

Weather

Most of the middle of the country will be very dry today through at least Tuesday. Only the northern Plains and northeastern parts of the Corn Belt will see appreciable amounts of precipitation in that time frame (which can fall as snow).

The precipitation forecast becomes unclear for Week Two. The overnight GFS operational model shows a notable snowstorm in the Plains cattle feedlot areas eastward into the far southern Corn Belt for about a week from today. That forecast has some support from the GFS and even the European ensemble but not from other models. The model agreement needs to improve to make definitive conclusions.

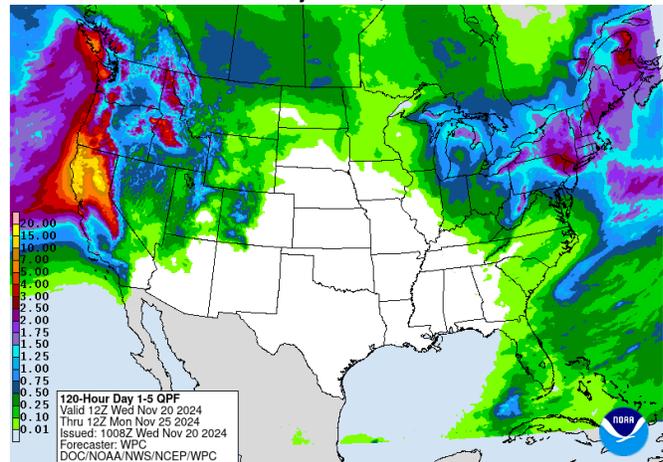
Daily scattered rainfall is forecast for the northern soybean regions of Brazil. In the near term, the best chances for (needed) rainfall in the southern soybean growing areas (Parana and the nearby regions) are for today and (especially) tomorrow. Nice amounts are still expected, but not enough to quell dry weather concerns in the area. It is for November 27-28 and beyond, when heavy rainfall is expected to return for southern Brazil/Paraguay.

The forecast still looks dry in most of Argentina through Sunday's daytime hours (finishing off a month of meager rains for a lot of the "heart" of the growing area). Still, very nice (and welcome) rains remain in the forecast for Sunday night through Tuesday night.

Grains

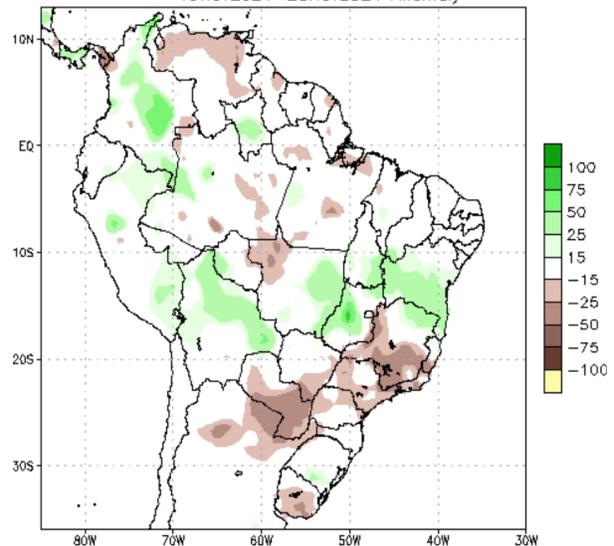
We looked at corn export totals yesterday, so let's take a quick look at soybeans today. The chart on the next page reviews the "Big Three" (US, Brazil, Argentina) soybean exports. June through August exports were relatively strong, primarily led by Brazil, but they tapered off in September to more "normal" levels.

