



Grains Fundamentals Update

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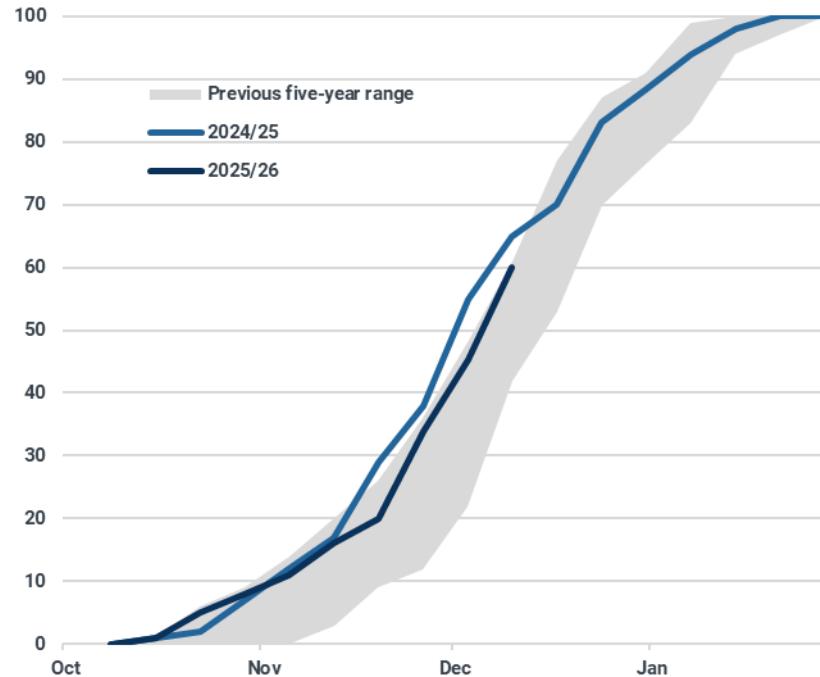
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Wheat

Argentine wheat production

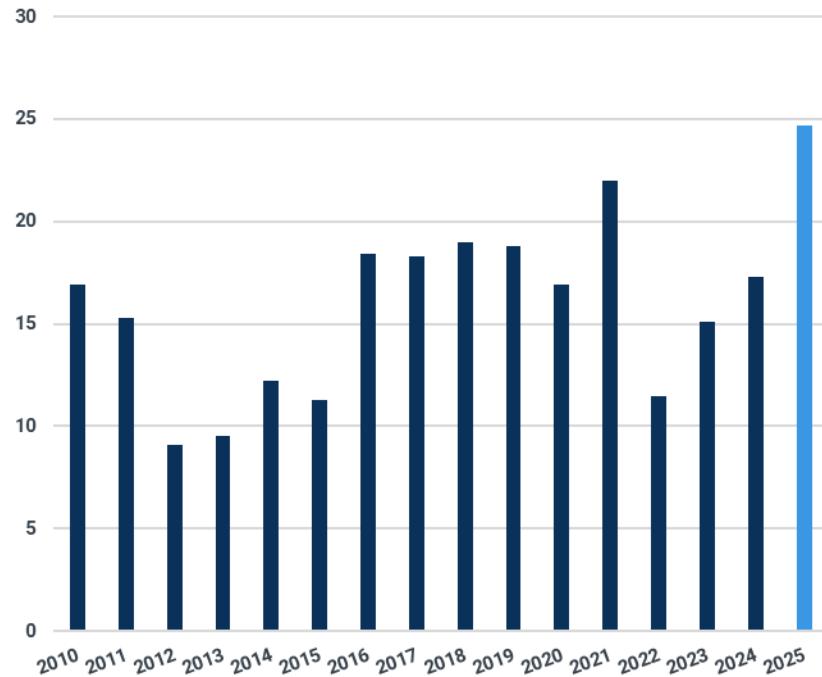
A record wheat crop is currently being harvested in Argentina, although protein content is of some concern

Argentine wheat harvest progression (% complete)



Source: Buenos Aires Grain Exchange

Argentine wheat production (Mt)

