CORN AND SOYBEAN SITUATION AND OUTLOOK

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Overview

- General Situation and Outlook for the Farm Economy with a focus on Corn and Soybeans and Wisconsin
 - 2021 Production Season
 - 2021 Crop Markets
 - 2021 Farm Income and Financial Situation

• 2022 Costs

Corn Planting Progress in 2021





Soybean Planting Progress in 2021

WI ~1.5-2 weeks ahead of 5-year avg US Little faster than 2020



WI Progress Making Hay in 2021

Generally ahead of schedule all summer



WI Progress Making Silage in 2021

Started on schedule, then sped up



Corn Harvest Progress in 2021

WI Off to a quick start, US especially in WI



Soybean Harvest Progress in 2021

Off to a quick start, US especially in WI

WI



Corn Crop Condition in 2021 % Acres in Good to Excellent Condition

WI





US Below average all season



Soybean Crop Condition in 2021

% Acres in Good to Excellent Condition

WI



US Well-below average all season







- **30%** US corn experiencing some drought
- US: 2% Extreme, 17% Severe, 17% Moderate
- ND worst hit, All in drought, 23% Extreme
- Also SD (68%), MN (62%), NE (36%) IA (30%)
- WI: 1% Extreme, 16% Severe

- 25% US soybeans experiencing some drought
- US: 2% Extreme, 10% Severe, 13% Moderate
- ND worst hit: All in drought, 37% Extreme
- Also SD (70%), IA (58%), MN (38%), NE (31%)
- WI: 1% Extreme, 15% Severe

Precipitation Departure from Normal

Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from Mean April 22, 2021 to July 20, 2021



Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from Mean July 12, 2021 to October 9, 2021



NOAA Long Range Forecast for Next 3 Months



Source: https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/long_range/seasonal.php?lead=1

Corn and Soybean Yields 2000-2020

Corn 2021 Trend Yield: WI 174.8, US 176.0



Soybean 2021 Trend Yield: WI 50.9, US 50.9







United States Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service

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September 10, 2021



October 2021 Soybean Yield



Bushels and Percent Change from Previous Month



United States Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service https://www.nass.usda.gov/Newsroom/Executive Briefings/2021/10-12-2021.pdf

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Corn and Soybean Yields 2000-2021



Summary

- Markets waiting to see how much corn and soybeans is actually out there
 - What are the yields and acres?
- USDA Sep Estimates
 - Roughly trend yields in US and WI
 - Low yields in western Corn Belt offset by high yields in eastern Corn Belt
- Oct 12th at 11:00 AM Central updated estimates released
 - Oct WASDE, Oct Crop Production, Weekly Crop Progress
 - Roughly one-third of corn and soybeans harvested
 - Markets likely to move due to this report: tight supplies, uncertain yield



TradingView

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Nov 2021 Soybean Futures Price on CME from Dec 2020 to Present



1520

1500¹

1460

1400

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USDA Office of the Chief Economist

U.S. ag exports forecast up 21% (over \$28B) from FY 20 to \$164.0B in FY21.



U.S. net farm income and net cash farm income, 2000–21F



Corn, soybeans, cattle and hogs push receipts higher



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Total government payments increased as a result of adverse circumstances but are projected to fall in 2021



Source: Economic Research Service Farm Income

Seth Meyer, USDA OCE, Sep AOF http://www.agbizkc.com/agoutlookforum

U.S. agriculture sector received an estimated \$35.1 billion in COVID-19-related financial assistance in 2020



Source: https://www.ers.usda.gov/amber-waves/2021/september/us-agriculture-sector-received-an-estimated-35-billion-in-covid-19-related-assistance-in-2020/

Agricultural Interest Rates at Record Lows



Source: Chicago Fed: https://www.chicagofed.org/research/data/ag-conditions/index

Main Point

- High grain and livestock prices
- Lots of Government payments
- High farm income
- Low interest rates
- Many farms are flush with cash and/or liquidity
- Lots of evidence of strong financial positions

2021 Cropland Value by State

Dollars per Acre and Percent Change from 2020



Chicago Federal Reserve Banker Survey

(Dave Oppendahl: AgLetter: Aug 2021)



Bottom: July 1, 2020 to July 1, 2021

Percent change in dollar value of "good" farmland

	April 1, 2021 to July 1, 2021	July 1, 2020 to July 1, 2021
Illinois	+3	+12
Indiana	+2	+12
lowa	+6	+18
Michigan	*	*
Wisconsin	0	+13
Seventh District	+3	+14

Source: https://www.chicagofed.org/publications/agletter/2020-2024/august-2021

Historical Context for Land Prices in Seventh District



Source: Chicago Fed: https://www.chicagofed.org/research/data/ag-conditions/index

Loan Demand is Down, Loan Repayment is Up



Source: Chicago Fed: https://www.chicagofed.org/research/data/ag-conditions/index

Dave Oppendahl, Chicago Fed, AgLetter: Aug 2021

Percentage of Seventh District farm loan portfolio with "major" or "severe" repayment problems



Clouds on the Horizon

Dairy Industry Continues to Struggle



- Dairy has been struggling with low prices and higher feed costs
- Expected prices are up due to decreasing cow numbers and export increases
- On the positive side: Wisconsin dairy herd loss rate has almost returned to normal

Demand Uncertainty

- Will Chinese exports continue as forecast?
- Will US and/or global economies go into a recession?
 - Interest rates already low, only "tool" left is government spending
- Consumer food buying patterns have not gone back to pre-COVID
- Inflation a real threat



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2021 Farm Sector Expenses up 7.3% from 2020



Source: https://www.ers.usda.gov/topics/farm-economy/farm-sector-income-finances/farm-sector-income-forecast/

Northern IL Crop Budgets for 2022 (Published Aug 2021)



Source FarmDOC: https://farmdoc.illinois.edu/assets/management/crop-budgets/crop_budgets_2022.pdf

Illinois fertilizer cash prices



Source: USDA AMS

Record Fertilizer Expenses in Illinois for 2022



Source David Widmar <u>https://aei.ag/2021/10/11/fertilizer-prices-impact-farm-budgets-2021/</u>

Summary

- 2021 farm income should be good
- Markets still unstable until we know more about 2021 crop size
 - Only 1/3 of corn and soybean acres are harvested
- Dairy still struggling
- Concerns on Horizon
 - Demand uncertainty, supply chain disruptions, cost increases, inflation
- Early November release of USDA Baseline for 2022 and beyond
 - Next big estimate of the 2022 season

Questions? Comments?





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