Day 1-5 QPF

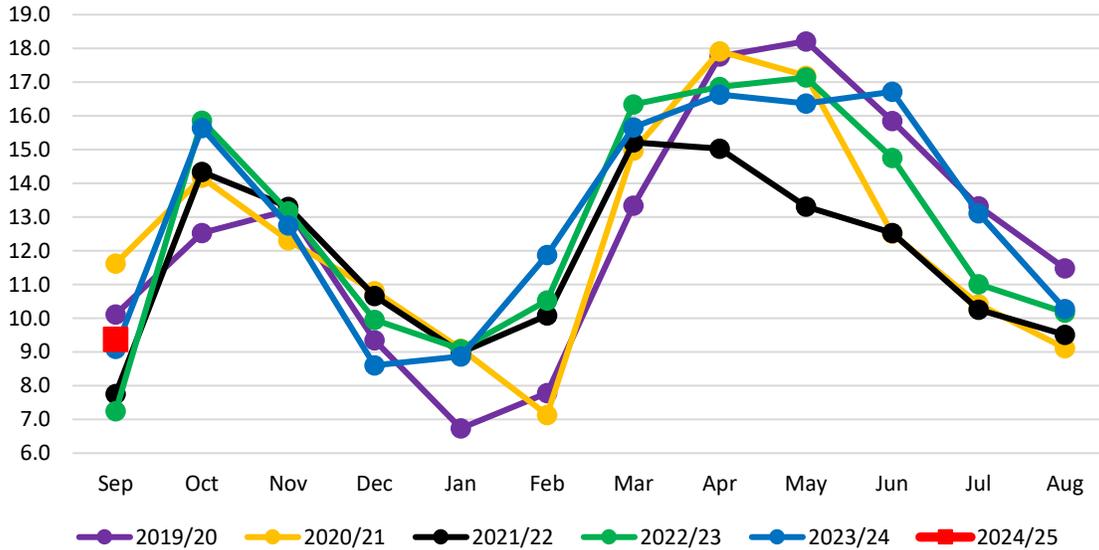


Day 1-7 GFS Precipitation Forecast

NCEP GFS Ensemble Forecast 1-7 Day Precipitation (mm)
from: 19Nov2024
19Nov2024-25Nov2024 Anomaly

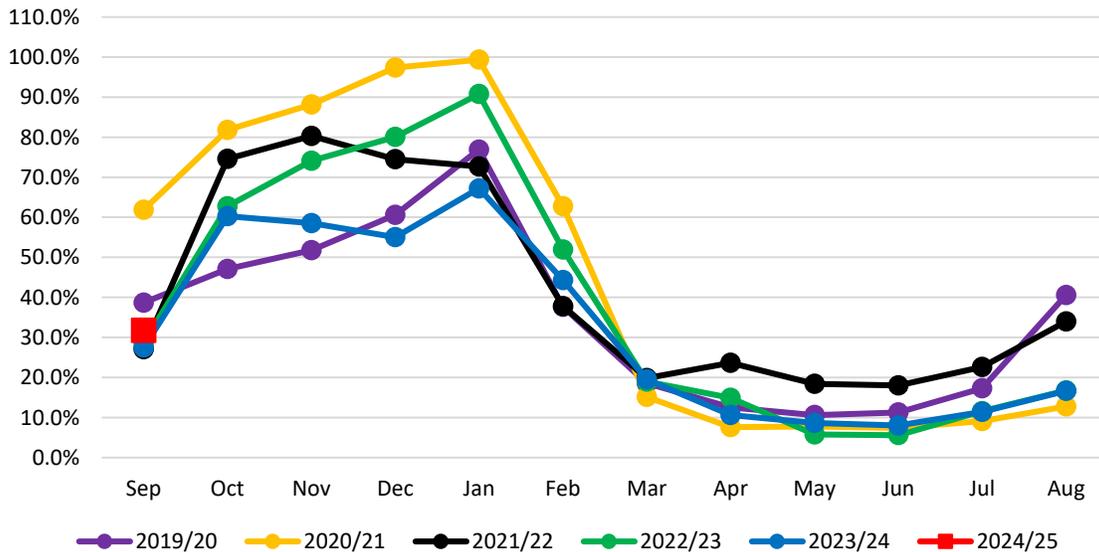


Big Three Soybean Exports (MMT) US Marketing Year



The following chart looks at the US percentage of the Big Three soybean exports. As you can see, the US had a relatively small percentage of exports from March to August last year and is starting the 24/25 crop year at the lower end of recent history. Exports seasonally increase until January/February (when Brazil comes online), but totals could be very meager from March through August (more than usual) if Brazil can grow a 169 MMT crop. Brazilian FOB offers are cheaper than those offered by the US through August.

