

2023 Sorghum Markets & Strategies

'Winning-The-Game' Sorghum Marketing Workshop

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The Winter 2017 Grain Market Situation

for U.S. & Kansas Farmers & Agribusinesses

- 1) Large grain supplies were limiting grain prices
- 2) Wheat \$'s near Marketing Loan (Feedgrain \$'s > Loan)
- 3) Grain farmers were focusing on marketing 2016 Crops
- 4) U.S. & World Crop production plans for 2017??
 - More soybeans are likely in 2017 in South America & U.S.
 - Lower U.S. & World wheat acres with some World crop risk emerging
 - 2017 U.S. Feedgrain acres to be same or lower – ? in Brazil & Argentina

The March 1, 2023 Grain Market Situation

for U.S. & Kansas Farmers & Agribusinesses

- 1) Tightening grain stocks have supported grain prices ²⁰²²⁻²⁰²³
- 2) All grain prices \$'s far above Marketing Loan rates
- 3) Farmers focused on marketing 2022^(Old) & 2023^(New) Crops
- 4) U.S. & World Crop production plans for 2023??
 - More soybeans are likely in 2023 in South America; but unsure in the U.S.
 - "La Nina" to "El Nino" weather change – expecting less 2023 crop risk
 - **2023 U.S. Feedgrain acres to be higher** – crop problems in South America

Sorghum S-D Prospects



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Forecasted planted acres for 23/24 above 22/23, *except for cotton*

Crop (mil. acres)	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023F	%Δ
Corn	88.9	89.7	90.7	93.3	88.6	91.0	2.7%
Soybeans	89.2	76.1	83.4	87.2	87.5	87.5	0.0
Wheat	47.8	45.5	44.5	46.7	45.7	49.5	8.2%
All cotton	14.1	13.7	12.1	11.2	13.8	10.9	-20.8%
Rice	2.9	2.6	3.0	2.5	2.2	2.5	12.5%
Sorghum	5.7	5.3	5.9	7.3	6.3	6.5	2.8%

Prices are expected to come down on the strength of the 2022/23 crop

Crop	2012-2016 avg	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Δ2023
Corn (\$ / bu.)	4.40	3.36	3.61	3.56	4.53	6.00	6.70	5.60	-16.4%
All Rice (\$ cwt)	13.48	12.90	12.60	13.60	14.40	16.10	19.40	18.40	-5.2%
Sorghum (\$ / bu.)	4.15	3.22	3.26	3.34	5.04	5.94	6.90	5.60	-18.8%
Soybeans (\$ / bu.)	11.18	9.33	8.48	8.57	10.80	13.30	14.30	12.90	-9.8%
Upland Cotton (\$ / lb)	0.68	0.69	0.70	0.60	0.66	0.91	0.83	0.80	-3.6%
Wheat (\$ / bu.)	5.88	4.72	5.16	4.58	5.05	7.63	9.00	8.50	-5.6%
Barley (\$ / bu.)	5.73	4.47	4.62	4.69	4.75	5.31	7.30	--	--
Oats (\$ / bu.)	3.31	2.59	2.66	2.82	2.77	4.55	4.85	--	--

Sorghum Market Outlook

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Change yr/yr
Area planted (mil acres)	7.3	6.3	6.5	0.2
Area harvested (mil acres)	6.5	4.6	5.7	1.1
Yield (bu/acre)	69	41.1	69.2	28.1
	Million bushels			
Beginning stocks	20	47	25	(22)
Production	448	188	394	206
Imports	-	-	-	-
Total supply	468	235	419	184
Domestic use (total)	127	120	155	35
-Feed and residual	81	70	105	35
-Food, seed, and industrial	45	50	50	-
Exports	294	90	230	140
Ending stocks	47	25	34	9
Stocks-to-use (percent)	11.2	11.9	8.8	(3.1)
Average farm price (\$/bushel)	5.94	6.90	5.60	(1.30)

- Production boosted with return to normal yield and larger area
- Feed and residual use higher with larger crop
- Exports seen bouncing back based on larger supplies
- Stocks rebuilding slightly

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Corn Market Outlook

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Change yr/yr
Area planted (mil acres)	93.3	88.6	91	2.4
Area harvested (mil acres)	85.3	79.2	83.1	3.9
Yield (bu/acre)	176.7	173.3	181.5	8.2
	Million bushels			
Beginning stocks	1,235	1,377	1,267	(110)
Production	15,074	13,730	15,085	1,355
Imports	24	50	25	(25)
Total supply	16,333	15,157	16,377	1,220
Domestic use (total)	12,484	11,965	12,290	325
-Feed and residual	5,718	5,275	5,600	325
-Food, seed, and industrial	6,766	6,690	6,690	-
--Ethanol and byproducts	5,326	5,250	5,250	-
Exports	2,471	1,925	2,200	275
Ending stocks	1,377	1,267	1,887	620
Stocks-to-use (percent)	9.2	9.1	13.0	3.9
Average farm price (\$/bushel)	6.00	6.70	5.60	(1.10)

- Production boosted with larger area planted and trend yields
- Domestic feed and residual use rebounding with higher supplies
- Higher exports
- Ethanol use unchanged at 5.25 billion bushels with steady gasoline consumption
- Ending stocks projected up
- Price forecast lower

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Soybean Market Outlook

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Change yr/yr
Area planted (mil acres)	87.2	87.5	87.5	0
Area harvested (mil acres)	86.3	86.3	86.7	0.4
Yield (bu/acre)	51.7	49.5	52	2.5
	Million bushels			
Beginning stocks	257	274	225	(49)
Production	4,465	4,276	4,510	234
Imports	16	15	15	-
Total supply	4,738	4,566	4,750	184
Crush	2,204	2,230	2,310	80
Exports	2,158	1,990	2,025	35
Total use	4,464	4,340	4,461	121
Ending stocks	274	225	290	65
Stocks-to-use (percent)	6.1	5.2	6.5	1.3
Average farm price (\$/bushel)	13.30	14.30	12.90	(1.40)

- Production up mainly on return to trend yield
- Growth in crush to support larger soyoil use
- Exports up slightly
- Stocks larger
- Price forecast lower

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Wheat Market Outlook

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Change yr/yr
Area planted (mil acres)	46.7	45.7	49.5	3.8
Area harvested (mil acres)	37.1	35.5	38.4	2.9
Yield (bu/acre)	44.3	46.5	49.2	2.7
	Million bushels			
Beginning stocks	845	698	568	(130)
Production	1,646	1,650	1,887	237
Imports	95	120	120	-
Total supply	2,587	2,468	2,575	107
Domestic use (total)	1,088	1,125	1,142	17
-Food use	972	975	977	2
-Seed use	58	70	65	(5)
-Feed and residual	59	80	100	20
Exports	800	775	825	50
Total use	1,888	1,900	1,967	67
Ending stocks	698	568	608	40
Stocks-to-use (percent)	37.0	29.9	30.9	1.0
Average farm price (\$/bushel)	7.63	9.00	8.50	(0.50)

- Area up on strong price incentives
- Yield back to trend
- Slow growth in food use
- Feed and residual up with larger supplies
- Exports up, but still relatively low
- Stocks rebounding slightly

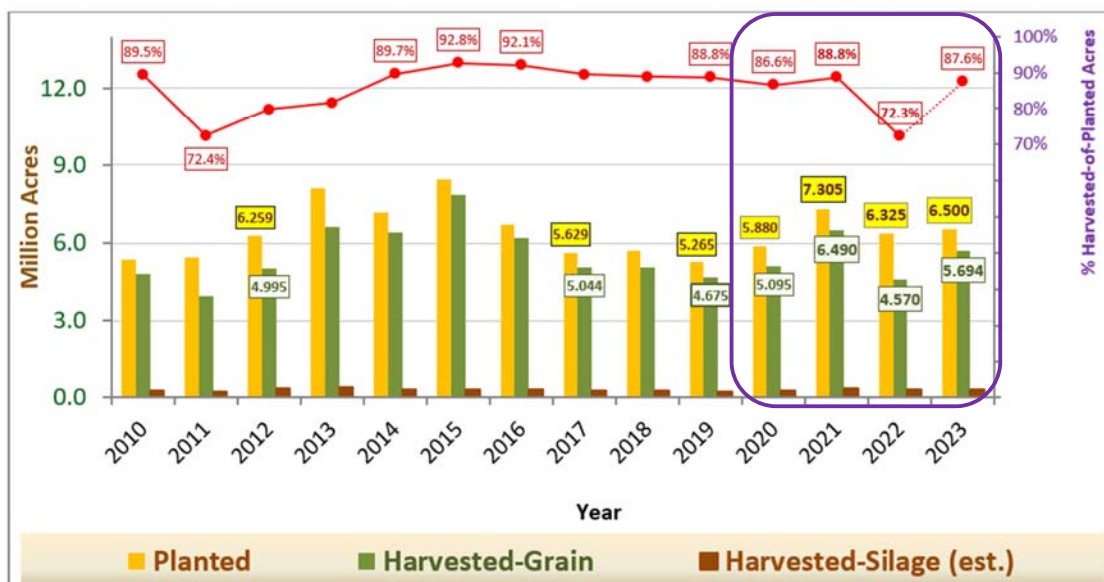
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Questions to Consider Moving Forward

- Does drought in the Great Plains continue?
- What will spring planting conditions be like?
- What will Ukraine be able to produce and export?
- Will we continue to see strength in the U.S. dollar?
- What other global supply shocks will we see? Weather in South America?

