



# Grains Fundamentals Update

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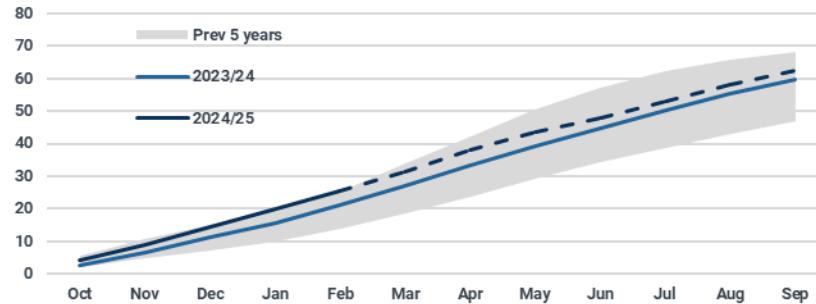


# Recap

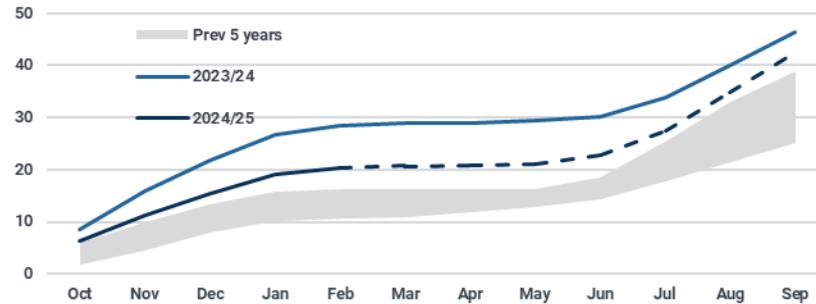
## Major changes since last month

- Corn
  - South American crops stabilised
  - US exports catering to increased demand
- Soybeans
  - Brazilian exports to China
- Wheat
  - Winter weather worries subside, waiting for spring
  - Lacklustre demand, despite low supplies
- Tariffs, planting estimates and weather

US corn exports (Mt)



Brazil corn exports (Mt)



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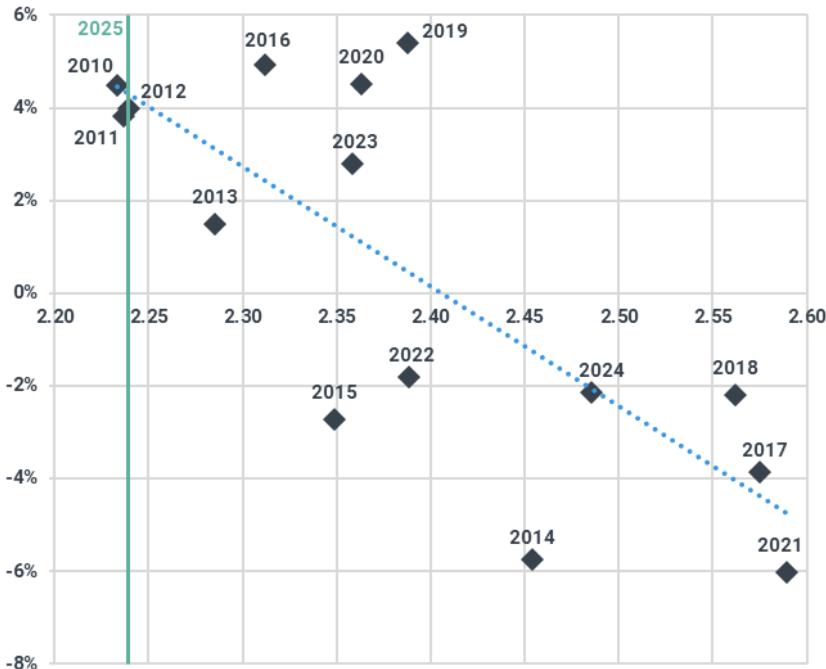
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# US plantings and tariffs

