



# Grains Fundamentals Update

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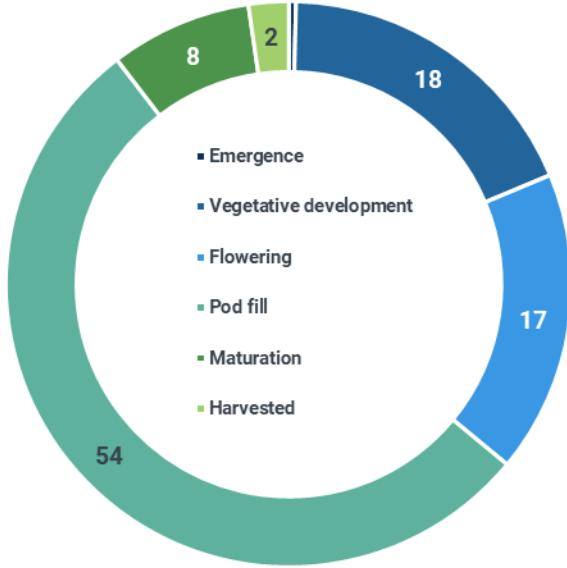
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# Crop development

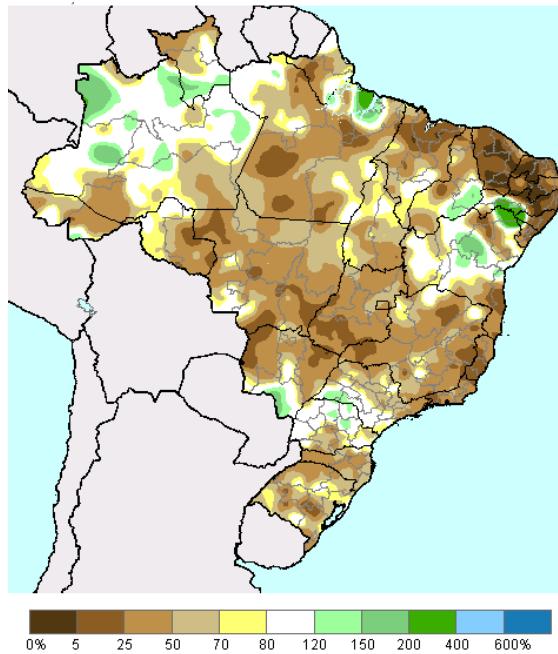
# Brazilian soybean crop

Following improved weather during December, expectations of a new record crop become more confident

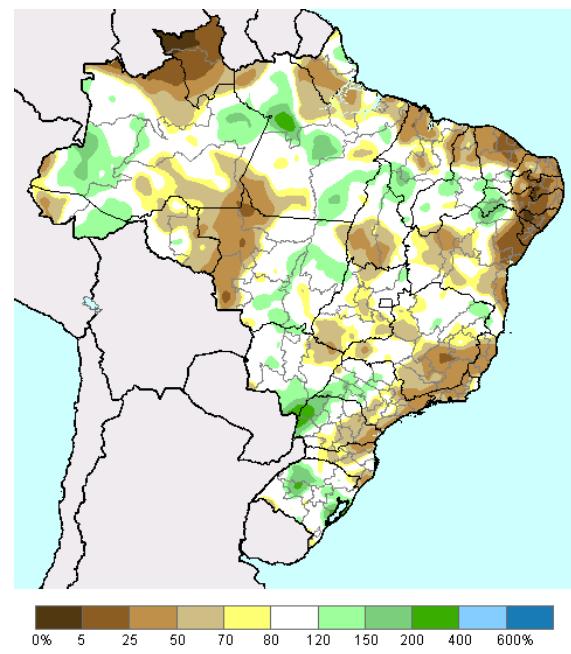
Development stage by 17 Jan (% of crop)



Rainfall during Nov (% of normal)



Rainfall during Dec (% of normal)



Source: Conab

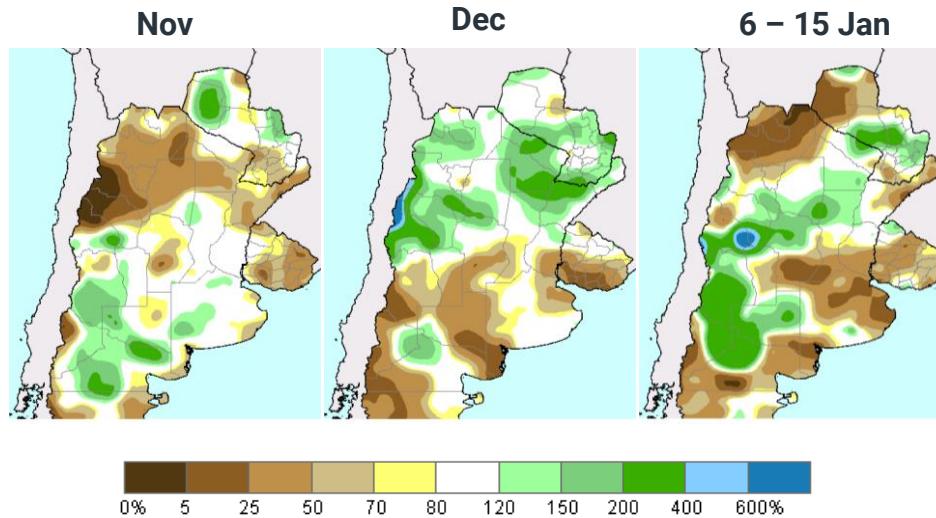
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# Argentine corn and soybean crops