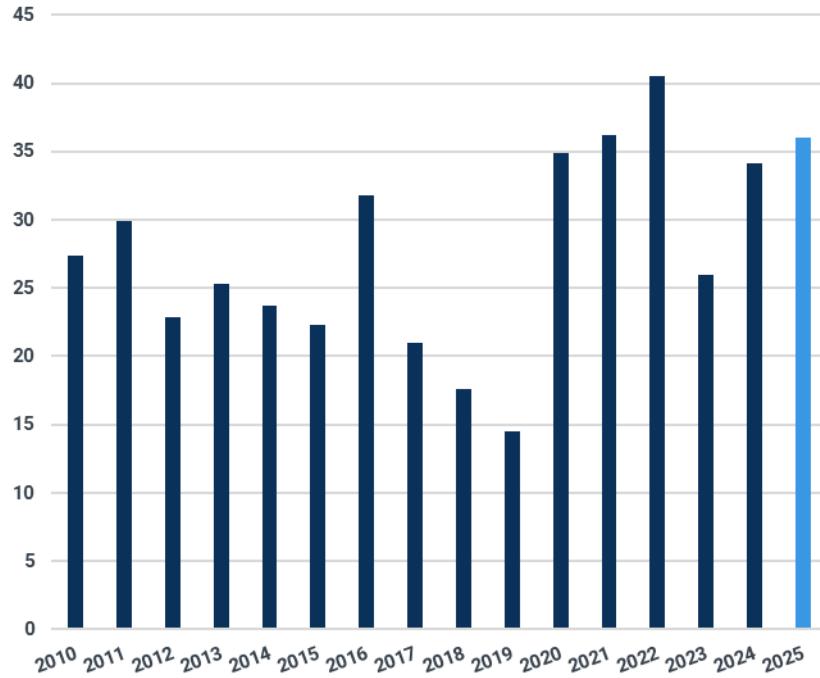


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Australian wheat production

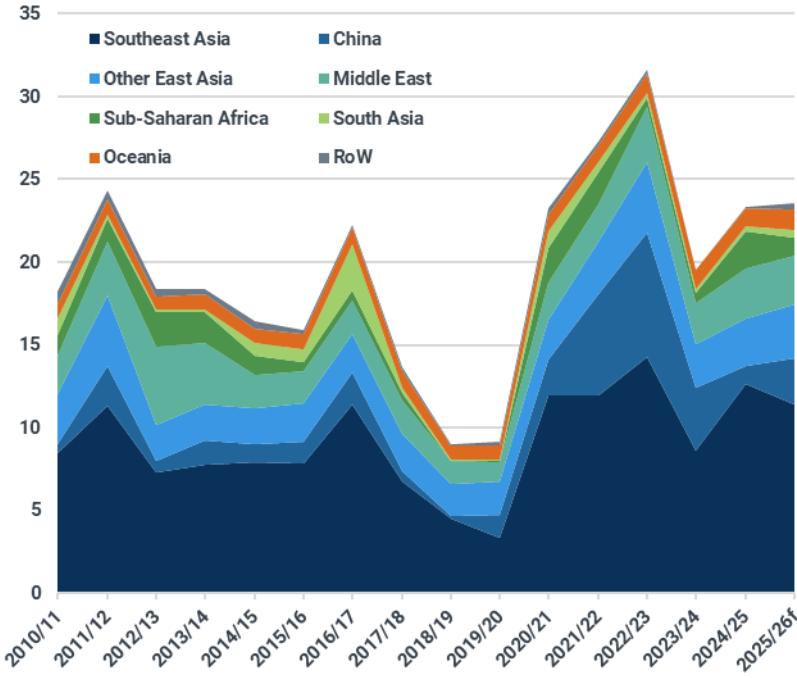
Harvest of Australia's third largest wheat crop on record is underway, with focus turning to export demand

Australian wheat production (Mt)



Source: Kpler Insight

Australian wheat exports (Mt)

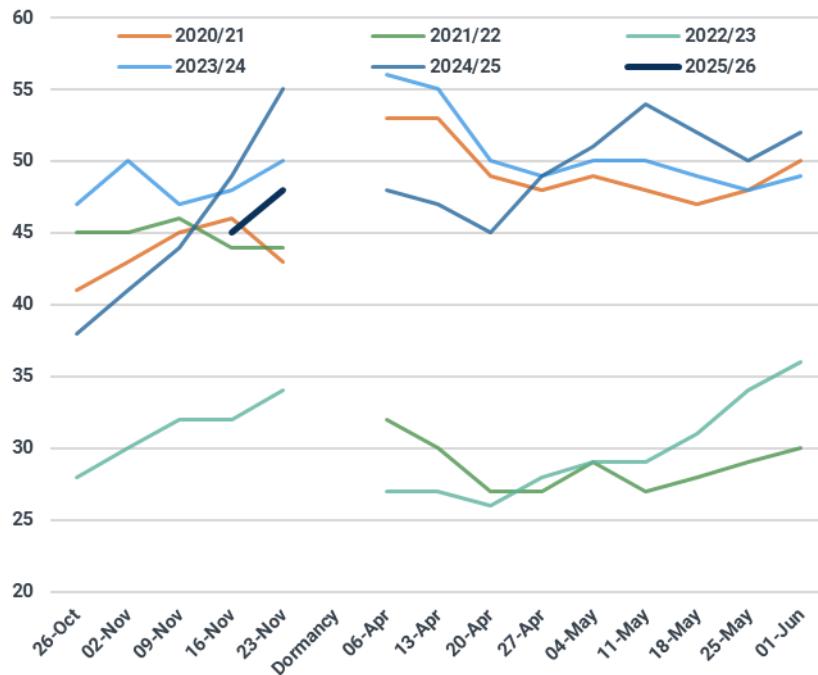


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US and EU winter wheat crop condition

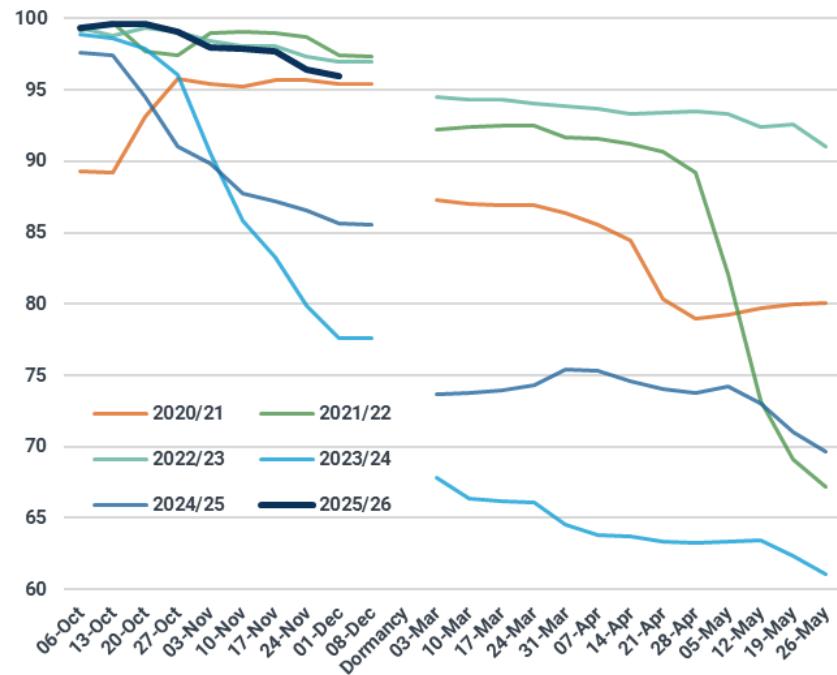
Although not perfect, conditions for winter wheat crops across the US and EU are generally favourable

US winter wheat crop in good and excellent condition (%)



Source: USDA

French winter wheat crop in good and excellent condition (%)

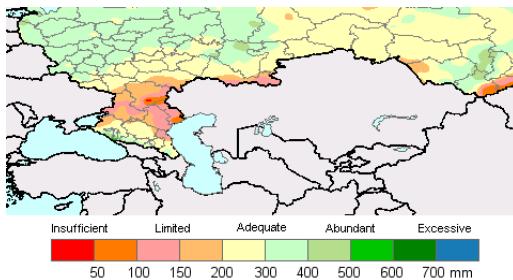


Source: FranceAgriMer

Black Sea winter wheat crop development conditions

Weather conditions have been relatively favourable for winter wheat crops in Ukraine and Russia

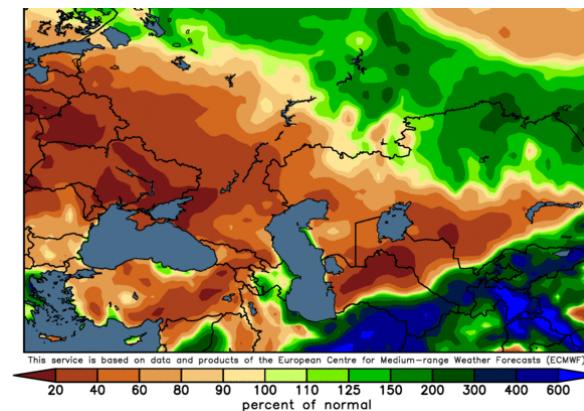
Soil moisture conditions (10 Dec)



