Feed Grain Outlook

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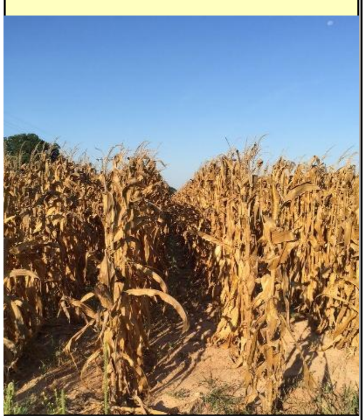


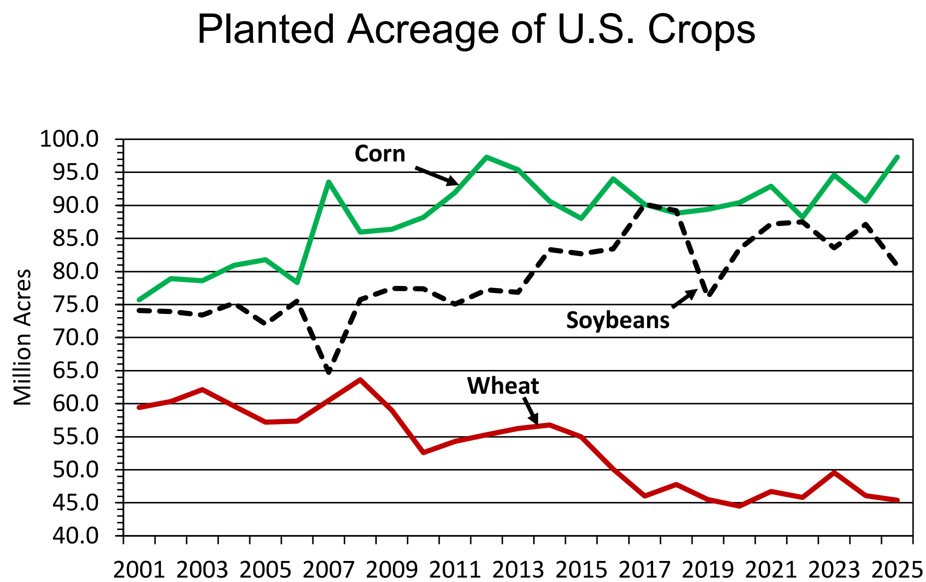
Market Situation

WASDE. Major revisions were made this month to supply and demand fundamentals for U.S. corn. USDA increased planted and harvested acres by about 2 million and raised the yield estimate from 181.0 bushels per acre to 188.8. That raised production by over a billion bushels compared to last month. Taking into account carryover stocks from 2024/25 and imports, total corn supply in the new crop year is just over 18 billion bushels. The previous record high corn supply was 16.942 billion bushels in 2016/17.

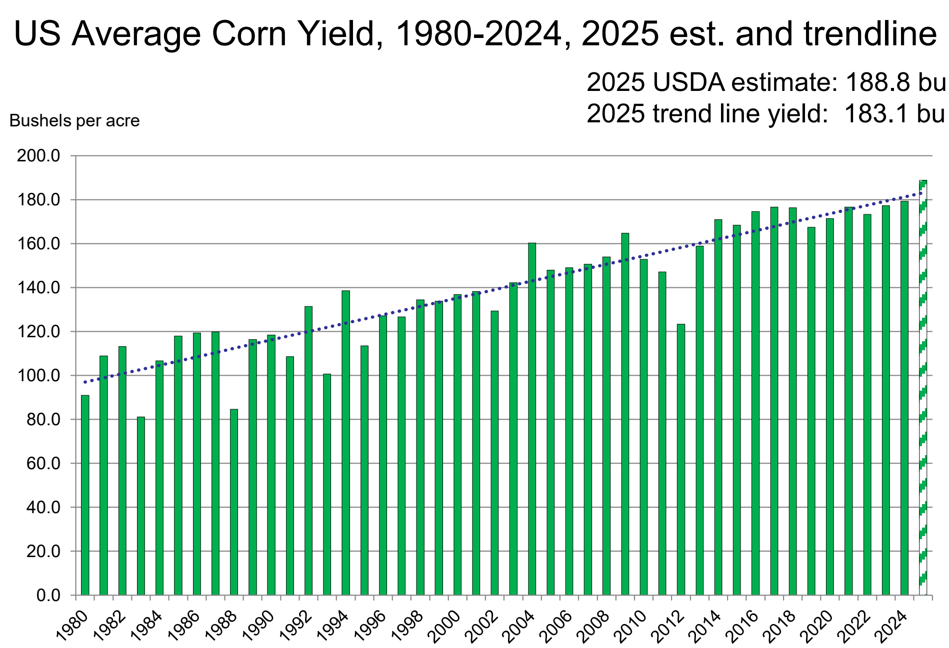
The largest corn use categories were higher this month: feed 6.100 billion bushels (+250 mil bu), fuel 5.600 billion bushels (+100 mil bu), exports 2.875 billion bushels (+200 mil bu). Record total use of 15.955 billion bushels is up 545 million bushels compared to July.