# US soy-corn ratio

US soy-corn ratio currently suggesting increase of US corn acres in 2025

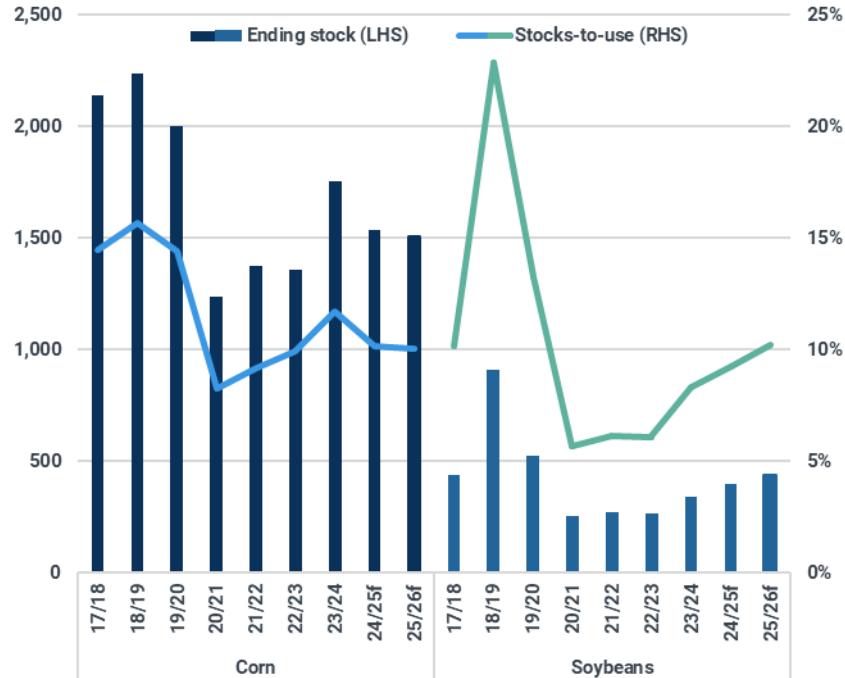
Year-on-year change for prospective plantings of US corn acres



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US ending stocks (Mbu) and stocks-to-use (%) for corn and soybeans



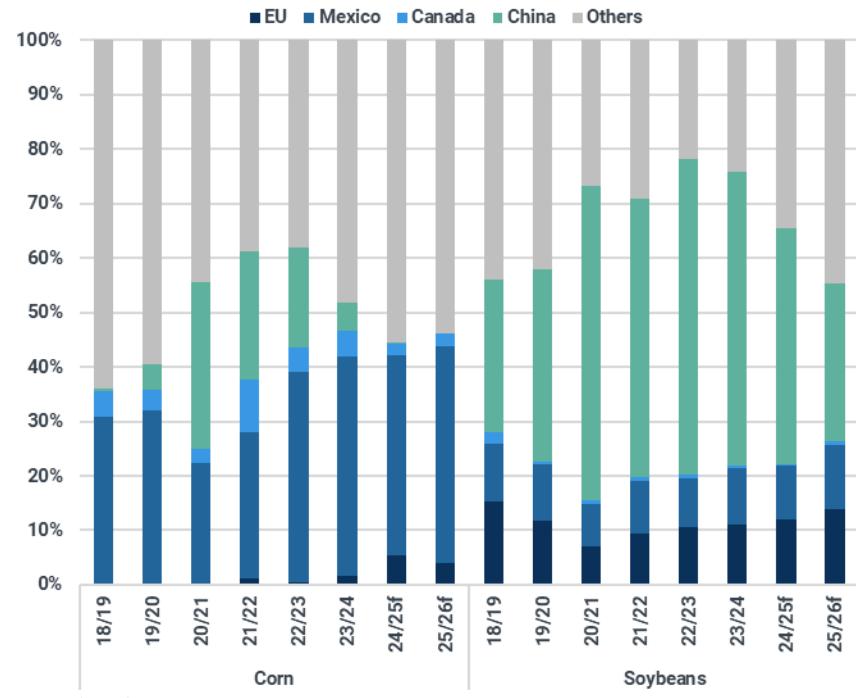
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# US tariffs contributing to uncertainty in grain markets

## Postponements and prospective tariffs continue to blur trade outlook

- USMCA goods (all grains) left out of tariffs until April
- US to also impose universal reciprocal tariffs from April
- 20%+ US import tariff on Chinese goods since 4 Mar
- China imposed 10% levy on US soybean, sorghum; 15% on US corn, wheat on 10 Mar
- China to impose 100% levy on Canadian canola meal and oil; seed exempt but under anti-dumping review
- EU will impose tariffs on US goods (corn) in April, could also include soybeans later
- Canada will respond with a 25% import tariff on US corn, soybean and soybean products
- Mexico waiting till 2 Apr to decide