Source: USDA, NOAA

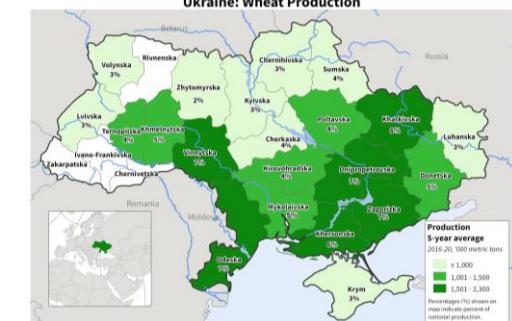
Source: World Ag Weather

Two-week rainfall anomaly forecast (ECMWF, as on 15 Dec)



Source: World Ag Weather

Wheat production by district

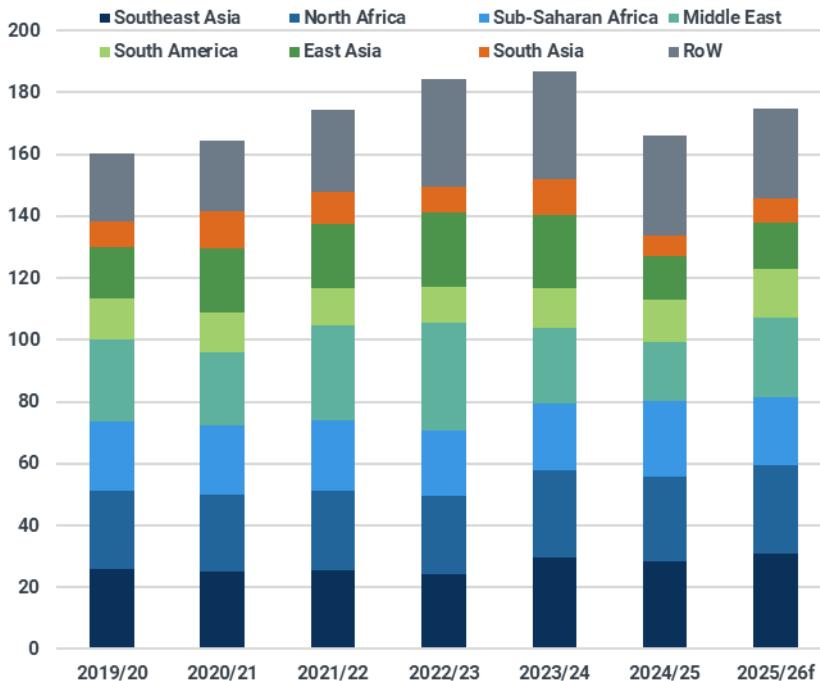


Source: USDA

Global wheat market ending stocks

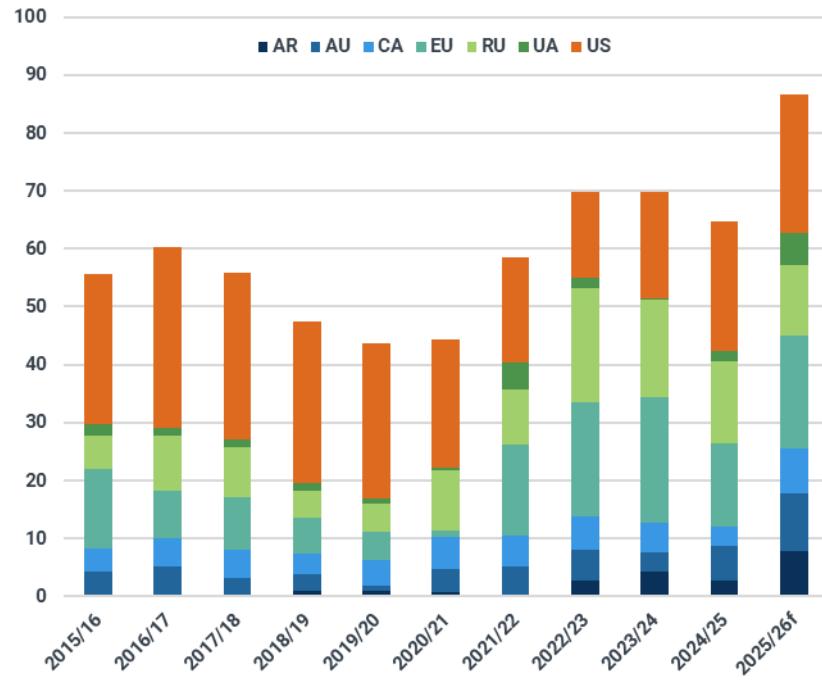
Record global wheat production tests appetite of global demand

Wheat exports (Mt)



Source Kpler Insight

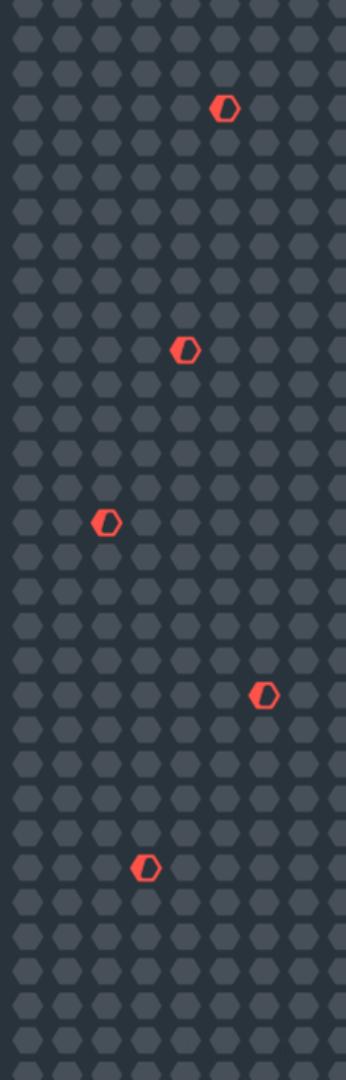
Wheat ending stocks by marketing year (Mt)



