000  | 155,000   | 1,725,000 | 0        | 38,000  |
| 15/05/2023 | 189,000 | 273,000 | 68,000    | 1,339,000 | 0        | 216,000 |
| 08/05/2023 | 186,000 | 136,000 | 37,000    | 479,000   | 0        | 110,000 |
| 01/05/2023 | 476,000 | 165,000 | 40,000    | 1,140,000 | 0        | 23,000  |

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

| Corn   | Soybean   | Soy Oil  | Soy Meal   | Wheat  |
|--------|---|--|--|--|
| 263.8  | 244.3   | 1  | 173.6  | 155.1  |
| 83.1   | 626.3   | 0.2  | 146.4  | 123.8  |
| 294.3  | 526.9   | 1.9  | 225.9  | 165  |
| 65.9   | 471.8   | -0.1   | 267.6  | 234.8  |
| 499.3  | 424.4   | 4.9  | 467.3  | 256  |
| -23.1  | 116.1   | 6.2  | 391.9  | 200.1  |
| -265   | 680.8   | 0.9  | 291.5  | 294.6  |
| 340.3  | 54.5  | 0.3  | 266.8  | 359.8  |
| -194.7 | 356.7   | 14   | 162.6  | 490.8  |
| 400    | 311.3   | 0.1  | 153.4  | 357.8  |
| 734.4  | -25.3   | 0.2  | 144.5  | 305.2  |
| 527.7  | 280.5   | -0.4   | 292.7  | 203.5  |
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| Historical Volatility | 10 Days | 30 Days | 60 Days | 90 Days |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Soybean Futures       | 41.43   | 33.53   | 26.23   | 22.64   |
| Soybean Oil Futures   | 50.86   | 46.48   | 38.71   | 34.63   |
| Soybean Meal Futures  | 40.46   | 39.59   | 28.94   | 25.12   |
| Corn Futures          | 51.20   | 46.21   | 35.00   | 29.18   |
| Wheat Futures         | 47.39   | 43.53   | 38 21   | 33.58   |





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