## US exports of corn and soybeans by destination (%)



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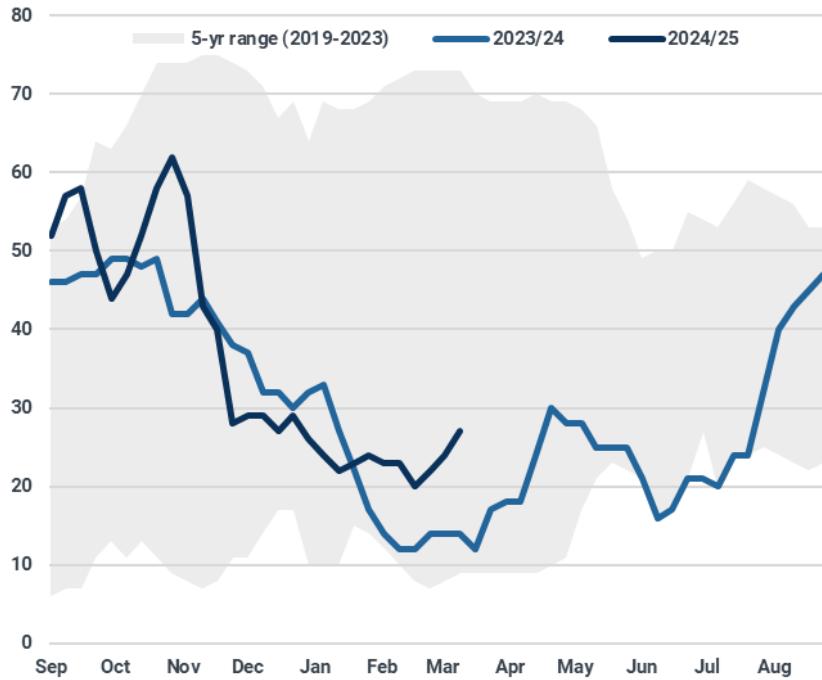
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## Northern Hemisphere wheat production

# Northern Hemisphere wheat in relatively good condition

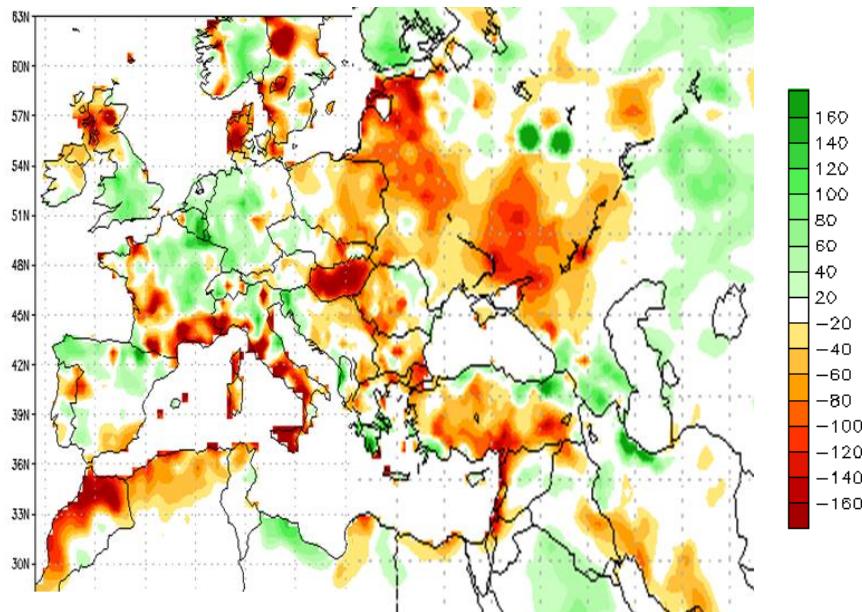
Winterkill threats have faded, however there is dryness in some areas as crops come out of dormancy

US winter wheat in moderate or exceptional drought (%)



Source: USDA

Soil moisture anomaly for February (mm)