Source: Kpler Insight

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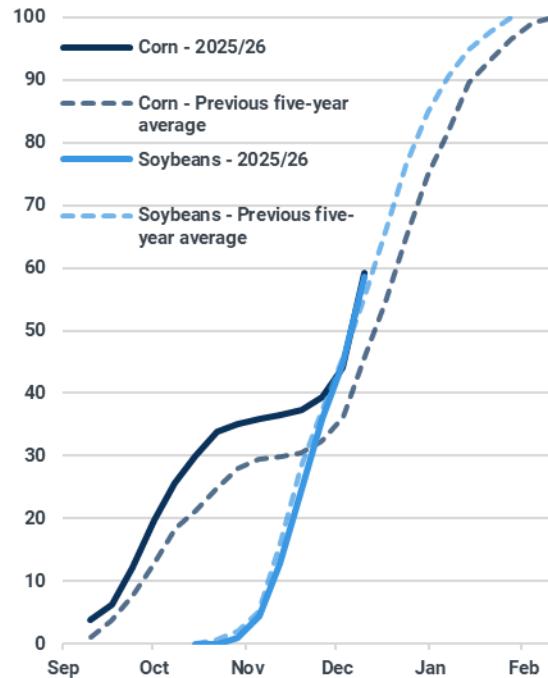
Row crops



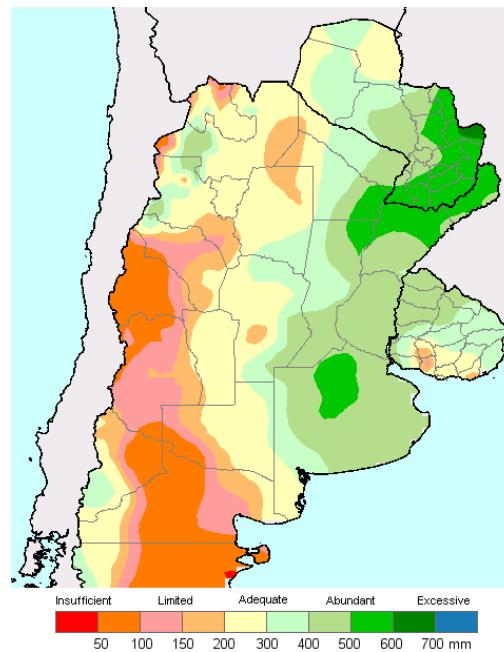
Argentine corn and soybean crop development

Planting is underway for either crop with favourable crop conditions so far

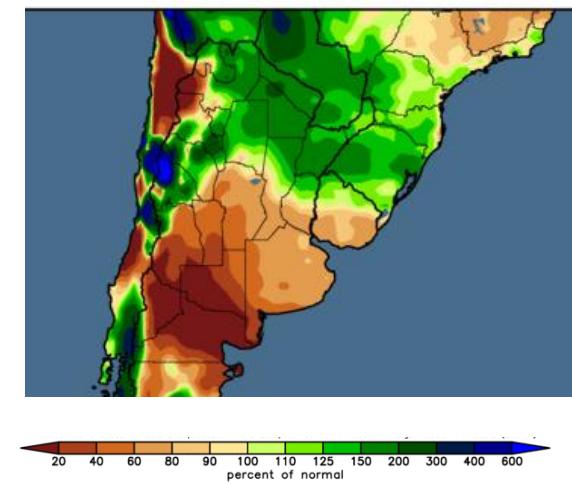
Planting progression (% complete)



Soil moisture conditions (10 Dec)



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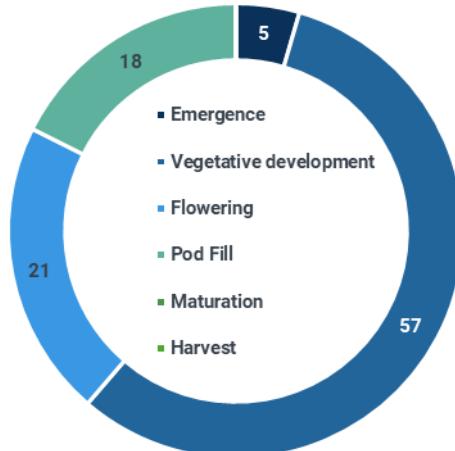
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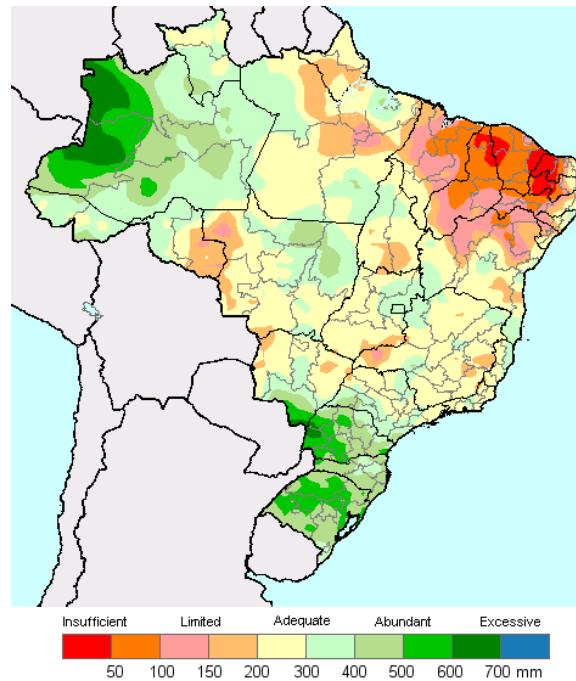
Brazil soybean crop development

Dryness persists in some pockets, but the presence of much greater rainfall in December has rescued the outlook

Soybean development stage by 13 Dec (%)