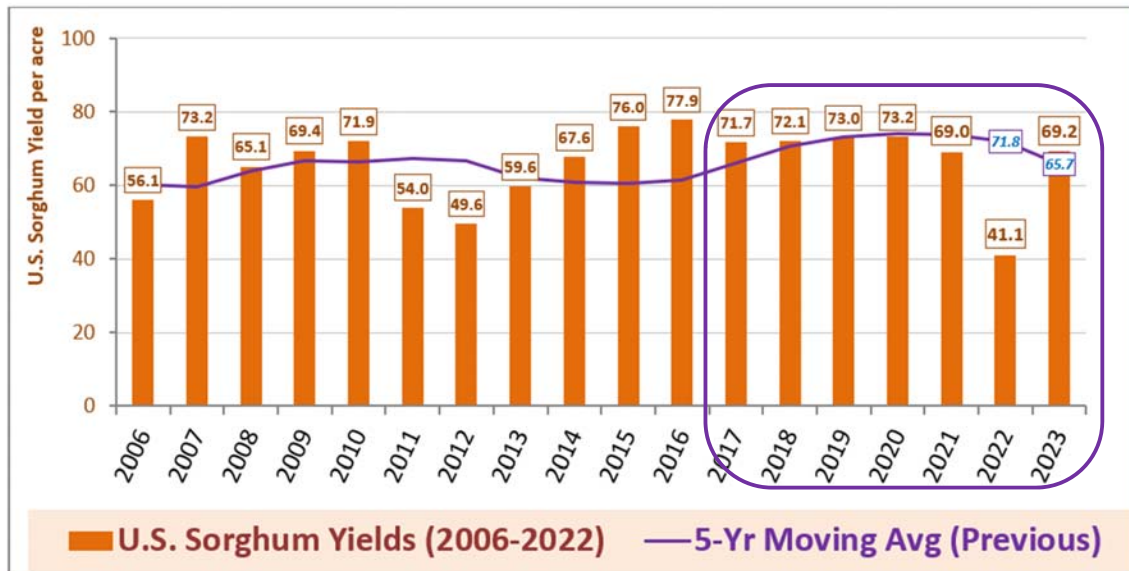
U.S. Sorghum Planted & Harvested Acres

Years 2010 – 2023 as of USDA Information available on February 28, 2023



U.S. Grain Sorghum Yields

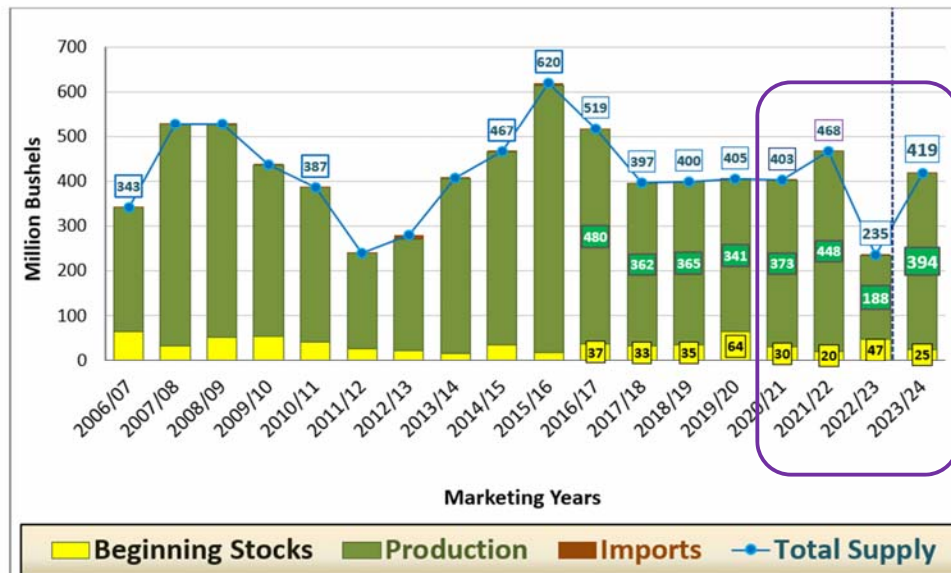
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■ U.S. Sorghum Yields (2006-2022) — 5-Yr Moving Avg (Previous)

U.S. Sorghum Total Supplies

MY 2006/07 - "New Crop" MY 2023/24 as of USDA Information available on February 28, 2023

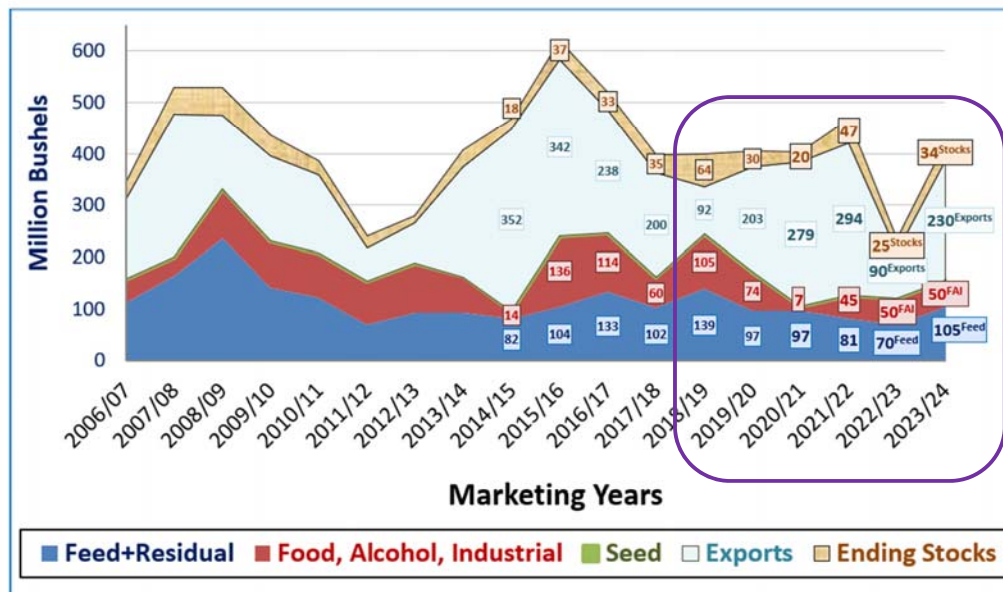


■ Beginning Stocks ■ Production ■ Imports — Total Supply



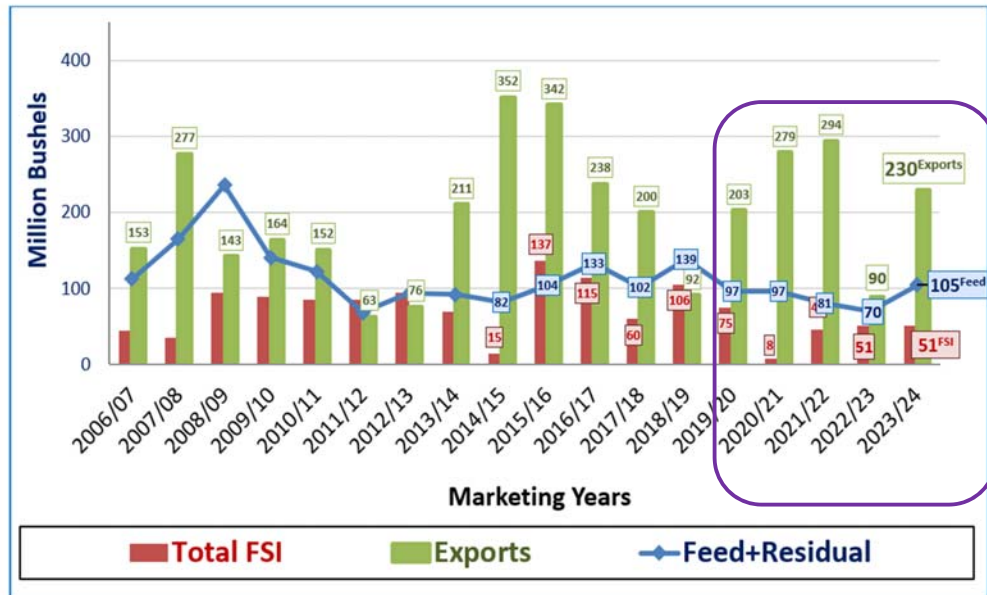
U.S. Sorghum Use & End Stocks

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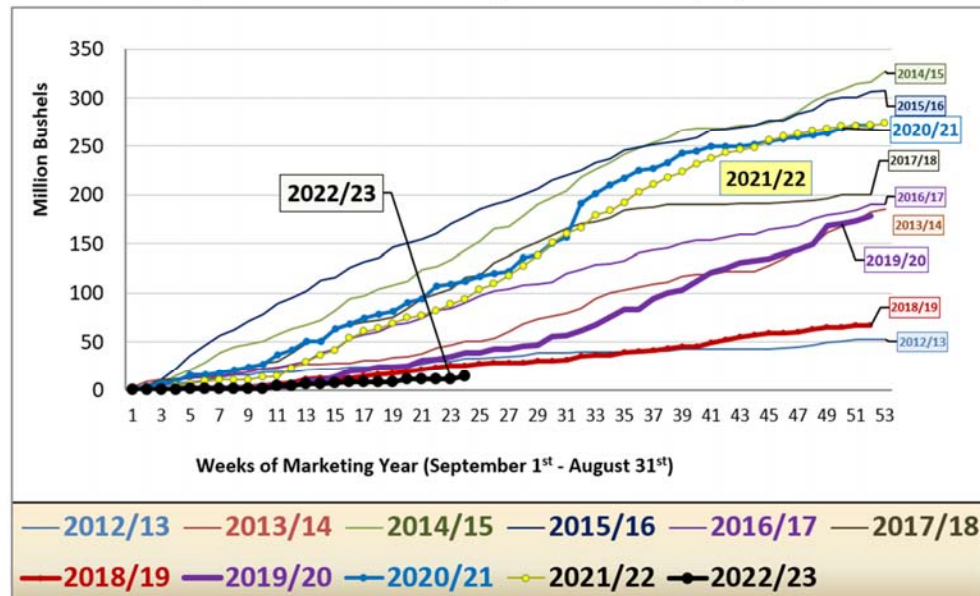
U.S. Grain Sorghum Use Trends

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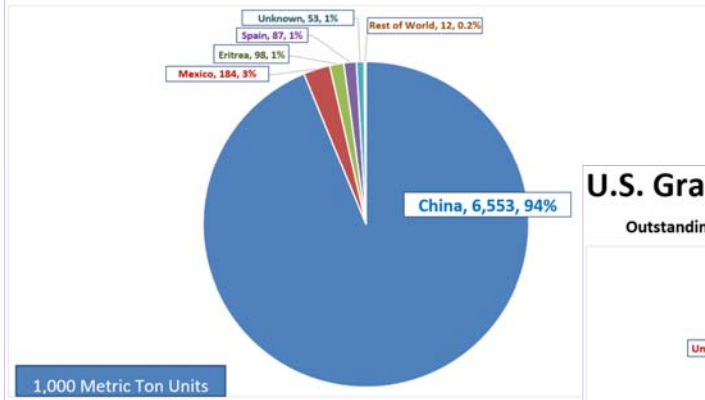
U.S. Grain Sorghum Exports

MY 2012/13 - "Current" MY 2022/23 as of February 16, 2023 - via USDA FAS



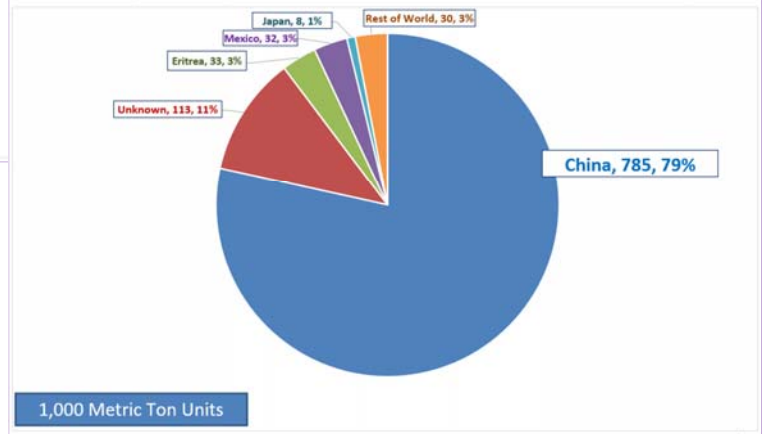
U.S. Grain Sorghum Export Buyers "Old Crop" MY 2021/22

Outstanding Sales + Shipments for "Old Crop" MY 2021/22 as of 8/25/2022 USDA FAS Reports



