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Dear Subscriber:

This morning USDA released its March 2012 WASDE report. Here is a look at the key numbers:

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USDA March 2012 U-S Ending Stocks for 2011-12 in billions of bushels (released March 9, 2012, 7:30 a.m. CST) released March 09, 2012				
Crop	USDA March Estimate	Average Guess	Range	USDA February Estimate
Corn	0.801	0.784	0.746 - 0.825	0.801
Soybeans	0.275	0.257	0.225 - 0.275	0.275
Wheat	0.825	0.838	0.811 - 0.878	0.845

From the March 2012 WASDE Report:

WHEAT: U.S. wheat ending stocks for 2011/12 are projected 20 million bushels lower this month as lower food use is more than offset by higher exports. Projected food use is lowered 5 million bushels reflecting the latest flour production data reported by the North American Millers' Association. Exports are projected 25 million bushels higher based on shipments and sales to date. Projected exports of Hard Red Spring and White wheat are each raised 10 million bushels. Projected Durum exports are raised 5 million bushels. Prices received by producers for the 2011/12 marketing year are projected at \$7.15 to \$7.45 per bushel, unchanged from last month.



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CORN: U.S. corn, sorghum, and barley balance sheets for 2011/12 are unchanged this month. Oats imports for 2011/12 are projected 5 million bushels higher with larger expected shipments from Canada. Projected U.S. oats ending stocks are increased by the same amount. The projected ranges for the season-average corn and sorghum farm prices are both narrowed 10 cents on each end to \$5.90 to \$6.50 per bushel and \$5.80 to \$6.40 per bushel, respectively. The barley farm price range is lowered 10 cents on the top end of the range to \$5.20 to \$5.50 per bushel. The oats farm price range is raised 10 cents on the bottom end of the range to \$3.35 to \$3.55 per bushel.

SOYBEANS: U.S. soybean supply and use projections for 2011/12 are mostly unchanged this month. U.S. soybean exports are unchanged at 1.275 billion bushels as reduced supplies in South America raise prices, reducing global imports. Although soybean meal exports and domestic use are raised this month, soybean crush remains unchanged due to a higher soybean meal extraction rate. Food use of soybean oil is reduced reflecting increased imports of canola oil and palm oil. Soybean oil stocks are projected at 2.4 billion pounds, up 100 million from last month. The U.S. season-average soybean price range for 2011/12 is projected at \$11.40 to \$12.60 per bushel, up 30 cents on both ends of the range. Soybean meal prices are forecast at \$310 to \$340 per short ton, up 20 dollars on both ends of the range. Soybean oil prices are forecast at 50.5 to 54.5 cents per pound, unchanged from last month.

USDA March 2012 South American Production for 2012 in millions of metric tons (released March 9, 2012, 7:30 a.m. CST) released March 09, 2012					
Crop	USDA March Estimate	Average Guess	Range	USDA February Estimate	USDA 2010/11 Final
Argentina Corn	22.00	21.3	20.0 - 22.5	22.00	22.50
Brazil Corn	62.00	60.4	59.0 - 61.5	61.00	57.50
Argentina Soybeans	46.50	47.0	46.0 - 48.0	48.00	49.00
Brazil Soybeans	68.50	69.5	68.0 - 70.5	72.00	75.50

**USDA March 2012 World Supply and Demand Estimates in millions of metric tons (released March 9, 2012, 7:30 a.m. CST)
released March 09, 2012**

Crop	USDA March 2011-12 Estimate	USDA February 2011-12 Estimate	USDA March 2010-11 Estimate	USDA February 2010-11 Estimate
Argentina Wheat	14.50	14.50	16.10	16.10
Australia Wheat	29.50	28.30	27.89	27.89
China Wheat	117.92	117.92	115.18	115.18
India Wheat	86.87	86.87	80.80	80.80
EU-27 Wheat	137.49	137.49	135.67	135.67
FSU-12 Wheat	114.30	114.41	81.06	81.29
Argentina Corn	22.00	22.00	23.75	22.50
Brazil Corn	62.00	61.00	57.50	57.50
South Africa Corn	12.00	12.50	10.92	10.92
Argentina Soybeans	46.50	48.00	49.00	49.00
Brazil Soybeans	68.50	72.00	75.50	75.50

From the March 2012 WASDE Report:

