

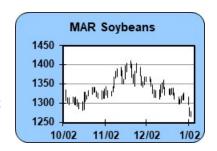
# DAILY GRAINS COMMENTARY Thursday January 04, 2024

# DAILY SOY COMPLEX COMMENTARY 1/4/2024

Brazil rains favor bear camp

OVERNIGHT CHANGES THROUGH 6:06 AM (CT): SOY BEANS -0.0, BEAN OIL +0.0, SOYMEAL +0.0

**OVERNIGHT DEVELOPMENTS:** Soybeans (MAR 24) prices overnight are down -2 1/4; Soymeal (MAR 24) unchanged; and Soyoil (MAR 24) down -0.17. Soybean open interest as of January 3 was up 3,869 contracts, soymeal down 1,408 contracts, and soybean oil down 87. Chinese Dalian (MAY 24) Soybeans down 0.21%, Soymeal up 0.46%, Soyoil down 0.22%, Palm oil down 0.26%. Malaysian Palm was up



0.99%. Global equity markets recovered overnight except for the markets in Shanghai and Sydney which traded nearly 0.5% lower. Critical economic news released overnight included a much stronger than expected Chinese Caixin services PMI reading for December, softer than expected French consumer price index readings for December, better than expected HCOB services PMI readings in Spain, France, Germany, and the euro zone. Other data points overnight included as expected Italian HCOB services PMI for December, better-than-expected composite PMI readings from France, Germany, and the euro zone, an increase in net lending to individuals (GBP), a significant jump in GBP consumer credit for November, a stronger than expected GBP S&P global composite PMI reading for December, a noted jump in GBP mortgage approvals and a better-than-expected GBP global services PMI reading for December. The North American session will start with the Challenger job cuts survey followed by the December ADP employment survey which is expected to have a modest uptick from November's 103,000 reading. A weekly reading on initial jobless claims is forecast to have a mild downtick from the previous 218,000 reading. Ongoing jobless claims are expected to have a modest weekly increase from the previous 1.875 million reading. A December reading on the US services PMI is forecast to have a mild uptick from November while the December Canadian services PMI is expected to have a modest downtick from November. Earnings announcements include Walgreens Boots Alliance and ConAgra Brands before the Wall Street opening.

**NEAR-TERM MARKET FUNDAMENTALS:** The bear camp retains the edge as prices are still under the influence of the bearish gap down Tuesday morning. In addition, a risk-off theme is in the air after the Fed tamped down rate cut ideas for 2024, while the US dollar index has rallied more than 2% in the last week. There has been a noticeable lack of morning flash export sales recently, with the last one occurring back on December 19. The largest US egg producer reported very sluggish demand. US Gulf demand is also slow and Brazilian supplies beyond February are offered well below US prices. Brazil rains are still expected to be very beneficial over the next week, with most models now showing week 2 drying out in the north and wetter in southern Brazil. Weekly export sales will be delayed until tomorrow morning. China overnight said that they will use "all strengths" to further innovation and technology to increase productivity in the ag sector. The Decatur Indiana Bunge plant that was halted due to a damaged natural gas pipeline is expected to restart by next week. The EIA reported biodiesel production in October up 2% from September and 3% above a year ago. The very negative chart picture after Tuesday's gap down is likely to limit rallies, but a bounce up to the gap area of 12.96 3/4 would be significant resistance on March futures and a selling opportunity.

## TODAY'S MARKET IDEAS:

Prices have stabilized since Tuesday mornings gap lower, however, the perception that conditions in Brazil are improving on top of favorable conditions in Argentina, will likely keep sellers active on rallies. South American rains appear locked in for the next week. Retracement support sits at 12.52 on March futures. Resistance is at Monday morning's gap lower at 12.96 3/4. Speculative traders can consider selling March futures above 12.94 with a \$0.10 stop.

#### **NEW RECOMMENDATIONS:**

None.

# **PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS:**

None.

## SOYBEAN COMPLEX TECHNICAL OUTLOOK:

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SOYBEANS (MAR) 01/04/2024: Momentum studies are still bearish but are now at oversold levels and will tend to support reversal action if it occurs. The market's close below the 9-day moving average is an indication the short-term trend remains negative. The daily closing price reversal up is a positive indicator that could support higher prices. With the close higher than the pivot swing number, the market is in a slightly bullish posture. The next downside target is now at 1260 3/4. The 9-day RSI under 30 indicates the market is approaching oversold levels. The next area of resistance is around 1284 and 1289, while 1st support hits today at 1270 and below there at 1260 3/4.

SOYBEAN OIL (MAR) 01/04/2024: The crossover up in the daily stochastics is a bullish signal. Daily momentum studies are on the rise from low levels and should accelerate a move higher on a push through the 1st swing resistance. A negative signal for trend short-term was given on a close under the 9-bar moving average. It is a mildly bullish indicator that the market closed over the pivot swing number. The near-term upside target is at 49.76. The next area of resistance is around 49.25 and 49.76, while 1st support hits today at 47.95 and below there at 47.15.

