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## Global Grains Situation

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# 2024/25 Balances

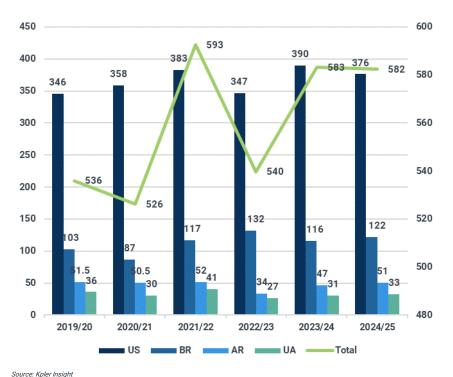
- Corn
- Soybean
- Wheat

## Corn

#### Trend estimates lead to higher stocks at the end of 2024/25

- 2024/25 production
  - US production at 14.8b bushels (376 Mt) close to the USDA. Requires record yields
  - Average yields, slightly higher area in Brazil
  - Average projections for Argentina with area unch
  - South American crops are estimated, will be harvested Feb-Jun 2025. Weather dependent
- Trade demand is projected similar
- Ending stocks build up
  - Major exporter ending stocks higher
  - US stocks relatively lower at 1865 mbu, down from 2046 in 2023/24. Still at comfortable levels

#### **Production (Mt)**

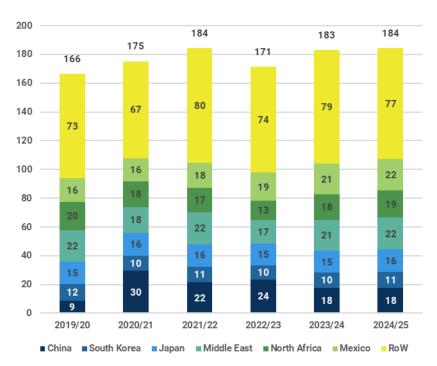




## **Corn trade and stocks**

#### Global trade projected unch, at high 2023/24 levels

#### Trade, incl. projections (Oct-Sep, Mt)



#### Major exporter ending stocks (Mt)



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## Soybean

#### **Record production forecast**

- 2024/25 production, weather permitting
  - US set to produce 4400 mbu (120 Mt) later this year,
    USDA at 4450 mbu on higher published area.
  - Brazil to produce 155 Mt, yield assumption lower than trend
  - Argentina at 50.1 Mt with higher area
  - South American crops will harvest Jan-Mar 2025

#### **Production (Mt)**







## Soybean trade and stocks

#### **Ending stocks increase in a normal year without weather issues**

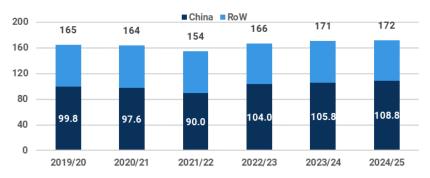
#### Demand

- Chinese demand is expected to increase modestly
- China will need to buy from the US, unlike in 2023
- Overall demand projected slightly higher y/y

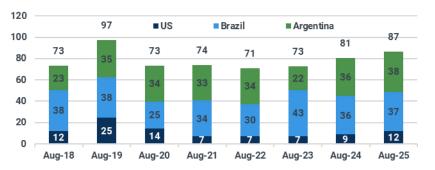
#### Ending stocks

- Major exporter ending stocks increase to highest since the trade-war
- Argentina carrying significant stocks
- Free-stock slightly lower
- Projections are predicated on normal production

#### Trade, incl. projections (Sep-Aug, Mt)



#### Major exporter ending stocks (Mt)



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### Wheat

#### Stock increases were led by Russian production

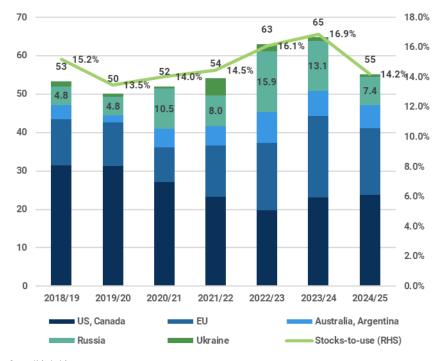
#### Wheat is different

- Balance sheet depends on Russia for replacement of stocks
- High sensitivity to supply shocks given low stocks-to-use compared to other crops
- 'Normal' weather does not build stocks
- Demand is inelastic

