

MORNING GRAIN COMMENTARY

Morning Trends:
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as of 5:00 AM CST
Corn 1 to 3 higher
Wheat 1 around
Beans 7 to 9 higher
Soy Meal .5 to 1.0 higher
Soy Oil 45 to 50 higher

Nearby Weather: A strong cold front will produce several rounds of significant winter weather, including heavy snow, sleet, and freezing rain across much of the central U.S. that will bring prolonged hazardous winter weather conditions and difficult travel conditions. Dangerous wind chills are in place across the Northern Plains into the Upper Midwest and eastern interior Alaska.
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The Stories of the Day:
<p>At the intersections of Russia/Ukraine/NATO fear of war mounts...talking is good, usually U.S. and Russia escalate war of words after Putin asserts that NATO-backed Ukraine could turn aggressor (msn.com) President Putin talks, finally Vladimir Putin: The West 'has ignored' Russia's key security concerns and NATO 'screwed us over' (msn.com) this highwire act needs no missteps Ukraine Russia crisis: Kremlin says there was a 'mix-up' in its response to US (msn.com)</p> <p>Covid update...Covid will always be an epidemic virus — not an endemic one, scientist warns (msn.com)</p> <p>The Winter Olympics China's Xi and Russia's Putin set for face-to-face at Olympics as Ukraine tensions flare (msn.com)</p> <p>Presidential politics invades the dance floors of Brazil ‘Samba is politics’: struggle for Brazil’s future invades its dancefloors (msn.com)</p> <p>Change is never easy Egypt eyes bread subsidy overhaul as global inflation bites Reuters</p>

Long Range Weather: There is a ridge in the East, a trough in the West, and a strong ridge building back into the Eastern Pacific. The trough will spur a couple of pieces of energy that will move east through North America over the rest of the week while the Pacific ridge firms up for a few days. The ridge will flatten and allow some waves of Pacific air to move eastward over the weekend into next week but strengthen again by the end of next week as a trough moves back into the middle and eastern portions of the continent. The U.S. and European models are in fair agreement, though there are some differences. I favor the European with those differences. For the outlook period, temperatures on Monday will be above normal in the West, Northern Plains and Upper Midwest, and near to below normal elsewhere. Warmer temperatures will gradually spread through most of the country, though not across the south, where it should stay cooler than normal. Another shot of cold air may come at the end of next week with a clipper system moving through. -DTN

NORTHERN PLAINS (LIVESTOCK): Cold air in the region will be relatively brief as warmer temperatures return at the end of the week and continue into next week. Cold temperatures will be stressful to livestock for a few days. -DTN

CENTRAL/SOUTHERN PLAINS (LIVESTOCK/WINTER WHEAT): A cold front will be active Wednesday into Thursday with widespread moderate mixed precipitation and heavy snow to some areas. While precipitation amounts will be over 0.50" in the east, it should mostly be less than that in the west. Drought will only be paused and not reversed for most areas. -DTN

MIDWEST (WINTER WHEAT): An arctic front will remain active with moderate to heavy mixed precipitation Wednesday and Thursday. Northwestern areas are likely to stay dry, however. Cold, arctic air follows behind this front for a few days this week. Warmer temperatures will spread through the region next week. -DTN

PACIFIC NORTHWEST (WINTER WHEAT): Some isolated showers linger into Thursday. Only slight chances for isolated showers occur thereafter. The precipitation will have little impact on the current drought, and we may see some drought expansion due to recent overall dryness. -DTN

BRAZIL (CORN/SOYBEANS): Spotty showers return to southern areas of the country Thursday and continue through the weekend before ending. A few days of scattered showers may be enough to reduce some of the drought, but not enough to turn conditions around for safrinha corn. Daily scattered showers in central and northern states will make for some difficulty in harvesting soybeans and planting safrinha corn but maintain good soil moisture for safrinha corn when it does get planted. -DTN

ARGENTINA (CORN/SOYBEANS): Spotty showers return to the country through Saturday. Only limited areas should see over an inch of precipitation. Anything will help to maintain some momentum of a turnaround for corn and soybeans, but more precipitation is going to be needed for the remainder of the growing season as La Nina dryness concerns continue despite the showers. -DTN

CANADIAN PRAIRIES (LIVESTOCK): Arctic cold temperatures will be brief as warmer temperatures return at the end of the week and likely continue into next week. Cold temperatures will be stressful to livestock for the next couple of days. -DTN

EUROPE (WINTER WHEAT): Scattered showers over eastern areas with drier western areas continues for the next week. Dryness in Spain has been growing over the last few months and is concerning for vegetative wheat and other winter crops. Conditions are much better elsewhere in the continent. -DTN