US CORN SUPPLY AND USE			August		
			2025/26	July to August	
AREA			8/12/2025	Net Δ	% Δ
	Planted	mil acres	97.3	2.1	2.20%
	Harvested	mil acres	88.7	1.9	2.22%
	% harvested		91.2%	0.0%	0.02%
YIELD	Harvested acre	bu/ac	188.8	7.8	4.31%
SUPPLY					
	Beginning stocks	mil bu	1,305	(35)	-2.61%
	Production	mil bu	16,742	1,037	6.60%
	Imports	mil bu	25	0	0.00%
	Total Supply	mil bu	18,072	1,002	5.87%
DEMAND					
	Feed and residual	mil bu	6,100	250	4.27%
	Food, seed, and indus	mil bu	1,380	(5)	-0.36%
	Ethanol	mil bu	5,600	100	1.82%
	Total Domestic Use	mil bu	13,080	345	2.71%
	Exports	mil bu	2,875	200	7.48%
	Total Use	mil bu	15,955	545	3.54%
	Ending stocks	mil bu	2,117	457	27.53%
	Stocks to Use ratio	percent	13.3%	2.5%	23.17%
	Days of use on hand		48.4	9.1	23.17%
PRICE	Average farm price	$/bu	3.90	(0.30)	-7.14%
	Reference Price	$/bu	4.26	0.00	
	PLC Payment	$/bu	0.36	0.30	

These revisions raised ending stocks for 2025/26 from 1.660 billion bushels last month to 2.117 billion bushels. Days of use on hand at the end of the marketing year increased from a 39.3-day estimate last month to 48.4-days of use on hand. The season average farm price is now estimated at $3.90 per bushel.

