

DAILY GRAINS COMMENTARY Friday January 26, 2024

DAILY SOY COMPLEX COMMENTARY 1/26/2024

Fundamentals lean bearish

OVERNIGHT CHANGES THROUGH 6:06 AM (CT): SOY BEANS -0.0, BEAN OIL +0.0, SOYMEAL -0.2

OVERNIGHT DEVELOPMENTS: Soybeans (MAR 24) prices overnight are down -2 1/2; Soymeal (MAR 24) down -1.90; and Soyoil (MAR 24) up 0.06. Soybean open interest as of January 25 was down 2,920 contracts, soymeal down 979 contracts, and soybean oil up 8,126. Chinese Dalian (MAY 24) Soybeans down 1.88%, Soymeal down 1.37%, Soyoil down 0.91%, Palm oil down 0.08%. Malaysian Palm was



up 0.58%. Global equity markets overnight were generally higher except for the markets in Japan, China, Russia, and Hong Kong. Critical economic news released overnight included slightly softer than expected Tokyo CPI, not as weak as expected GBP GfK Consumer Confidence for January, slightly better-than-expected Japanese Coincident index, slightly softer than expected Japanese Leading Economic Index readings for November, a moderately weaker than expected German GfK Consumer Confidence Survey, slightly better-than-expected French consumer confidence, a slight decline in Spanish unemployment, and slightly euro zone private loans for December. The North American session will start out with December US personal income which is expected to have a minimal downtick from November's 0.4% reading. December personal spending is forecast to have a modest uptick from November's 0.2% reading. December core personal expenditures (a favorite Fed inflation gauge) are expected to hold steady with November's 2.6% year-over-year rate. December Canadian wholesale sales are forecast to have a moderate downtick from November's 0.9% reading. December US pending home sales are expected to have a moderate uptick from November's -5.2% year-over-year rate. Earnings announcements include American Express, Colgate-Palmolive and Norfolk Southern before the Wall Street opening.

NEAR-TERM MARKET FUNDAMENTALS: The bull camp will be put to the test today and the extent of buying after yesterday's pullback will be an important clue whether last week's reversal low is going to hold. The trio of bearish news hit the market yesterday as Brazil premiums fell on the anticipation of newly harvested supply availability, weekly export sales were below guesses and the Buenos Aires Grain Exchange raised their Argentine bean production number to 52.5 million tonnes, up from USDA's 50 million on the January supply/demand report. The increase brought back ideas Argentina's increase in production will offset some of Brazil's decrease. The Argentine bean crop is 98.4% planted and conditions fell 11% from the previous week to 44% good/excellent. In addition, the International Grains Council raised global bean production for 2023/24 by 6% above last year to 392 million tonnes. China's Ag Ministry said their pig herd at the end of 2023 was down 4.1% and the sow herd down 5.7% from the previous year. US bean crop area under drought fell 1% week over week to 36%, compared to 38% a year ago. The market focus today will likely be on whether aggressive buying steps in on this break. Closein support for March beans is 12.12 and then 12.01. With fundamental news leaning bearish today, rallies may be limited to finish the week.

The Export Sales Report showed that for the week ending January 18, net soybean sales came in at 560,869 tonnes for the current marketing year and none for the next marketing year. Cumulative soybean sales have reached 79.5% of the USDA forecast for the 2023/2024 marketing year versus a 5-year average of 76.4%. Sales need to average 304,000 tonnes per week to reach the USDA forecast.

Net meal sales came in at 255,886 tonnes for the current marketing year and 892 for the next marketing year for a total of 256,778. Cumulative meal sales have reached 56.3% of the USDA forecast for the 2023/2024 marketing

year versus a 5-year average of 54.4%. Sales need to average 166,000 tonnes per week to reach the USDA forecast.

Net oil sales came in at 118 tonnes for the current marketing year and none for the next marketing year. Cumulative oil sales have reached 23.0% of the USDA forecast for the 2023/2024 marketing year versus a 5 year average of 48.1%. Sales need to average 2,900 tonnes per week to reach the USDA forecast.