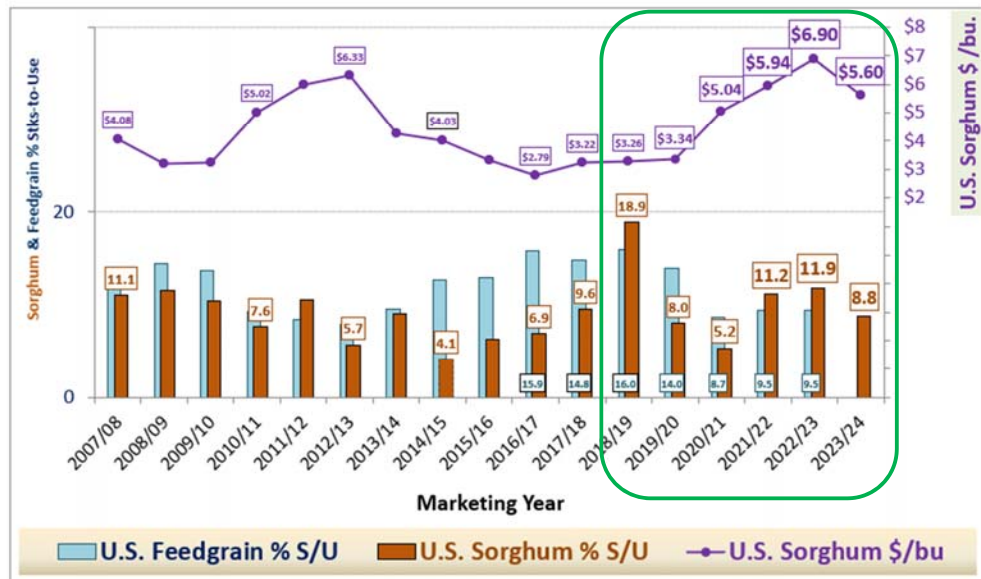
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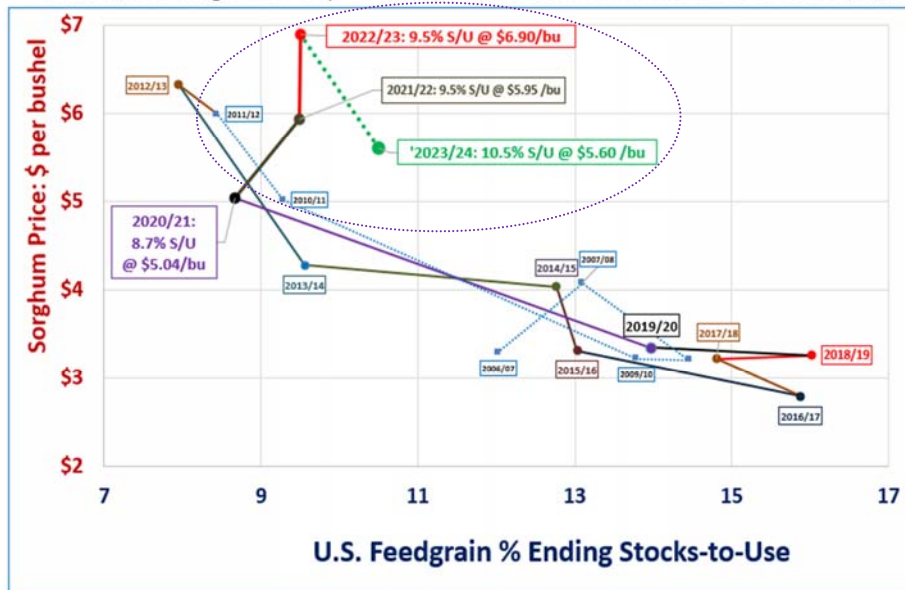
U.S. Sorghum % Stocks/Use vs Cash \$

MY 2004/05 - "New Crop" MY 2023/24 as of USDA Information available on February 28, 2023



U.S. Sorghum \$ vs Feedgrain % S/U

MY 1975/76 through "New Crop" MY 2023/24 as of USDA Information available on February 28, 2023



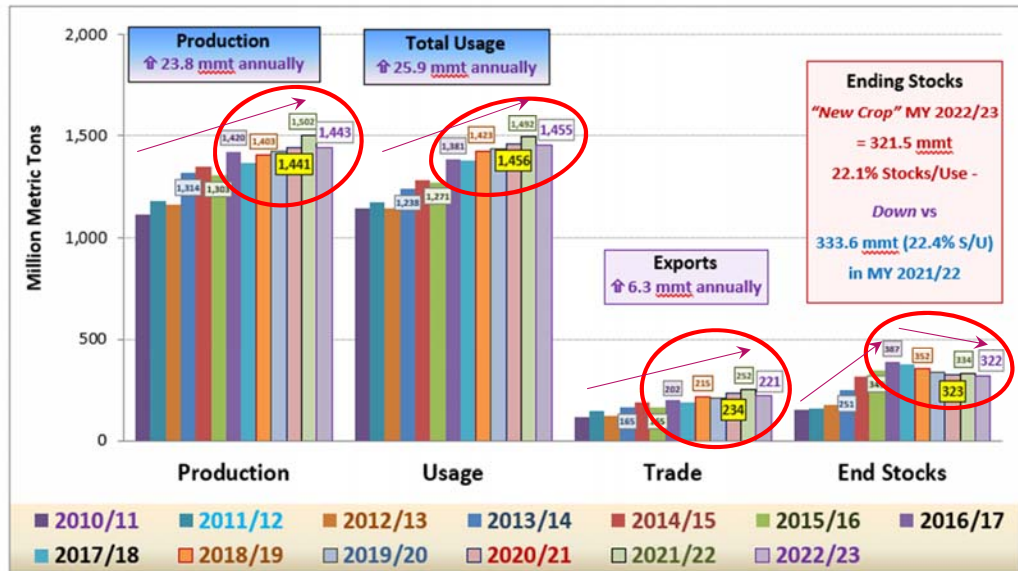
Feedgrain & Sorghum Market Outlook ²⁰²³ in Kansas, the U.S. & Globally

1) "Tight!" 2023 Global Feedgrain, Oilseed & Wheat Stocks

- *The importance of South America's 2023 corn & soybean crops!!*
- Occurring &/or Anticipated in 2023:
 - Drought in Argentina & large crops in Brazil
 - Smaller Crops & Exports from Ukraine & uncertainty re: China

World Coarse Grain Supply-Demand:

MY 2007/08 thru "Current" 2022/23 as of the February 8, 2023 USDA WASDE report



Argentina Corn Supply-Demand

MY 2007/08 – "Current" MY 2022/23, as of the February 8, 2023 USDA WASDE report



Brazil Corn Supply-Demand

MY 2007/08 – “Current” MY 2022/23, as of the February 8, 2023 USDA WASDE report



South America Corn-Soybean Calendar

□ South America Planting Influences ⇒ “Bid for Acres”

• Brazil & Argentina Corn & Soybean Crop Calendar

○ Brazil

- Corn: 1st crop **Planting** – October-December ⇒ Harvest: February-June
- Soybeans: **Planting** – October-December ⇒ Harvest: March-June
- Corn: 2nd crop **Planting** – January-February ⇒ Harvest: March-June

○ Argentina

- Corn: **Planting** – mid September-December ⇒ Harvest: mid March-early June
- Soybeans: 1st crop **Planting** – November-December ⇒ Harvest: Late March-early May
- Soybeans: 2nd crop **Planting** – December-early Jan. ⇒ Harvest: mid April – mid June

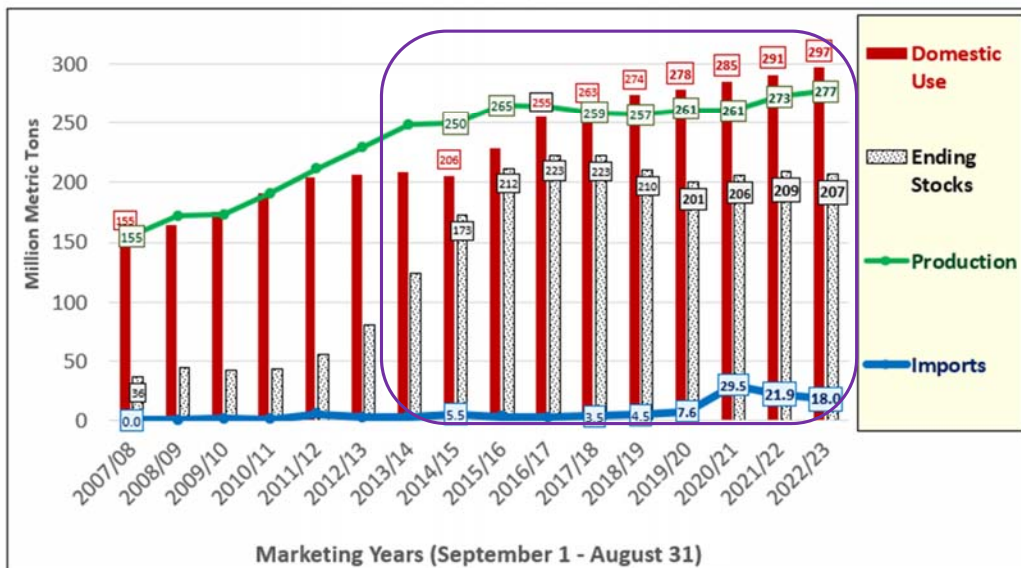
Ukraine Corn Supply-Demand

MY 2007/08 – “Current” MY 2022/23, as of the February 8, 2023 USDA WASDE report



China Corn Supply-Demand

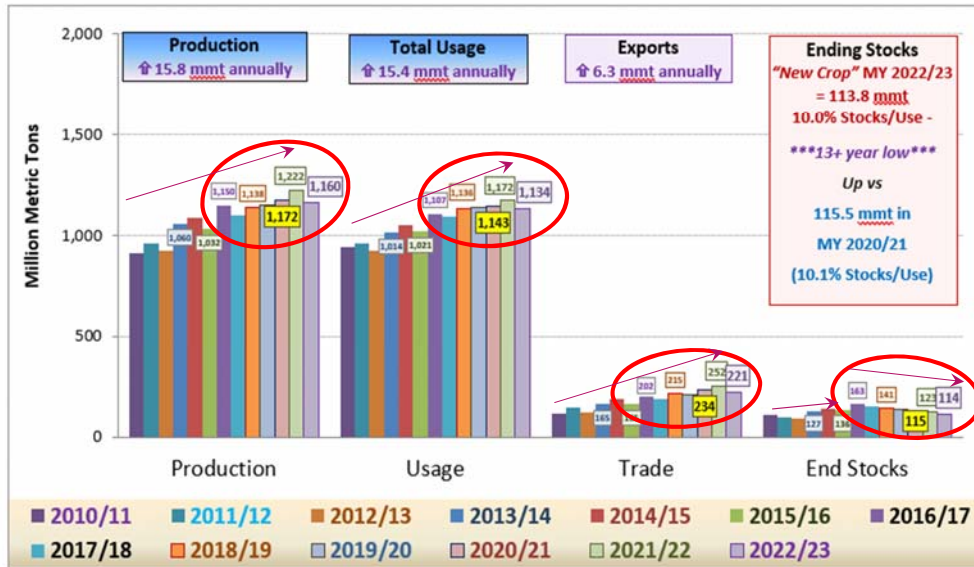
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“World Less-China” Coarse Grain S-D



MY 2007/08 thru “New Crop” 2022/23 as of the February 8, 2023 USDA WASDE report



Grain Market Outlook 2023

2) Continuance of dry La Nina Weather Pattern in 2023???

- “La Nina is expected to continue into winter, with equal chances of La Nina & ENSO-neutral during January-March 2023. In February-April 2023, there is a 71% Chance of ENSO-neutral.”