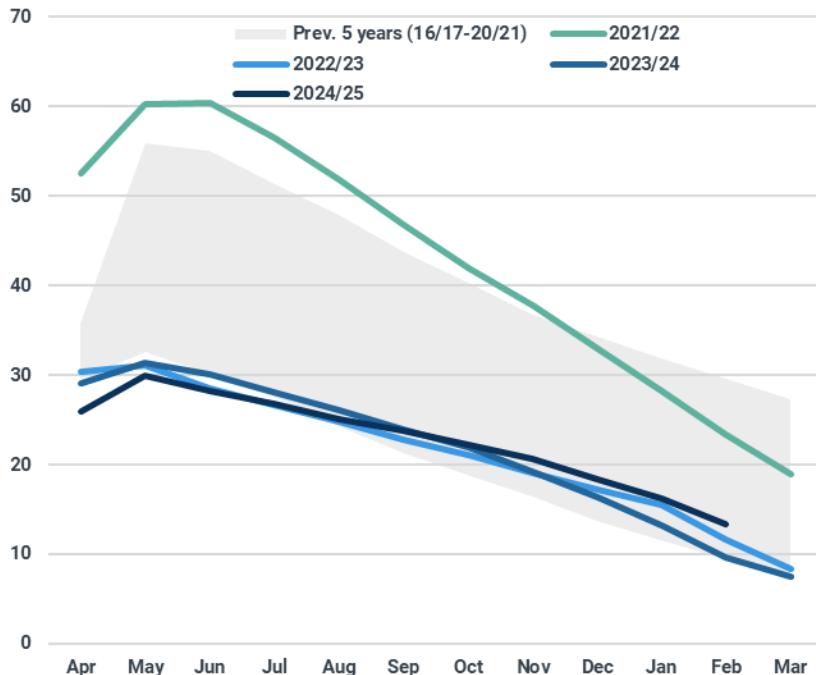


Source: NOAA

# India wheat stocks highest in three years

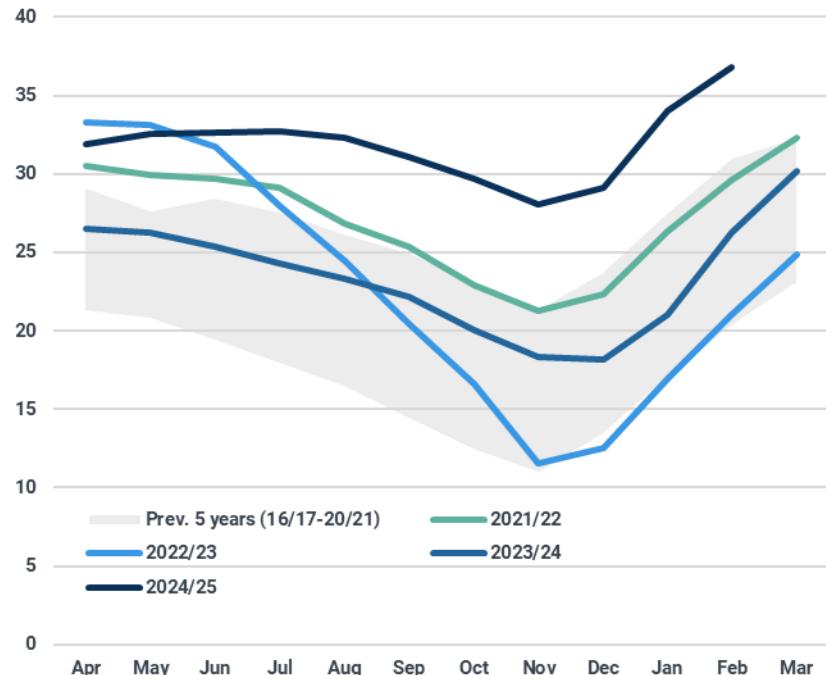
Current stock levels suggest that India is unlikely to import wheat this year

