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Corn

March corn was able to bounce off of fresh new contract lows made early in the trade, to settle up 4 ¼ cents at \$4.59 ¼. Support below the market remains at \$4.47. Census reports of exports in November showed a pace ahead of the USDA Inspections report, at 141 million bushels. This is 30 million bushels better than the October pace and 45 million bushels ahead of a year ago in November. Cumulative exports for the marketing year total 376 million bushels. No daily export sales announcements were made today, but some in the market were talking about corn business being done in the Gulf. Trade estimates have been released for Friday's WASDE, crop production and quarterly stocks reports. The trade is expecting no change to the US corn yield, at 174.9 bpa. Total corn production is anticipated at 15.226 billion bushels vs 15.234 in December. The trade is looking for a US carryout at 2.105 billion bushels vs 2.131 billion bushels in December. World carryout is estimated at 313.03 million metric tonnes vs 315.22 mmt in December. The trade is looking for decreases to the South American Corn crop, with Argentina expected at 54.78 million tonnes vs 55 million tonnes in December. Brazil is expected at 125.33 mmt vs 129 mmt estimate in December. The USDA has traditionally been slow to make large changes to the SAM crop in January. On the stocks report, the trade estimates 12.013 billion bushels vs 10.821 billion bushels a year ago. If correct, this would be the largest Dec 1 stocks since 2017. Also a reminder that this weekend is another three day break, with markets closed on Monday, January 15th in observance of Dr Martin Luther King Jr holiday.

CASH BASIS BIDS	Nearby	Feb
Corn Cif Nola	48+H	55+H
Truck Hennepin	15-H	08-H
Truck St Louis	10+H	16+H
Columbus CSX	14-H	10-H
Fort Wayne NS	17-H	13-H
Divd Hereford	112+H	115+H
Divd PNW	125+H	133+H
Nebraska Grp 3	06+H	06+H
Divd Decatur	04+H	07+H
Beans Cif Nola	76+H	70+H
Truck Hennepin	13+H	04+H
Truck St Louis	38+F	36+H
Divd Decatur	00+H	12+H
Divd Des Moines	15-H	25-H
IL R Barge Frt.	420	415
BNSF Shuttle Frt.	\$200+	\$250+

Beans

Modest bounce in beans after making a seven-month low early in the session as they bounced 1 – 4c. Census exports showed the crop year exports through November were 713 mil bu which was above reported inspections by 26 mil. However, this is down 10% from last year. ANEC is suggesting Brazil will export between 1.3 and 2.7 mmt in January. Brazil is offered at -5H for February and -50 H for March so the window for US exports is rapidly closing. China's current crusher ownership (Jan 95%, Feb 80%, and Mar 65%) suggests they will be content to wait for Brazil new crop. Brazil harvest has started with AgRural reporting 1% complete. Mato Grosso yields have been low but Parana have been good. SA weather appears to be favorable with the WASDE coming up late in the week. The trade is expecting an unchanged carryout with what appears to be the fourth tightest stocks. The most logical step seems to be a cut in exports and an increase in production (North Dakota). WASDE is not expected to make substantial changes to SA production in this report. The 53c selloff since the first of the year and almost \$1 drop in a month probably is enough unless the WASDE group surprises.

Wheat

Wheat markets had a Turn-Around-Tuesday type trade, all classes higher, as SRW gains were the leader. WH4 rose 13 ¾ cents, settling @ \$6.10, KWH4 gained 11 ¾ cents @ \$6.27, and MWH4 finished up 3 cents @ \$7.05 ½. Egypt bought 360.0 TMT Russian & 60.0 TMT of Ukraine for March shipment; estimated @ ~\$265 FOB similar to DEC 19 closed tender buying 480 RU for ~\$265 FOB. Overnight news had Jordan cancelling their tender; expected to be re-issued on Jan 17th. Analyst pointed out WASDE EU wheat S&D table needs adjusting as exports looks too aggressive and imports too light; could be 4-6.0 MMT too much in trade matrix & higher EU stocks. Average trade guesses for Jan WASDE & NASS are as follows; US End Stocks 659 unch; World Stocks 258.2 unch; DEC 1st Stocks 1.391 BBU; WW seedings 35.7 MLN ac's; HRW 25.2, SRW 7.0 & WW 3.6 MLN ac's.