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Ready or not 2025 is here!

- You can ship now and stay in the market. It will be hard for you to ship when you start new crop. We can help you make a plan....Do you want to stay in the market for a summer rally on your unsold grain?? You can get 70% of your money or use a min price contract to buy call options. Call us to explain.

Market

Chatter-

The solid market gains the last day of 2024! Corn closed at the 6 month high of 4.58 on March and March soybeans closed at 10.10. The bad news is that corn fell about .55 and soybeans fell over \$2.40 on the year. Corn could have some follow through in the first quarter. It will be hard for soybeans to get a substantial percentage boost. The next USDA report is Jan 10, 2025 at 11:00 so we will wait and see what direction it takes us.

Markets continued to rally into the first days of 2025 based on dryer weather in South America, first of year buying, and the unknown of the Jan 10 report but it is leaning bullish. Happy New Year!

Last

week-

As I write, Christmas is over but the markets are giving us

some hope! Corn posted a new high of \$4.53 and soybeans are up double digits to \$9.89. Southern Brazil's 10 day forecast is a little dry (as well as part of Argentina) but most of the crop has been getting ideal weather conditions so far. Watch the markets close. At this point, corn leans bullish and soybeans neutral/bearish. The Brazilian economy is struggling and the real vs the dollar is getting really bad. This will be something to watch in the coming months as to what it will do to planted acres. On the surface the cheap currency will give a discount to exports....and this could add to more corn acres in the Safrina crop to have bushels instead of currency. Still a lot of moving parts but overall it looks like the next crop available to export to the world (South America) is in pretty good shape.

Crop Planting Progress/Conditions report that comes out every Monday afternoon. ** We will resume in the spring******

G/E =Good/Excellent TW =This Week LW =Last Week LY=Last Year AVG=Average
Crop Planting Progress-
 Corn
 Soybeans
Crop Conditions-
 Soybeans G/E
 Corn G/E

Things to Watch-

Interest rates, Ukraine/Russia? Israel/Iran/US? US crop acres? US Yields?...Demand for US crops....Future demand....Ethanol Demand...Weather, Weather, Weather...US record crop? South America weathers/harvesting to start in a few weeks? Other political issues...

Mostly South America weather at this point in the year. Brazilian currency/economy.

USDA REPORT RECAP- Supply Demand Report-December 2024

Corn-

Corn 22/23 -Is now officially in the past-1.360 billion carry over

Corn 23/24 - 1.760 vs 1.760 billion carry over (94.6 million acres with a 177.3 yield vs 94.6 million acres with a 177.3 yield. No changes.

Corn 24/25 - 1.738 vs 1.938 billion carry over (90.7 million acres with a 183.1 yield vs 90.7 million acres with a 183.1) -Export up 150, seed up 50, and ethanol up 50. Down 200 is a lot! But watch closely- 1.738 is still large supply and price projection still \$4.10.

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-USDA projected price is \$4.10.....

Soybeans-

Soybeans 22/23- Is now officially in the past- 264 million carry over

Soybeans 23/24--342 vs 342 million carry over (83.6 million acres with a 50.6 bushel yield vs 83.6 with a 50.6 yield) -No changes

Soybeans 24/25--470 vs 470 million carry over (87.1 million acres with a 51.7 bushel yield vs 87.1 with a 51.7 bushel yield)-
No changes

-470 is a very large carryover.
-USDA average price \$10.20 (Last month was \$10.80)

Few things to note-

- Next USDA Crop Production Supply/Demand Report Jan 10, 2025.
- One thing about being a local company is that you can come see us anytime to discuss the coop or markets or tour the facility.
- FGT has total account access via the web called FGT connect.

- *FGT- Did you Know?????*
 - That FGT began its 56th year of business on August 1!
 - That FGT rebates all its profits to its owners.
 - That FGT is not just another grain company or chemical company. It is a locally owned coop and is part of your farm investments. It makes sense and makes money to do business with yourself.

Thanks for supporting FGT. We appreciate your business.

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