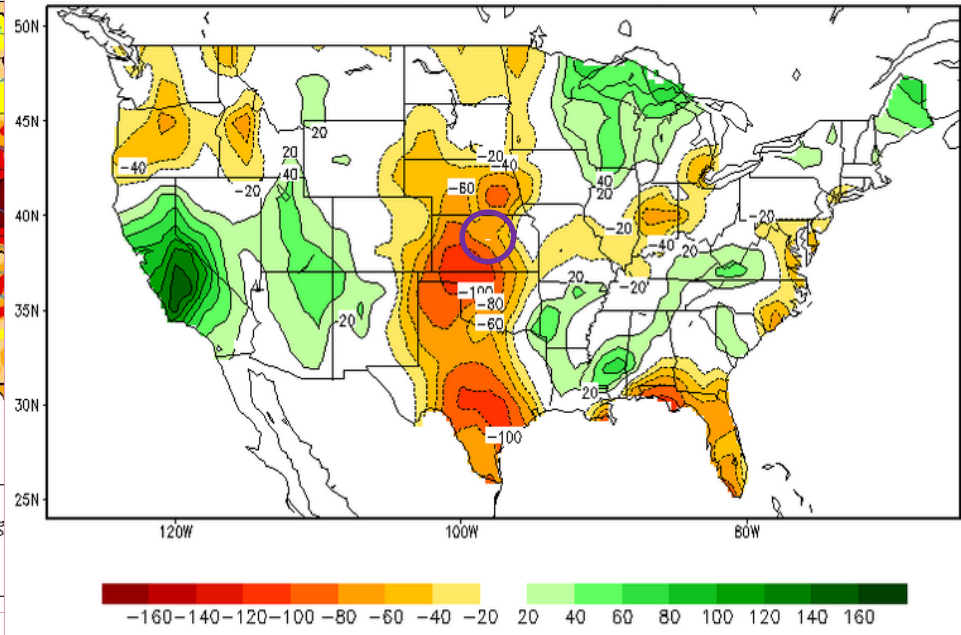
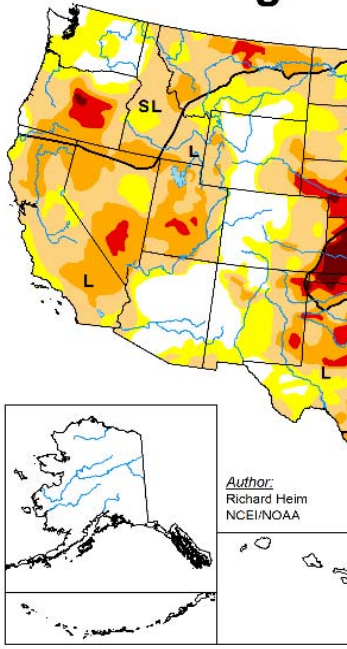
U.S. Climate Prediction Center / NCEP January 3, 2023

- “La Nina is breaking down, and an El Nino is forecast to emerge in 2023. Returning after several years, an El Nino can completely change the weather patterns for the weather seasons of 2023 & 2024.”

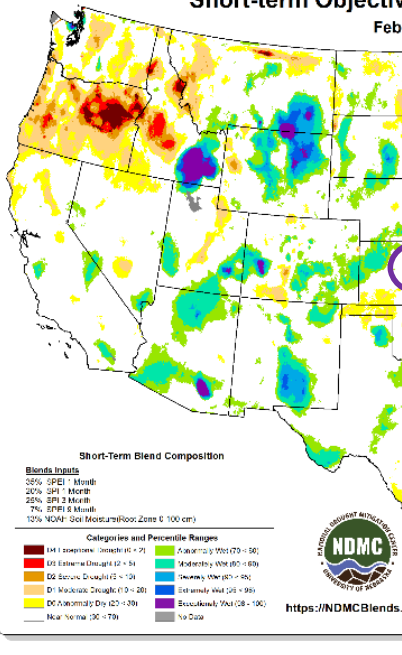
Severe Weather Europe, Andrej Flis January 11, 2023

U.S. Drought Monitor

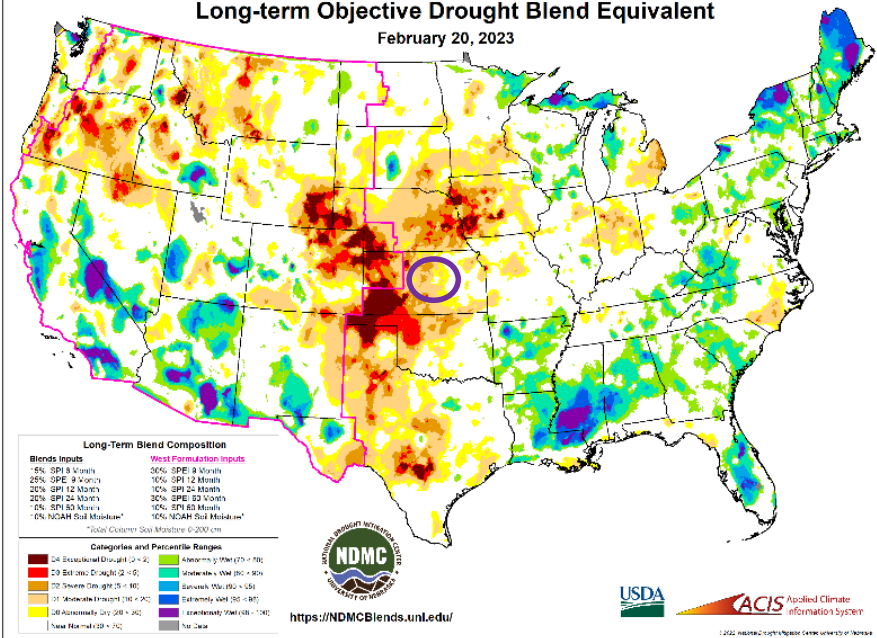
February 21, 2023
Predicted Soil Moisture Anomaly (mm)
(24Feb2023-03Mar2023)



Short-term Objective Drought Blend Equivalent

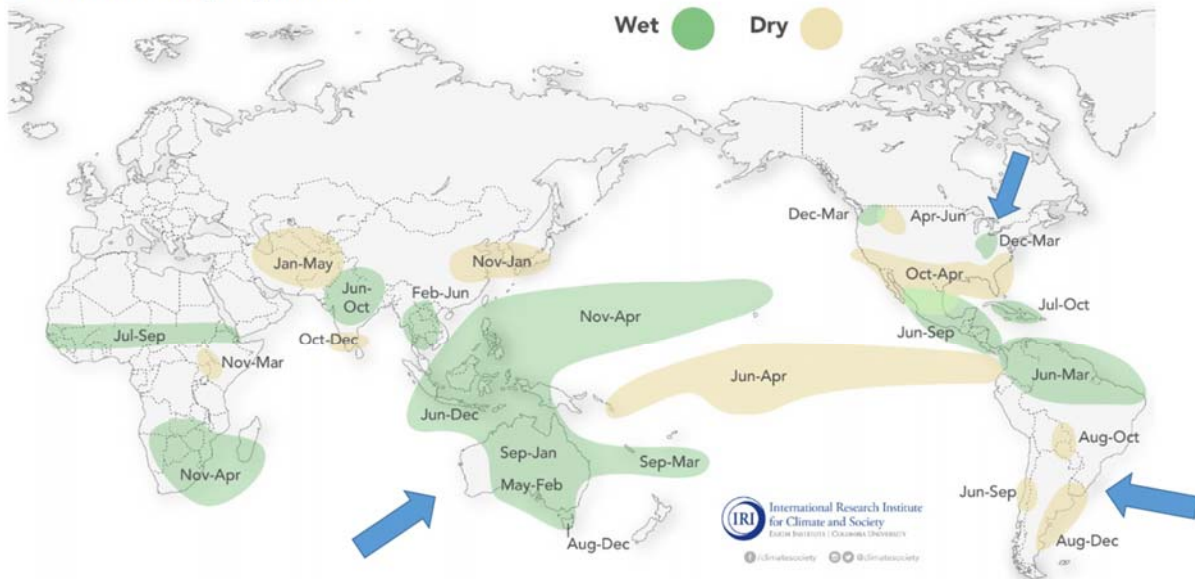


Long-term Objective Drought Blend Equivalent



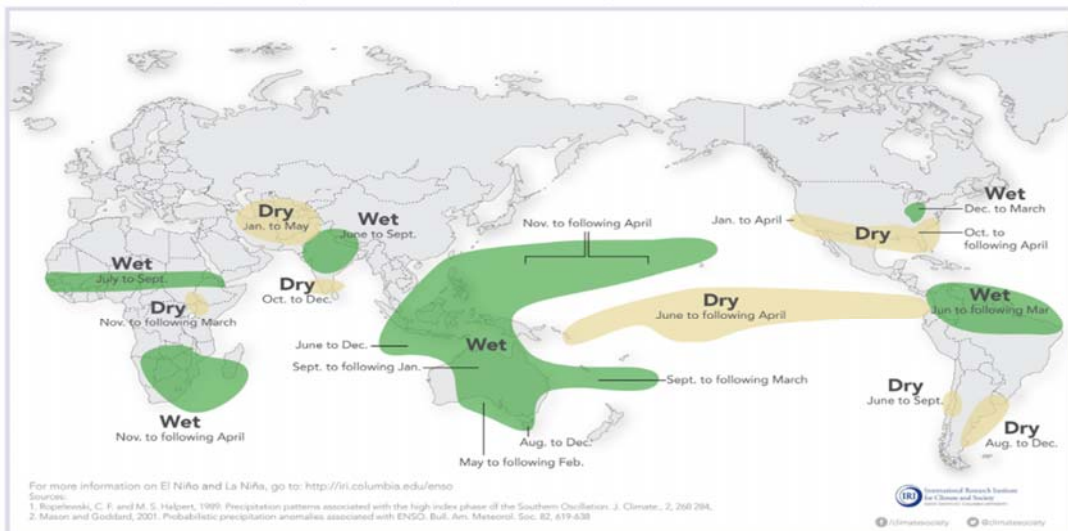
'Triple Dip' La Niña coming to an end

La Niña and rainfall patterns



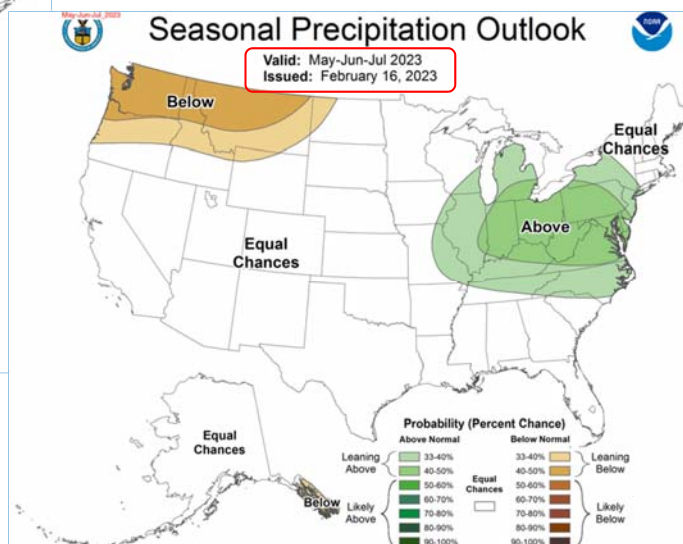
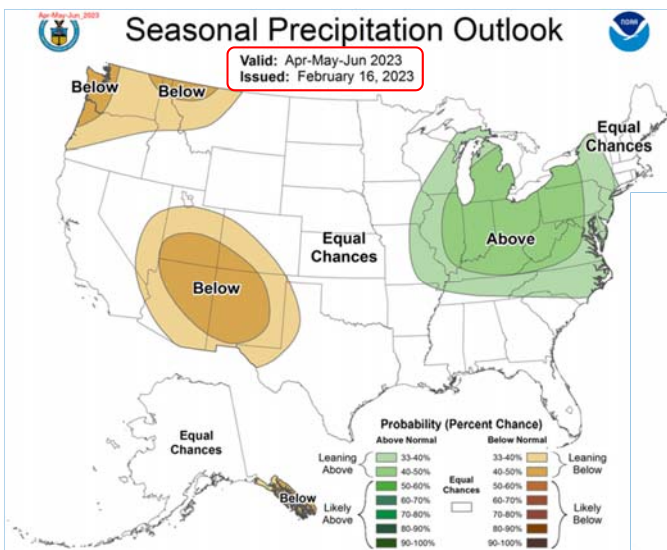
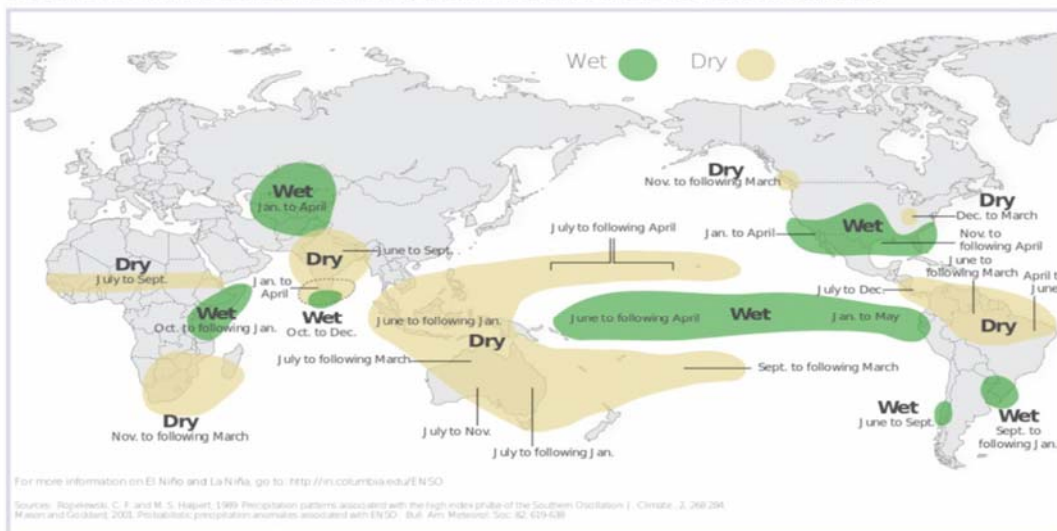
La Niña and Rainfall