## Indian wheat stocks (Mt)



Source: Food Corporation of India, Government of India

## Indian rice stocks (Mt)



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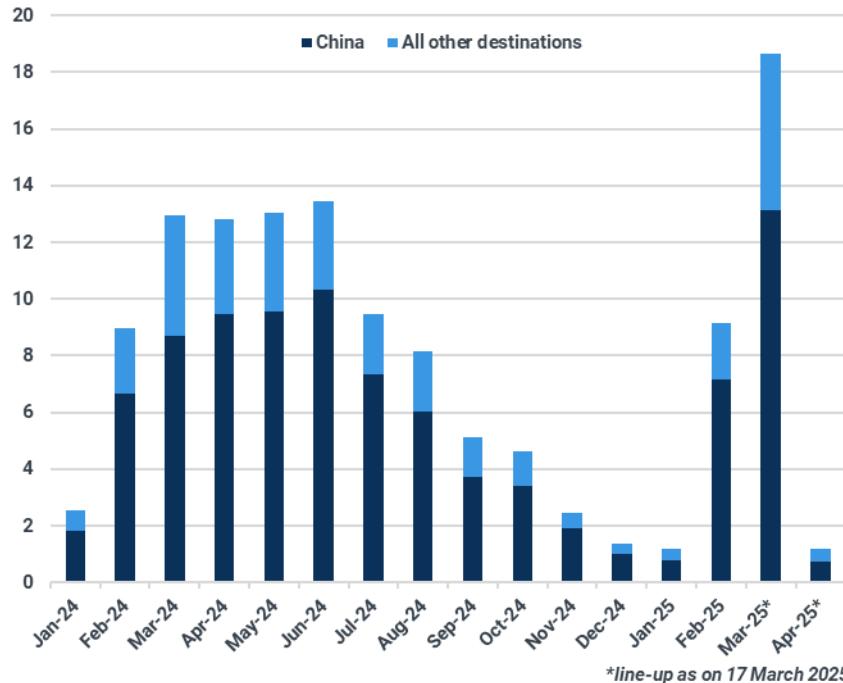
## Brazilian grain exports

# Brazil's soybean exports on the rise

Progression of the soybean harvest in Brazil has accelerated beyond the five-year average

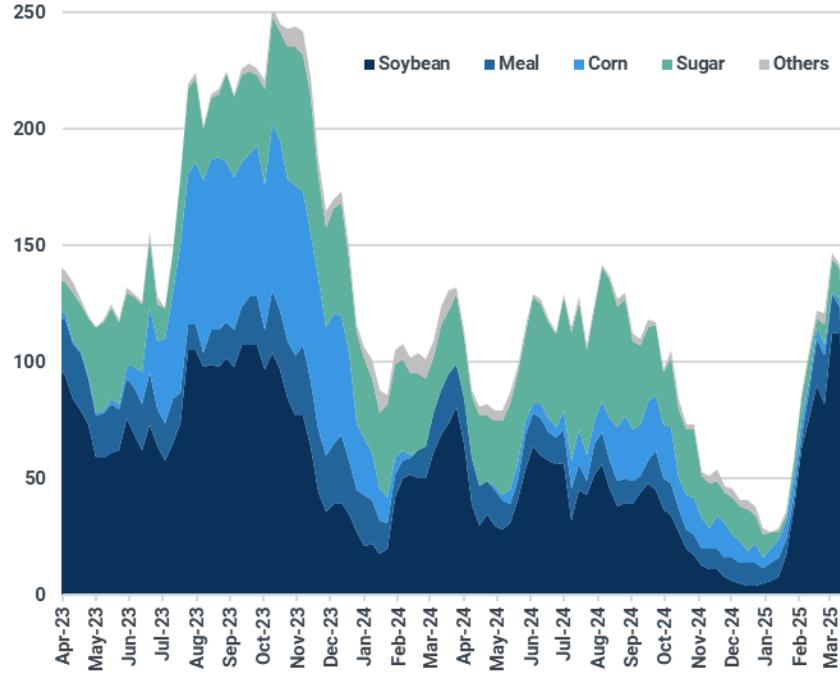
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## Brazilian soybean exports line-up (Mt)



Source: Kpler

## Vessels waiting to load for >5 days in Brazil (count)



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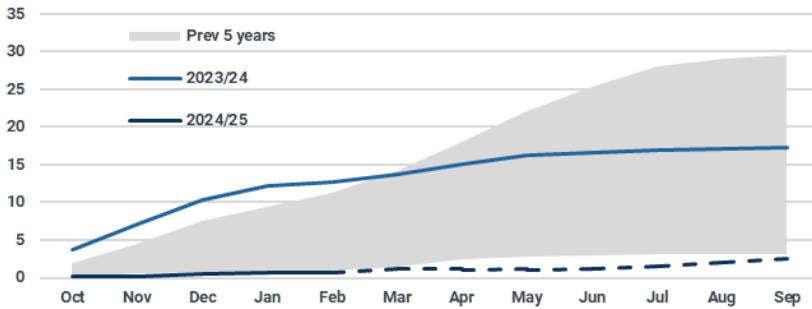
# Trade updates