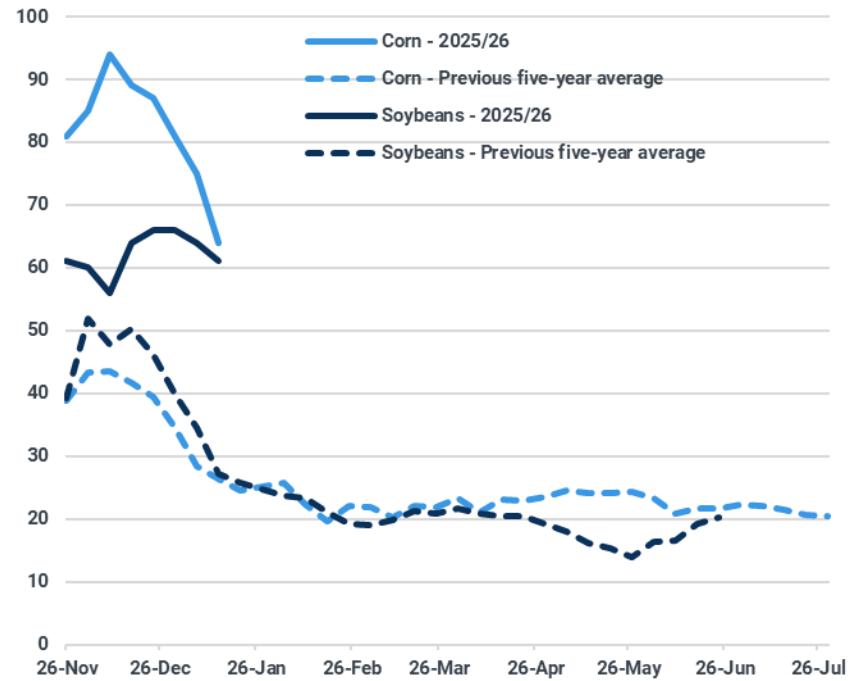
After an encouraging start, drier weather is threatening yield potential

Rainfall anomaly (% of normal)



Source: USDA, NOAA

Corn and soybean crop in G/E condition (%)

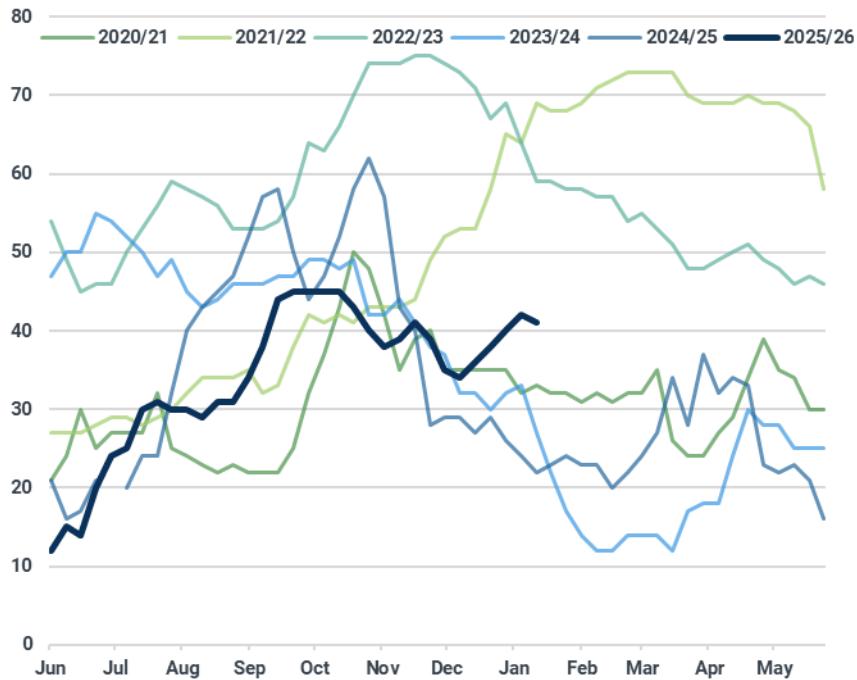


Source: Buenos Aires Grain Exchange

# US and EU winter wheat

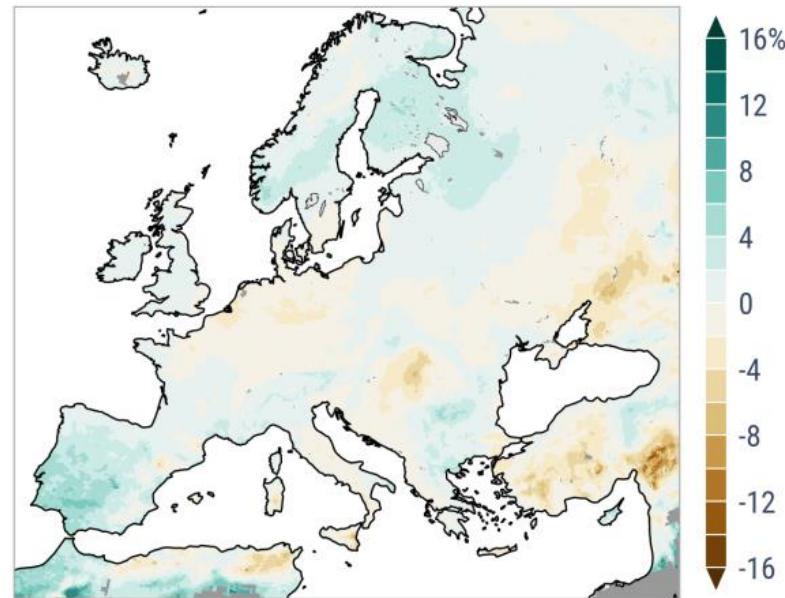
Some concerns of dryness for the US winter wheat crop while conditions remain broadly benign for the EU crop