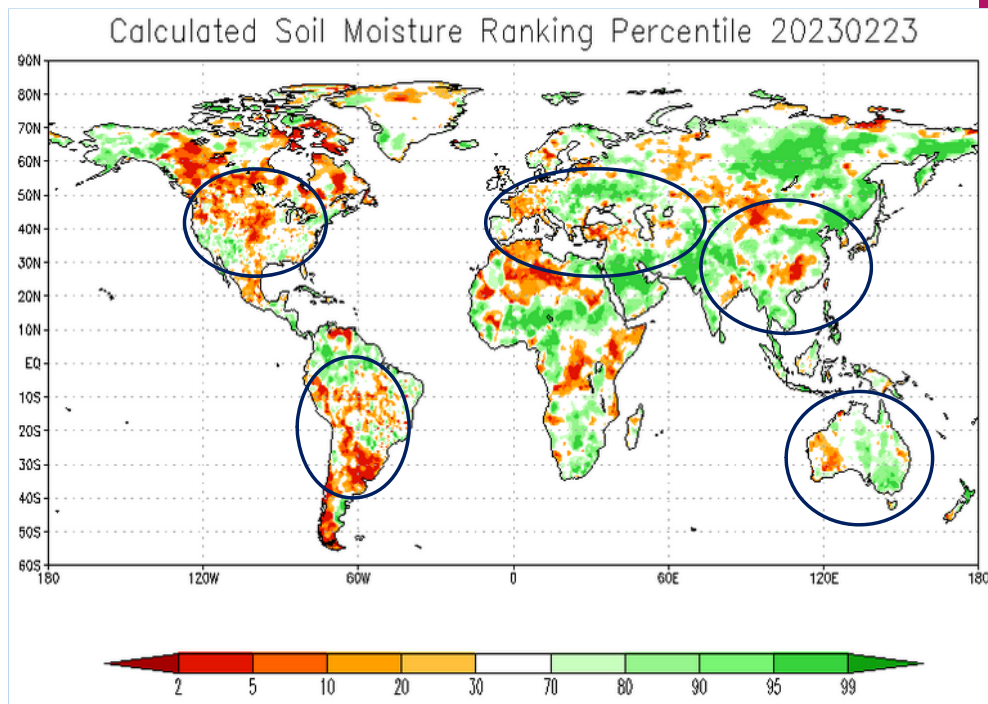
La Niña conditions in the tropical Pacific are known to shift rainfall patterns in many different parts of the world. Although they vary somewhat from one La Niña to the next, the strongest shifts remain fairly consistent in the regions and seasons shown on the map below.



El Niño and Rainfall

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Grain Market Outlook 2023

3) Moderating Fertilizer \$'s & other Crop Input costs

- *Lower natural gas \$'s, but continued supply-chain challenges*

USDA Iowa Production Cost Summary
 AMS Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News
 IA Dept. of Ag Market News

February 21, 2023

Product	Unit	Offer	Average	Change
Anhydrous Ammonia	Per Ton	1,175.00 – 1,200.00	1,191.00	DN 8.55
Urea 46-0-0	Per Ton	650.00 – 796.00	740.50	DN 24.75
Liquid Nitrogen 32-0-0	Per Ton	525.00 – 628.00	587.67	DN 30.33
MAP (Monoammonium Phosphate 11%N 52%P)	Per Ton	725.00 – 1,025.00	872.00	DN 35.50
Potash (Red) 0-0-60	Per Ton	520.00 – 875.00	676.00	DN 99.83
Farm Diesel < 1000 gallons	Per Gallon	3.35 – 3.40	3.38	DN 0.16
Propane (LP Gas) < 1000 gallons	Per Gallon	1.79 – 2.15	1.97	UP 0.04

\$NATGAS Natural Gas - Continuous Contract (EOD) CME

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28-Feb-2023

Open 2.85 High 2.79 Low 2.55 Close 2.75 Volume 38.2M Chg +0.20 (+7.81%)

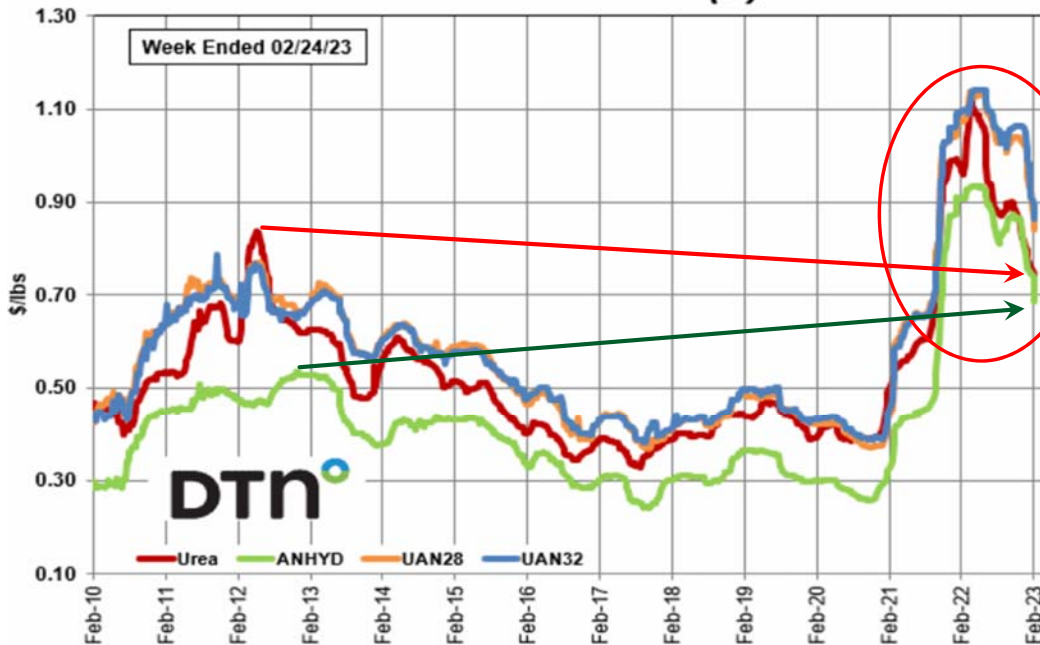
\$NATGAS (Weekly) 2.75

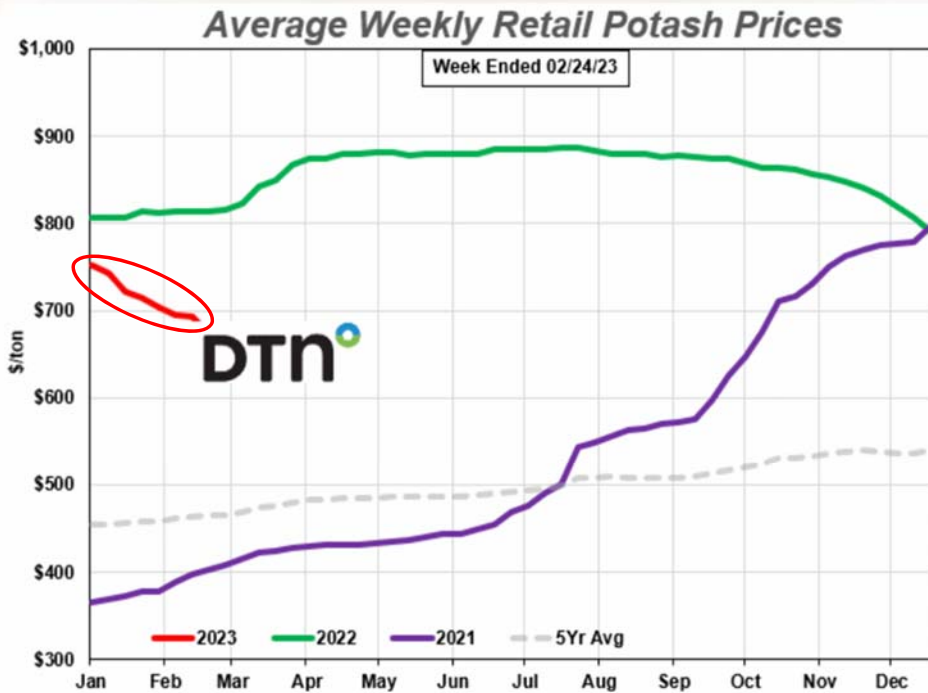
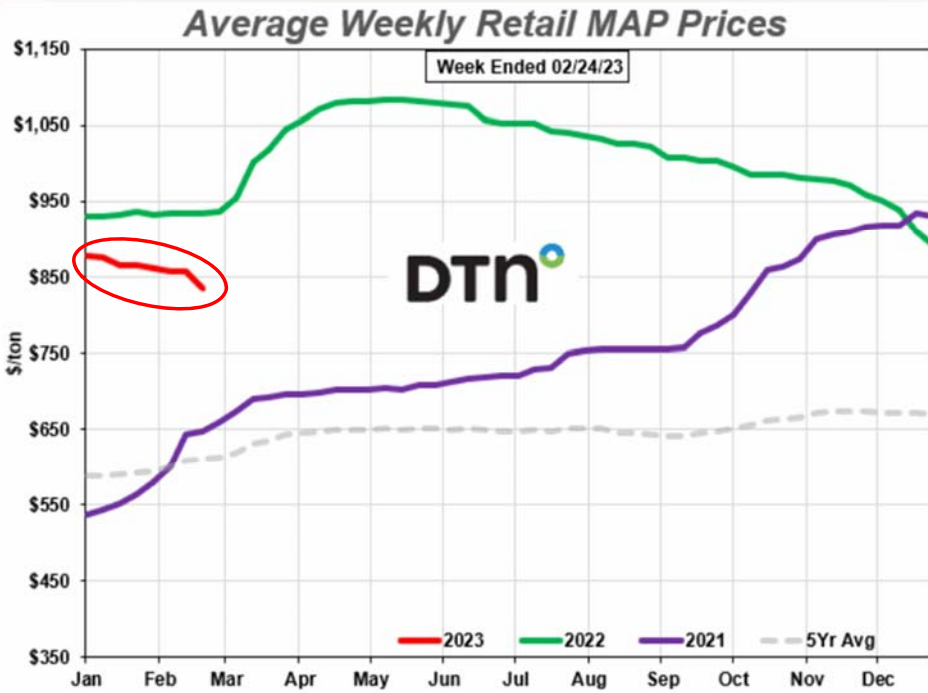
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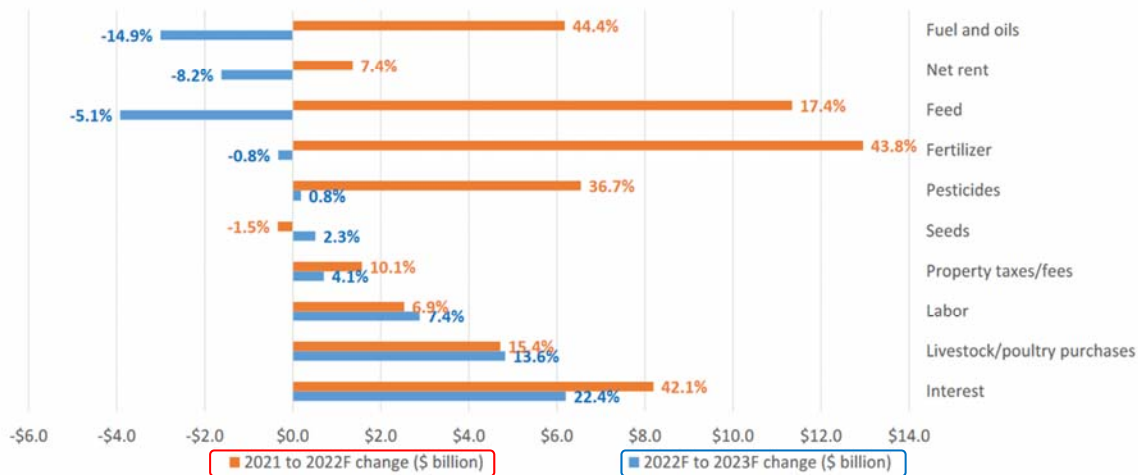