# Corn trade

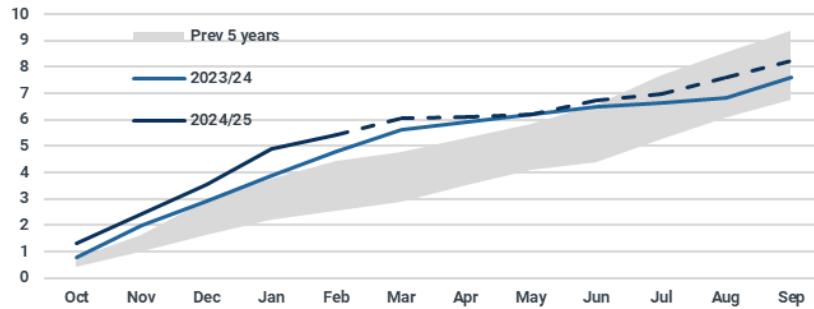
China shuns grain imports, but several others are more active

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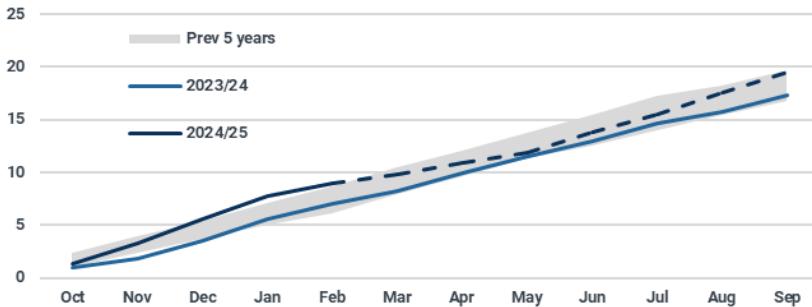
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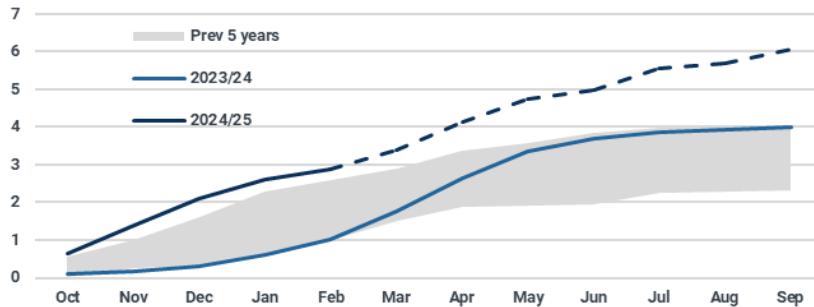
## Iran imports (Mt)



## North Africa imports (Mt)



## Turkey imports (Mt)



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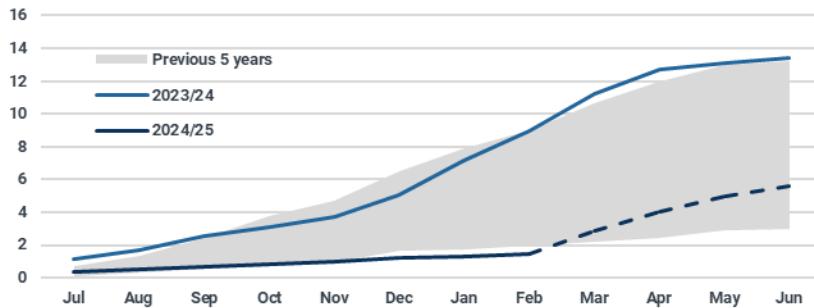
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# Wheat trade

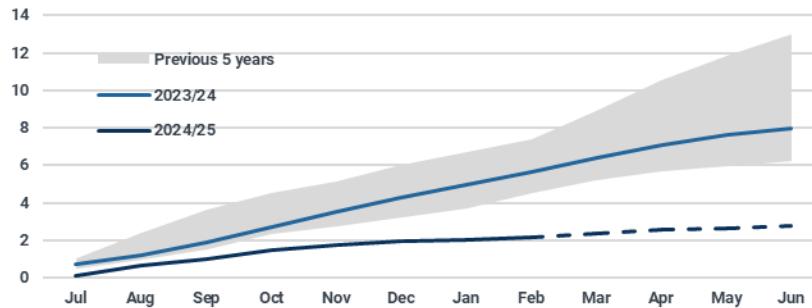
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Despite low supplies, physical trade is low and demand tepid; some demand might be lurking