US WW in moderate or more intense drought (% of crop)



Source: USDA

EU surface soil moisture anomaly during Dec (ECMWF)

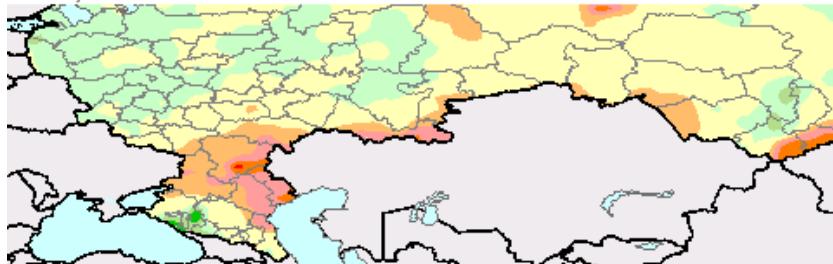
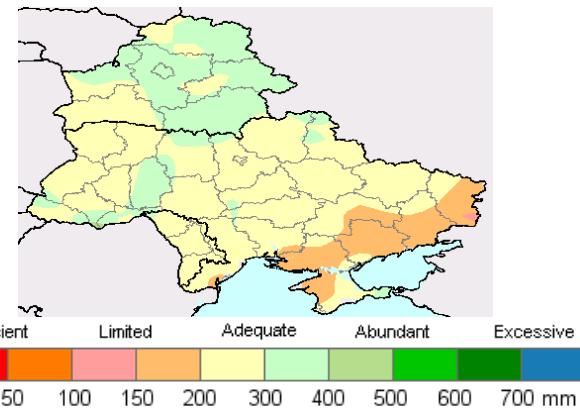


Source: Copernicus, ECMWF

# Black Sea winter wheat

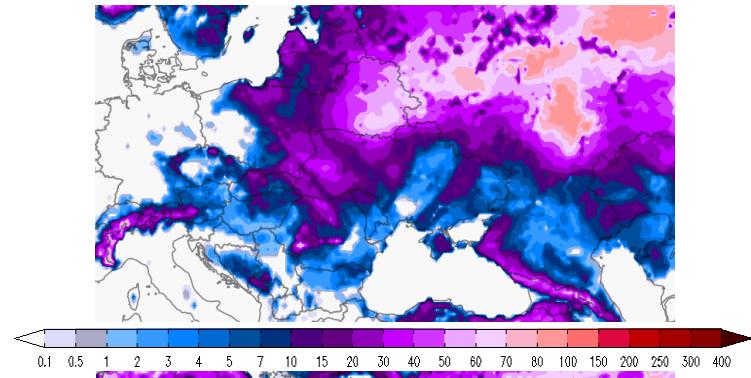
Winter wheat conditions remains favourable, although snow cover is a watch point for European Russia

Soil moisture conditions for Ukraine and Russia (15 Dec)

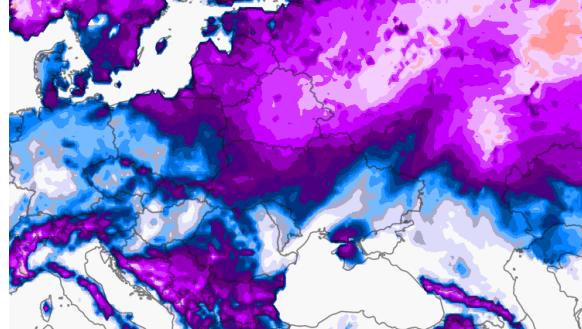


Source: USDA, NOAA

Snow depth across Eastern Europe 19 Jan and 31 Jan (cm)



Source: Weather.US



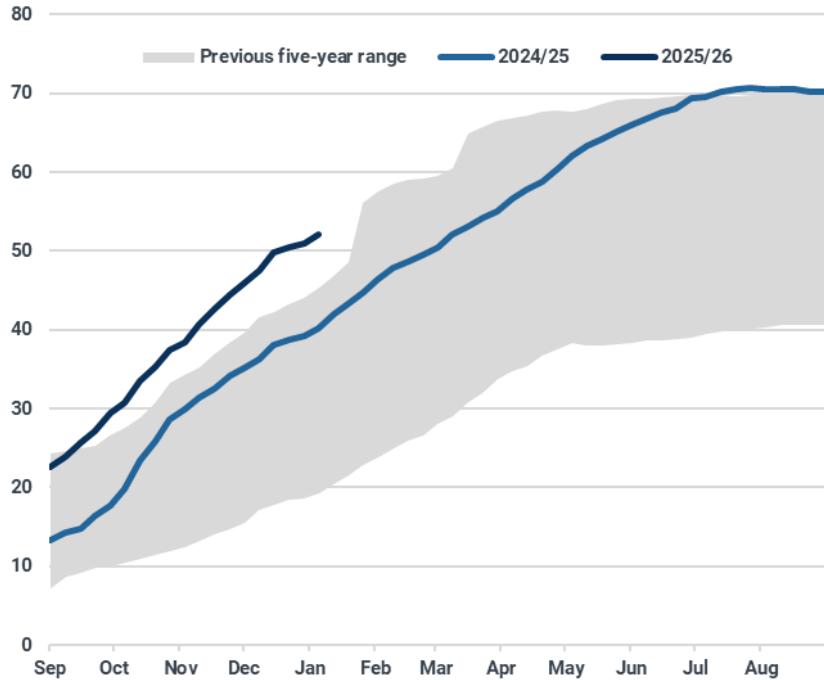
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## Corn and soybean fundamentals