Cost of N/lb. (\$)





General moderating of changes in expenses expected over 2022-2023 compared to 2021-2022



Data source: USDA, Economic Research Service, Farm Income and Wealth Statistics
Data as of February 7, 2023. F = Forecast

Note: percent year over year change over shown in call-out boxes

What to anticipate in Year 2023

4) 2023 Spring Planting of Feedgrains & Oilseeds

- **“New Crop” 2023 Prices favoring Corn Acres in 2023**

- **NOV²⁰²³ Soybean futures** @ \$13.72 /bu 2/28/2023 close

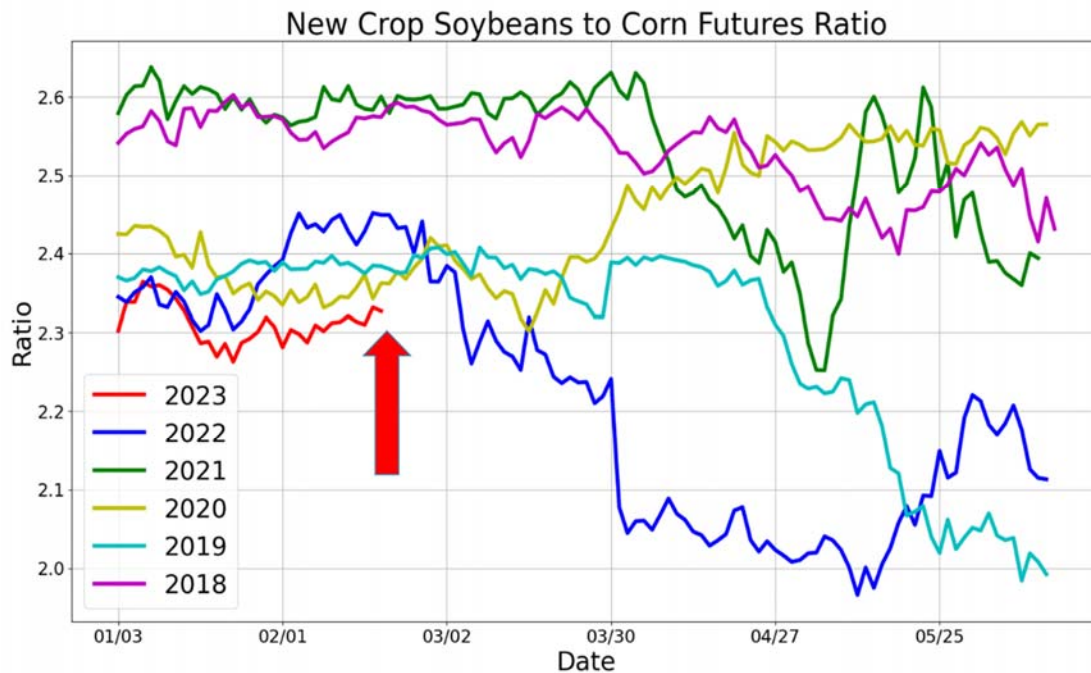
- **DEC²⁰²³ Corn futures** @ \$5.76 /bu 2/28/2023

- **2023 “New Crop” Soy/Corn \$ Ratio** = \$13.72 ÷ \$5.76 = **2.38** (vs 2.30 Avg)

+ Soybeans; – Feedgrains

- **However,** lower fertilizer & other crop input costs will encourage higher **2023**

U.S. Feedgrain Acres – ≈ 6.5 mln. acres Sorghum + 91.0 mln. ac. Corn



What to anticipate: Year 2023

5) USDA Reports ⇒ *Often a "driver" of grain market volatility*

- WASDE: Jan. 12, 2/8^{**}, 3/8, 4/8, 5/12, 6/9, 7/12, 8/11, 9/12.....
- Planted Area: Prospective Plantings – March 31, Acreage – June 30

➤ "Strong" Demand-Pull for Feedgrains in Kansas 2023

- Summer demand likely for "New Crop" supplies
- **Possibility of strong Summer 2023 Corn Market Volatility** **IF** a "short crop" happens in 2023 ⇒ What are the odds of a short crop in 2023?

What to anticipate: Year 2023

6) Are grain markets **at risk** to fall sharply in late 2023?

- With **“tight” beginning stocks** across these crops – less risk of major declines UNTIL at least late spring – early summer
- **THEN** the **risk** to grain sellers is that crop markets will discount the possibility of **“short crops”** in 2023

⇒ **IF** in Summer ²⁰²³ U.S. & Foreign crop prospects are **“OK-to-Good”**, **THEN** grain markets likely **“slide” lower** into Fall 2023

Sorghum Market Prices



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CME Corn Futures <i>2/28/2023 Closes</i>			
Month	Close	Change	Carry /mo
Mar^{Lead} 23	\$6.29 ½	↓ \$0.13 ¼	---
May 23	\$6.30 ¼	↓ \$0.13 ¼	+\$0.00 ³⁷⁵
July 23	\$6.22 ¼	↓ \$0.11 ½	-\$0.04
Sept 23	\$5.82 ½	↓ \$0.07 ½	-\$0.19 ⁸⁷⁵
Dec^{Hvst} 23	\$5.69 ¾	↓ \$0.06 ¼	-\$0.04²⁵
Mar 24	\$5.77 ¾	↓ \$0.06 ½	+\$0.02 ⁶⁷
May 24	\$5.82 ¾	↓ \$0.06 ¼	+\$0.02 ⁵⁰
July 24	\$5.84 ¾	↓ \$0.06 ¼	+\$0.01

CME Corn Futures

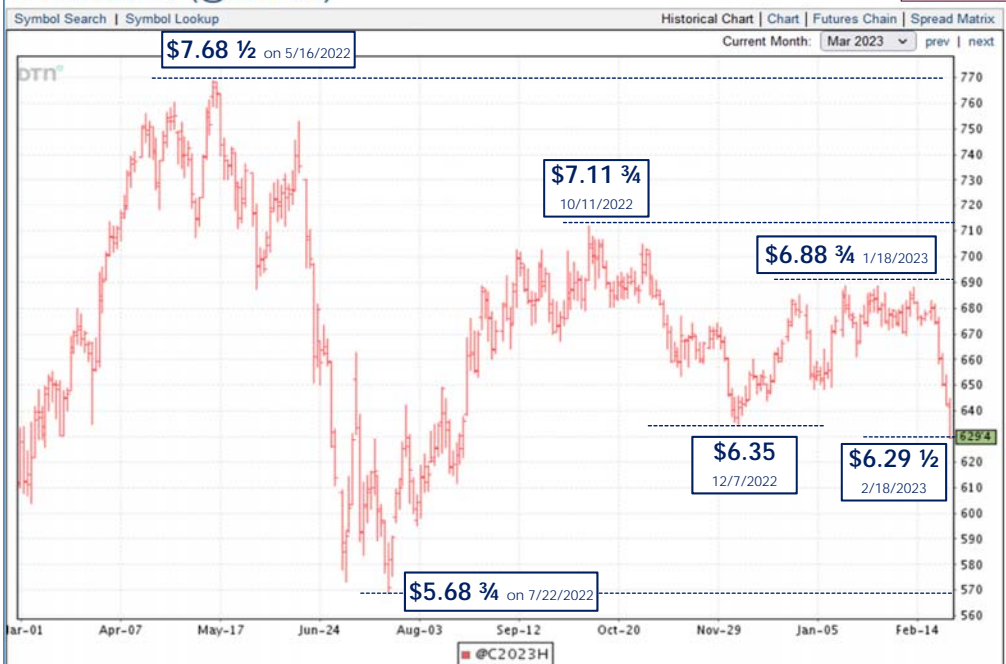
“Old Crop”
MARCH 2023
 OHLC \$'s

\$6.29 ½ /bu

Market Close

Tuesday,
 2/28/2023

ELEC. CORN (@C2023H)



CME Corn Futures

“New Crop”
DEC 2023
OHLC \$'s

\$5.69 3/4 /bu

Market Close

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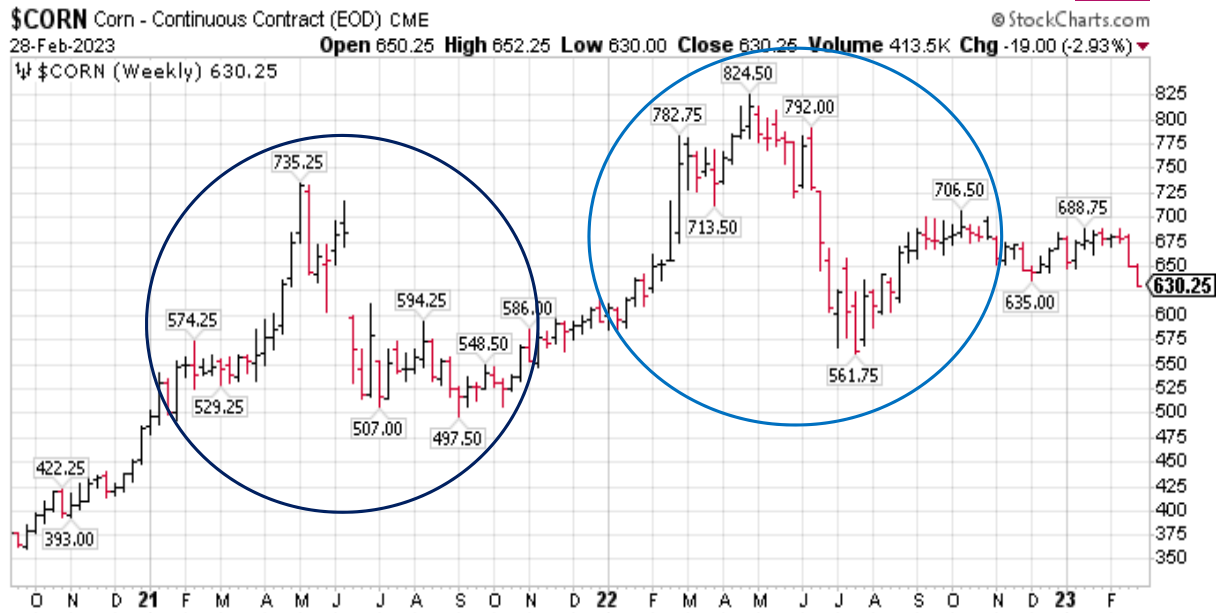
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Tuesday,
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CME Corn Futures *Continuous Weekly to 2/28/2023*