CORN: Global coarse grain supplies for 2011/12 are projected 1.6 million tons higher with production increases for Brazil corn and India corn and millet. Partly offsetting are reductions in sorghum output for India and Argentina and corn output for South Africa and Ecuador. Brazil corn production is raised 1 million tons on higher expected area for the second crop, which is planted following soybeans. India corn and millet production are raised 0.5 million tons and 1.5 million tons, respectively, in line with the latest government crop assessments. India sorghum production is lowered

0.7 million tons mostly reflecting lower expected area as the crop faces significant competition from cotton, soybeans, and pulses. Argentina sorghum production is lowered 0.2 million tons with lower expected yields. South Africa corn production is lowered 0.5 million tons as higher reported area is more than offset by reduced yield prospects. Below-normal rainfall and above-normal temperatures throughout South Africa's maize triangle adversely affected pollination and early grain fill during February. Corn production for Ecuador is lowered 0.3 million tons as excess rains lower area and yields. Global coarse grain trade for 2011/12 is raised with increases for corn and barley. Corn imports are raised for EU-27, Ecuador, and Peru, but lowered for Malaysia. Corn exports are raised for Brazil and India. Barley imports are raised for Iran and China. Barley exports are raised for Australia. Lower sorghum exports for Argentina are offset by higher expected shipments from Australia. Global coarse grain consumption for 2011/12 is raised 2.2 million tons mostly on higher corn feeding in EU-27 and India, and higher millet use in India. EU-27 corn feeding is raised 1.0 million tons as corn is expected to replace higher priced wheat in animal rations. India corn and millet feeding are raised a combined 1.0 million tons. Millet food use is also raised 0.6 million tons for India. Partly offsetting these increases are reductions in sorghum food use in India, barley feeding in Australia, and corn feeding in Malaysia. Global coarse grain ending stocks for 2011/12 are lowered slightly, with 0.8-million-ton reduction in projected world corn stocks.

SOYBEANS: Global oilseed production for 2011/12 is projected at 445.7 million tons, down 6.7 million from last month. Foreign production, projected at 354.5 million, accounts for all of the change. Brazil soybean production is forecast at 68.5 million tons, down 3.5 million tons from last month due to lower projected yields resulting from hot, dry conditions in the southern states. Argentina soybean production is reduced 1.5 million tons to 46.5 million. Despite improved weather in recent weeks in much of the country, lower yields are projected due to continued warm, dry weather through February in northeastern growing areas. Paraguay soybean production is also reduced this month due to the effects of drought. With precipitation for November through February at the lowest level in over 25 years, soybean production is projected at 5 million tons, down 1.4 million from last month and 34 percent below early season expectations. Other changes include lower rapeseed, peanut, and sunflowerseed production for India, increased cottonseed production for Brazil, and increased sunflowerseed production for Argentina. Global oilseed trade for 2011/12 is projected at 108.4 million tons, down 2.1 million mainly reflecting reduced soybean trade. Lower soybean exports are forecast for Brazil and Paraguay. Soybean imports are reduced for China, EU-27, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan. China soybean imports are reduced 0.5 million tons to 55 million. Global oilseed

ending stocks are projected at 67.8 million tons, down 3.4 million from last month. Reduced soybean stocks in Brazil and Argentina account for most of the change.

WHEAT: Global wheat supplies for 2011/12 are nearly unchanged with lower China and Bangladesh beginning stocks offsetting higher production for Australia. Beginning stocks are lowered 1.0 million tons for China with an increase in food, seed, and industrial use for 2010/11. Australia production for 2011/12 is raised 1.2 million tons in line with the latest official estimate by the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences (ABARES). Global wheat trade is raised for 2011/12 with higher imports for a number of countries. The biggest increase is for Iran, up 0.8 million tons, reflecting recent purchases and expected deliveries before the end of the local April-March marketing year. Imports are raised 0.3 million tons each for Algeria, South Korea, and Uzbekistan. Smaller increases are made for Azerbaijan, Chile, Georgia, and Angola. Imports are lowered 0.2 million tons for Syria. The largest export increase is for the United States. Exports are also increased for Australia, Brazil, and Kazakhstan, each up 0.5 million tons. Smaller increases are made for Turkey and Serbia. At the projected 142.9 million tons, global exports are just 0.6 million tons short of the 2008/09 record. Global wheat consumption for 2011/12 is raised 3.5 million tons mostly on higher food, seed, and industrial use in China and higher wheat feeding in Australia, Iran, and South Korea. Partly offsetting are reductions in EU-27 wheat feeding and food, seed, and industrial use. Global ending stocks for 2011/12 are projected 3.5 million tons lower, mostly reflecting a similar sized reduction for China. EU-27 ending stocks are projected 1.5 million tons higher, but changes in a number of other countries, including the United States, offset the EU-27 increase.