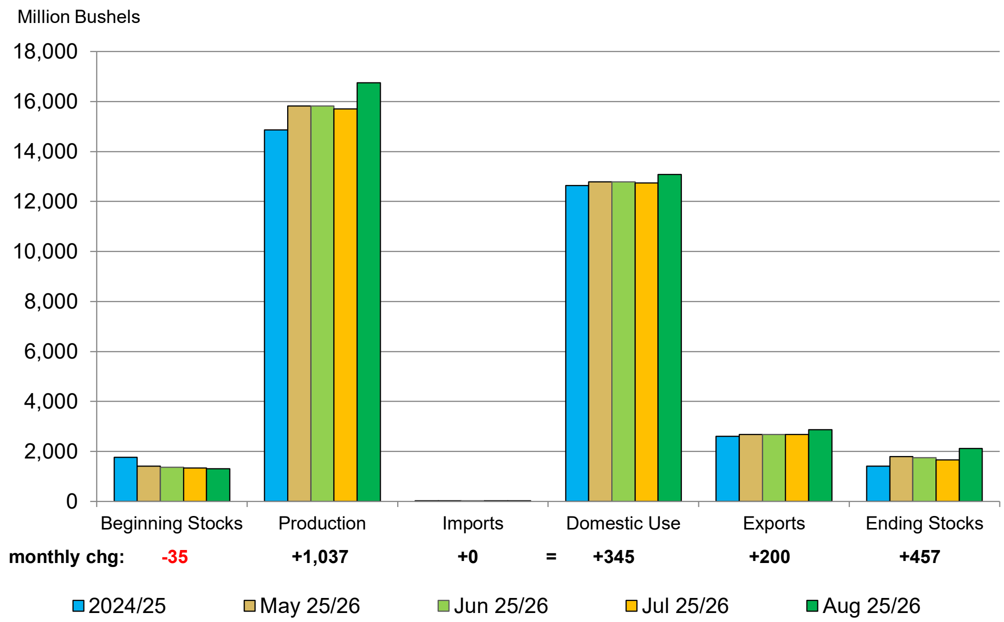


Source: USDA WASDE August 2025



USDA, WASDE August 2025

U.S. Corn Supply and Demand, August 2025



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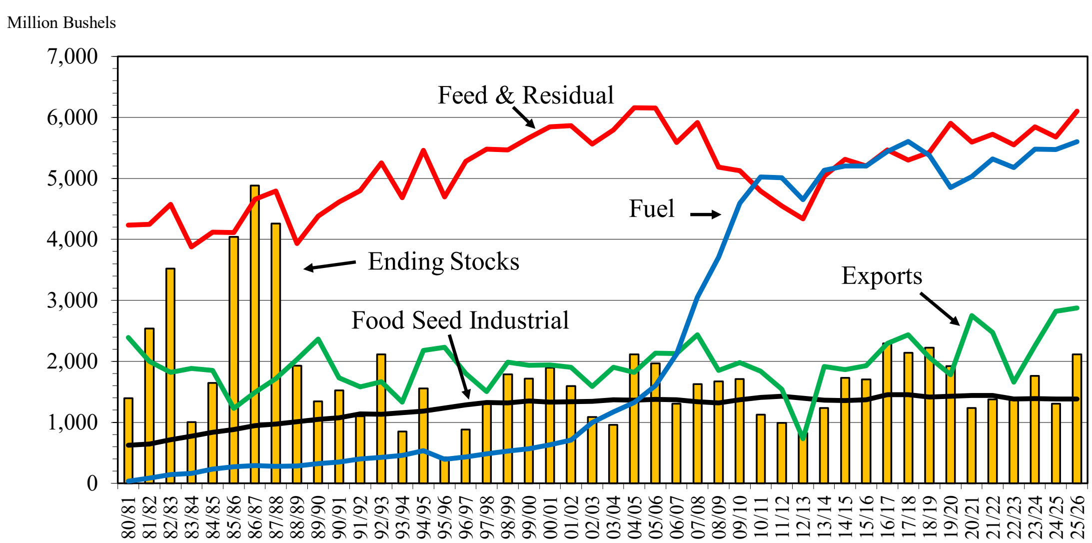
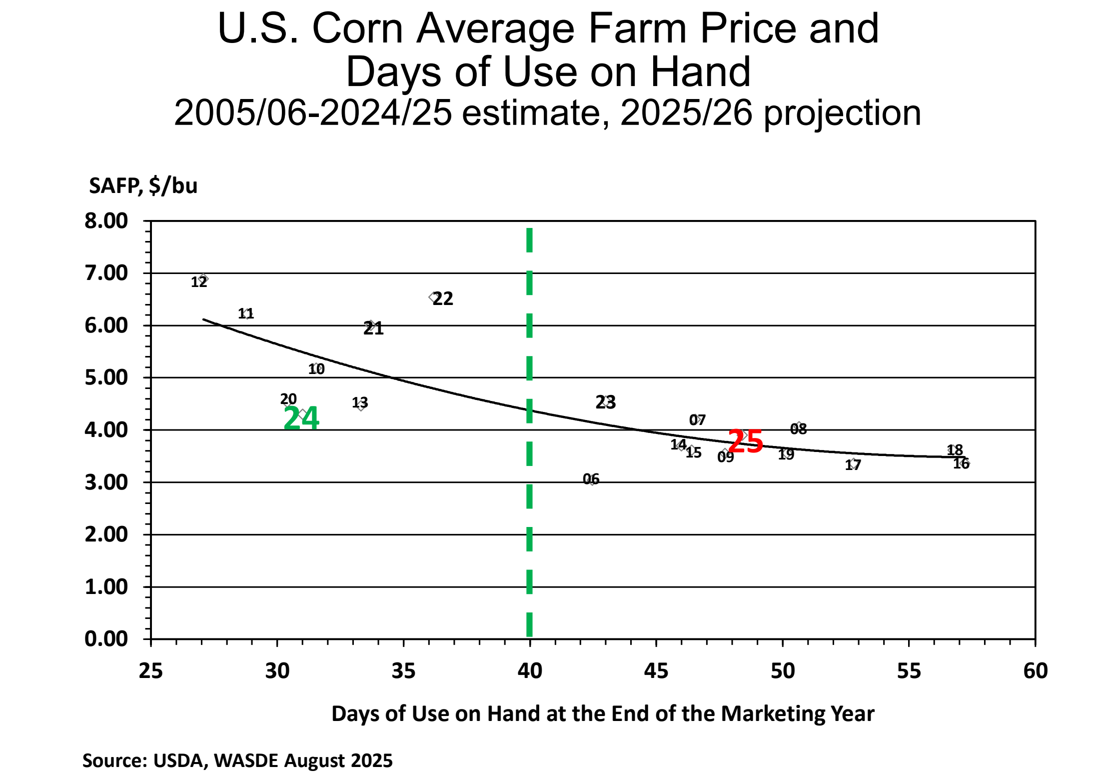
U.S. Corn Use August WASDE