# US corn sales

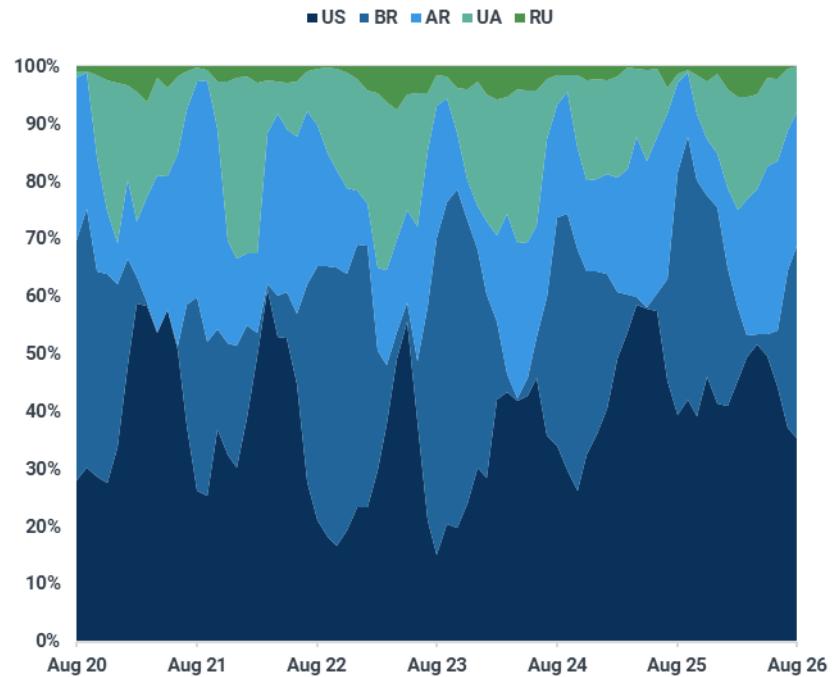
As US corn sales remain record high, it's been more dominant than usual on the export market

