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Grain and oilseed trade at times yesterday showed double digit gains in beans and wheat contracts, although everything closed south of that mark. New crop corn pushed up to the 4.09 level, leaving what I would assume a huge layer of 4.10 farmer sales targets high and dry. It then broke hard and closed just over \$4 even. Front month July crept up to 3.91 ³/₄, just 2 cents short of heavy resistance from the February highs of 3.93 ³/₄. The Dec contract pushed through the Feb highs, which were at 4.04. Spot month July has not accomplished that task, which I think is pivotal for setting sights on much higher levels by the technical traders.

Export sales that were released at 7:30 a.m. Thursday showed corn with a neutral 13.7 mln bushel number. Bean were neutral as well at 5.8 mln. Wheat falls in the same neutral category with 16.9 mln, which are now listed in the new marketing year that began June 1. Total old crop wheat shipments showed 974 mln bushels and USDA had them pegged at 1.035 bln in the S&D reports. Odds are strong that old crop export number gets trimmed in future reports, which adds some bushels to old crop stocks.

6-10 day forecasts last night were showing above normal temperatures all of the Corn Belt except for the far western edge. Nebraska and Kansas were normal to above temps east and normal to below west. The Northern Plains were normal to below. Precip was pegged at below normal over most of the High Plains and into the Dakotas and normal to above everywhere east of that line. Pretty good forecast for good crop development for the Corn Belt actually, as well as a decent forecast for progression on HRW wheat harvest.

8 a.m. export reporting showed 201k mt's of US beans sold to unknown destination.

At 11a.m. we get monthly crop production and supply and demand report numbers. The average ending stocks guesses for old crop are 2.284 bln corn, 432 mln beans and 1.158 bln wheat. Those numbers are all just a shade under the May report figures. New crop estimates are 2.073 bln corn, 498 mln beans and 909 mln wheat. Those numbers are slightly higher in beans than a month ago and lower in wheat and corn. Winter wheat production is pegged at 1.245 bln as the average guess. In May it was 1.246 and a year ago we were staring at 1.672 bln.

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South American production guesses for the report have Brazil corn at 96.5 mmt's and Argy corn 40.3 mmt's. Those guesses are up ½ mmt for Brazil and 300k for Argentina compared to a month ago. Last year, Brazil raised 67 mln and Argentina 29, so these are massive increases in their corn production. Average guesses for their bean crops show Brazil at 112.3 mmt's versus 111.6 last month. Argentina is pegged at 57.4 mmt's compared to 57 last month. Last year Argentina was 56.8 and Brazil 96.5. Combined, it looks like Argy and Brazil corn could be up as much as 41 mmt's above last year. Their beans could be up as much as 16.4 mmt's.

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