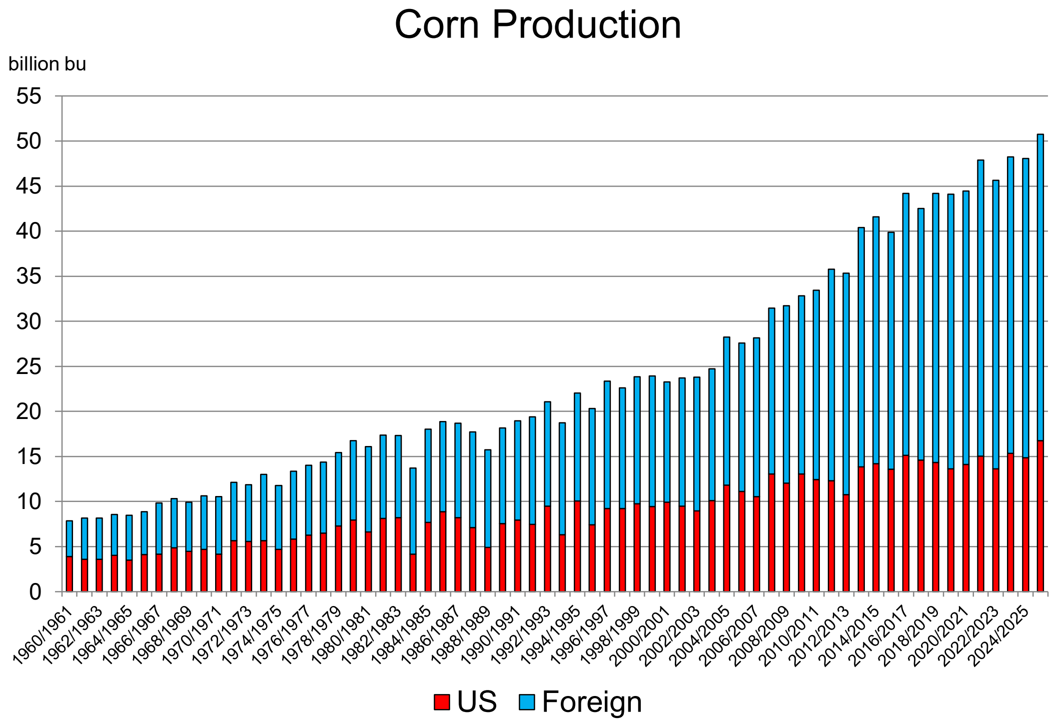


Source: USDA WASDE, 8/12/2025



World corn supplies are up 24 mmt (939 mil bu) this month on increased production in the U.S. Foreign production is down slightly. Total use increased 13 mmt (527 mil bu) which resulted in ending stocks up 10 mmt (410 mil bu). World days of use on hand at the end of the marketing year of an 80-day supply is still relatively tight, the lowest since a 60.3-day supply to end the 2012/13 marketing year.

WORLD	CORN (MMT)	Beginning Stocks	Production	Imports	Feed Use	Total Use	Exports	Ending Stocks	Stocks to Use	Days on Hand
2012/13		123.40	898.80	99.59	528.46	877.36	95.37	144.85	0.1651	60.3
2013/14		144.85	1,027.39	124.74	576.32	957.53	131.46	214.70	0.2242	81.8
2014/15		214.70	1,057.80	124.91	591.64	992.80	142.62	279.71	0.2817	102.8
2015/16		279.71	1,014.98	140.12	613.87	982.94	120.80	311.74	0.3172	115.8
2016/17		311.74	1,128.48	138.44	659.01	1,088.34	162.08	351.88	0.3233	118.0
2017/18		351.88	1,081.90	153.10	673.59	1,092.26	149.78	341.52	0.3127	114.1
2018/19		341.52	1,128.74	166.66	705.18	1,147.61	182.63	322.66	0.2812	102.6
2019/20		322.66	1,122.74	167.66	716.33	1,137.93	172.25	307.46	0.2702	98.6
2020/21		307.41	1,129.39	184.94	723.88	1,143.97	182.70	292.83	0.2560	93.4
2021/22		292.95	1,217.27	184.45	744.55	1,199.70	206.59	310.51	0.2588	94.5
2022/23		314.25	1,164.18	173.45	735.41	1,173.66	180.40	304.77	0.2597	94.8
2023/24		305.61	1,230.73	197.54	769.70	1,220.63	192.57	315.71	0.2586	94.4
2024/25		**315.71**	**1,226.02**	**183.61**	**786.33**	**1,258.61**	**193.64**	**283.11**	**0.2249**	**82.1**
2025/26	May	287.29	1,264.98	187.48	801.55	1,274.43	195.81	277.84	0.2180	79.6
2025/26	June	285.04	1,265.98	187.48	801.90	1,275.79	195.82	275.24	0.2157	78.7
2025/26	July	284.18	1,263.66	187.76	800.94	1,275.76	195.81	272.08	0.2133	77.8
2025/26	**August**	**283.11**	**1,288.58**	**192.16**	**811.17**	**1,289.15**	**200.86**	**282.50**	**0.2191**	**80.0**
	net change	(1.07)	24.92	4.40	10.23	13.39	5.05	10.42	0.0059	2.1
	% change	-0.38%	1.97%	2.34%	1.28%	1.05%	2.58%	3.83%	2.75%	2.75%