## US corn sales (Mt)



Source: USDA

## Corn export market by major exporter (% of total exports)

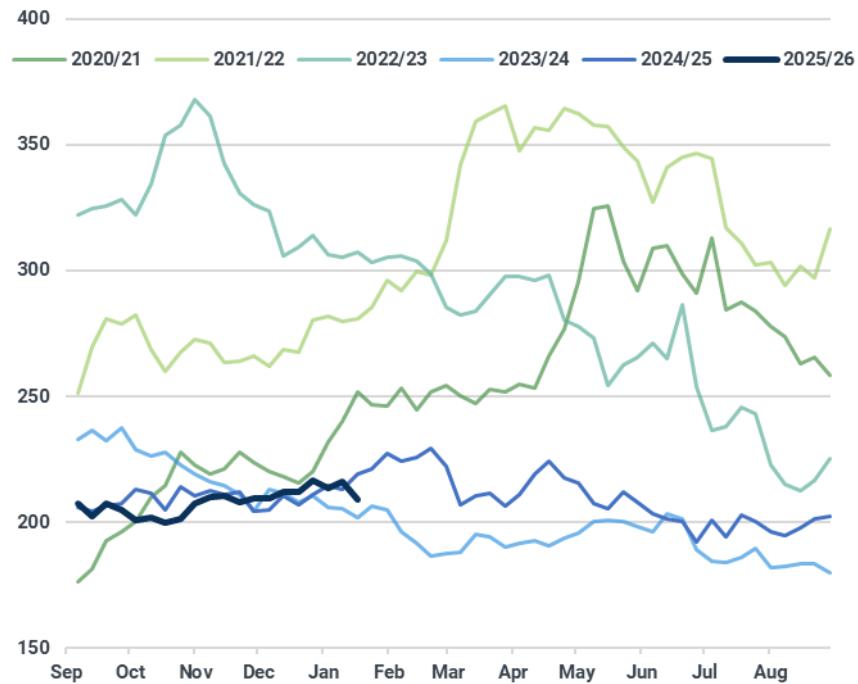


Source: Kpler Insight

# US corn competitiveness

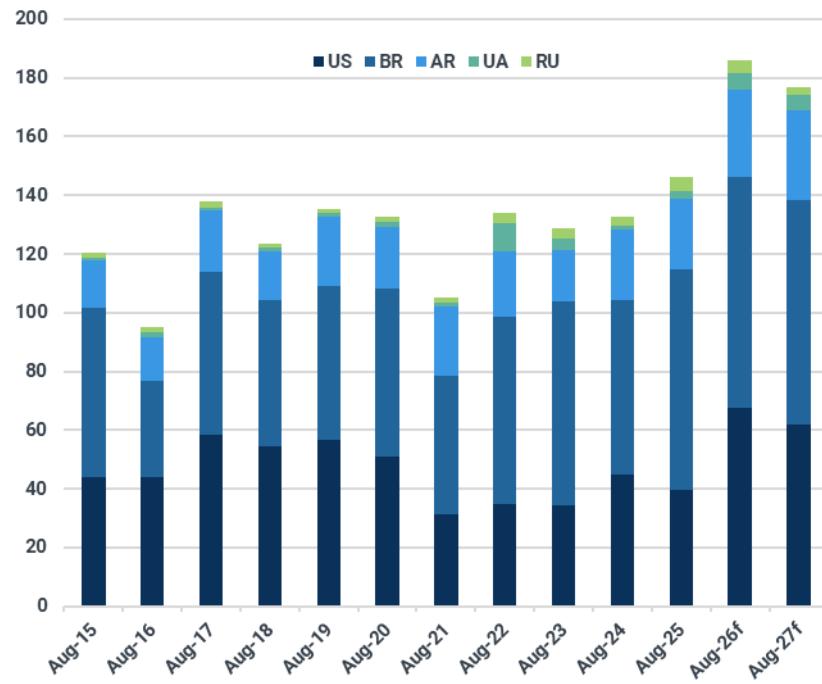
US corn is pricing near multi-year lows in response to the weight of heavy stocks

## US corn (Gulf, spot FOB, \$/t)



Source: International Grains Council

## Corn stocks by major exporter (Mt)

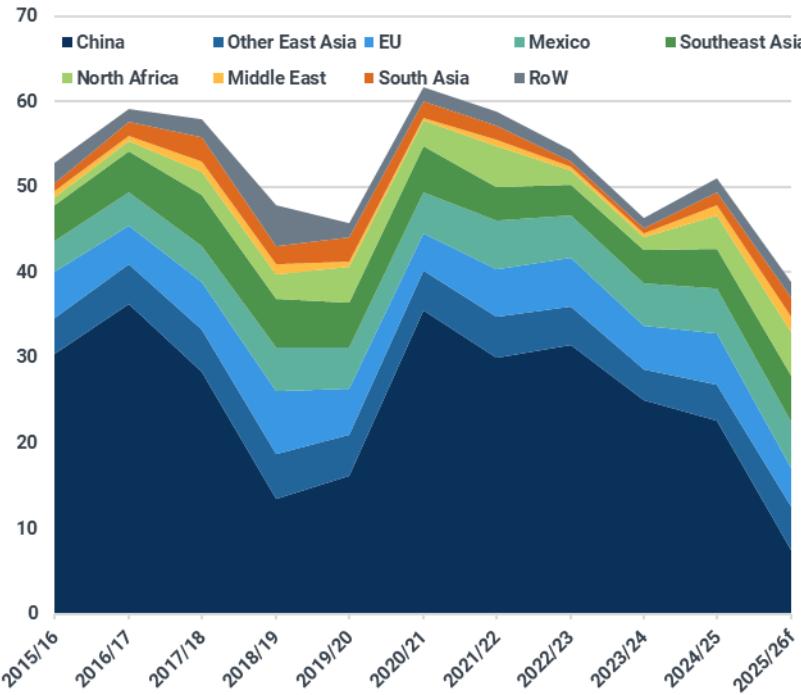


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# Soybean export market

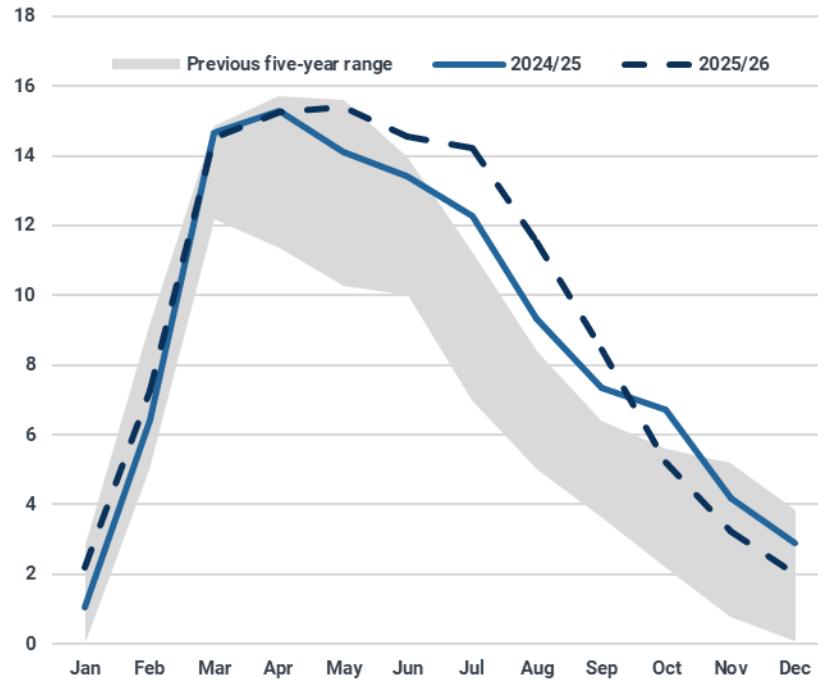
US soybean exports struggle under lower Chinese demand, Brazilian exports to be dominant following record crop

