

Volatile trade continues with a series of market reactions to real and perceived threats. China announcing it would stop buying Ag products took a back seat to deteriorating conditions in portions of WC ILL and EC IA. Maps introducing rain chances for those areas putting some pressure on markets overnight.

At 0630 CZ19 giving up \$0.03 at \$4.11 ¾ with SX19 up \$0.01 ½ at \$8.70 ¼. KC and Chi wheat off \$0.06 and \$0.05 respectively.

Weekly crop condition report had the corn G/E rating slip 1% to 57% and compares to a year ago this week at 71%. Corn silking at 78% and 15% behind “normal”.

Soybean G/E rating unchanged on the week at 54%.

NOAA forecast has some decent rains in the forecast (Sunday – Tuesday for the southern ½ of Iowa and northern ½ of IL. Needed badly in some of these areas. Conditions slipping in these areas today?

Weekly export inspection pace continues to suggest USDA too optimistic with their export forecast of 2,100 mln bu. Reduction of 50 75 mln bu likely in subsequent reports.

Pro Farmer survey has US corn acres at 85.8 mln planted. Farm Futures guess at 83.5 mln. Wide range of possibilities next Monday with the surprise being a number significantly larger than current trade ideas.

Corn spreads tightening on yesterday's late price strength. CZCN 19 ½ overnight after hitting 22 ½ early yesterday.

Trade focused on near term weather and possible rains late in the coming weekend.....



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