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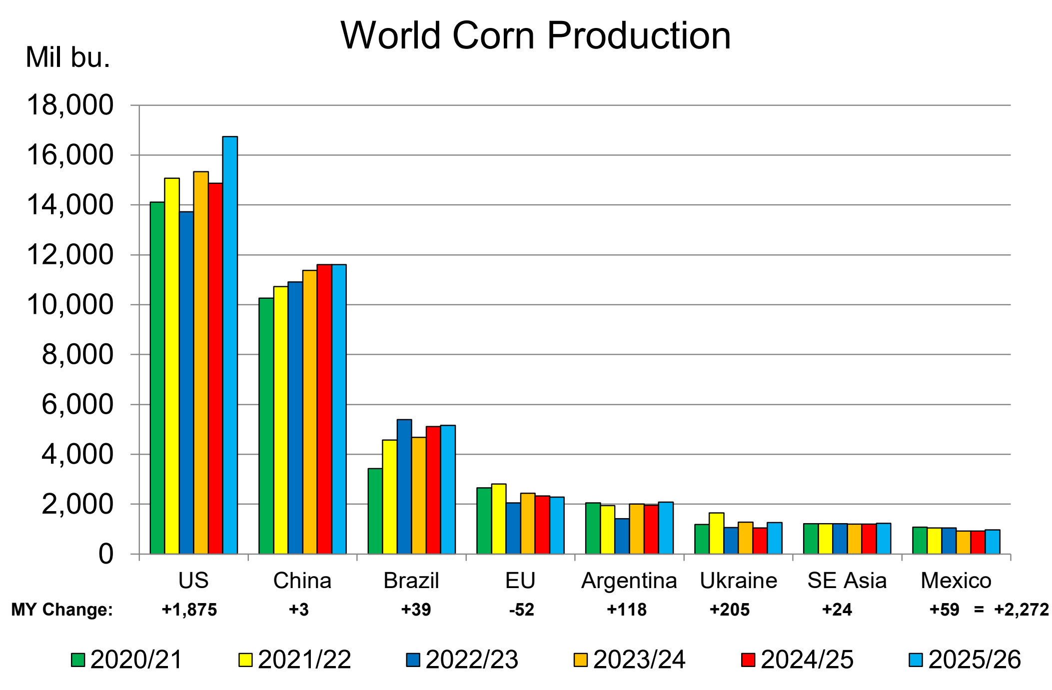

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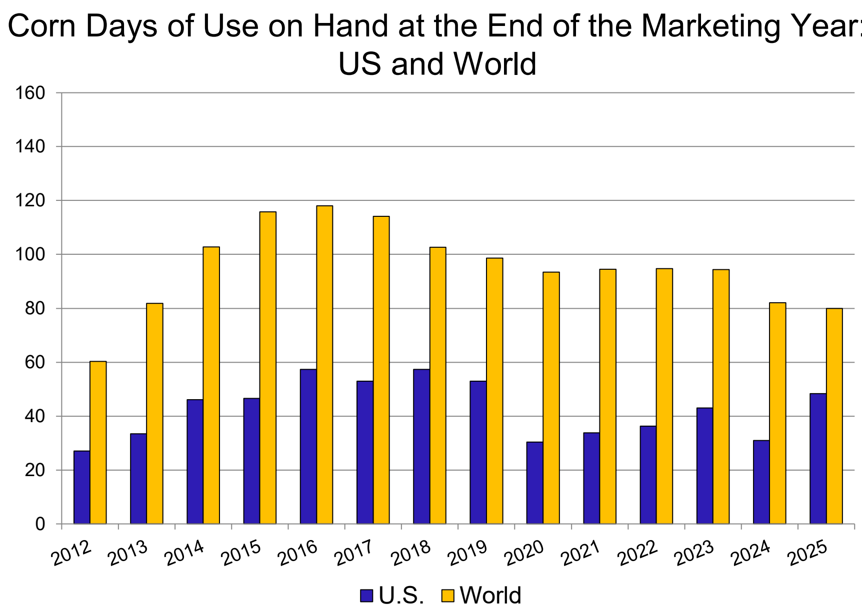

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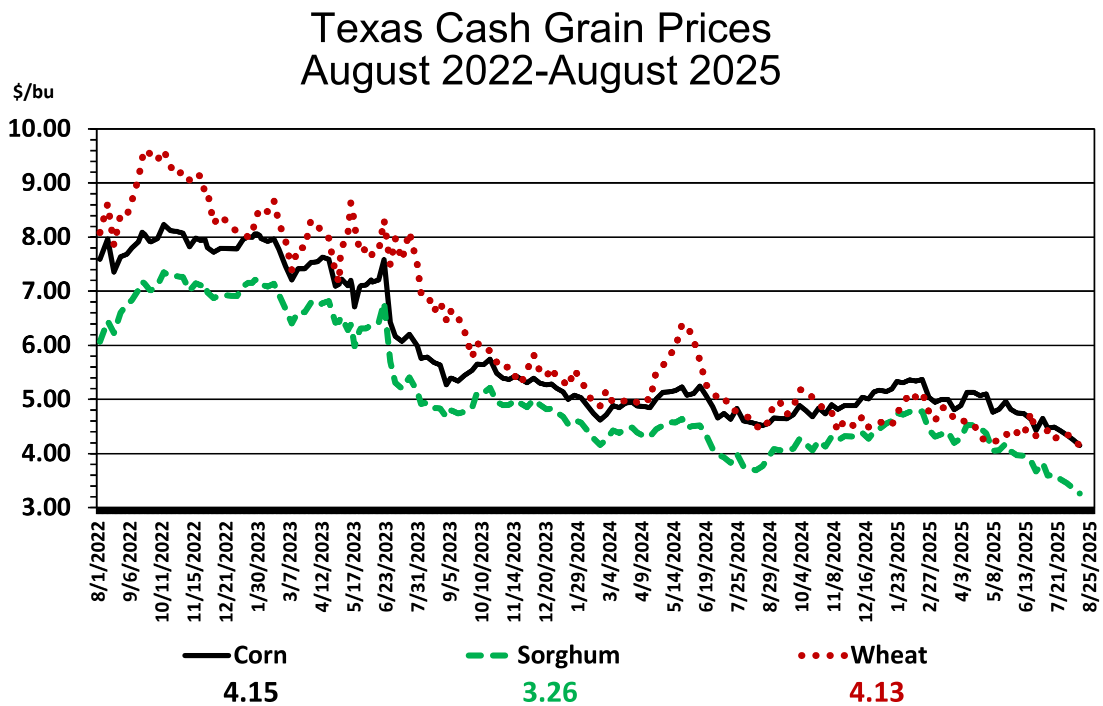
Cash Feed Grain Prices, $/bu.