## US soybean exports by destination (Mt)



Source: Kpler Insight

## Brazilian soybean exports (Mt)

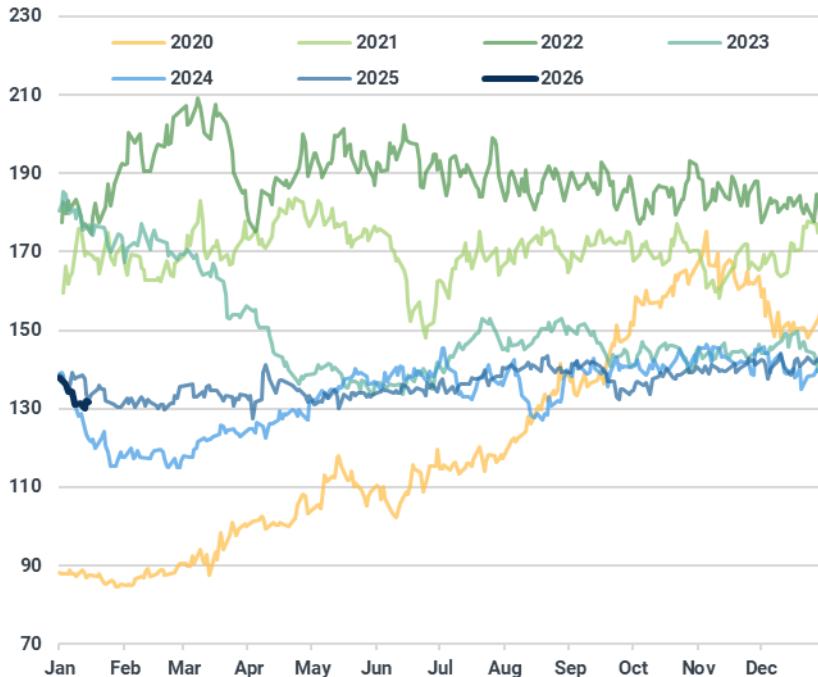


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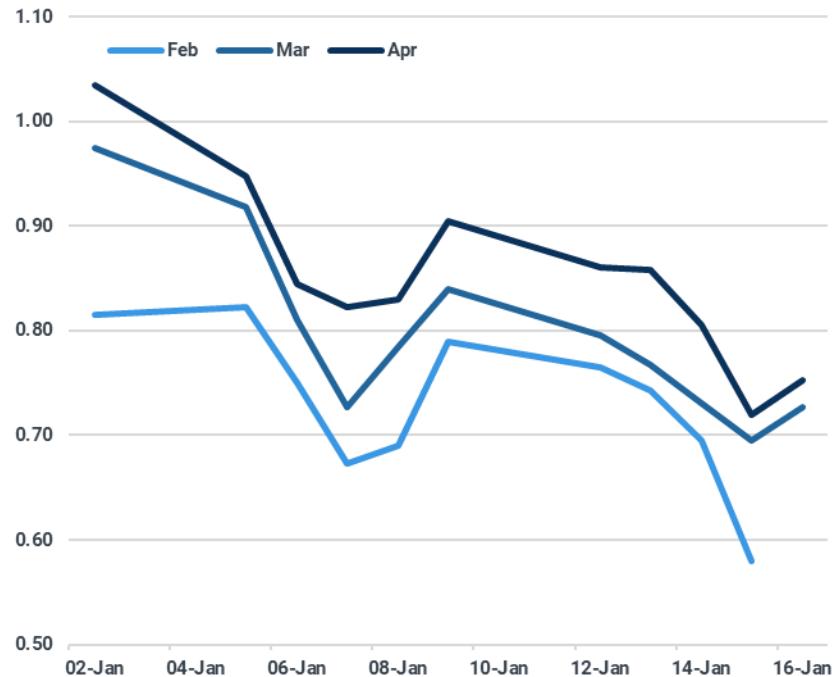
With a record crop on the horizon, Brazil will sideline the US from the export market

Brazil soybean cash price index (Paranaguá, R\$/bag)



Source: CEPEA

US (Gulf) vs Brazil (Paranaguá) (FOB, \$/bu)