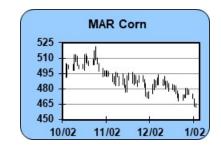
SOYMEAL (MAR) 01/04/2024: Momentum studies are still bearish but are now at oversold levels and will tend to support reversal action if it occurs. The market's close below the 9-day moving average is an indication the short-term trend remains negative. The upside daily closing price reversal gives the market a bullish tilt. With the close higher than the pivot swing number, the market is in a slightly bullish posture. The next downside target is now at 373.2. The next area of resistance is around 383.4 and 385.5, while 1st support hits today at 377.3 and below there at 373.2.

# DAILY CORN COMMENTARY 1/4/2024

Sluggish demand and Brazil rains bearish

**OVERNIGHT CHANGES THROUGH 6:06 AM (CT): CORN** -0.0

**OVERNIGHT DEVELOPMENTS:** Corn (MAR 24) prices overnight are unchanged. Corn open interest as of January 3 was up 11,857 contracts. Chinese Dalian (MAY 24) Corn was down 0.08%.



**NEAR-TERM MARKET FUNDAMENTALS:** The bear camp remains in control and despite a rise in trading volume yesterday, prices stayed in

a very narrow range. While this week's new contract lows on March futures continues the sideways/downtrend, probes into new contract lows since August have not resulted in a flush lower, but instead, a minor relief rally of at least several days. Beneficial rains are still slated for the northern half of Brazil for the next week, but most models have turned drier in the north and wetter in the South for week two. Also, rains in the Mississippi River

Delta over the next five days will offer some benefit to low River levels. Weekly export sales will be delayed until tomorrow morning. The US's largest egg producer reports a significant slump in demand, which may be an early warning regarding future feed demand. South American weather is certainly a bearish influence, and while US ethanol production is strong, the negatives outweigh the positives in the short-term. The bear camp retains the edge until prices can make a technical bottom.

## **TODAY'S MARKET IDEAS:**

Sluggish demand and limited trader enthusiasm for establishing aggressive positions is keeping the market in a tight range. Improving conditions in Brazil and Argentina encourages overhead selling on rallies. With a lack of aggressive demand, the market is left to focus on the bearish weather. March corn resistance is 4.87 and next support is 4.55.

#### **NEW RECOMMENDATIONS:**

None.

#### PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

#### **CORN TECHNICAL OUTLOOK:**

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CORN (MAR) 01/04/2024: Daily stochastics declining into oversold territory suggest the selling may be drying up soon. The market's close below the 9-day moving average is an indication the short-term trend remains negative. The daily closing price reversal up is a positive indicator that could support higher prices. With the close higher than the pivot swing number, the market is in a slightly bullish posture. The next downside target is 460 1/2. The next area of resistance is around 467 1/4 and 468 3/4, while 1st support hits today at 463 1/4 and below there at 460 1/2.

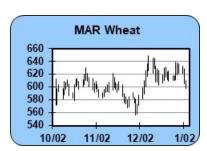
CORN (JUL) 01/04/2024: Momentum studies are declining, but have fallen to oversold levels. A negative signal for trend short-term was given on a close under the 9-bar moving average. The market tilt is slightly negative with the close under the pivot. The next downside objective is now at 484 3/4. The next area of resistance is around 489 3/4 and 491, while 1st support hits today at 486 3/4 and below there at 484 3/4.

# DAILY WHEAT COMMENTARY 1/4/2024

Adequate India stocks, coming US Plains rains bearish

OVERNIGHT CHANGES THROUGH 6:06 AM (CT): WHEAT -0.35

**OVERNIGHT DEVELOPMENTS:** Chicago wheat (MAR 24) prices overnight are down -3 1/2; Kansas City (MAR 24) down -3 1/2; and Minneapolis (MAR 24) down -1/4. MATIF Milling Wheat(MAR 24) was down -0.6%. Chicago wheat open interest as of January 3 was up 6,638 contracts and Minneapolis wheat was up 1,915 contracts.



**NEAR-TERM MARKET FUNDAMENTALS:** Upcoming beneficial rains for the southern Plains this weekend and early next week, along with reports of adequate buffer stocks in India, is keeping the pressure on prices. India's government said their wheat stocks will remain above buffer levels through April, despite recent releases of government wheat reserves and stocks being the lowest since 2017. Furthermore, India expects their new crop wheat output (the crop currently being sown) to hit a record 114 million tons compared to 110.55 last season.

Weekly export sales will be delayed until tomorrow morning. HRS stocks in Minnesota and Wisconsin warehouses are down 6.2% from a year ago. 1-5 day forecast models show a chance for rains in the southern Plains tomorrow and a reinforcing shot of moisture Monday-Tuesday of next week. EU wheat prices hit a new contract low on Wednesday. Polish truckers resumed their blockade at the Ukraine/Polish border saying they will keep the blockade going until they receive written confirmation of an agreement with the government. March Chicago futures fell below support overnight and are nearing next retracement support at 5.91. The bear camp has the reins, and the path of least resistance looks lower.

## TODAY'S MARKET IDEAS:

Improving winter wheat conditions and additional moisture in the southern Plains expected through early next week is keeping the bear camp in control. March Chicago futures breached support at 6.00 with next retracement support at 5.91. With EU prices making new contract lows and sluggish demand, odds favor further downside action.