<i>U. S. October 2011 U-S Ending Stocks for 2011-12 in billions of bushels (released October 12, 2011, 7:30 a.m. CST)</i>				
Crop	USDA October Estimate	Average Guess	Range	USDA September Estimate
Corn	0.866	0.806	0.646 - 0.989	0.672
Soybeans	0.160	0.183	0.153 - 0.255	0.165
Wheat	0.837	0.733	0.663 - 0.805	0.761

Listen here for first reaction before the opening bell to the Friday reports as Dave talks with Jacquie Voeks of Stewart Peterson Group in Champaign, Illinois. **(THESE LINKS ARE NOW LIVE)**

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Friday morning we had an extensive conversation after the opening bell with Mike Zuzolo of Global Commodity Analytics in Lafayette, Indiana. **(THESE LINKS ARE NOW LIVE)**

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U.S. Wheat Supply and Use 1/

	2009/10	2010/11 Est.	2011/12 Proj.	2011/12 Proj.
			Feb	Mar
			<i>Million Acres</i>	
Area Planted	59.2	53.6	54.4	54.4
Area Harvested	49.9	47.6	45.7	45.7
			<i>Bushels</i>	
Yield per Harvested Acre	44.5	46.3	43.7	43.7
			<i>Million Bushels</i>	
Beginning Stocks	657	976	862	862
Production	2,218	2,207	1,999	1,999
Imports	119	97	120	120
Supply, Total	2,993	3,279	2,982	2,982
Food	919	926	935	930
Seed	69	71	82	82
Feed and Residual	150	132	145	145
Domestic, Total	1,138	1,128	1,162	1,157
Exports	879	1,289	975	1,000
Use, Total	2,018	2,417	2,137	2,157
Ending Stocks	976	862	845	825
CCC Inventory	0	0	0	0
Free Stocks	976	862	845	825
Outstanding Loans	51	15	10	10
Avg. Farm Price (\$/bu) 2/	4.87	5.70	7.15 - 7.45	7.15 - 7.45

U.S. Wheat by Class: Supply and Use

Year beginning June 1	Hard Winter	Hard Spring	Soft Red	White	Durum	Total
2010/11 (Est.)						
Beginning Stocks	385	234	242	80	35	976
Production	1,018	570	237	275	106	2,207
Supply, Total 3/	1,404	832	508	362	173	3,279
Domestic Use	403	308	228	95	95	1,128
Exports	616	339	109	182	43	1,289
Use, Total	1,018	647	337	277	138	2,417
Ending Stocks, Total	386	185	171	85	35	862
2011/12 (Proj.)						
Beginning Stocks	386	185	171	85	35	862
Production	780	398	458	314	50	1,999
Supply, Total 3/	1,167	621	659	408	128	2,982
Domestic Use	436	239	286	111	85	1,157
Exports	395	240	130	210	25	1,000
Use, Total	831	479	416	321	110	2,157
Ending Stocks, Total	336	142	243	87	18	825
	Mar					
	Feb					

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding. 1/ Marketing year beginning June 1. 2/ Marketing-year weighted average price received by farmers. 3/ Includes imports.

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U.S. Feed Grain and Corn Supply and Use 1/

