



## DAILY GRAINS COMMENTARY Friday April 19, 2024

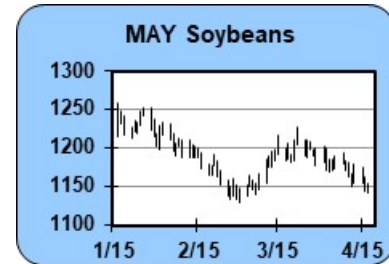
### DAILY SOY COMPLEX COMMENTARY 4/19/2024

**IL and IN rains overnight, above temps next week**

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

**OVERNIGHT DEVELOPMENTS:** Soybeans (JUL 24) prices overnight are up 1 3/4; Soymeal (JUL 24) up 1.20; and Soyoil (JUL 24) down -0.24. Soybean open interest as of April 18 was down 12,195 contracts, soymeal down 1,395 contracts, and soybean oil up 8,695. Chinese Dalian (JUL 24) Soybeans down 0.34%, Soymeal up 0.73%, Soyoil down 0.27%, Palm oil down 0.24%. Malaysian Palm was down 1.41%.

Global equity markets overnight were lower except for the Russian and Hong Kong markets which traded fractionally higher. Critical economic news released overnight included a slight downtick in Japanese National Consumer Price Index readings, a slightly hotter than expected German Producer Price Index reading for March, very disappointing GBP Retail sales for March, and a very discouraging GBP retail sales excluding fuel contraction for March. There are no major US or Canadian economic numbers on the schedule. Chicago Fed President Goolsbee will speak during morning US trading hours. Earnings announcements will include Procter & Gamble, American Express and Schlumberger before the Wall Street opening.



**NEAR-TERM MARKET FUNDAMENTALS:** Israel retaliated against Iran overnight with missile strikes on an airbase in the central part of the country, which lifted grains and macro markets. However, most of the overnight gains have been erased as both Israel and Iran play down the incident. Rain moved across Illinois and Indiana in the last 12 hours and the western bean belt will be dry through mid to late next week with warming temperatures after this weekend. The bean crop area under drought was unchanged at 22% last week but is expected to shrink with this week's rains. Buenos Aires Grain Exchange says Argentine bean harvest is 14% done, compared to 22% average and they left production unchanged at 51 million tonnes. Thursday's weekly export sales were solid on beans and in the upper range of the guesses. Meal sales were at the lower range of the guesses. However, the USDA announced a morning flash sale of 138,000 tonnes of meal sold to the Philippines. March meal exports were 1.942 million tonnes, well above March of last year at 1.229 million. China's herd continues to shrink and at the end of March stood at 39.92 million head, down 7.3% from year ago. This continues to be a worry for bean demand, and, in fact, this is the 1st time in 17 years China has had no sales on the books in mid-April for the next marketing year, which starts September 1. Oversold conditions may result in some short covering today. But there is little bullish news other than the heightened geopolitical risks in the Mideast. Rallies are unlikely to extend very far.

The Export Sales Report showed that for the week ending April 11, net soybean sales came in at 485,795 tonnes for the current marketing year and 263,200 for the next marketing year for a total of 748,995. Cumulative soybean sales have reached 88.2% of the USDA forecast for the 2023/2024 marketing year versus a 5 year average of 92.5%. Sales need to average 272,000 tonnes per week to reach the USDA forecast.

Net meal sales came in at 129,789 tonnes for the current marketing year and 1,022 for the next marketing year for a total of 130,811. Cumulative meal sales have reached 77.2% of the USDA forecast for the 2023/2024 marketing year versus a 5 year average of 75.0%. Sales need to average 129,000 tonnes per week to reach the USDA forecast.

Net oil sales came in at 140 tonnes for the current marketing year and none for the next marketing year. Cumulative oil sales have reached 62.8% of the USDA forecast for the 2023/2024 marketing year versus a 5 year

average of 74.1%. Sales need to average 2,100 tonnes per week to reach the USDA forecast.

**TODAY'S MARKET IDEAS:**

July prices got within 5 1/4 cents of the late February contract low and are technically oversold but lack a bullish spark other than some minor end of week short covering. If macro markets rebound today to their overnight highs, beans will find some support as well. Longer term, bearish fundamentals remain in place and a US weather problem will be needed to get any significant rally.

**NEW RECOMMENDATIONS:**

None.

**PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS:**

None.