# **NEW RECOMMENDATIONS:**

None.

#### PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS:

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#### WHEAT TECHNICAL OUTLOOK:

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WHEAT (MAR) 01/04/2024: The market back below the 60-day moving average suggests the longer-term trend could be turning down. Momentum studies trending lower at mid-range should accelerate a move lower if support levels are taken out. A negative signal for trend short-term was given on a close under the 9-bar moving average. The market tilt is slightly negative with the close under the pivot. The next downside objective is now at 590 3/4. The next area of resistance is around 606 and 613 1/2, while 1st support hits today at 594 1/2 and below there at 590 3/4.

KC WHEAT (MAR) 01/04/2024: A bearish signal was triggered on a crossover down in the daily stochastics. Momentum studies are still bearish but are now at oversold levels and will tend to support reversal action if it occurs. The market's close below the 9-day moving average is an indication the short-term trend remains negative. It is a slightly negative indicator that the close was lower than the pivot swing number. The next downside target is 606 3/4. The next area of resistance is around 630 and 639, while 1st support hits today at 614 and below there at 606 3/4.

MINN WHEAT (MAR) 01/04/2024: Stochastics trending lower at midrange will tend to reinforce a move lower especially if support levels are taken out. The close below the 9-day moving average is a negative short-term indicator for trend. The market setup is somewhat negative with the close under the 1st swing support. The next downside target is 700 1/2. The next area of resistance is around 713 1/4 and 719 1/2, while 1st support hits today at 703 3/4 and below there at 700 1/2.

RICE (MAR) 01/04/2024: The market back below the 40-day moving average suggests the longer-term trend could be turning down. The daily stochastics have crossed over down which is a bearish indication. Momentum studies trending lower at mid-range should accelerate a move lower if support levels are taken out. The close below the 18-day moving average is an indication the intermediate-term trend has turned down. The outside day down is a negative signal. The close below the 2nd swing support number puts the market on the defensive. The next downside objective is 16.665. The next area of resistance is around 17.740 and 18.365, while 1st support hits today at 16.890 and below there at 16.665.

				14 DAY	14 DAY					
		9 DAY	14 DAY	SLOW	SLOW	4 DAY	9 DAY	18 DAY	45 DAY	60 DAY
	CLOSE	RSI	RSI	STOCH D	STOCH K	M AVG				
<b>GRAIN COMP</b>	LEX									
CNAH24	465 1/4	34.04	37.37	21.80	16.89	468.63	471.83	476.57	482.48	487.78
CNAN24	488 1/4	32.67	37.08	21.92	16.03	491.50	494.28	498.57	502.67	506.23
SSAH24	1277	29.41	34.36	16.98	13.44	1290.13	1302.64	1318.07	1343.11	1337.09
SSAN24	1291	27.29	32.45	14.48	11.71	1304.19	1317.47	1334.92	1360.42	1354.87
SMAH24	380.4	30.94	34.76	19.99	17.28	384.15	388.06	392.88	409.24	405.20
BOAH24	48.60	40.01	41.31	23.73	25.81	48.26	48.81	49.62	50.34	50.81
WHAH24	600 1/4	40.78	45.13	45.28	31.87	616.63	618.28	620.19	604.66	604.50
WHAN24	622	41.56	45.22	46.43	34.04	635.44	636.53	637.04	628.64	630.60
RCAH24	17.315	44.15	47.65	67.21	55.82	17.58	17.60	17.48	17.21	17.05
KWAH24	622	41.21	43.52	31.09	27.28	634.06	632.08	638.15	640.57	649.48
MWAH24	708 1/2	39.17	41.99	37.01	30.23	718.13	718.89	721.63	728.76	733.78
OTAH24	367 3/4	45.68	46.65	68.40	69.16	379.13	373.31	368.64	374.98	383.45

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# **DAILY SWING STATISTICS**

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Contract		Support 2	Support 1	Pivot	Resist 1	Resist 2					
<b>GRAIN COMP</b>	PLEX										
CNAH24	Corn	460 1/4	463	464 1/2	467 1/2	468 3/4					
CNAN24	Corn	484 3/4	486 1/2	488	490	491 1/4					
SSAH24	Soybeans	1260 3/4	1270	1275	1284	1289 1/4					
SSAN24	Soybeans	1275	1284	1289 1/4	1298	1303 1/2					
SMAH24	Soymeal	373.2	377.2	379.4	383.4	385.5					
BOAH24	Soybean Oil	47.14	47.94	48.45	49.25	49.76					
WHAH24	Wheat	590 1/2	594 1/2	602	606	613 1/2					
WHAN24	Wheat	614 1/2	617 1/2	623 1/2	626 1/2	632 1/2					
RCAH24	Rice	16.665	16.890	17.515	17.740	18.365					
KWAH24	KC Wheat	606 1/2	614	622 3/4	630	639					
MWAH24	MINN Wheat	700 1/2	703 3/4	710	713 1/4	719 1/2					
OTAH24	Oats	356	361 1/2	368 3/4	374	381 1/2					

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