Memorial Day is Monday. Please take time out of your day in remembrance of those who died in military service to our country.

FGT and the market will be closed Monday May 27th in observance of Memorial Day. Call today to have open orders in for next market open which will be Monday night @ 7:00 pm.

FGT Connect APP gives you total account access. Get it on your phone or use it on your PC. Call with questions.

Market Chatter-

As I am watching the market, I am seeing November soybeans approach the last high of 12.30 and September corn trading 10 cents off it high of 4.84. Can we go higher? Sure, but to go "way" higher you will need an event. These numbers are important to watch to gauge how the market is reacting to the news of today. If we break these numbers, it is a big deal. If we don't break these numbers, we tend to trend down waiting on the next news. In the meantime, we will watch planting progress, which is fine for now, but started some of this rally. Weather is becoming the most dominant factor as we approach summer. South America had some flooding and some dryness. I would also like to remind everyone that it may be summer here, but the Midwest summer has not started yet.(they are still in planting mode). Make a plan and review it often. If we make a crop in the US, the current market is on the

high side, If the US crop has issues we haven't seen the highs yet.

Last Week's Chatter-

We started the week on a good note and returned to the high side of corn and slightly off the high on soybeans. The USDA report put 22/23 crop behind us and gave us the first look at the 24/25 acres/yield/ demand/carryover. Looking at corn 24/25 crop, the carryover is 2.1 billion but that is with a 181 bushel per acre yield, and I think that could be hard to pull off on 90 million acres. This will be one of the things to watch the rest of the year. Looking at soybeans 24/25 crop, the carryover is 445 million bushels which is 86.5 million acres with a 52 bushel per acre yield. This can happen. So, while the remaining crop goes in the ground we will need a summer drought to kick this market off. One thing to key on below is that the USDA projected price for corn is \$4.40 and soybeans is \$11.20 both of which are lower than today's prices. We could hit those lower prices if we make a crop. Get some open orders in, we do not want to sell for those USDA prices.

<u>Crop Planting Progress/Conditions report that comes out every Monday afternoon.</u>

-Time to start tracking Crop Planting Progress-We will move into Crop conditions later in the spring (Harvest progress in the fall).

G/E =Good/Excellent TW =This Week LW =Last Week LY=Last Year AVG=Average

Crop Planting Progress-

Corn 70%TW 49%LW 76%LY 71%AVG Soybeans 52%TW 35%LW 61%LY 49%AVG

Things to Watch-

Interest rates up, Ukraine? US crop acres 24? US Projected Yields 24....Safrina Crop...Panama Canal shipping issues, Suez Canal shipping issues. Lack of Demand....Future crush demand....Ethanol Demand....Planting Weather, Weather, Weather...Too much rain in South America? Wet weather in US? Freeze on Russian wheat?

USDA REPORT RECAP- USDA Supply Demand Report-May 2024

Corn-

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

Corn 23/24 - 2.022 vs 2.12 billion carry over (94.6 million acres with a 177.3 yield vs 94.6 million acres with a 177.3 yield.)
Exports went up by 50mil, food for seed went up 50mill creating a 100 mill increase in usage reducing carryover by 100 million. 2.1 billion is still a lot of carry over bushels.
-USDA average price was \$4.65-Down from \$4.70 last report (\$6.54 when we had a 1.3/1.4 billion carry over 22/23 crop)

Corn 24/25 - 2.102 vs (Nothing until next report) billion carry over (90.0 million acres with a 181 yield)

- -First look at these numbers-Do we get 90 million acres planted and does it yield 181 bpa?
- -USDA projected price is \$4.40.....2.102 billion carry over is a lot

Soybeans-

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

carry over

Soybeans 23/24--340 vs 340 million carry over (83.6 million acres with a 50.6 bushel yield vs 83.6 with a 50.6 yield) -No big changes

-USDA average price \$12.55.

Soybeans 24/25--445 vs (Nothing until next report) million carry over (86.5 million acres with a 52 bushel yield) -First look at these numbers- 445 is a very large carry over -USDA average price \$11.20

Few things to note-

- USDA Crop Production Supply/Demand June 12, 2024.
- All <u>current</u> coop members are eligible for a discount on a new truck. (provide current stock/equity, proof of 10k in sales in past year, and purchase in same name as stock)
- 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.
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- That FGT began its 55th year of business on August 1!
- That FGT rebates all its profits to its owners.
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