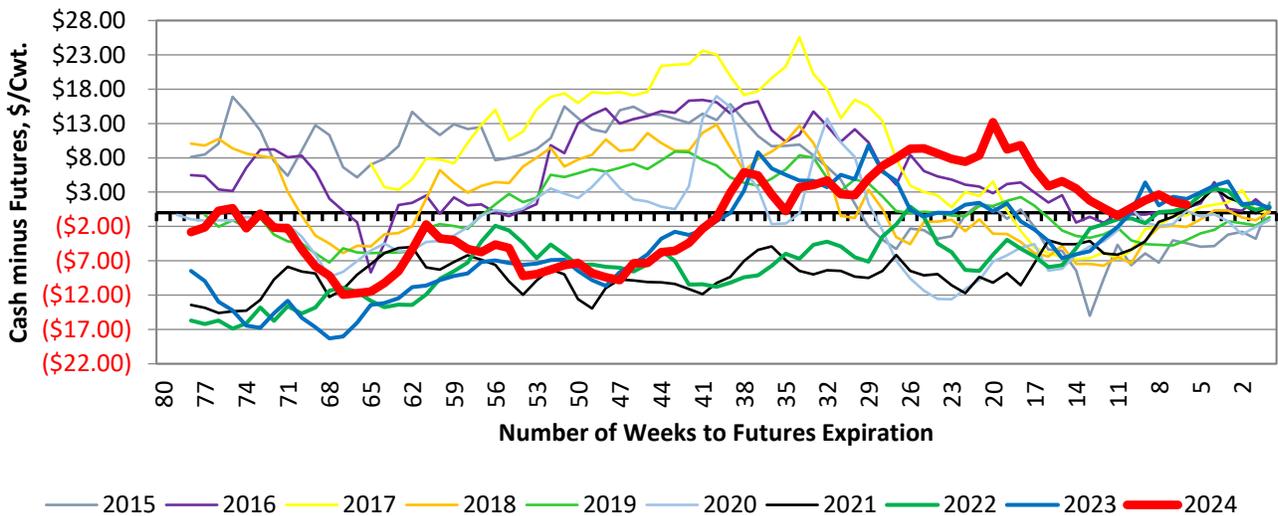
US Soy Exports as % of "Big 3" Total Exports US, Brazil, Argentina



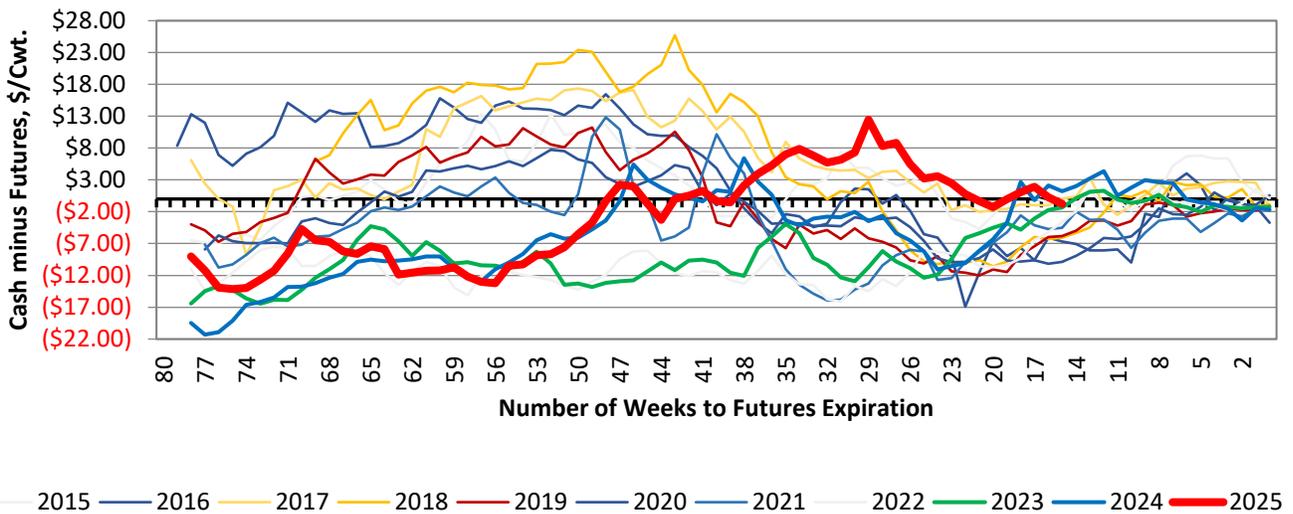
Livestock

We'll take a quick look at live cattle basis this morning. The charts below speak for themselves but show the December and February basis. As you can see, basis has weakened over the last few weeks to more normal-ish levels for this time of the year. I haven't heard of any cash trades this week, but considering the board move yesterday, basis may be much below the board (depending on cash trades), which hasn't happened in a long time.

USDA Fed Steer (5 Area) minus CME Live Cattle Futures, December Expiration



USDA Fed Steer (5 Area) minus CME Live Cattle Futures, February Expiration



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