FEED GRAINS	2009/10	2010/11 Est.	2011/12 Proj. Feb	2011/12 Proj. Mar
			<i>Million Acres</i>	
Area Planted	100.0	99.6	102.5	102.5
Area Harvested	89.5	90.0	91.1	91.1
			<i>Metric Tons</i>	
Yield per Harvested Acre	3.89	3.67	3.55	3.55
			<i>Million Metric Tons</i>	
Beginning Stocks	47.0	48.1	32.3	32.3
Production	348.6	330.0	323.5	323.5
Imports	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.6
Supply, Total	397.8	380.5	358.3	358.4
Feed and Residual	136.7	127.7	121.0	121.0
Food Seed & Industrial	158.3	170.0	169.6	169.6
Domestic, Total	295.1	297.6	290.5	290.5
Exports	54.7	50.6	45.0	45.0
Use, Total	349.7	348.3	335.5	335.5
Ending Stocks	48.1	32.3	22.8	22.9
CCC Inventory	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Free Stocks	48.1	32.3	22.8	22.9
Outstanding Loans	3.9	1.3	2.6	2.6
CORN				
			<i>Million Acres</i>	
Area Planted	86.4	88.2	91.9	91.9
Area Harvested	79.5	81.4	84.0	84.0
			<i>Bushels</i>	
Yield per Harvested Acre	164.7	152.8	147.2	147.2
			<i>Million Bushels</i>	
Beginning Stocks	1,673	1,708	1,128	1,128
Production	13,092	12,447	12,358	12,358
Imports	8	28	20	20
Supply, Total	14,774	14,182	13,506	13,506
Feed and Residual	5,125	4,793	4,600	4,600
Food, Seed & Industrial 2/	5,961	6,428	6,405	6,405
Ethanol & by-products 3/	4,591	5,021	5,000	5,000
Domestic, Total	11,086	11,220	11,005	11,005
Exports	1,980	1,835	1,700	1,700
Use, Total	13,066	13,055	12,705	12,705
Ending Stocks	1,708	1,128	801	801
CCC Inventory	0	0	0	0
Free Stocks	1,708	1,128	801	801
Outstanding Loans	147	48	100	100
Avg. Farm Price (\$/bu) 4/	3.55	5.18	5.80 - 6.60	5.90 - 6.50

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding. 1/ Marketing year beginning September 1 for corn and sorghum; June 1 for barley and oats. 2/ For a breakout of FSI corn uses, see Feed Outlook table 5 or access the data on the Web through the Feed Grains Database at www.ers.usda.gov/data/feedgrains. 3/ Corn used to produce ethanol and by-products including distillers' grains, corn gluten feed, corn gluten meal, and corn oil. 4/ Marketing-year weighted average price received by farmers.

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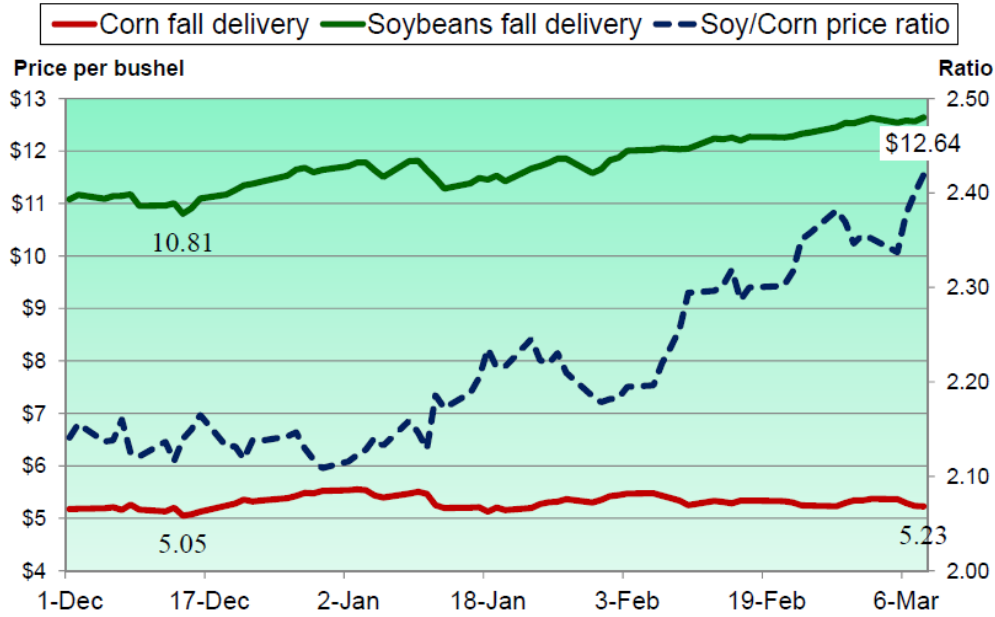
U.S. Soybeans and Products Supply and Use (Domestic Measure) 1/