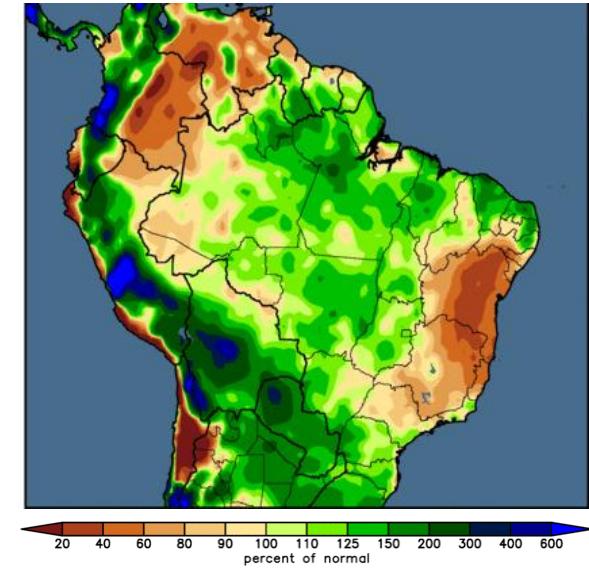
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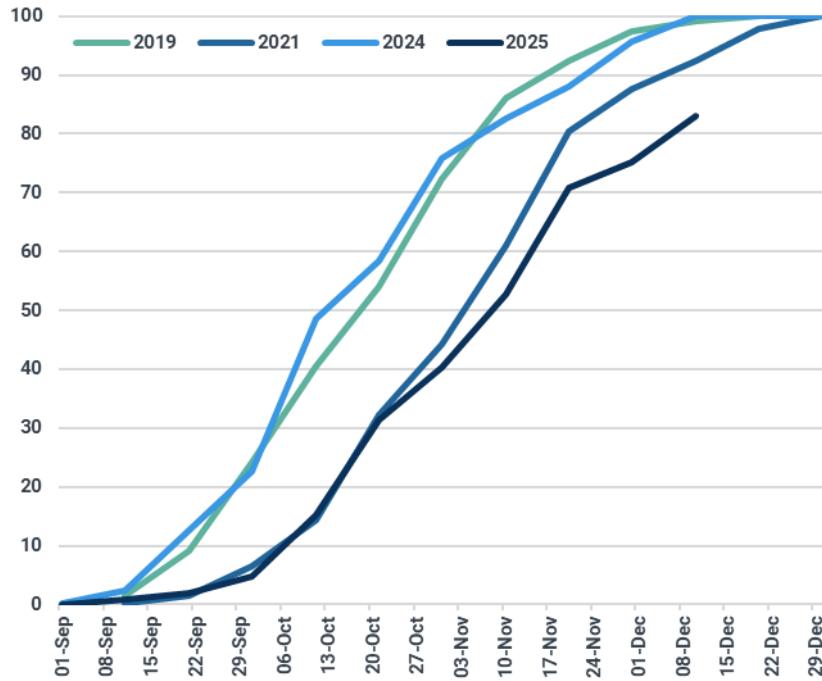


Source: World Ag Weather

Brazilian and Ukrainian corn crops

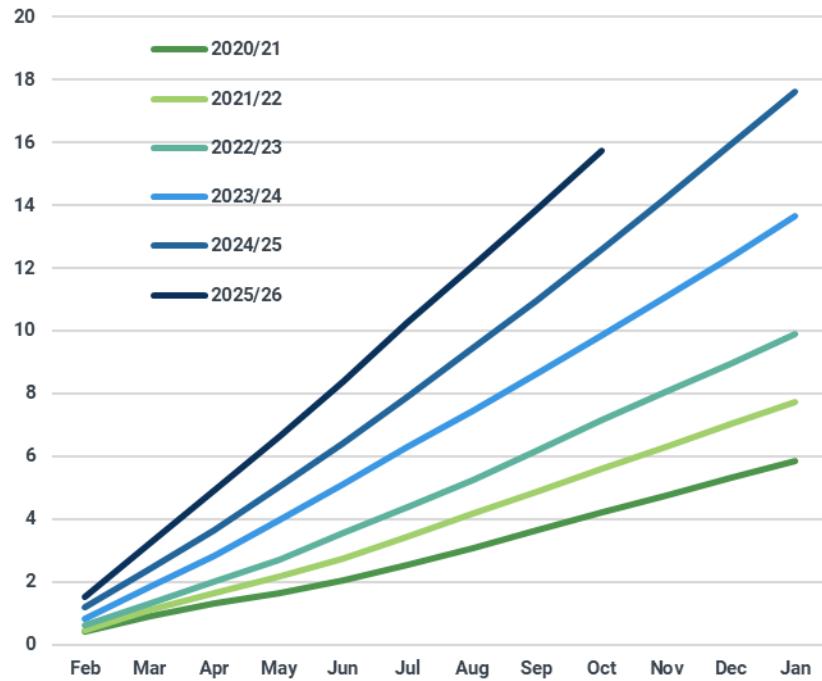
Despite favourable production, corn exports from Brazil and Ukraine are relatively subdued

Ukraine corn harvest (% complete)



Source: Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine

Cumulative use of corn for ethanol production in Brazil (Mt)