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CME Corn Futures

Monthly
"Continuous"
OHLCs

Dec²⁰⁰⁵
to
Feb²⁰²³

ZC - Corn (Globex) - Monthly Chart

02/27/2023 O: 679.250 H: 686.000 L: 648.750 C: 651.000 Vol: 354964 OI: 1259030

Change: -28.250



Corn Futures Seasonal \$'s & Volatility since 2014

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CORN CVOL HISTORY (CVL)

Zoom 1M 3M 6M 1Y 2Y 3Y 5Y YTD ALL

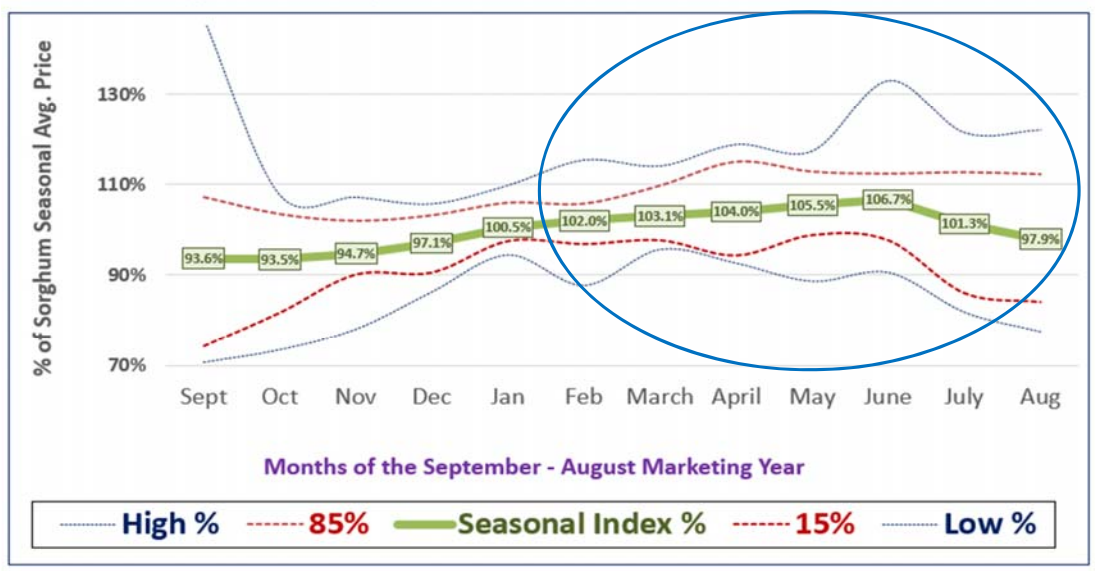
Oct 1, 2013 -- Feb 24, 2023

CVOL Index Down Var Up Var Skew Skew Ratio ATM Convexity Underlying



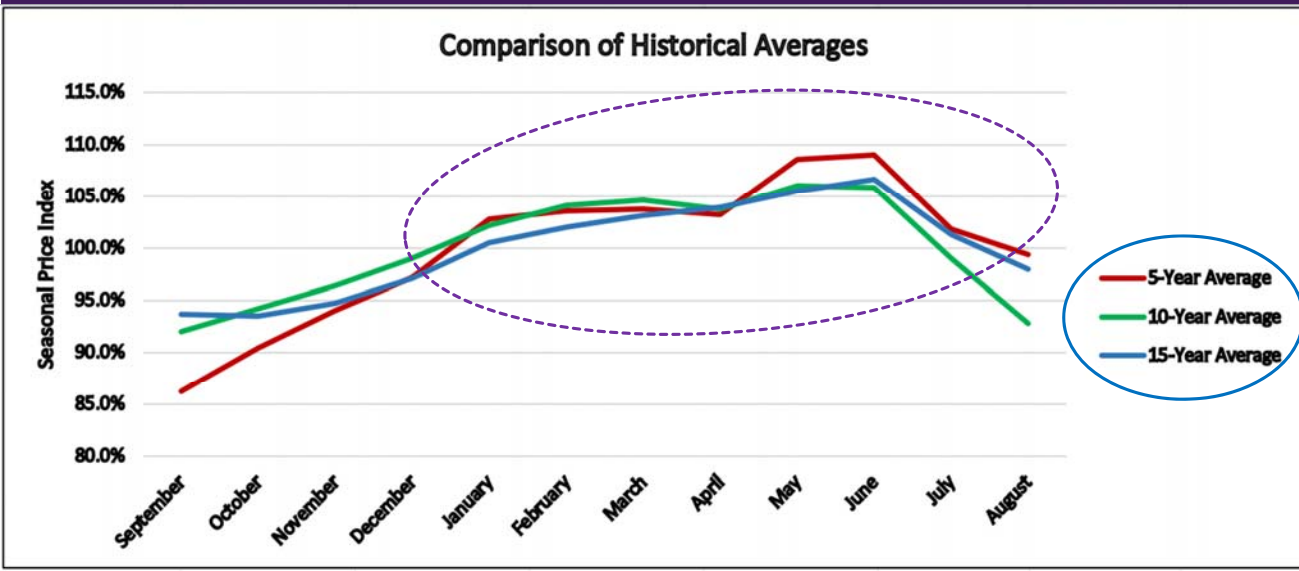
KS Sorghum *Seasonal \$ Index* Central KS

MY 1999/00 – MY 2021/22



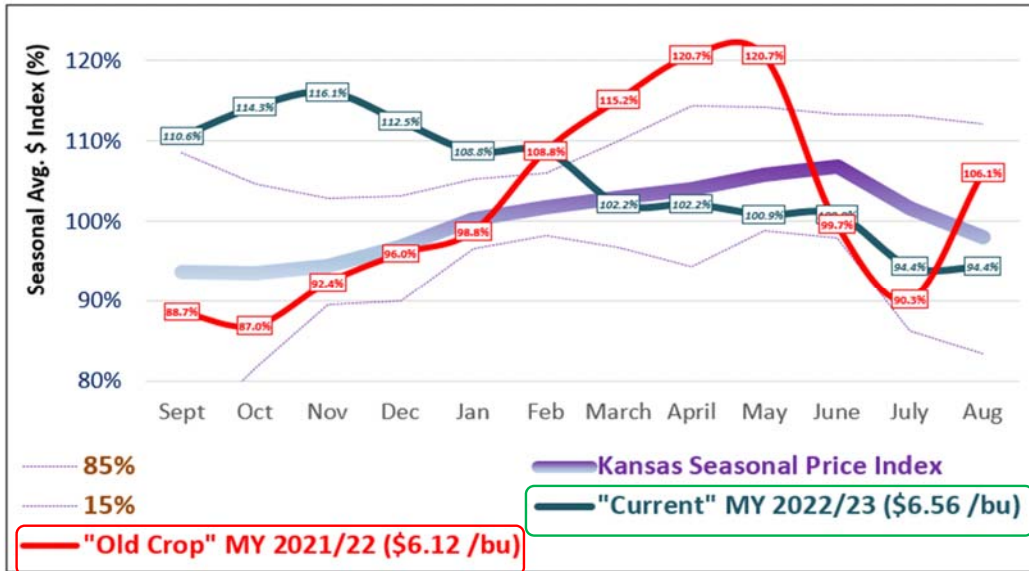
Changing Seasonal Avg. Sorghum \$ Indices

For the last 5, 10, & 15 Years in Central Kansas



Sorghum Seasonal Prices *Kansas-U.S.*

Long Term Seasonal \$ Trends + MY 2021/22 & "Current" MY 2022/23 As of 2/28/2023



USDA Milo \$ Forecasts:

"Old Crop"
MY 2021/22
= \$5.94 /bu ^{U.S.}

"Current"
MY 2022/23
= \$6.90 /bu ^{U.S.}

My DTN Cash Bids

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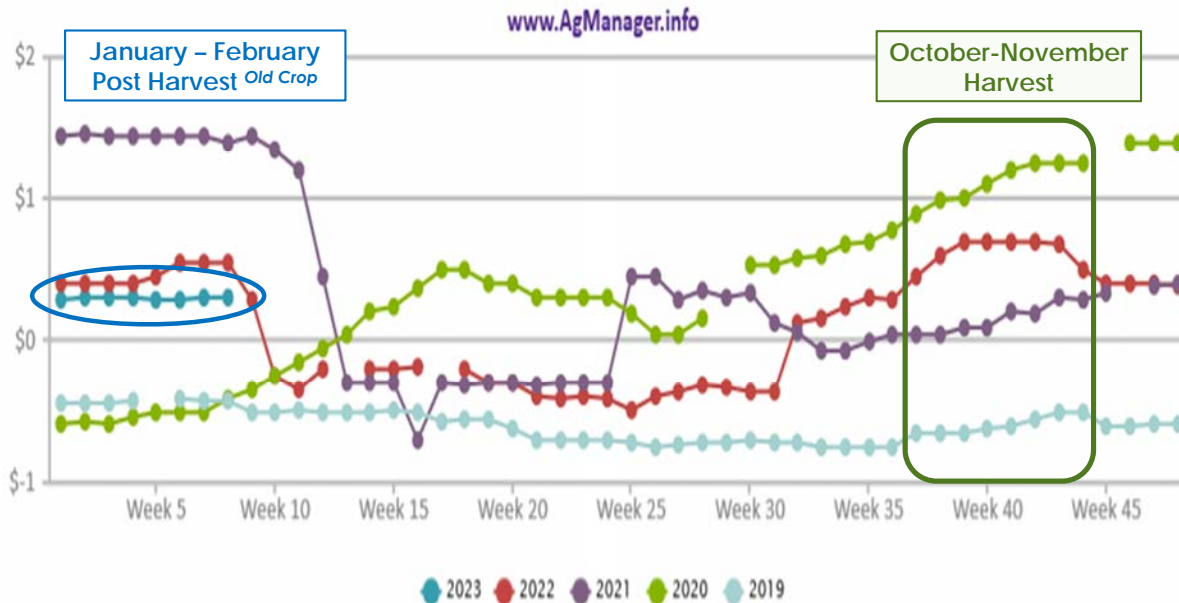
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Elevator/Location	Mar 2023	Apr 2023	May 2023	Jun 2023	Jul 2023	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Oct 2023
MID STATE FARMERS COOP OTIS, KS	6.44			---	---	---	---	5.26
AMERICAN PLAINS COOP ALBERT, KS	6.68			---	---	---	---	5.21
AMERICAN PLAINS COOP-DUNDEE GREAT BEND, KS	6.68			---	---	---	---	5.21
AMERICAN PLAINS COOP GREAT BEND, KS	6.68			---	---	---	---	5.21
CENTRAL PRAIRIE COOP CLAFLIN, KS	6.72			---	---	---	---	5.26
MID STATE FARMERS COOP BISON, KS	6.44			---	---	---	---	5.26
MID STATE FARMERS COOP TIMKEN, KS	6.44			---	---	---	---	5.26
BARTLETT GRAIN CO LP GREAT BEND, KS	6.69	---	---	---	---	---	---	5.41
UNITED AG SERVICE GORHAM, KS	6.69	---	---	---	---	---	---	5.27
AMERICAN PLAINS COOP ELLINWOOD, KS	6.68	---	---	---	---	---	---	5.21
AMERICAN PLAINS COOP PAWNEE ROCK, KS	6.68	---	---	---	---	---	---	5.21
MIDLAND MARKETING LACROSSE, KS	6.39	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Elevator Old Crop Spot Basis:
\$0.06 to \$0.35 Over MAR²⁰²³