	Nearby Corn Futures	TX Corn Avg Cash Elevator	TX Basis	TX Corn Feedlot	Corn LA Gulf Export bid
July 17	4.02	4.49	0.47	5.40	4.92
July 24	4.02	4.42	0.40	5.45	4.96
July 31	3.94	4.34	0.40	5.47	4.76
August 7	3.85	4.25	0.40	5.37	4.68
August 14	3.75	4.15	0.40	5.13	4.56
10-yr average			0.42		

	Nearby Corn Futures	TX Sorghum Avg Cash Elevator	TX Basis	TX Sorghum Feedlot	Sorghum TX Gulf Export bid
July 17	4.02	3.61	-0.41	4.50	
July 24	4.02	3.52	-0.49	4.57	
July 31	3.94	3.45	-0.49	4.49	
August 7	3.85	3.35	-0.49	4.40	
August 14	3.75	3.26	-0.49	4.18	
10-yr average			-0.08		

AMS Market News: TX cash = average (North, Central, and South Panhandle), Gulf sorghum: DTN



USDA, AMS, Market News: TX cash = average (North Panhandle, Central Panhandle, South Panhandle)

Outside Markets. In the press release following the July meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee of the Federal Reserve, the committee noted that even though economic indicators suggest growth moderated in the first half the year, the unemployment rate remains low, labor market conditions are solid, but inflation remains "somewhat elevated", that is, above the long-term target level of 2%. In response the Committee voted to maintain the target range for the federal funds rate at 4-1/4 to 4-1/2 percent.

Further evidence of the challenge to control inflation in the current economic environment was manifest today in the Producer Price Index (PPI). This measure of inflation at the wholesale level is often a precursor to inflation faced by households measured by the Consumer Price Index. For July, PPI showed prices up 3.3% compared to July a year ago, up from a 2.4% increase last month.

The next meeting of the FOMC is September 16-17. Associated with this meeting will be a summary of committee member's economic projections.

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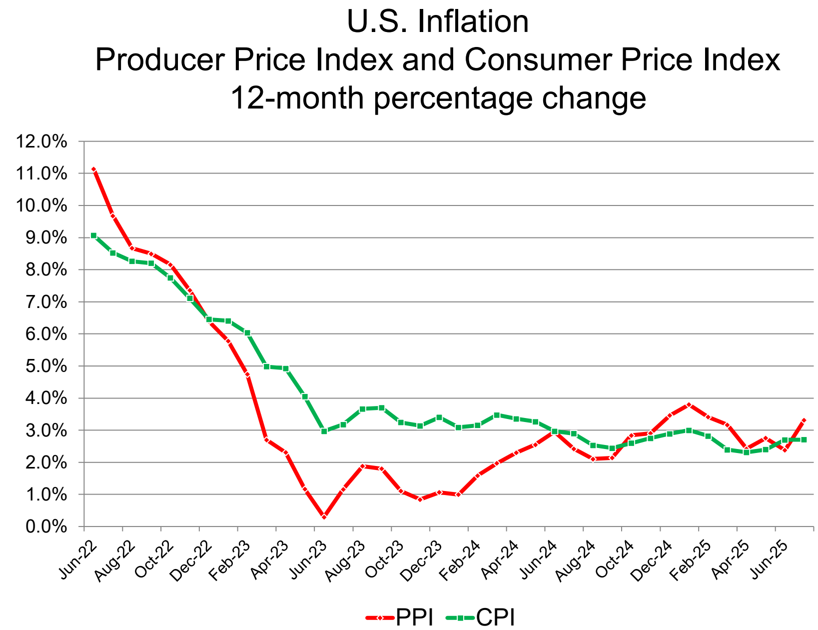


Source: Consumer Price Index (CPI) U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, August 12, 2025
Producer Price Index (PPI), St. Louis Fed, August 14, 2025

