



CURRENT TREND: Lower **REASON:** Corn breaks through chart lows, beans decline on strong central corn belt rain totals
EXPORT INSPECTIONS @ 10 AM, CROP PROGRESS @ 3 PM; PRO FARMER/FARM JOURNAL CROP TOUR THIS WEEK
MORNING TRIVIA: Born on this day in 1954, he is college football's only two-time Heisman Trophy winner...

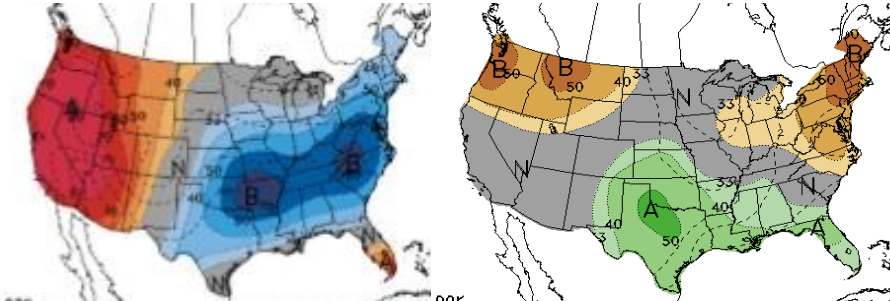
MARKET HEADLINES

- Quick editorial:** the radar is showing something we haven't seen in a while—strong rains throughout Iowa, maybe too little too late for the bulk of the #1 corn producer but hopefully providing soybeans a much-needed drink. Highly variable corn yield checks are expected nonetheless from the Farm Journal Crop Tour beginning today, especially from that western leg of the tour as especially as both legs of the tour progress into Iowa later in the week...
- U.S. wheat was reportedly the lowest-priced offered in Iraq's tender for a nominal 50k tonnes; it was offered at \$297/tonne C&F, with the lowest price for AUS wheat (the only other accepted origin) at \$299/tonne cost plus freight
- South Korea corn processors bought around 55k tonnes of optional-origin corn this morning at \$191/tonne C&F for November 30 arrival.
- Taiwan's MFIG has tendered for 130k tonnes of optional-origin corn for Oct-Nov delivery, though half of that is sought from Brazil only; the country's millers also bought 99k tonnes of U.S. wheat for Oct-Nov delivery.
- Saudi Arabia wound up buying 490k tonnes of wheat at an average price of \$219/tonne C&F, all optional-origin, for Oct-Dec delivery.
- Russia's government expects 2017/18 grain exports to hit a record 40 MMT, with production at 105-110 MMT, up from previous estimates in the 103-105 MMT range but still below last year's all-time best crop of 120 MMT.
- Friday afternoon's Disaggregated CFTC Report showed the entire grain complex posting solid losses in the managed money category on the week ending last Tuesday (8/15); corn exceeded estimates by doubling its expected -17k loss at -34.8k net contracts, while the rest of the complex came in near estimates at anywhere from a -10 to a -24k net loss on the week. Producers and merchants subsequently added net contracts with corn showing a +36k net there, while the rest of grains rose anywhere from +8 to +16k net on the week.
- Export Inspections Estimates (000 tonnes):** **Estimate Range/ Last Week**
 Corn: **800-1000 / 756.9** Beans: **400-600 / 570.0** Wheat: **400-600 / 511.5**

WEATHER UPDATE

- Previously-shortchanged Iowa is the main recipient of heavy rains at this point, with most of the state covered on the radar this morning and strong amounts of up to 6" so far in the last 24+ hours. The system will continue to move through the belt through tomorrow before a bit drier pattern settles in for the rest of the week, with extended 6-10 and 11-15 day maps looking a bit drier at this point as well. That 6-10 day continues to run cooler than normal as well, though temperatures rebound by the 11-15 day; some concerns remain for mid-September for a frost threat in the northern Plains and Midwest.

NWS 6-10 DAY OUTLOOK: TEMPS & PRECIP



CFTC MANAGED MONEY & RECORD (Since June 2006) POSITIONS:

	Corn	Beans	Meal	Oil	Wheat	KC Wht
Daily	8,000	6,000	2,000	5,000	2,000	0
Est Net	18,885	-9,651	-24,632	57,278	-49,337	34,494
Rec +	409,444	260,433	98,846	125,722	73,662	72,845
Rec -	-236,201	-101,752	-54,855	-63,489	-171,269	-30,005

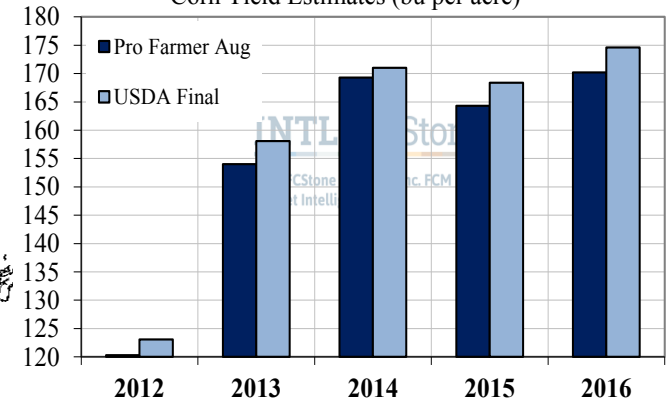
NIGHT SESSION (to 7:00 AM): Grain Volume: 92,710

Symbol	High	Low	Last	Chg	Vol
CU7	350.75	349.00	349.00	-3.00	4,833
CZ7	364.50	362.75	362.75	-3.00	16,727
CH8	376.75	375.00	375.00	-2.75	2,637
WU7	418.75	413.25	413.75	-2.25	2,601
KWU7	416.25	411.25	412.50	-2.00	595
SU7	936.00	930.25	931.00	-6.50	2,392
SX7	936.50	931.00	931.50	-6.25	17,870
SF8	944.25	939.25	939.50	-6.25	3,445
SMZ7	300.20	297.80	298.00	-2.50	6,284
BOZ7	34.10	33.81	34.01	+0.04	8,995
CLU7	48.75	48.31	48.65	+0.14	27,971
DXY	93.50	93.27	93.32	-0.04	4,499

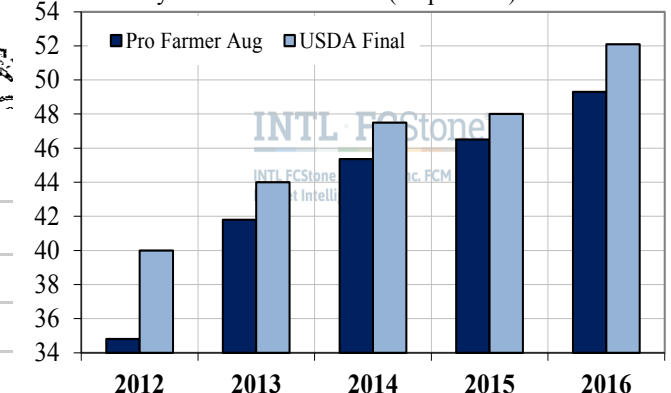
FUNDAMENTAL UPDATE

Today's charts show historical yield estimates from the August Pro Farmer Crop Tour over the last five years, compared to the eventual USDA final yield. The tour estimate has undershot the final yield five times in a row, for both crops, by an average of 3.4 bushels per acre for corn and 2.8 bpa for soybeans. The results have actually been amazingly consistent—ranging from only a -1.7 to a -4.4 bpa miss for corn and a bit wider -1.5 to -5.2 bpa for soybeans.

Corn Yield Estimates (bu per acre)



Soybean Yield Estimates (bu per acre)



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