TODAY'S MARKET IDEAS:

Bearish fundamental news yesterday pulled the rug out from under the bull camp. However, if technical buyers step up on this break, it would be a sign that last week's low was important. March futures have pullback support at 12.12 and major support stands at last week's low of 12.01. If technical buying on the break can override bearish fundamentals, the price rally may resume next week.

NEW RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

SOYBEAN COMPLEX TECHNICAL OUTLOOK:

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SOYBEANS (MAR) 01/26/2024: Momentum studies are rising from mid-range, which could accelerate a move higher if resistance levels are penetrated. The market's close below the 9-day moving average is an indication the short-term trend remains negative. The outside day down is somewhat negative. There could be some early pressure today given the market's negative setup with the close below the 2nd swing support. The near-term upside objective is at 1259 1/4. The next area of resistance is around 1239 and 1259 1/4, while 1st support hits today at 1207 and below there at 1195 1/4.

SOYBEAN OIL (MAR) 01/26/2024: The daily stochastics have crossed over down which is a bearish indication. Declining momentum studies in the neutral zone will tend to reinforce lower price action. The market's short-term trend is negative as the close remains below the 9-day moving average. The swing indicator gave a moderately negative reading with the close below the 1st support number. The next downside objective is now at 45.32. The next area of resistance is around 47.20 and 48.01, while 1st support hits today at 45.86 and below there at 45.32.

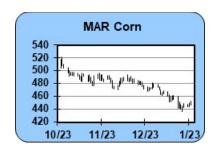
SOYMEAL (MAR) 01/26/2024: Daily stochastics are showing positive momentum from oversold levels, which should reinforce a move higher if near term resistance is taken out. The market's short-term trend is negative as the close remains below the 9-day moving average. A negative signal was given by the outside day down. The swing indicator gave a moderately negative reading with the close below the 1st support number. The near-term upside target is at 369.8. The next area of resistance is around 363.1 and 369.8, while 1st support hits today at 353.3 and below there at 350.3.

DAILY CORN COMMENTARY 1/26/2024

Pullback may find technical support

OVERNIGHT CHANGES THROUGH 6:06 AM (CT): CORN -0.3

OVERNIGHT DEVELOPMENTS: Corn (MAR 24) prices overnight are down -3. Corn open interest as of January 25 was down 5,766 contracts. Chinese Dalian (MAY 24) Corn was unchanged.



NEAR-TERM MARKET FUNDAMENTALS: The US attache to China estimated China corn imports at 20 million tonnes, compared to USDA

at 23 million. The noted late summer rains helped China's corn crop. The Buenos Aries Grain Exchange increased Argentina production to 56.5 million tonnes, compared to USDA's number of 55 million tonnes and lowered planted area by 100,000 hectars. Brazil's Safrinha crop weather will become increasingly important over the next 60 to 90 days since it represents 75% of their total corn production. Heat and dryness will be the feature in Argentina over the next week, but shower chances are expected to return in week 2. A good portion of Argentina's crop will be pollinating in February. US corn crop area under drought fell 1% from the previous week to 33%, compared to 45% a year ago. Recent rains across the eastern half of the US have improved moisture conditions. The weather has taken a toll on Mississippi River barge shipments with only 334,000 tonnes moving last week versus 698,000 tonnes the week before. US ethanol output also took a hit last week as the disruption of natural gas supplies still has some plants operating on limited hours. Yesterday finally broke the consecutive day streak of rising open interest since December 18th. Pullback support rests at 4.43 on March and some minor profit-taking could be seen today before the end of the week. If the Argentine forecast stays dry, resistance at 4.62 may be tested next week.

The Export Sales Report showed that for the week ending January 18, net corn sales came in at 954,796 tonnes for the current marketing year and 37,641 for the next marketing year for a total of 992,437. Cumulative sales have reached 60.9% of the USDA forecast for the 2023/2024 marketing year versus a 5-year average of 59.2%. Sales need to average 646,000 tonnes per week to reach the USDA forecast.