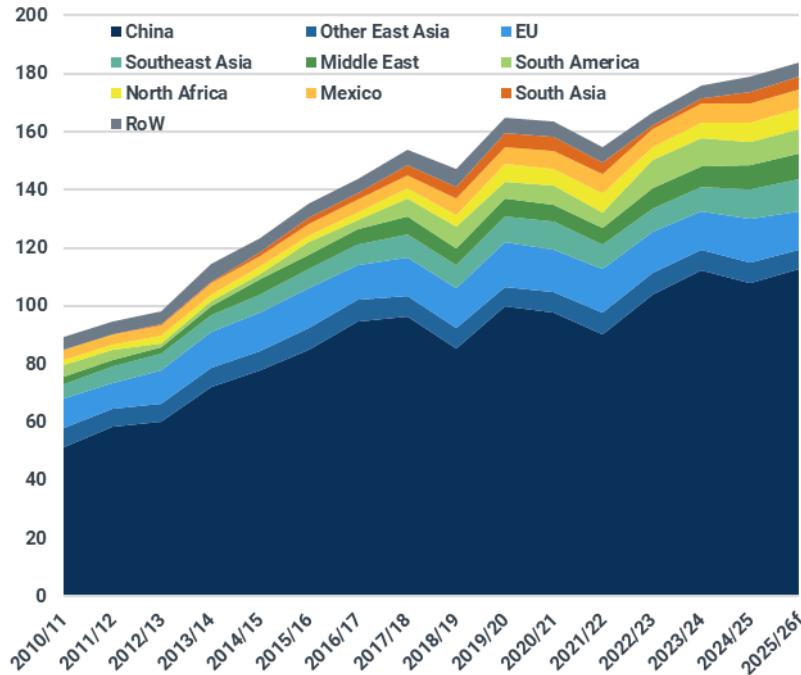


Source: Argus

# Global soybean stocks

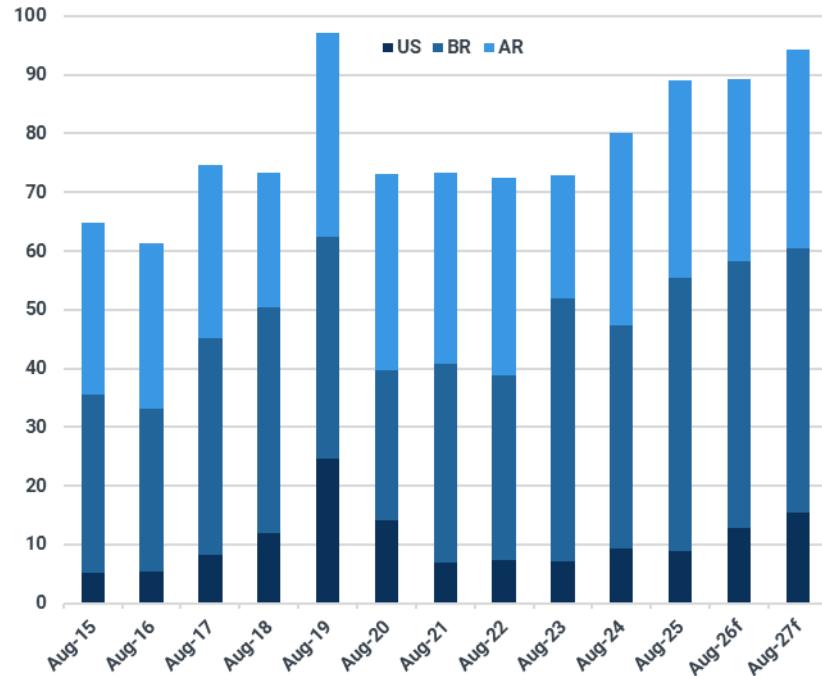
As Chinese demand growth levels off, the rest of the world struggles to offset the greater production

Global exports by destination (Mt, TY)



Source: Kpler Insight

Soybean stocks by major exporter (Mt)

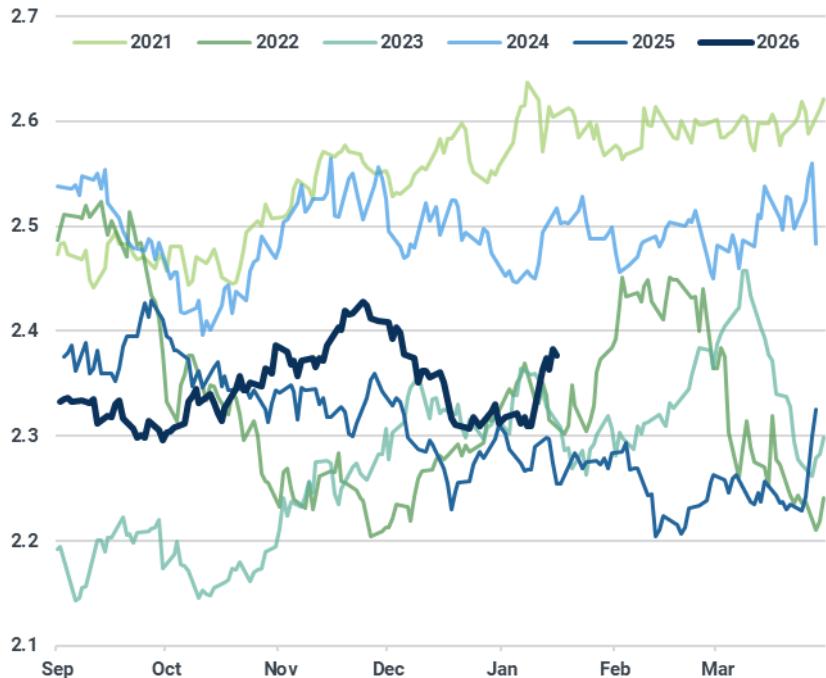


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# 2026 US spring planting intentions