NORTH AFRICA (WINTER WHEAT): Drought has been a concern in Morocco all season long and dryness has been increasing across Algeria and Tunisia over the last few weeks as well. Spotty showers are expected in eastern areas for a brief period Tuesday and Wednesday while the west remains dry. Vegetative wheat overall is in poor condition across most of the region, but much better in the east. -DTN

Headlines:

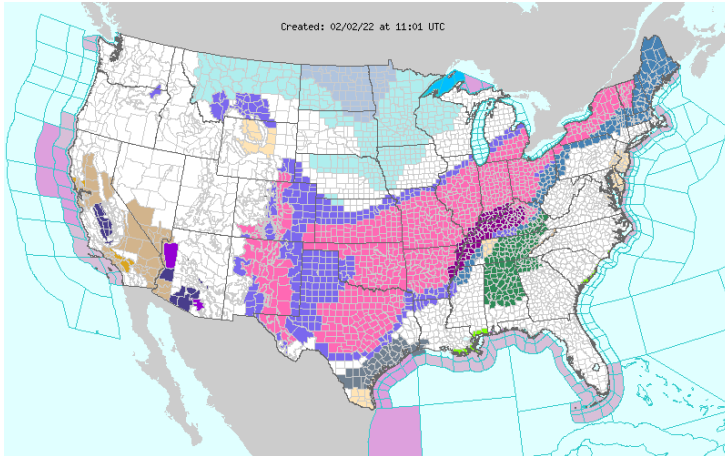
- > Malaysian April Palm Oil Market XX Ringgits...exchange will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday
- > Dalian Futures are closed this week corn XX to the Yuan, March beans up XX, May meal XX, May bean oil XX, May Palm oil XX
- > Asian Equity Markets, the ones that were open at least were higher, Japan's Nikkei up 1.8%, China's Shanghai closed this week, Taiwan and S. Korea closed for holidays
- > European Equity Markets are higher German Dax up 1.0%, London FTSE 100 up .5%
- > MATIF Markets are mixed March Corn down .50 to the Euro, May Rapeseed up 4.25, March Wheat down .50
- > Save the Date...Jan 31st-Feb 6th...Chinese Spring Festival...Omicron super spreader event?
- > Save the Date...Feb 4th...Feb 20th...The Winter Olympics...Omicron super spreader event? Not if China can help it [Robots serve meals at Beijing Winter Olympics \(msn.com\)](https://www.msn.com)
- > Save the Date...Feb 4th...US Employment numbers

- > Save the Date...Feb 9th...USDA Crop Production and S&D Reports
- > Save the Date...Feb 14th...Pitchers and Catchers start to report, we hope
- > Save the Date...Feb 24th-25th...USDA Outlook Forum...USDA Agriculture Sec Vilsack on February 24 will discuss U.S.-China agricultural trade relations
- > Save the Date...March 13th...US returns to Daylight Savings Time
- > Save the Date...April 4th...the return of the weekly crop updates from the USDA
- > Sudan update [US will resume aid funding for Sudan but bypass military government | Devex](#)
- > Ethiopia update [UN chief urges Ethiopia combatants to observe Olympic Truce | AP News](#)
- > Bird Flu...birds in motion means bird flu is in motion...see something say something [Be on the lookout for bird flu | Farm Progress](#)
- > FAW/ASF/Locust all quiet
- > Iran Nuclear talks ['End game': Iran nuclear talks nearing resolution or nuclear crisis, US warns \(msn.com\)](#)

Commentary:

Pretty slow news day today. Hopefully the Russian issues will stay on the simmer for another week. Weather remains a huge issue, but for the moment all the really big bomb shells over Brazilian bean production have been identified for this week. This gives us a chance to look ahead for some of the big themes later this calendar year. We look forward by looking through the lens of what happened in Kazakhstan last month. The prolonged hardships of Covid has ignited an unrest in populations all over the world. This unrest is not confined to inept or corrupted dictatorships but can be found in democratically elected countries as well (this past weekend trucker rally in Canada, for example). People are frustrated and need to vent. It seems from western style democracies to strongman governments whether real or imagined people are tired of social and economic inequities. In the case of Kazakhstan, a raising of fuel prices led to a country wide protest that caught the government flat footed. Much like a National Weather Service Red Flag warning where a spark from farm equipment can lead to ranging wildfires in an instant, governments everywhere are on alert for potential societal unrest, that can quickly spill off the pages of social media to the streets. One tried and true way of keeping unrest limited making sure basic goods and services are provided at a reasonable cost. End users everywhere are going to want more grain stocks as a buffer.

Eastern Corn Belt, not a good day to be hauling grain to town



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