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Friday's lack of any volume in the negotiated cash feedlot trade was a disappointment. We also found out the On Feed data had more bearish influence than positive. Marketings were up 18% from a year ago in August, yet placements were also up 15% with a heavy weighting on the larger cattle, meaning December and first quarter supplies are going to be plentiful. The cattle market also has to deal with the big glut of market hogs currently influencing the market. We'll get confirmation of more of that I'm guessing when the quarterly Hog and Pig Report numbers are released this coming Friday.

Joplin and Oklahoma City feeder cattle and calf market prices were instances steady, but for the most part quite a bit weaker. OK City was \$5-\$8 lower on feeders, but steady on 850+ lb cattle. Calf prices were steady to \$5 lower on steers and \$5-\$10 lower on 500+lb heifers. Light weight heifers were steady. Joplin was \$3-\$6 lower on calves and yearlings, but steady on a few strings of weaned and good conditioned calves. OK City had a little over 1000 hd less than a year ago in their run and Joplin's receipts were slightly larger than a year ago.

Cattle slg.\_\_\_\_ 114,000 +3k wa +6k ya

Choice Cutout\_\_187.04 +.23

Select Cutout\_\_179.05 +.84

Feeder Index:\_\_\_\_137.14 +1.04

Lean Index.\_\_ 58.93 --.95      Pork cutout\_\_\_\_78.61 +1.69

IA-S.MN direct avg\_\_50.93 -.90

Hog slg.\_\_\_\_441,000 unch wa +13k ya

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Grain and oilseed trade was under mild to moderate pressure all day Monday. I think yield reports and an active harvest pace in some areas more than offset the flooding in others, especially the soybean yield numbers being reported. New crop bean basis as well as the spreads and building carry in the futures contracts in beans are also telling the market there's a bumper crop coming. In corn the basis is saying it, but spreads really haven't made it out to carry levels that would indicate excess supply.

Export inspection numbers yesterday were bullish corn and wheat and not so great in beans and milo. Total wheat shipments were 32.2 mln bushels, 52.6 mln corn, 4.8 mln milo and 14.1 mln beans. YTD milo shipments are less than half what we had last year at the same time, yet the marketing year is still less than a month old, so I won't call that a trend just yet.

Crop progress and condition data showed corn and soybean g/ex conditions unchanged from the previous week at 74% g/ex corn and 73% g/ex beans. On one hand, there definitely could have been an uptick in beans based on yield reports, but on the other, there wasn't any downtick from Iowa and northern Corn Belt flooding either. Corn harvested percentage moved to 15% versus 19% on average. Soybeans were 10% versus 13% normally. Winter wheat planting is 30% complete which is right at the average for this date.

6-10's last night were showing above normal temps over most of the Plains and the entire Corn Belt. Precip was normal to much above central and north and below normal from Missouri and Illinois on east.

8 a.m. export reporting showed a 120k mt sale of US beans to China. Yesterday morning there were 240k mt's reported. Soybean export demand is great, but so are yields in all the harvest reports.

Friday there is a quarterly stocks report, as well as the small grains summary. We'll touch on some of those report estimates over the next several days.

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