#### Production

- o Further cuts will require demand rationing
- Price implications

### Major exporter ending stocks (Mt)



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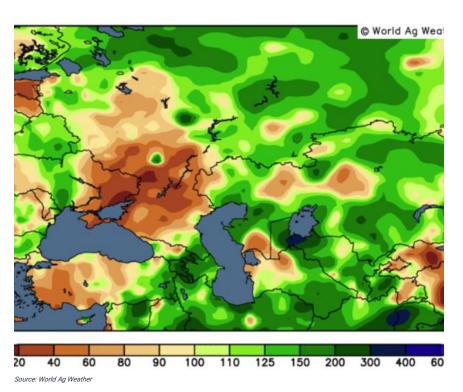
## Weather and outlook

- Russia
- Brazil
- Major short-term drivers

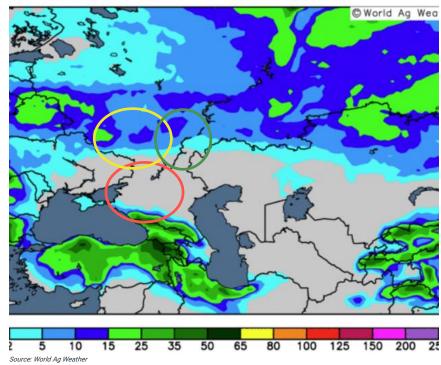
## Weather - Russia

#### Frost and dryness threat to wheat production

#### Past precipitation – 90d (% of normal)



#### 7d precipitation forecast – 20 May 00Z (mm)

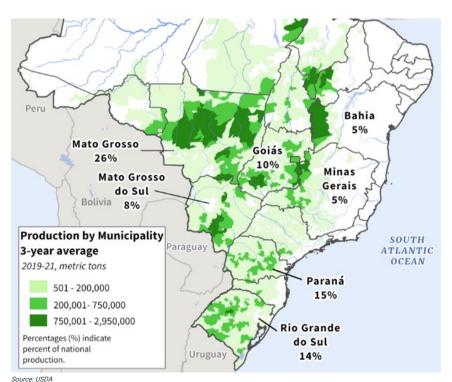




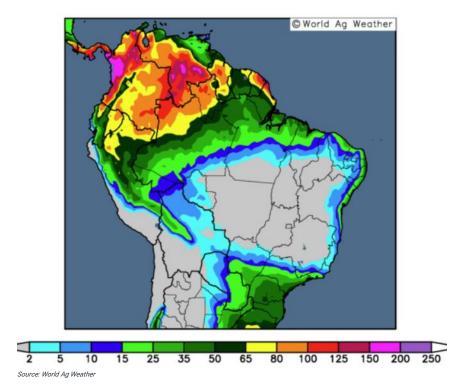
## **Weather - Brazil**

#### Floods in RGDS, dryness in MT

#### **Brazil soybean areas**



#### 7d precipitation forecast - 20 May 00Z (mm)



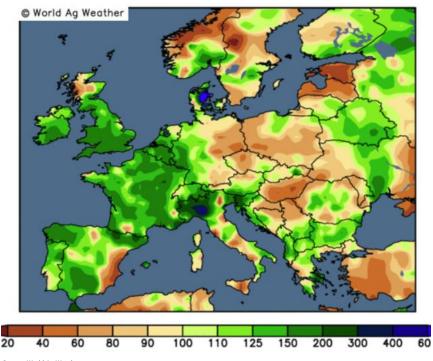


## **Outlook**

#### **Short-term market drivers**

- Corn
  - O Mato Grosso weather through May-June
  - Argentina crop totals
  - US acreage report on 28 June
  - US weather in July
- Soybean
  - Brazil production total
  - O Chinese demand
  - O US acreage report on 28 June
- Wheat
  - O Dry in Southern Russia and Eastern Ukraine
  - Wet in France
  - Import demand from India

#### Past precipitation - 90d (% of normal)







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## Thank you

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