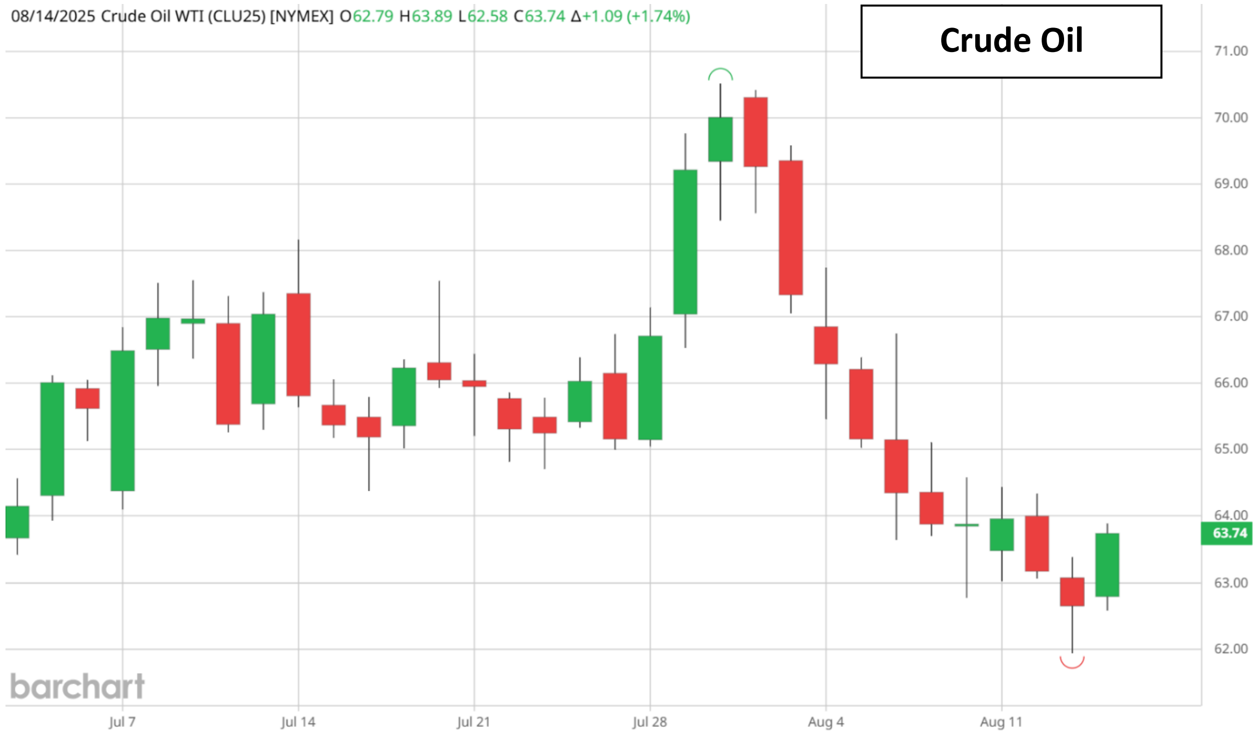
Prices about 11:00 am CT August 14, 2025:

	III QTR	7/1/2025	8/14/2025	net change	% change
S&P 500	SPX:IN	6,198.01	6,449.07	251.06	4.05%
10-yr T Note Futures	September 2025	111.86	111.83	(0.03)	-0.03%
CRB	CRY:IND	296.05	294.82	(1.23)	-0.42%
Dollar Index	September 2025	96.47	98.07	1.60	1.66%
Crude Oil	September 2025	64.15	63.74	(0.41)	-0.64%
Copper	September 2025	5.10	4.47	(0.63)	-12.26%
Corn	September 2025	4.06	3.74	(0.33)	-8.00%
	December 2025	4.22	3.95	(0.27)	-6.34%
Soybeans	September 2025	10.19	10.13	(0.05)	-0.52%
	November 2025	10.27	10.34	0.07	0.66%
SRW Wheat	September 2025	5.49	5.04	(0.45)	-8.20%
	December 2025	5.69	5.25	(0.44)	-7.77%

Items in the table and reasoning for inclusion:

- S&P 500 Index—a reflection of market expectations of future earnings and economic growth;
- 10-year T-note: expectations of economic growth—as bond prices fall, yields (interest rates) increase and may reflect investor concerns over rising inflation, fading prospects of a recession, or less investment from foreign buyers;
- CRB Index—price direction of a representative indicator of global commodities;
- US dollar Index—impact on export prospects as a strong dollar makes our products relatively more expensive in the global marketplace;
- Crude Oil and Copper—barometers positively correlated to global economic activity.

Charts, 7/1/2025-8/14/2025 (https://www.barchart.com/):


08/14/2025 Crude Oil WTI (CLU25) [NYMEX] O62.79 H63.89 L62.58 C63.74 Δ+1.09 (+1.74%)
Crude Oil
71.00
70.00
69.00
68.00
67.00
66.00
65.00
64.00
63.74
63.00
62.00
barchart
Jul 7
Jul 14
Jul 21
Jul 28
Aug 4
Aug 11


