

US APRIL S/D AND S AM UPDATES

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US Old-crop Stock levels were within ranges. Focus now on US Weather.

U.S. Corn Supply/Demand

	<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2018/19</u>	2019/20	<u>2019/20</u>			
(Millions)	USDA	USDA	USDA	USDA	Mar 29	Price			
	Dec	Feb	Mar	April	Est.	Est			
Planting Acres	89.14	89.13	89.13	89.13	92.79	91.50			
Harvested Acres	81.77	81.74	81.74	81.74	85.29	84.00			
Yield in Bu.	<u>178.9</u>	<u>176.4</u>	<u>176.4</u>	<u>176.4</u>	<u>176.0</u>	<u>176.0</u>			
Initial Stocks	2,140	2,140	2,140	2,140	2,000	2,035			
Production	14,626	14,420	14,420	14,420	15,010	14,785			
Imports	45	40	40	40	40	40			
Ttl Supply	16,811	16,600	16,600	16,600	17,050	16,860			
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Feed/Residual	5,500	5,375	5,375	5,300	5,500	5,400			
Food/Seed	1,480	1,465	1,465	1,465	1,465	1,465			
Ethanol	5,600	5,575	5,550	5,500	5,600	5,600			
Ttl Domestic	12,580	12,415	12,390	12,265	12,565	12,465			
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Exports	2,450	2,450	2,375	2,300	2,475	2,425			
Ttl Usage	15,030	14,865	14,765	14,565	15,040	14,890			
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Ending Stocks	1,781	1,735	1,835	2,035	2,010	1,970			
Stks/Use Ratio	11.8%	11.7%	12.4%	14.0%	13.4%	13.2%			
Trade Ave. Est. 1,991									



U.S. Soybean Supply/Demand

U.S. Wheat Supply/Demand

													
(Millions)	2018/19 USDA	2018/19 USDA	2018/19 USDA	2018/19 USDA	2019/20 Mar 29	2019/20 Price	(Millions)	2018/19 USDA Dec	2018/19 USDA Feb	2018/19 USDA _{Mar}	2018/19 USDA April	2019/20 Mar 29 Est.	2019/20 Price Est
	Dec	Feb	Mar	April	Est.	Est	Planted Acres	89.15	89.20	89.20	89.20	84.62	85.50
Planting Acres	47.80	47.80	47.80	47.80	45.75	46.25		88.35	88.11		88.11		
Harvested Acres	39.61	39.61	39.61	39.61	38.50	39.00	Harvested Acres			88.11		83.62	84.50
Yield in Bu.	<u>47.6</u>	47.6	<u>47.6</u>	<u>47.6</u>	<u>47.8</u>	<u>48.5</u>	Yield in Bu.	<u>52.1</u>	<u>51.6</u>	<u>51.6</u>	<u>51.6</u>	<u>49.5</u>	<u>49.5</u>
Initial Stocks Production Imports Ttl Supply	1,099 1,884 <u>140</u> 3,123	1,099 1,884 <u>140</u> 3,123	1,099 1,884 <u>145</u> 3,128	1,099 1,884 <u>145</u> 3,128	1,075 1,840 <u>140</u> 3,055	1,086 1,890 <u>140</u> 3,116	Initial Stocks Production Imports Ttl Supply	438 4,600 25 5,063	438 4,544 20 5,002	438 4,544 <u>20</u> 5,002	438 4,544 <u>17</u> 4,999	900 4,140 <u>20</u> 5,060	895 4,180 <u>20</u> 5,095
Food	970	970	965	965	975	975	Crush	2,080	2,090	2,100	2,100	2,105	2,090
Seed	69	63	63	62	68	67	Seed	96	96	96	98	93	93
Feed/Residual	110	80	80	70	90	100	Residual	32	31	31	31	37	32
							Ttl Domestic	2,208	2,217	2,227	2,229	2,235	2,215
Ttl Domestic	1,149	1,113	1,108	1,097	1,133	1,142		_,			_,	_,	
Export	1,000	1,000	965	945	975	975	Exports	1,900	1,875	1,875	1,875	2,025	2,050
Ttl Usage	2,149	2,113	2,073	2,042	2,108	2,117	Ttl Usage	4,108	4,092	4,102	4,104	4,260	4,265
End Stocks Stks/Use Ratio Trade Ave. Est.	974 45.3%	<u>1,010</u> 47.8%	<u>1,055</u> 50.9%	<u>1,086</u> 53.2% 1,072	<u>947</u> 44.9%	999 47.2%	Ending Stocks Stks/Use Ratio Trade Ave. Est.	<u>955</u> 23.2%	910 22.2%	<u>900</u> 21.9%	895 21.8% 898	<mark>800</mark> 18.8%	830 19.5%

<u>What's Ahead</u> After retesting the recent March 29 lows, the market's focus could be switching to the upcoming US planting season & final stages of US/China trade negotiations. Given the 90-99%% saturation level of Central US soils, it will take an extensive period of dryness before widespread plantings begins. This could strengthen corn & wheat prices while capping beans, but trade results will help beans. Hold sales.

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Market Analysis

The markets were on the defensive ahead of the USDA's April reports this week. After the March Quarterly Stocks Reports revealed some startling higher levels, particularly in corn, the trade was bracing for some sharp adjustments in the US grain supply/demand tables. Changes were made, but the overall adjustments weren't significantly different from the trade's average expectations. South American corn and soybean crop changes also seemed modest.

In corn, March's higher quarterly stocks did prompt the USDA to cut its feed demand, but by just 75 million bu. vs. ideas of 150 or more million reduction. Corn exports were also lowered by 75 million because of sales being behind the 5-year seasonal pace & both Argentina (+1 mmt to 47 mmt) and Brazil (+1.5 mmt to 96 mmt) corn crops being increased. The World Board also shaved 50 million bu. from corn's ethanol demand because of weather problems. Overall, April's 2018/19 stocks were upped 200 million to 2.035 billion bu.-- near the trade's average estimate.

In soybeans, the USDA left the major demand forecasts for the old-crop year unchanged at 2.1 billion for crush and 1.875 billion bu. for exports. Despite some concerns about overseas demand and the USDA raising Brazil's crop by 500,000 tons to 117.0 mmt, the World Board sliced just 5 million from US stocks to 895 million. Three million lower imports and 2 million smaller seed demand were the changes. Despite a stock residual issue, the USDA decided to wait to see the June stocks before making any big changes in the 2018 US crop size.

In wheat, the USDA sliced US feed demand by 10 million bu because of last month's higher than expected stocks and its price relationship to other course grains in the US. Wheat's slow export shipments vs. its seasonal pace also prompted the World Board to slice 20 million off exports. Overall, 2018/19's old-crop stocks were raised by 32 million to 1.086 billion bu.

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