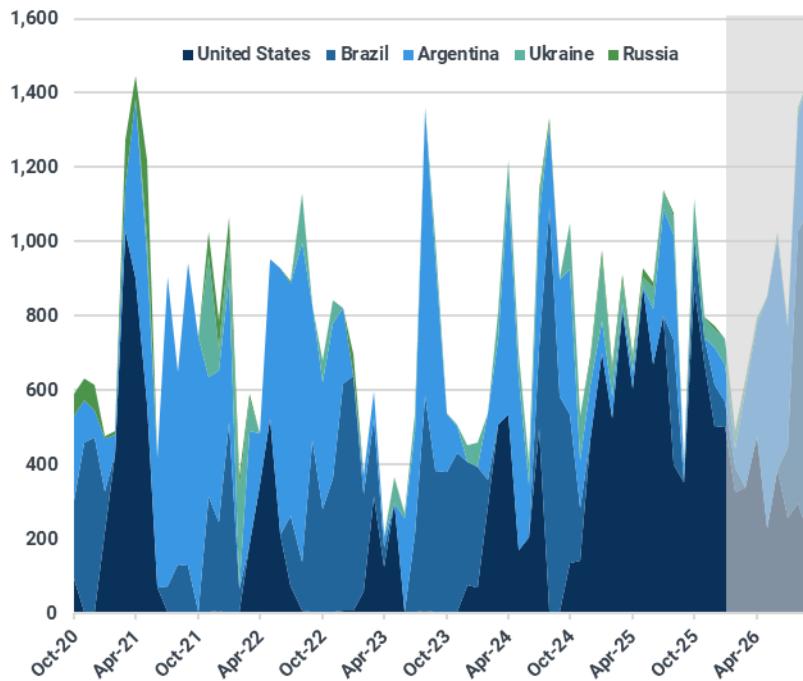


Source: Brazilian National Agency of Petroleum, Natural Gas and Biofuels

Global corn export demand

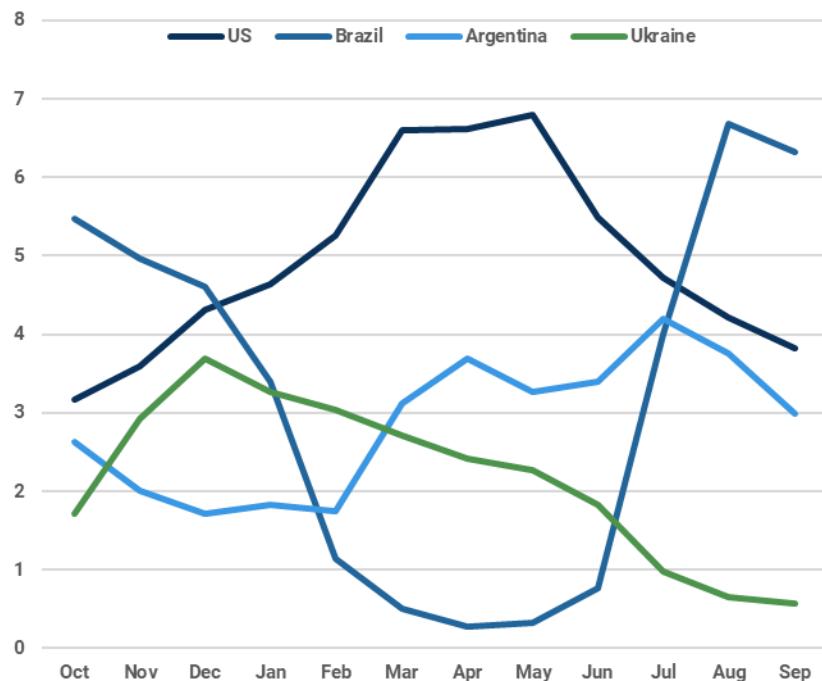
US corn dominates global export demand but greater global availability in 2026 could lead to weakness

Corn exports (Kt)



Source: Kpler Insight

Corn export seasonality (5-yr average, Mt)

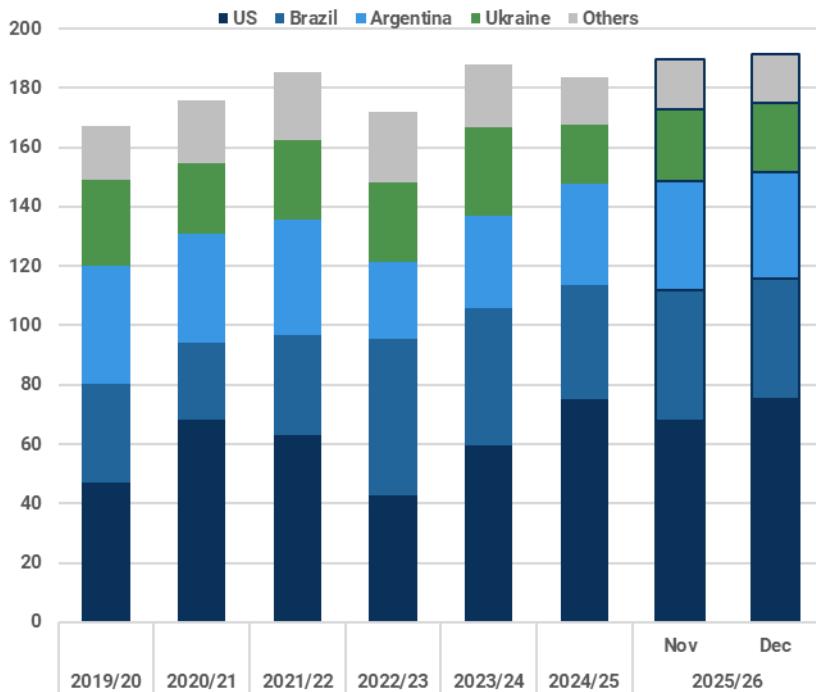


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Global corn trade and exports

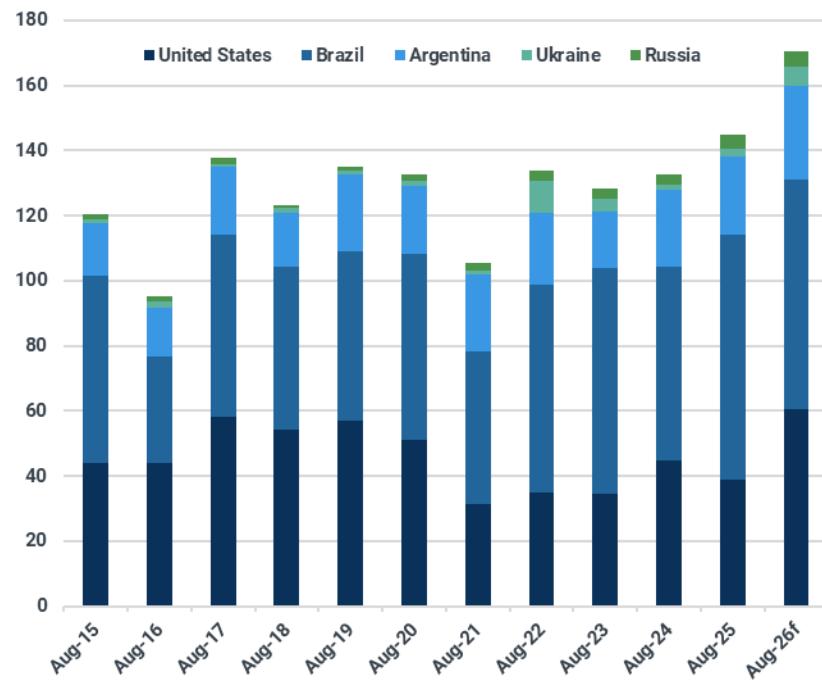
US share of exports increased this month, but stocks still massive

US corn exports increased m/m (Mt)



Source: Kpler Insight

Corn stocks for August (Mt)