08/14/2025 High Grade Copper (HGU25) [COMEX] O4.4975 H4.5145 L4.4495 C4.4745 Δ-0.0230 (-0.51%)
Copper
6.0000
5.8000
5.6000
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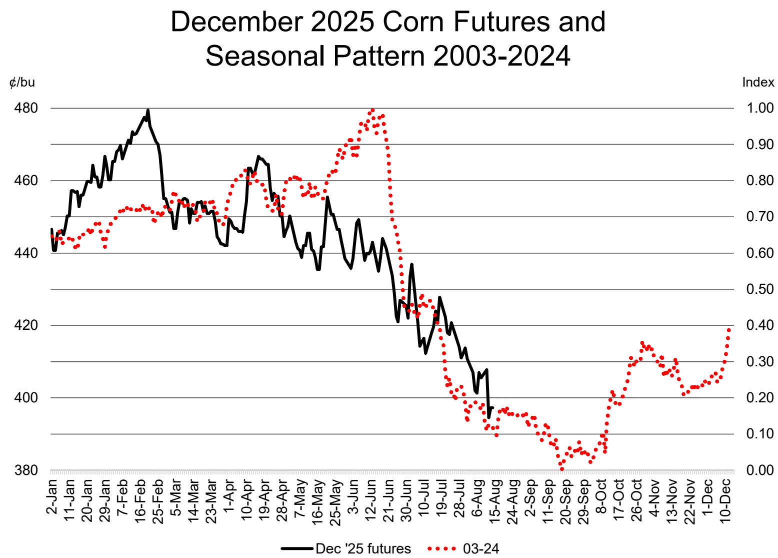
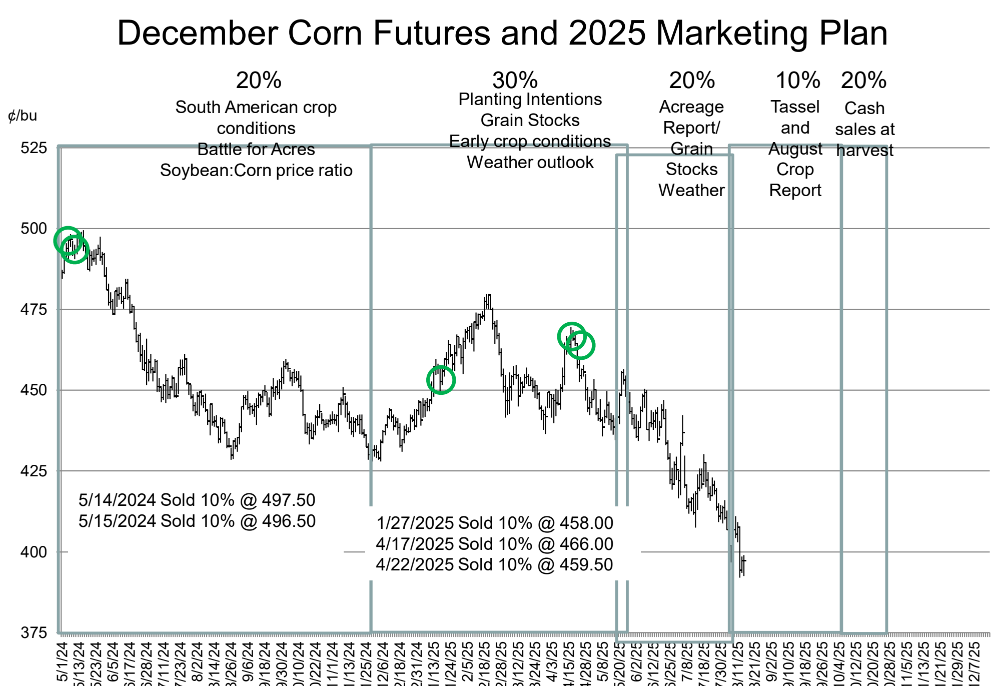
Marketing Strategies

<u>Seasonality.</u> The seasonal price pattern for the December corn contract shows the best pricing prospects in the first half of the year (peaking in June) with prices falling below average (0.50 on the index) in late-June/early July and then bottoming out late September/early October.



<u>Feed Grain Marketing Plan.</u> I am 50% sold on the 2025 corn crop. My plan was to get to 70% priced in July but with the drop in prices, I failed to get that done. I am 10% sold on 2026 corn.



Current 2025 marketing plan performance:

	December 2025 corn futures	2025 Marketing Plan average price	% of 2025 crop priced	Marketing Plan advantage, %
January 2, 2025	446.50	456.60	20%	2.3%
February 3, 2025	465.25	470.88	30%	1.2%
March 3, 2025	451.25	461.08	30%	2.2%
April 1, 2025	449.50	459.85	30%	2.3%
May 1, 2025	447.25	461.38	50%	3.2%
June 2, 2025	435.75	455.63	50%	4.6%
July 1, 2025	422.00	448.75	50%	6.3%
August 1, 2025	410.75	443.13	50%	7.9%
August 14, 2025	397.25	436.38	50%	9.8%

Upcoming Reports/Events

August 22	Cattle on Feed Chickens and Eggs
August 28	Gross Domestic Product, 2nd Quarter 2025 (Second Estimate)
September 5	August Employment Situation
September 9	Short-term Energy Outlook
September 12	WASDE Crop Production
September 16-17	Federal Reserve Federal Open Market Committee (with a Summary of Economic Projections)
September 25	Hogs and Pigs
September 30	Grain Stocks Small Grains Summary

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