**SOYBEAN COMPLEX TECHNICAL OUTLOOK:**

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SOYBEANS (JUL) 04/19/2024: Daily stochastics are trending lower but have declined into oversold territory. The market's short-term trend is negative as the close remains below the 9-day moving average. The defensive setup, with the close under the 2nd swing support, could cause some early weakness. The next downside objective is 1136. The 9-day RSI under 30 indicates the market is approaching oversold levels. The next area of resistance is around 1157 1/4 and 1169 1/4, while 1st support hits today at 1140 3/4 and below there at 1136.

SOYBEAN OIL (JUL) 04/19/2024: Momentum studies are declining, but have fallen to oversold levels. The market's short-term trend is negative as the close remains below the 9-day moving average. The market is in a bearish position with the close below the 2nd swing support number. The next downside target is now at 43.41. With a reading under 30, the 9-day RSI is approaching oversold levels. The next area of resistance is around 45.39 and 46.34, while 1st support hits today at 43.93 and below there at 43.41.

SOYMEAL (JUL) 04/19/2024: The major trend has turned down with the cross over back below the 40-day moving average. Stochastics are at mid-range but trending higher, which should reinforce a move higher if resistance levels are taken out. The close below the 18-day moving average is an indication the intermediate-term trend has turned down. The market tilt is slightly negative with the close under the pivot. The next upside objective is 341.1. The next area of resistance is around 339.0 and 341.1, while 1st support hits today at 335.7 and below there at 334.4.

**DAILY CORN COMMENTARY**

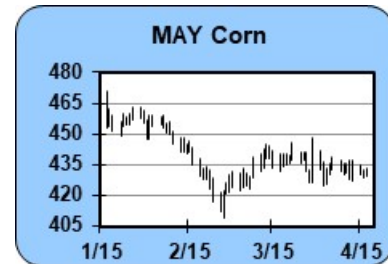
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**EPA set to allow E-15 sales this summer**

**OVERNIGHT CHANGES THROUGH 6:06 AM (CT):**

**CORN** +0.3

**OVERNIGHT DEVELOPMENTS:** Corn (JUL 24) prices overnight are up 2 3/4. Corn open interest as of April 18 was up 6,823 contracts. Chinese Dalian (JUL 24) Corn was down 0.04%.



**NEAR-TERM MARKET FUNDAMENTALS:** After probing below the lower boundary of the recent range, prices strengthened overnight as

the macro markets rose on the Israeli strike on Iran. However, this morning, most of those macro gains have disappeared. Good rains fell in Illinois and Indiana overnight and the Western corn belt will see drier conditions until at least the middle part of next week and temperatures will be warming up. The Buenos Aires Grain Exchange says Argentine corn harvest is 17.2% done and they left their production number unchanged at 49.5 million tonnes. The US Attache lowered Argentine corn production 6 million tonnes to 51 million. A Rosario Grain Exchange executive said the leafhopper infestation has already knocked \$1.3 billion off the corn crop so far. The EPA is set to announce plans to temporarily waive restrictions on E-15 gasoline sales this summer. The Panama Canal Authority says they are raising daily transits by 4 to 31 starting on May 16 as water levels have begun to rise. US corn under drought remained unchanged at 23%, compared to 28% year ago. The International Grains Council dropped 2024/25 world corn production 7 million tonnes from March to 1.226 billion tonnes and lowered world ending stocks 6 million tonnes. Despite delivery halts at the Chornomorsk port in Ukraine, other Odessa terminals exported 2.4 million tonnes of corn so far in April versus 2.8 million in March.

The lowest close yesterday since February 23rd is a bearish sign but we must remember the sizable difference between USDA South American production numbers and CONAB and Argentine exchanges. Much of the current bearishness may be predicated on the final South American crop numbers coming in closer to the USDA figures, which isn't a sure thing, especially with the insect and disease problems spreading in Argentina. This uncertainty will keep a measure of support under the market.

The Export Sales Report showed that for the week ending April 11, net corn sales came in at 501,166 tonnes for the current marketing year and 65,000 for the next marketing year for a total of 566,166. Cumulative sales have reached 83.8% of the USDA forecast for the 2023/2024 marketing year versus a 5 year average of 87.2%. Sales need to average 427,000 tonnes per week to reach the USDA forecast.