Elevator New Crop FC Basis:
\$0.30 to \$0.50 Under DEC²⁰²³

WAKEENEY, KS: Grain Sorghum Basis - CARGILL



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2023 Grain Sorghum Cost-Return Budget in South Central Kansas -----Average yields

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Item	unit	price	quantity	amount	Sub-total
INCOME					
Product					
Grain Sorghum - South Central KS	bu	\$6.16	115.00	\$708.40	\$708.40
--TOTAL INCOME--					\$708.40
DIRECT EXPENSES					
Additional labor					\$0.00
Crop insurance					\$0.59
Custom Operations					\$20.57
Diesel					\$19.32
Fertilizers					\$19.30
Herbicides					\$128.37
Miscellaneous					\$25.98
Operator labor					\$7.26
Repair & Maintenance					\$7.29
Seeds					\$13.23
Interest on operating capital		8% percent on direct expenses			\$9.37
--TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES--					\$261.34
-----Total direct expenses per bu \$2.27					
FIXED EXPENSES					
Cash rent					\$50.00
Capital recovery (depreciation + interest)					\$54.84
--TOTAL FIXED EXPENSES--					\$104.84
-----Total expenses per bu \$3.18					
RETURNS ABOVE DIRECT EXPENSES					\$447.06
RETURNS ABOVE TOTAL SPECIFIED EXPENSES					\$342.22

2023 Sorghum Costs South Central KS

Yield = 115 bu /ac

Total Direct Expenses = \$2.27 /bu

Total of ALL Expenses = \$3.18 /bu

2023 Irrigated Grain Sorghum (center-pivot) Cost-Return Budget -----South Central KS - Average yields

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Item	unit	price	quantity	amount	Sub-total
INCOME					
Product					
Grain Sorghum - South Central KS	bu	\$6.16	160.00	\$985.60	\$985.60
--TOTAL INCOME--					\$985.60
DIRECT EXPENSES					
Additional labor					\$0.86
Crop consulting					\$7.28
Crop insurance					\$26.50
Custom Operations					\$19.32
Diesel					\$18.04
Fertilizers					\$172.90
Herbicides					\$56.79
Irrigation energy (NG)					\$39.41
Irrigation labor					\$6.00
Miscellaneous					\$12.10
Operator labor					\$6.73
Repair & Maintenance					\$17.40
Seeds					\$14.99
Interest on operating capital		8% percent on direct expenses			\$15.93
--TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES--					\$414.27
-----Total direct expenses per bu \$2.59					
FIXED EXPENSES					
Cash rent					\$175.00
Capital recovery (depreciation + interest)					\$236.55
--TOTAL FIXED EXPENSES--					\$411.55
-----Total expenses per bu \$5.16					
RETURNS ABOVE DIRECT EXPENSES					\$571.33
RETURNS ABOVE TOTAL SPECIFIED EXPENSES					\$159.78

2023 Sorghum Costs SC Kansas Irrigated

Yield = 160 bu /ac

Total Direct Expenses = \$2.59 /bu

Total of ALL Expenses = \$5.16 /bu

2023 Grain Sorghum Cost-Return Budget in North Central Kansas -----Average yields

67

Item	unit	price	quantity	amount	Sub-total
INCOME					
Product					
Grain Sorghum - North Central KS	bu	\$6.14	120.00	\$736.80	\$736.80
--TOTAL INCOME--					\$736.80
DIRECT EXPENSES					
Additional labor					\$0.86
Crop insurance					\$20.09
Custom Operations					\$19.32
Diesel					\$18.04
Fertilizers					\$142.15
Herbicides					\$56.79
Miscellaneous					\$7.86
Operator labor					\$6.73
Repair & Maintenance					\$13.80
Seeds					\$13.14
Interest on operating capital		8% percent on direct expenses			\$11.95
--TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES--					\$310.75
-----Total direct expenses per bu \$2.59					
FIXED EXPENSES					
Cash rent					\$95.00
Capital recovery (depreciation + interest)					\$53.73
--TOTAL FIXED EXPENSES--					\$148.73
-----Total expenses per bu \$3.83					
RETURNS ABOVE DIRECT EXPENSES					\$426.05
RETURNS ABOVE TOTAL SPECIFIED EXPENSES					\$277.32

2023 Sorghum Costs North Central KS

Yield = 120 bu /ac

Total Direct Expenses
= \$2.59 /bu

Total of ALL Expenses
= \$3.83 /bu

2023 Irrigated Grain Sorghum (center-pivot) Cost-Return Budget -----North Central KS - Average yields

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Item	unit	price	quantity	amount	Sub-total
INCOME					
Product					
Grain Sorghum - North Central KS	bu	\$6.14	160.00	\$982.40	\$982.40
--TOTAL INCOME--					\$982.40
DIRECT EXPENSES					
Additional labor					\$0.86
Crop consulting					\$7.28
Crop insurance					\$26.50
Custom Operations					\$19.32
Diesel					\$18.04
Fertilizers					\$172.90
Herbicides					\$56.79
Irrigation energy (NG)					\$39.41
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Operator labor					\$6.73
Repair & Maintenance					\$17.40
Seeds					\$14.99
Interest on operating capital		8% percent on direct expenses			\$15.93
--TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES--					\$414.27
-----Total direct expenses per bu \$2.59					
FIXED EXPENSES					
Cash rent					\$195.00
Capital recovery (depreciation + interest)					\$236.55
--TOTAL FIXED EXPENSES--					\$431.55
-----Total expenses per bu \$5.29					
RETURNS ABOVE DIRECT EXPENSES					\$568.13
RETURNS ABOVE TOTAL SPECIFIED EXPENSES					\$136.58

2023 Sorghum Costs NC Kansas Irrigated

Yield = 160 bu /ac

Total Direct Expenses
= \$2.59 /bu

Total of ALL Expenses
= \$5.29 /bu

10 acre-inches of water applied
150 foot well depth
\$ 3.94 fuel cost per acre-inch of water applied
.4 Mcf of natural gas per acre-inch of water applied
\$ 9.75 per Mcf for cost of natural gas
4.04 Mcf of fuel used in total

2023 Preharvest Marketing Plan

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Preharvest Marketing Plan



Objective: Buy crop insurance to protect my production risk and price _____% of my anticipated crop (based on APH yield) or _____ bushels.

Price _____ bushels at \$ _____ cash price (\$ _____ - _____ futures) (contract month) using _____

Price _____ bushels at \$ _____ f/ _____ c, or by _____, 2023, using _____

Price _____ bushels at \$ _____ f/ _____ c, or by _____, 2023, using _____

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Price _____ bushels at \$ _____ f/ _____ c, or by _____, 2023, using _____

Plan starts on _____ . Completed by _____ .

Ignore decision dates and make no sale if prices are lower than \$ _____ (month/commodity) futures / \$ _____ local cash price.

Sample Pre-Harvest Marketing Plan

Objective: Buy crop insurance to protect production risk and price 75% of our 67,000-bushel APH (**50,000 bu.**).

Using five, Increments

Price 10,000 bushels at \$4.30 December futures/\$4.15 cash
or by April 15

Price 10,000 bushels at \$4.50 fut./4.35 cash, or by May 15

Price 10,000 bushels at \$4.60 fut./4.45 cash, or by Jun 15

Price 10,000 bushels at \$4.75 fut./4.60 cash, or by Jul 15

Price 10,000 bushels at \$5.00 fut./4.85 cash, or by Aug 15

Plan starts on January 1, 2023.

Ignore decision dates and **make no sale if prices are lower than \$4.00 local cash price.**

Exit all options positions by October 1



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What Would YOU Change?

**50% is
Plenty!**

Objective: Buy crop insurance to protect production risk and price 75% of our 67,000-bushel APH (50,000 bu.).

Using five increments

Price 10,000 bushels at \$4.30 December futures/\$4.15 cash
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Price 10,000 bushels at \$4.60 fut./4.45 cash, or by Jun 15

Price 10,000 bushels at \$4.75 fut./4.60 cash, or by Jul 15

Price 10,000 bushels at \$5.00 fut./4.85 cash, or by Aug 15

Plan starts on January 1, 2022.

Ignore decision dates and make no sale if prices are lower than \$4.00 local cash price.

Exit all options positions by October 1

**Different prices,
increments, dates?**

**What's Your
Price Outlook?**



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✓ What's a Realistic Max Price Target?

Let's start with the seasonals

Preharvest: On average, 25% of KS corn is harvested by the last week of September; and 25% of KS milo by mid-October.

Fifteen Years: CME December Corn Futures				
2008/22	Jan 1 Price	Preharvest Max Price	Change	Percent Change
2008	\$4.80	\$7.88	\$3.08	64%
2009	\$4.56	\$4.73	\$0.17	4%
2010	\$4.45	\$5.22	\$0.77	17%
2011	\$5.53	\$7.75	\$2.23	40%
2012	\$5.90	\$8.39	\$2.49	42%
2013	\$5.92	\$5.94	\$0.01	0%
2014	\$4.48	\$5.13	\$0.65	14%
2015	\$4.20	\$4.52	\$0.32	8%
2016	\$3.77	\$4.49	\$0.72	19%
2017	\$3.84	\$4.15	\$0.31	8%
2018	\$3.87	\$4.27	\$0.40	10%
2019	\$3.98	\$4.69	\$0.70	18%
2020	\$4.05	\$4.05	\$0.00	0%
2021	\$4.35	\$6.37	\$2.02	46%
2022	\$5.48	\$7.66	\$2.18	40%



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2023	\$6.07	\$6.07	\$0.00	0%
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Let's put'em in order of "Change"

33% of the time; prices rise \$2.00 or more (>40%)

67% of the time; prices rise \$0.40 or more (>10%)

87% of the time; prices rise \$0.17 or MORE

13% of the time; there was no change

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2021	\$4.35	\$6.37	\$2.02	46%
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Preharvest Marketing Plan



Objective: Buy crop insurance to protect my production risk and price 50 % of my anticipated crop (based on APH yield) or 60,000 bushels.

Price 5,000 bushels at \$ \$5.90 cash price (\$ _____ - DEC 2023 futures) (contract month) using FC, Hedge, Basis Contract

Price 5,000 bushels at \$ \$6.15 f/ \$6.00 c, or by 4/1/23 2023, using FC, Hedge, Basis Contract

Price 10,000 bushels at \$ \$6.40 f/ \$6.25 c, or by 5/1/23 2023, using FC, Hedge, Basis Contract

Price 10,000 bushels at \$ \$6.65 f/ \$6.50 c, or by 5/15/23 2023, using FC, Hedge, Basis Contract

Price 10,000 bushels at \$ \$6.90 f/ \$6.75 c, or by 6/1/23 2023, using FC, Hedge, Basis Contract

Price 10,000 bushels at \$ \$7.15 f/ \$7.00 c, or by 6/15/23 2023, using FC, Hedge, Basis Contract

Price 10,000 bushels at \$ \$7.40 f/ \$7.25 c, or by 7/15/23 2023, using FC, Hedge, Basis Contract

Plan starts on March 1, 2023 . Completed by July 15, 2023 .

Ignore decision dates and make no sale if prices are lower than \$ \$5.00 Cost+ Minimum \$??? (month/commodity) futures / \$ \$??? local cash price.

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Sample Pre-Harvest Corn Marketing Plan



Objective: Buy up crop insurance coverage to 80% to protect production risk; and preharvest price 80% of APH.

Using five increments

Price 20% at \$6.10 December futures, or by March 15

Price 20% at \$6.30 December futures, or by April 15

Price 20% at \$6.90 December futures, or by May 15

Price 30% at \$7.50 December futures, or by June 15

Price 10% at \$8.25 December futures, or by July 15

Ignore decision dates and make no sale if prices are lower than **\$5.50 local cash price.**

Exit all options positions prior to Harvest



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