TODAY'S MARKET IDEAS:

Dryness in Argentina next week should support pullbacks and speculators can consider buying breaks below 4.44 today. Next resistance is 4.62 which could be tested next week. Last week's reversal higher is still the dominant technical feature for the market and until that low at 4.36 3/4 is taken out, the short-term technical picture stays positive.

NEW RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

CORN TECHNICAL OUTLOOK:

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CORN (MAR) 01/26/2024: Momentum studies are trending higher from mid-range, which should support a move higher if resistance levels are penetrated. The market's close above the 9-day moving average suggests the short-term trend remains positive. The market has a slightly positive tilt with the close over the swing pivot. The next upside objective is 456 3/4. The next area of resistance is around 454 1/2 and 456 3/4, while 1st support hits today at 449 and below there at 445 1/2.

CORN (JUL) 01/26/2024: Rising from oversold levels, daily momentum studies would support higher prices, especially on a close above resistance. The market's short-term trend is positive on the close above the 9-day

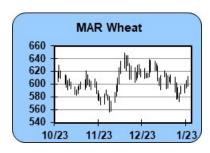
moving average. The market tilt is slightly negative with the close under the pivot. The next upside objective is 474 1/4. The next area of resistance is around 472 and 474 1/4, while 1st support hits today at 466 1/2 and below there at 463 1/4.

DAILY WHEAT COMMENTARY 1/26/2024

Technical signals favor support on pullbacks

OVERNIGHT CHANGES THROUGH 6:06 AM (CT): WHEAT -0.7

OVERNIGHT DEVELOPMENTS: Chicago wheat (MAR 24) prices overnight are down -6 1/4; Kansas City (MAR 24) down -3 1/4; and Minneapolis (MAR 24) down -4 1/4. MATIF Milling Wheat(MAR 24) was down -0.8%. Chicago wheat open interest as of January 25 was down 6,111 contracts and Minneapolis wheat was up 4,390 contracts.



NEAR-TERM MARKET FUNDAMENTALS: Moderate to heavy rains are expected in Oklahoma and north-central Texas HRW areas over the next couple days with another chance the following weekend and that may be enough to give the market a pullback today and break the streak of the 6 consecutive steady/higher closes. The French government is expected to offer new measures to aid farmers who are blockading roads in protest of onerous EU ag regulations. Overnight, China authorized Argentine wheat imports for the 1st time. US Winter wheat in drought fell 5% last week to 22%, compared to 59% this week a year ago. The possibility some global demand could shift to North America due to the shipping problems in the Middle East is an underlying positive for the market. Pullback support rests at 5.95 and 5.90. Short covering gains are likely to continue in March Chicago next week with important resistance at 6.26.

The Export Sales Report showed that for the week ending January 18, net wheat sales came in at 451,368 tonnes for the current marketing year and 59,000 for the next marketing year for a total of 510,368. Cumulative sales have reached 83.9% of the USDA forecast for the 2023/2024 marketing year versus a 5-year average of 77.3%. Sales need to average 98,000 tonnes per week to reach the USDA forecast.

TODAY'S MARKET IDEAS:

Some profit-taking may be seen today at the end of the week but close-in pullback support stands at 5.95 on March Chicago and we expect buyers to step up on the break. Technical signals still point higher and if March Chicago can get over 6.26 next week, the 200-day moving average sits at 6.48 and would be the next target.

NEW RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

WHEAT TECHNICAL OUTLOOK:

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WHEAT (MAR) 01/26/2024: Positive momentum studies in the neutral zone will tend to reinforce higher price action. The market's short-term trend is positive on the close above the 9-day moving average. It is a mildly bullish indicator that the market closed over the pivot swing number. The next upside objective is 622 3/4. The next area of resistance is around 617 1/2 and 622 3/4, while 1st support hits today at 607 and below there at 601 1/2.

KC WHEAT (MAR) 01/26/2024: The cross over and close above the 60-day moving average indicates the longer-term trend has turned up. Stochastics are at mid-range but trending higher, which should reinforce a move higher if resistance levels are taken out. The close above the 9-day moving average is a positive short-term indicator for trend. There could be more upside follow through since the market closed above the 2nd swing resistance. The near-term upside target is at 647 1/2. The next area of resistance is around 643 3/4 and 647 1/2, while 1st support hits today at 630 1/4 and below there at 620 1/4.