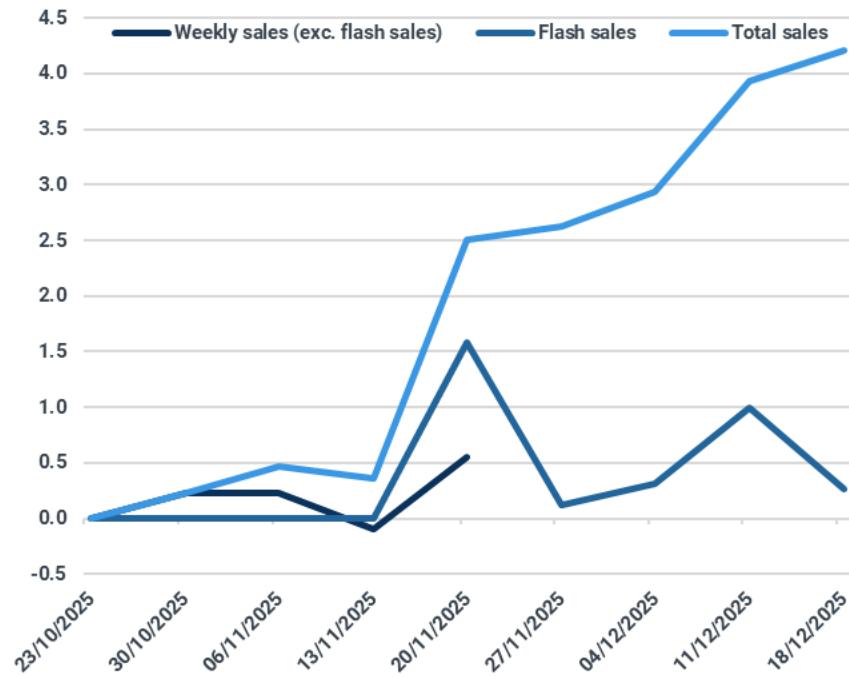


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US soybean exports

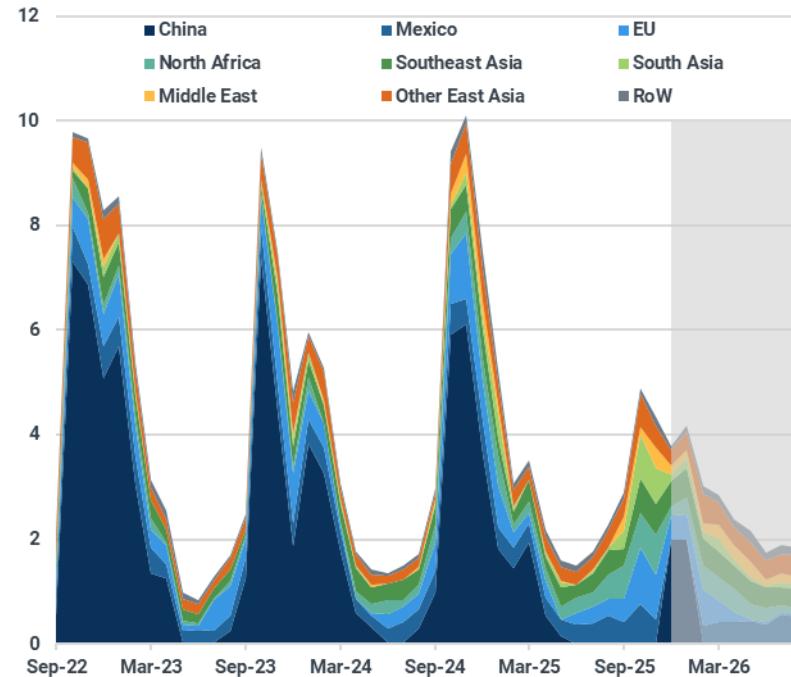
Pace of Chinese buying questions 12 Mt soybean sales target by end of February 2026

US soybean sales to China by end of week (Mt)



Source: USDA

US soybean exports (Mt)



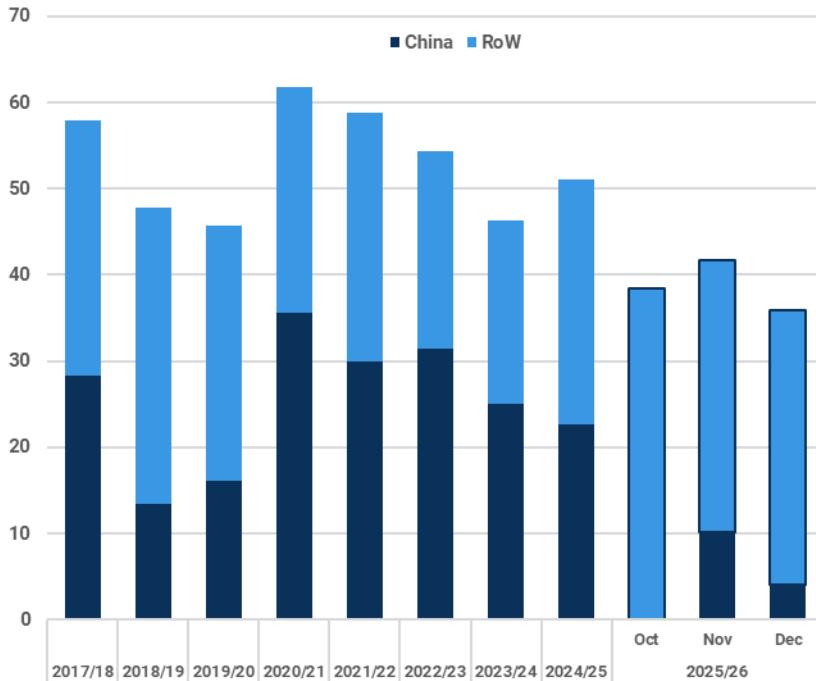
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Global soybean ending stocks

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With the Brazilian soybean harvest round the corner, the opportune moment for US soybean exports narrows

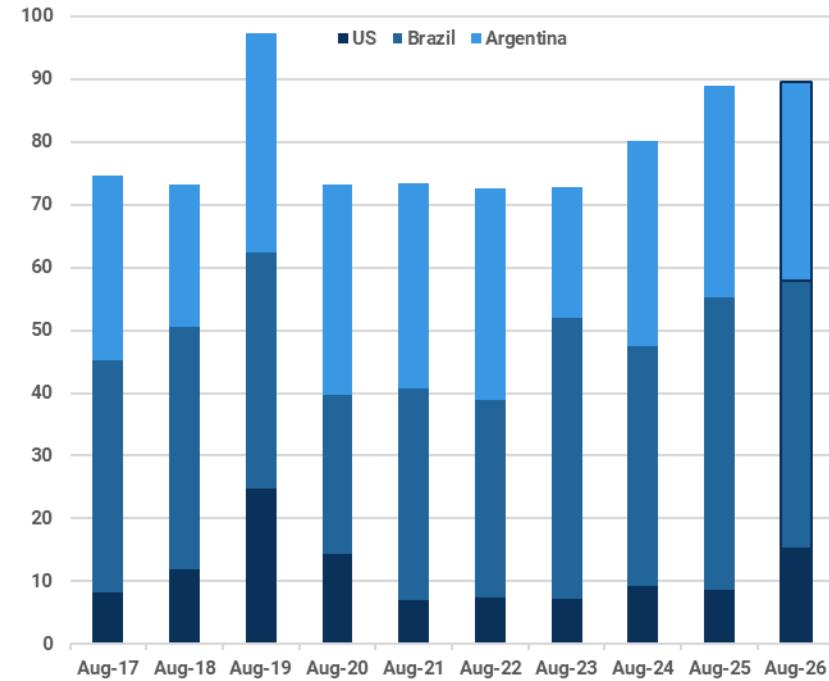
US soybean exports to China lowered (Mt)