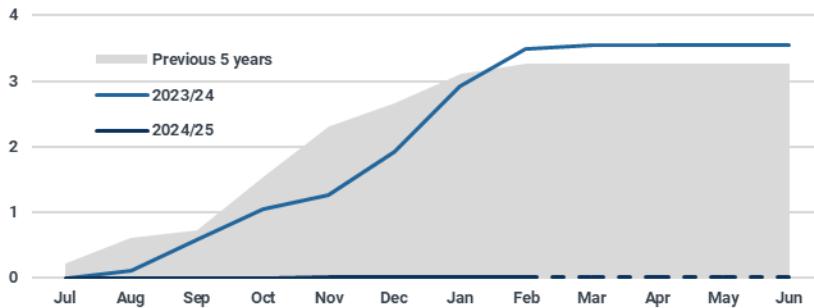
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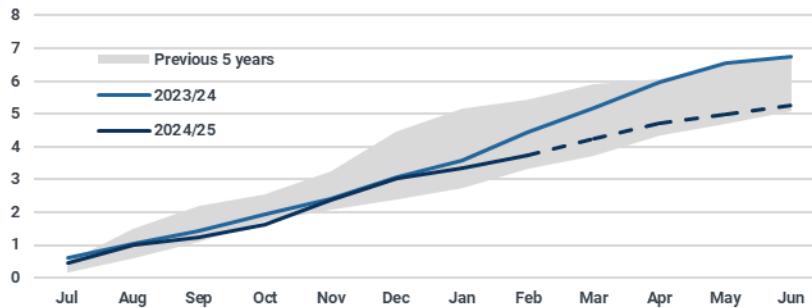
## Turkey imports (Mt)



## Pakistan imports (Mt)



## Bangladesh imports (Mt)



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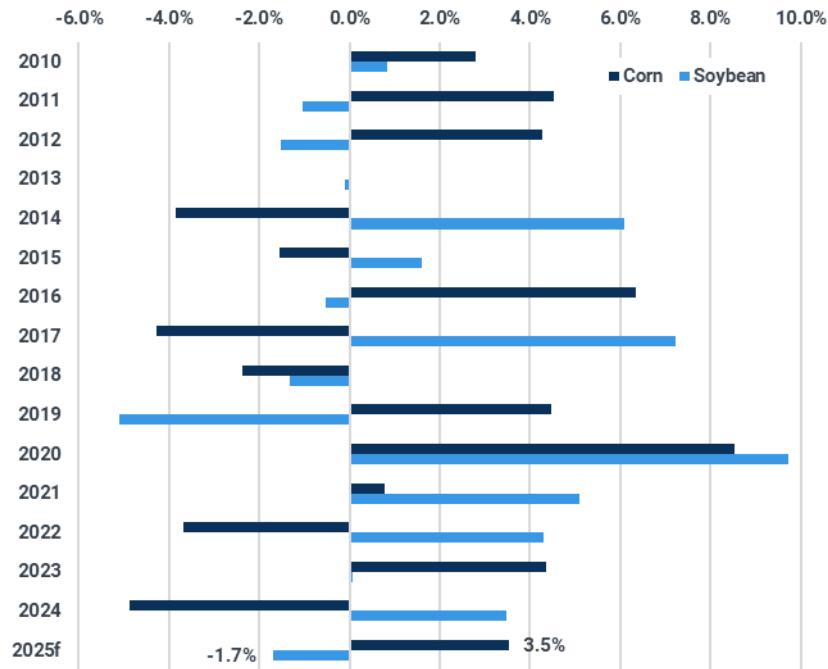
# Outlook

# Short-term market drivers

## Row crops look for policy certainty while wheat waits for spring weather

- Market has built consensus on prospective planting acreage, deviations will be traded
- Corn should stay supported due to strong demand and high US share in exports
- Soybeans will look for strength in low acres
- Tariffs on Mexico are more likely to affect corn prices than tariffs on China affect soybean prices
- Wheat should remain weak due to meagre demand, surprises excepted
- Northern Hemisphere wheat weather will be traded next, starting mid-April

Change in area, prospective plantings vs. prev. final (%)



Source: Kpler Insight

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