MINN WHEAT (MAR) 01/26/2024: Positive momentum studies in the neutral zone will tend to reinforce higher price action. The market's short-term trend is positive on the close above the 9-day moving average. With the close higher than the pivot swing number, the market is in a slightly bullish posture. The near-term upside objective is at 718 1/4. The next area of resistance is around 714 1/4 and 718 1/4, while 1st support hits today at 703 3/4 and below there at 697.

RICE (MAR) 01/26/2024: Momentum studies are trending higher from mid-range, which should support a move higher if resistance levels are penetrated. The market's close above the 9-day moving average suggests the short-term trend remains positive. With the close over the 1st swing resistance number, the market is in a moderately positive position. The near-term upside target is at 18.267. The next area of resistance is around 18.135 and 18.267, while 1st support hits today at 17.795 and below there at 17.588.

DAILY TECHNICAL STATISTICS

		9 DAY	14 DAY	14 DAY SLOW	14 DAY SLOW	4 DAY	9 DAY	18 DAY	45 DAY	60 DAY
	CLOSE	RSI	RSI	STOCH D	STOCH K	M AVG				
GRAIN COMPLEX										
CNAH24	451 3/4	44.71	40.45	27.10	36.17	449.06	446.50	454.31	470.10	474.82
CNAN24	469 1/4	38.37	35.90	21.33	28.04	467.69	465.92	475.33	491.27	495.10
SSAH24	1223	36.57	35.27	24.07	30.97	1231.75	1223.44	1241.68	1299.58	1315.69
SSAN24	1237 1/2	33.54	32.85	21.23	26.31	1246.44	1241.11	1258.49	1317.26	1333.02
SMAH24	358.2	36.40	35.42	21.66	25.95	359.60	360.90	366.79	389.16	397.87
BOAH24	46.53	34.89	37.38	37.23	30.75	47.56	47.55	47.89	49.51	49.71
WHAH24	612 1/4	58.56	53.83	42.31	58.15	604.00	595.03	602.25	606.42	603.58
WHAN24	627 1/2	56.60	52.28	38.98	53.70	619.63	613.08	621.32	626.31	626.31
RCAH24	17.965	64.70	60.71	49.36	62.28	17.68	17.65	17.60	17.52	17.31
KWAH24	637	63.19	56.06	46.74	67.13	621.81	612.36	618.90	629.57	634.56
MWAH24	709	56.15	50.72	38.24	52.59	703.25	696.33	702.94	715.53	721.67
OTAH24	364 1/2	45.80	46.95	44.98	41.75	369.75	366.69	369.83	371.16	373.36

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DAILY SWING STATISTICS

Contract		Support 2	Support 1	Pivot	Resist 1	Resist 2							
GRAIN COMPLEX													
CNAH24	Corn	445 1/4	449	451	454 1/2	456 3/4							
CNAN24	Corn	463 1/4	466 1/2	468 3/4	472	474 1/4							
SSAH24	Soybeans	1195 1/4	1207	1227 1/4	1239	1259 1/4							
SSAN24	Soybeans	1215	1224 1/4	1241 1/2	1250 3/4	1268							
SMAH24	Soymeal	350.2	353.3	360.0	363.1	369.8							
BOAH24	Soybean Oil	45.31	45.85	46.66	47.20	48.01							
WHAH24	Wheat	601 1/4	607	612	617 1/2	622 3/4							
WHAN24	Wheat	616 1/4	622	627 1/4	633	638 1/4							
RCAH24	Rice	17.587	17.795	17.927	18.135	18.267							
KWAH24	KC Wheat	620 1/4	630	634	644	647 3/4							
MWAH24	MINN Wheat	696 3/4	703 1/2	707 1/2	714 1/2	718 1/4							
OTAH24	Oats	354 1/4	359 1/4	364 3/4	369 3/4	375 1/4							

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