Source: Kpler Insight

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Major exporter stocks in August (Mt)



Source: Kpler Insight

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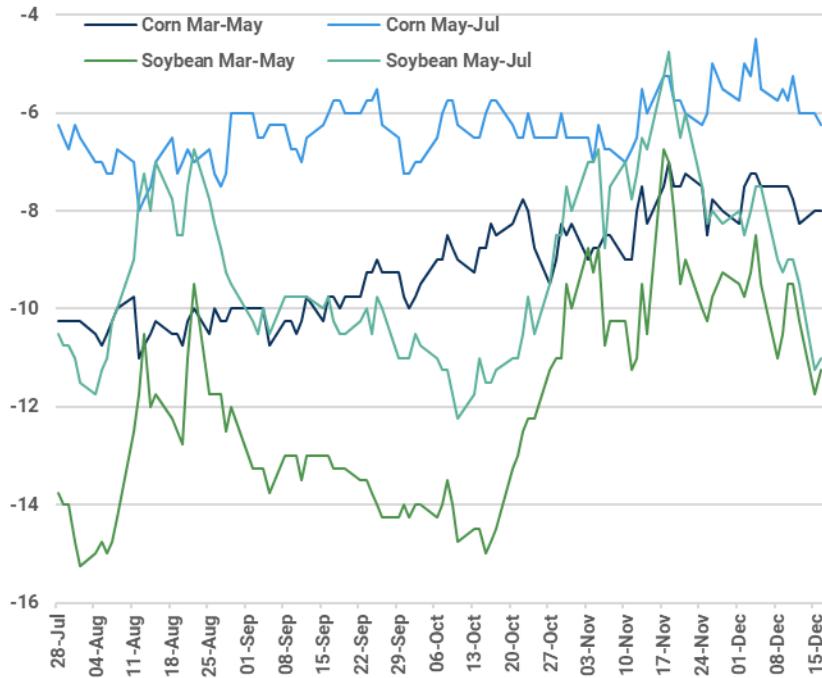
Outlook

Short term drivers

Markets will follow growing season weather in wheat, corn and soybean

- **New crop weather in the US, Europe and Black Sea will drive wheat prices.** Traders will monitor planting, snow cover, winterkill and emergence followed by spring precipitation.
- **Western Europe wheat exports will struggle to compete** and should pressure spreads.
- Rainfall in South America will determine soybean and corn yields. Favourable weather in Brazil and Argentina will add **further pressure to soybean and corn prices respectively**.
- Brazil's soybean harvest timing and its **knock-on effect on the safrinha crop will be key for corn**. US corn will have little competition, only from Argentina, until the safrinha harvest.
- US farmers will have a tough planting decision to make in March and are **likely to plant another massive corn crop**.

Spreads retain supply risk premiums (¢/bu)

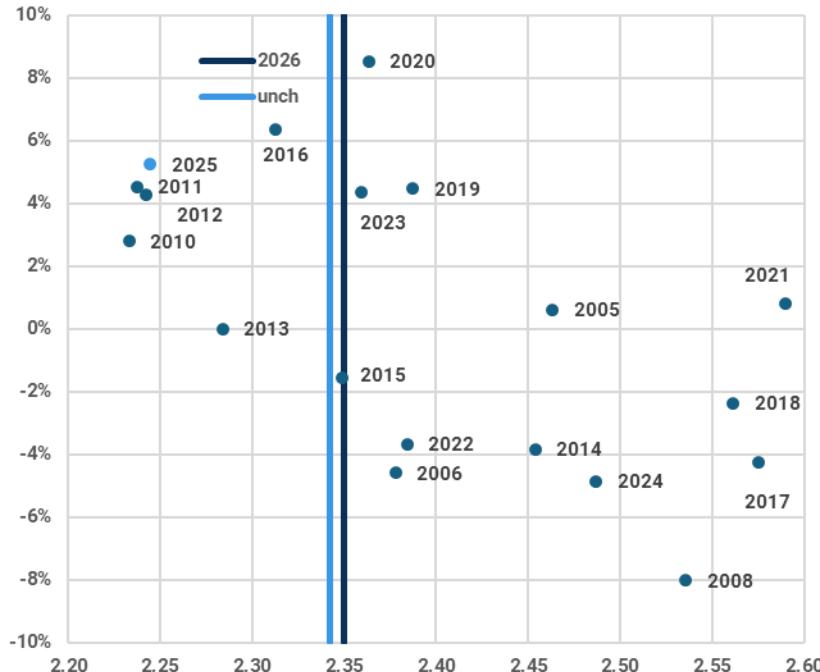


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2026 planting decision

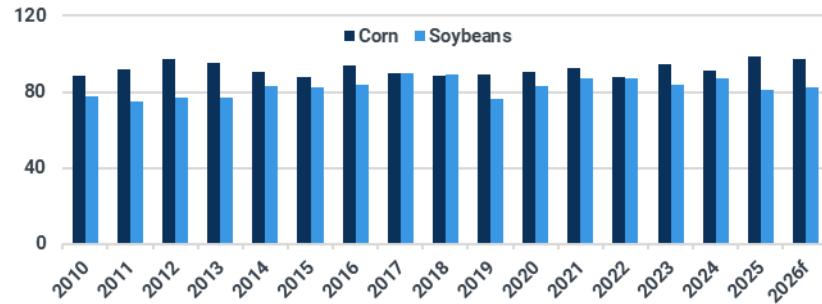
Slow buying from China will discourage soy planting, current prices suggest unch area y/y

SX/CZ ratio vs change in corn area planted (%)

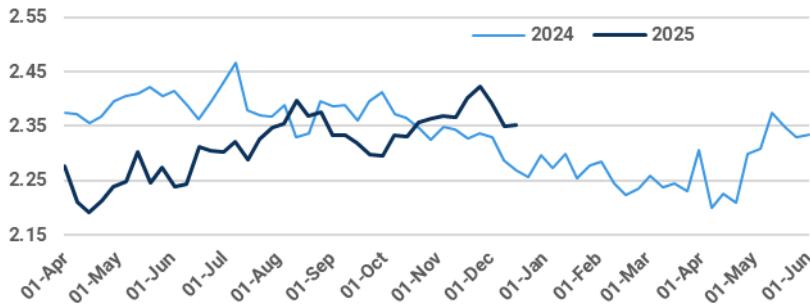


Source: Kpler Insight, CME

Corn and soybean area (mn acres)



New crop soybean vs corn ratio



Source: Kpler Insight, CME

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