SOYBEANS	2009/10	2010/11 Est.	2011/12 Proj. Feb	2011/12 Proj. Mar
		<i>Million Acres</i>		
Area Planted	77.5	77.4	75.0	75.0
Area Harvested	76.4	76.6	73.6	73.6
		<i>Bushels</i>		
Yield per Harvested Acre	44.0	43.5	41.5	41.5
		<i>Million Bushels</i>		
Beginning Stocks	138	151	215	215
Production	3,359	3,329	3,056	3,056
Imports	15	14	15	15
Supply, Total	3,512	3,495	3,286	3,286
Crushings	1,752	1,648	1,615	1,615
Exports	1,499	1,501	1,275	1,275
Seed	90	87	88	87
Residual	20	43	32	34
Use, Total	3,361	3,280	3,011	3,011
Ending Stocks	151	215	275	275
Avg. Farm Price (\$/bu) 2/	9.59	11.30	11.10 - 12.30	11.40 - 12.60
SOYBEAN OIL				
		<i>Million Pounds</i>		
Beginning Stocks	2,861	3,406	2,425	2,425
Production 4/	19,615	18,888	18,605	18,605
Imports	103	159	185	185
Supply, Total	22,578	22,453	21,215	21,215
Domestic	15,814	16,795	17,700	17,600
Methyl Ester	1,680	2,550	3,600	3,600
Food, Feed & other Industrial 3/	14,134	14,245	14,100	14,000
Exports	3,359	3,233	1,200	1,200
Use, Total	19,173	20,028	18,900	18,800
Ending stocks	3,406	2,425	2,315	2,415
Avg. Farm Price (c/lb) 2/	35.95	53.20	50.50 - 54.50	50.50 - 54.50
SOYBEAN MEAL				
		<i>Thousand Short Tons</i>		
Beginning Stocks	235	302	350	350
Production 4/	41,707	39,251	38,685	38,885
Imports	160	179	165	165
Supply, Total	42,101	39,731	39,200	39,400
Domestic	30,640	30,277	30,100	30,200
Exports	11,160	9,104	8,800	8,900
Use, Total	41,800	39,381	38,900	39,100
Ending Stocks	302	350	300	300
Avg. Farm Price (\$/s.t.) 2/	311.27	345.52	290.00 - 320.00	310.00 - 340.00

Note: Reliability calculations at end of report. 1/ Marketing year beginning September 1 for soybeans; October 1 for soybean oil and soybean meal. 2/ Prices: soybeans, marketing year weighted average price received by farmers; oil, simple average of crude soybean oil, Decatur; meal, simple average of 48 percent, Decatur. 3/ "Other" includes all non-methyl ester industrial use. 4/ Current month projection for 2011/12 based on October year crush of 1,625 million bushels.

Here are some of the key slides from the USDA Secretary lock-up briefing this morning (September 12) in Washington, D.C.:

Central Illinois 2012 New-crop Bids



Source: USDA-Agricultural Marketing Service, Report GX_GR113, Springfield, Illinois.

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U.S. Meat Trade

Million Pounds

	2011 forecast	2012 forecast	Change from last month	Change from 2011
<i>Exports</i>				
			<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Beef	2,788	2,765	0.0	-0.8
Pork	5,193	5,200	1.7	0.1
Broilers	6,991	7,050	0.0	0.8
Turkey	703	670	3.1	-4.7
Mature Chickens	93	100	0.0	7.9
Total meat	15,786	15,799	0.7	0.1
<i>Imports</i>				
Beef	2,056	2,235	6.9	8.7

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AM-580 Daily Agricultural Programming Schedule

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Monday – Friday (all times central)

- 8:49 a.m. – \$*Pre-Opening Commodity Market Report
- 9:49 a.m. – \$*Opening Commodity Market Report
- 10:59 a.m. – Commodity Market Price Update
- 11:59 a.m. – Commodity Market Price Update
- 12:55 p.m. – *Midday Market Analysis with Sue Martin
- 1:50 p.m. – CBOT & CME Settlement Prices
- 2:06-2:36 p.m. – \$*Closing Market Report
 - 2:08 – *Futures Analysis
 - 2:20 – *Agricultural News
 - 2:25 – *Cash Grain Analysis or Energy Analysis
 - 2:32 – *Agricultural Weather Analysis

Saturday

- 6:30 a.m. – \$* Commodity Week
- 11:30 a.m. – \$*Commodity Week

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