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

Negative chart action on Thursday turned the short-term technicals from sideways to lower. However, with funds already heavily short and the growing season staring us in the face, we don't expect a washout lower from here. But, if it does occur, July prices should find solid buying under 430. Furthermore, there is still a high degree of uncertainty regarding final South American production, which still has a chance to change the world balance sheet significantly.

#### **NEW RECOMMENDATIONS:**

None.

#### **PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS:**

None.

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

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CORN (JUL) 04/19/2024: Daily stochastics are trending lower but have declined into oversold territory. The market's short-term trend is negative as the close remains below the 9-day moving average. The close below the 2nd swing support number puts the market on the defensive. The next downside target is 432 1/4. The next area of resistance is around 438 3/4 and 442 1/2, while 1st support hits today at 433 3/4 and below there at 432 1/4.

CORN (DEC) 04/19/2024: Daily stochastics are trending lower but have declined into oversold territory. The market's close below the 9-day moving average is an indication the short-term trend remains negative. The close below the 2nd swing support number puts the market on the defensive. The next downside objective is 456. The next area of resistance is around 462 1/2 and 466, while 1st support hits today at 457 1/2 and below there at 456.

#### **DAILY WHEAT COMMENTARY**

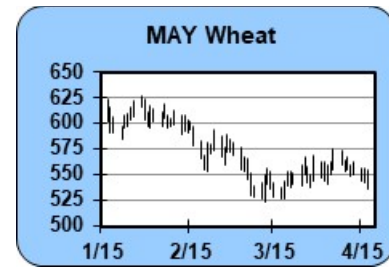
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## India govt stocks 16-yr low

### OVERNIGHT CHANGES THROUGH 6:06 AM (CT):

WHEAT +0.68

**OVERNIGHT DEVELOPMENTS:** Chicago wheat (JUL 24) prices overnight are up 6; Kansas City (JUL 24) up 1; and Minneapolis (JUL 24) up 5. MATIF Milling Wheat(MAY 24) was unchanged. Chicago wheat open interest as of April 18 was up 2,289 contracts and Minneapolis wheat was down 1,071 contracts.



**NEAR-TERM MARKET FUNDAMENTALS:** Wheat prices saw the biggest reaction to the Israeli strike on Iran overnight but have given up a good portion of the gains as of this morning. Both sides are playing down the incident which has caused a pullback in the macro markets. US winter wheat under drought rose 6% to 24% and spring wheat under drought was 26%, unchanged on the week. India's government reserve stocks were reported at a 16-year low of 7.35 million tonnes, compared to 8.35 a year ago. The average capacity of 150 reservoirs across India is only 31% of normal. April through June temperatures are expected above normal, although August/September precipitation is expected to be above normal. No further indication on whether India will look to import wheat. Southern Russia remains in a dry pattern and if it extends into May, the market may begin to pay attention. Weekly export sales were within the range of guesses and did show a couple of cargoes were canceled by China. The International Grains Council updated their world 2024/25 crop estimate down 1 million tonnes to 798 million. Argentine farmers are asking the government to immediately eliminate the wheat export tax due to high production costs and low world prices. If macro markets regain some strength later today, we would expect wheat to rally as well. The Southwest Plains will remain in a dry pattern until at least late next week but Texas and far south Oklahoma will see some precipitation. Pullbacks should be well supported today.

The Export Sales Report showed that for the week ending April 11, net wheat sales came in at -93,556 tonnes (cancelations) for the current marketing year and 222,016 for the next marketing year for a total of 128,460. Cumulative sales have reached 95.0% of the USDA forecast for the 2023/2024 marketing year versus a 5 year average of 93.6%. Sales need to average 49,000 tonnes per week to reach the USDA forecast.

### TODAY'S MARKET IDEAS:

Wheat prices reacted with a solid bounce overnight as Israel retaliated against Iran, but both sides seem to be playing down the incident. Nevertheless, buying is likely on any breaks today. Low wheat stocks in India and continued dryness in the Southwest Plains are supportive.

### NEW RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

### PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

### WHEAT TECHNICAL OUTLOOK:

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WHEAT (JUL) 04/19/2024: The downside crossover of the 9 and 18 bar moving average is a negative signal. 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 market tilt is slightly negative with the close under the pivot. The next downside objective is now at 544 1/2. The next area of resistance is around 557 3/4 and 563 1/4, while 1st support hits today at 548 1/4 and below there at 544 1/2.

