

## **Grain Market Morning Comments:** April 5, 2024

**Reinflation trade?** 

- Overnight- Corn and wheat futures were higher and soybean futures were lower.
- The May corn moved over 4.35 which could give us a chance to get back in the 4.40's and maybe challenge last week's high.
- The soybeans are having trouble shaking off their dismal export situation while soybean crush remains strong it cannot counteract the lack of soybean export demand.
- Fed speakers yesterday were taking a hawkish tone on rate cuts and with today's strong jobs report the chance of a June rate cut is moving lower.
  - Will the funds decide they want to own commodities for a reinflation trade?
    - This might be the bullish fundamental the grain market needs so we will be watching the macro numbers closely. CPI will be out next week.

#### **Bottomline**

The macro-economic picture could be shifting away from multiple rate cuts this year and this could be supportive the commodity markets going forward. Weather in Brazil is non-threatening weather-wise, and the ECB is wet so could slow the early planting season on that side of the MS River. US weather moves to the forefront of traders' minds now.

**May Corn Technicals:** Corn market bounced yesterday off the lows and a close over 4.35 will be constructive. Bears want to see trade below 4.20.

<u>May Soybean Technicals:</u> The market is neutral, and bulls need a move above 12.02 while bears are looking for a close below 11.71.

Exports: None to report.

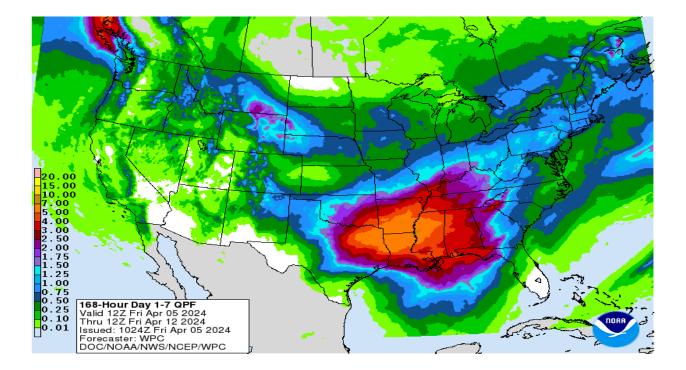
Weather: Brazil's current showers may be enough to hold the corn crop in good condition even if the weather turns dry mid-April.

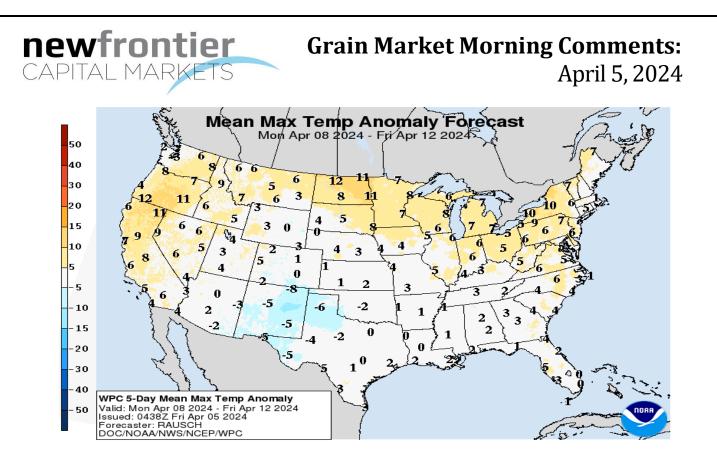
**Dollar Index:** The dollar is trading 47 ticks higher this morning at 104.36. **Brazilian Real:** The Real is trading 2.5 ticks lower this morning at 19.75.

7-day weather maps

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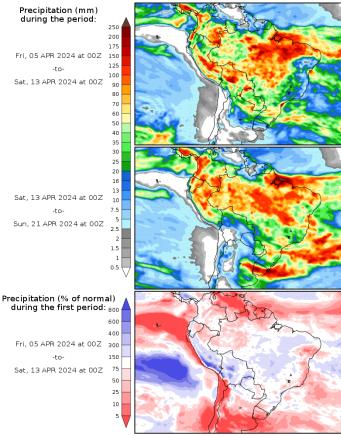




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Precipitation forecasts from the National Centers for Environmental Prediction. Normal rainfall derived from Xie-Arkin (CMAP) Monthly Climatology for 1979-2003. Forecast Initialization Time: 00205APR 2024

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