

Grain Market Morning Comments: April 16, 2024

Lots of negative chatter

- Overnight- Grain and oil seed futures are lower.
- Negative start to the week with soybeans leading the way lower.
 - Lack of soybean exports and the unwillingness of the USDA to raise crush usage numbers has the soybean balance sheet growing.
 - Couple this with plenty of soybean acres intended to be planted and it equals bearish sentiment.
- Planting progress was mostly inline as everyone had to wait for their planting insurance date, so we expect much bigger numbers next week as weather looks to be cooperating in many areas this week.
- Brazil weather is predicted to turn dry earlier than usual, but the models had predicted it would start 2 weeks ago, so some meteorologists are hesitant to agree with the modeling until they get more proof.
- The market is also discounting the production cuts for the Argentina crops due to disease.

Bottomline

The negative sentiment seems to be coming to a head this week. Good weather, good planting progress, too many acres, too much carryover and big South American crops. What could go wrong? Again, keep an eye on your local basis for any cash opportunities.

May Corn Technicals: Corn market bounced yesterday off the lows and a close over 4.39 will be constructive. Bears want to see trade below 4.20.

May Soybean Technicals: The market is bearish and could test the 11.50 area. Bulls need a close above 11.93 for starters.

Exports: None to report.

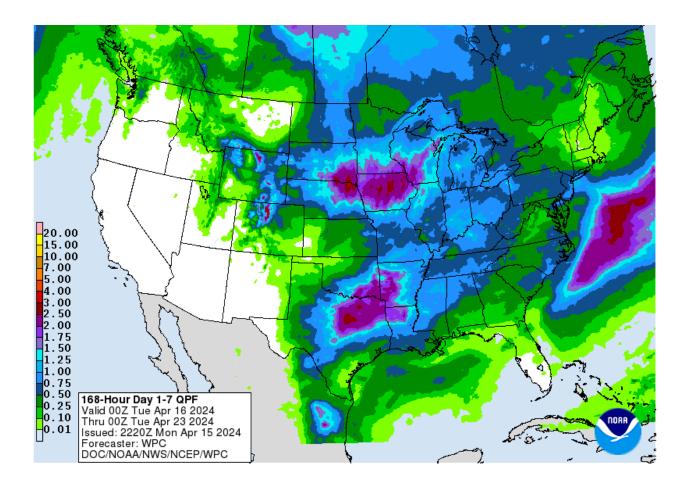
Weather: Brazil's rains over the weekend were better than expected as the forecast turns drier. Rains across the upper Midwest in the short-term forecast.

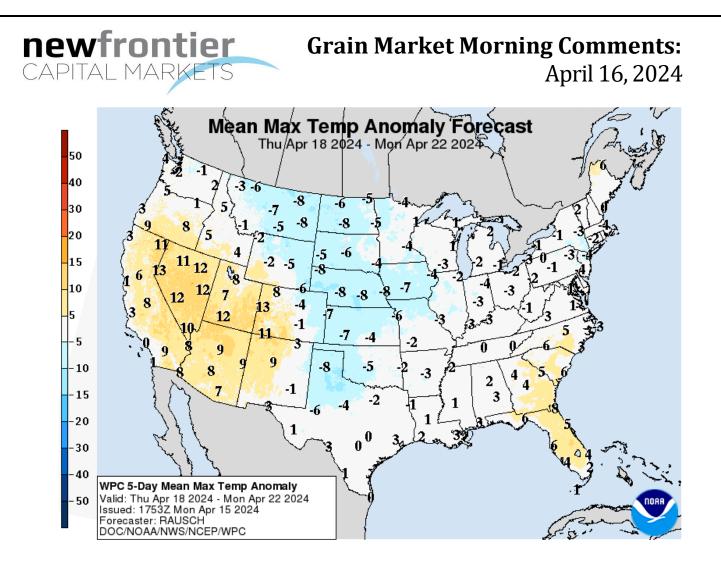
Dollar Index: The dollar is trading 8 ticks higher this morning at 106.07. **Brazilian Real:** The Real is trading 2 ticks lower this morning at 19.04.

7-day weather maps

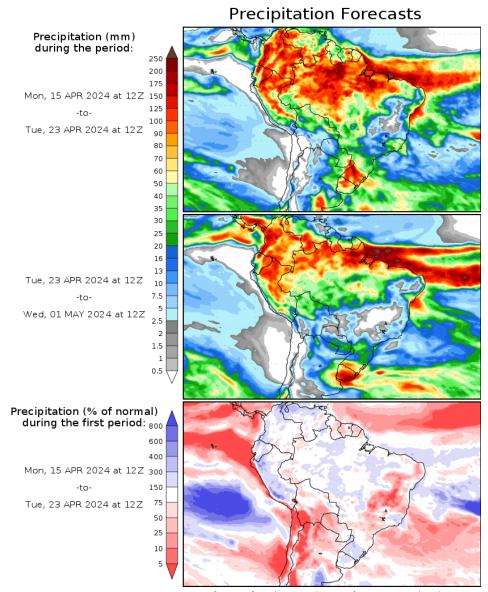
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Precipitation forecasts from the National Centers for Environmental Prediction. Normal rainfall derived from Xie-Arkin (CMAP) Monthly Climatology for 1979-2003. Forecast Initialization Time: 12215APR2024

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