KC WHEAT (JUL) 04/19/2024: The cross over and close above the 40-day moving average is an indication the longer-term trend has turned positive. Stochastics trending lower at midrange will tend to reinforce a move lower

especially if support levels are taken out. The market's short-term trend is negative as the close remains below the 9-day moving average. The upside closing price reversal on the daily chart is somewhat bullish. It is a mildly bullish indicator that the market closed over the pivot swing number. The next downside objective is now at 562 3/4. The next area of resistance is around 581 and 586, while 1st support hits today at 569 1/2 and below there at 562 3/4.

MINN WHEAT (JUL) 04/19/2024: Daily stochastics are trending lower but have declined into oversold territory. A negative signal for trend short-term was given on a close under the 9-bar moving average. The close over the pivot swing is a somewhat positive setup. The next downside target is now at 633. The next area of resistance is around 648 1/2 and 654 3/4, while 1st support hits today at 637 1/2 and below there at 633.

RICE (MAY) 04/19/2024: Daily stochastics have risen into overbought territory which will tend to support reversal action if it occurs. A positive signal for trend short-term was given on a close over the 9-bar moving average. The market has a slightly positive tilt with the close over the swing pivot. The near-term upside objective is at 19.276. The 9-day RSI over 70 indicates the market is approaching overbought levels. The next area of resistance is around 19.172 and 19.276, while 1st support hits today at 18.858 and below there at 18.647.

### DAILY TECHNICAL STATISTICS

	CLOSE	9 DAY RSI	14 DAY RSI	14 DAY SLOW STOCH D	14 DAY SLOW STOCH K	4 DAY M AVG	9 DAY M AVG	18 DAY M AVG	45 DAY M AVG	60 DAY M AVG
<b>GRAIN COMPLEX</b>										
CNAN24	436 1/4	36.65	40.47	23.09	15.67	441.06	443.14	444.88	444.31	448.44
CNAZ24	460	34.93	39.89	35.57	24.16	465.31	467.86	469.63	466.91	469.15
SSAN24	1149	28.83	34.03	14.37	9.41	1161.31	1173.83	1187.89	1185.01	1193.70
SSAX24	1149 1/4	30.77	36.78	21.20	14.19	1159.06	1167.61	1176.71	1166.63	1170.28
SMAN24	337.4	47.35	47.42	53.20	55.80	338.40	338.63	338.68	338.21	342.50
BOAN24	44.66	22.84	31.20	12.14	7.22	45.43	46.59	47.77	47.32	47.27
WHAN24	553	36.08	40.92	35.82	20.85	559.38	566.72	568.28	566.19	577.19
WHAZ24	595	37.34	42.65	35.88	19.86	599.63	606.94	608.35	598.98	607.68
RCAK24	19.015	78.81	70.81	73.85	89.59	18.64	17.61	17.03	17.72	17.92
KWAN24	575 1/4	48.43	48.96	62.62	59.38	577.00	580.00	577.01	572.32	581.89
MWAN24	643	41.02	41.86	32.92	26.56	642.81	649.14	650.60	657.18	668.18
OTAN24	346	56.02	50.97	42.62	53.84	341.75	336.56	341.14	351.48	355.23

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### DAILY SWING STATISTICS

Contract		Support 2	Support 1	Pivot	Resist 1	Resist 2
<b>GRAIN COMPLEX</b>						
CNAN24	Corn	432	433 1/2	437 1/4	439	442 1/2
CNAZ24	Corn	456	457 1/2	461	462 1/2	466
SSAN24	Soybeans	1135 3/4	1140 1/2	1152 1/2	1157 1/2	1169 1/4
SSAX24	Soybeans	1139 1/4	1143	1152	1155 1/2	1164 3/4
SMAN24	Soymeal	334.3	335.7	337.7	339.0	341.1
BOAN24	Soybean Oil	43.40	43.92	44.87	45.39	46.34
WHAN24	Wheat	544 1/2	548 1/4	554	557 3/4	563 1/2
WHAZ24	Wheat	587 1/4	591	595 1/2	599	603 3/4
RCAK24	Rice	18.646	18.857	18.961	19.172	19.276
KWAN24	KC Wheat	562 3/4	569 1/2	574 1/2	581	586 1/4
MWAN24	MINN Wheat	633	637 1/2	644	648 1/2	655
OTAN24	Oats	338 1/4	342 1/2	345 1/2	349 1/2	352 3/4

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