

Grain Market Morning Comments:

March 15, 2024

South American crops continuing to shrink?

- Overnight- Corn and soybean futures were lower while wheat was slightly higher.
- There are more reports of shrinking crops in South America
 - The USDA Attache to Argentina dropped their soybean estimate to 49.5
 MMT down from 50.0 MMT. Not a big drop but more could be coming.
 - AgroConsult dropped their Brazil corn estimate to 123.4 MMT down 5.3
 MMT. They are higher than Conab but that is a significant cut.
- Some widespread rains across the Cornbelt yesterday put some pressure on prices but the drought monitor will need to show some improvement going forward.
- US Dollar has turned back higher with the surprise inflation read yesterday.
- We will see how the markets want to finish the week. We backed off corn and soybeans yesterday from the recent highs.

Bottomline

South American weather is taking a toll on their crops, but will it be enough to support prices or motivate the funds to cover short positions?

May Corn Technicals: The market is working on a bullish upturn and projecting a run to 4.47 area. Bears need a close under 4.29 for starters.

May Soybean Technicals: The market is working a bullish upturn and a close over 12.00 will really get the bulls excited. A close under 11.50 will flip the market back negative.

Exports: 125K tons of corn to unknown buyers.

Weather: Hot dry Brazil for the next 10 days. Argy in a wet pattern that could result in some heavy rains.

Dollar Index: The dollar is trading 43 ticks higher this morning at 103.95.

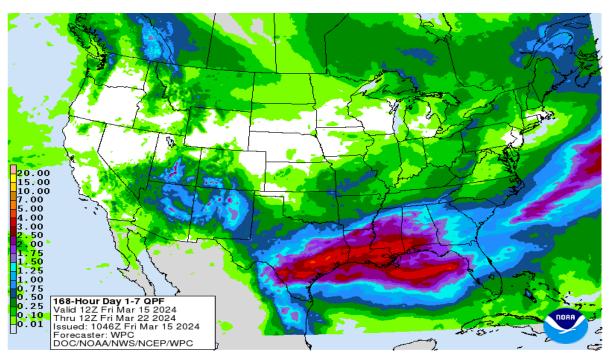
Brazilian Real: The Real is trading flat his morning at 20.01.

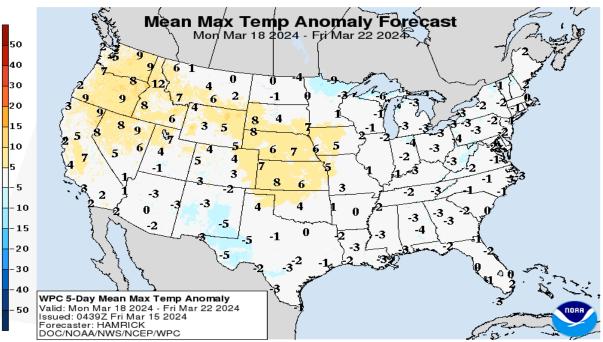
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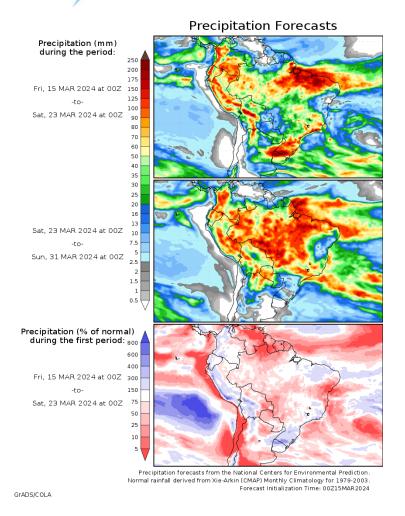






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