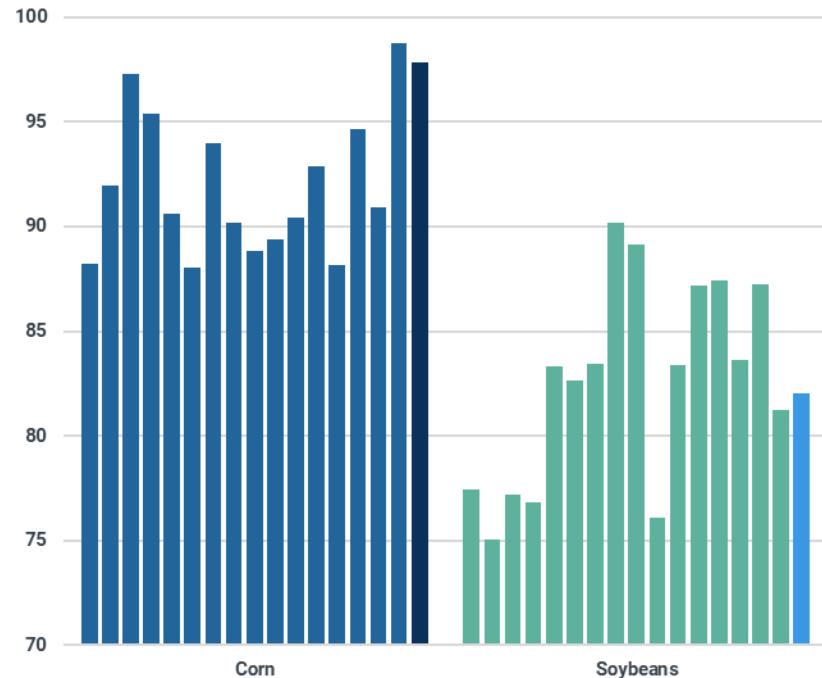
The 2026 CBOT soybean-corn ratio is favouring more soybean acres

## 2026 CBOT soy-corn ratio



Source: MarketView

## US corn and soybeans planted area (Ma)



Source: Kpler Insight

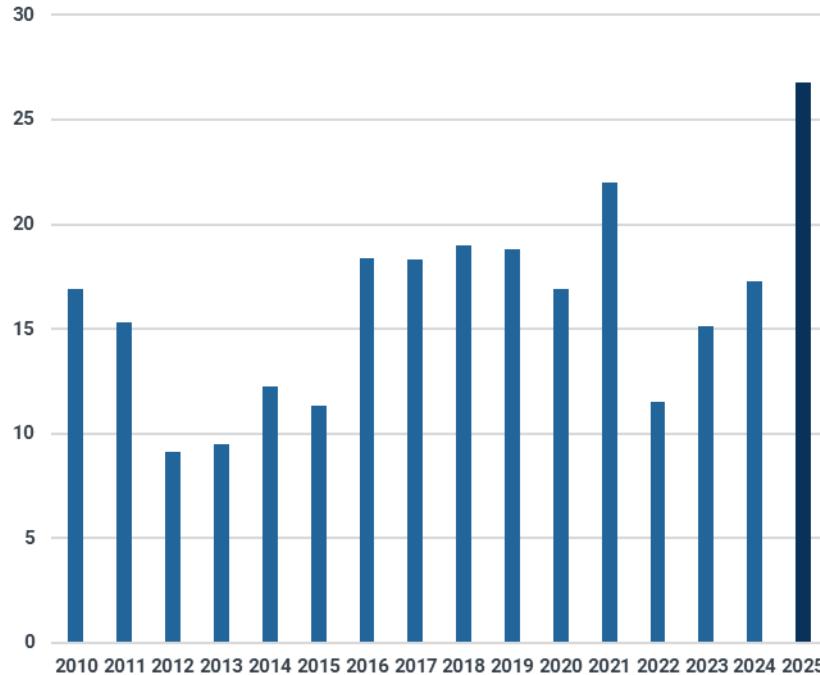
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# Wheat fundamentals

# Argentine wheat

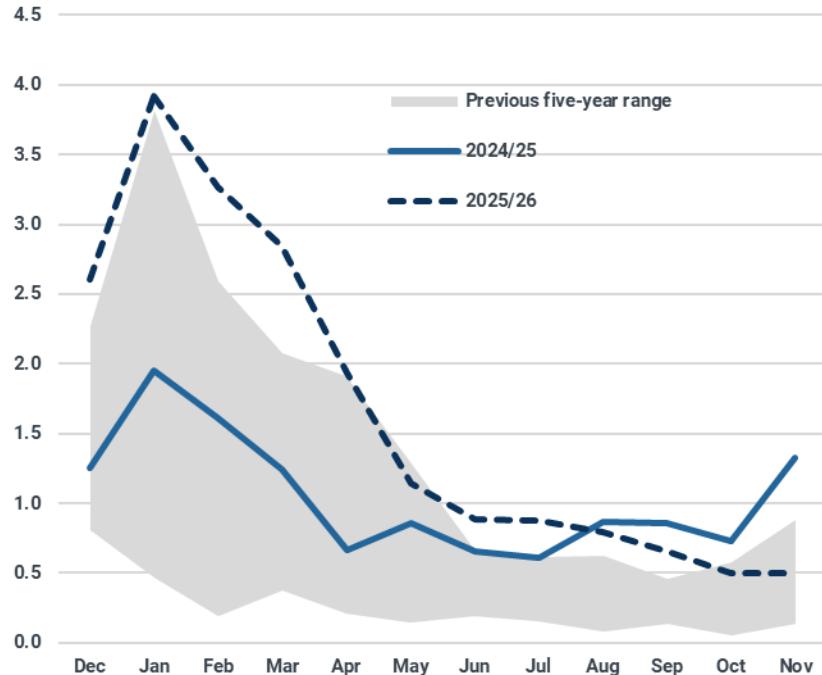
As harvest of Argentina's wheat crop nears completion, results have affirmed estimations of record production

Argentine wheat production (Mt)



Source: Kpler Insight

Argentine wheat exports (Mt)

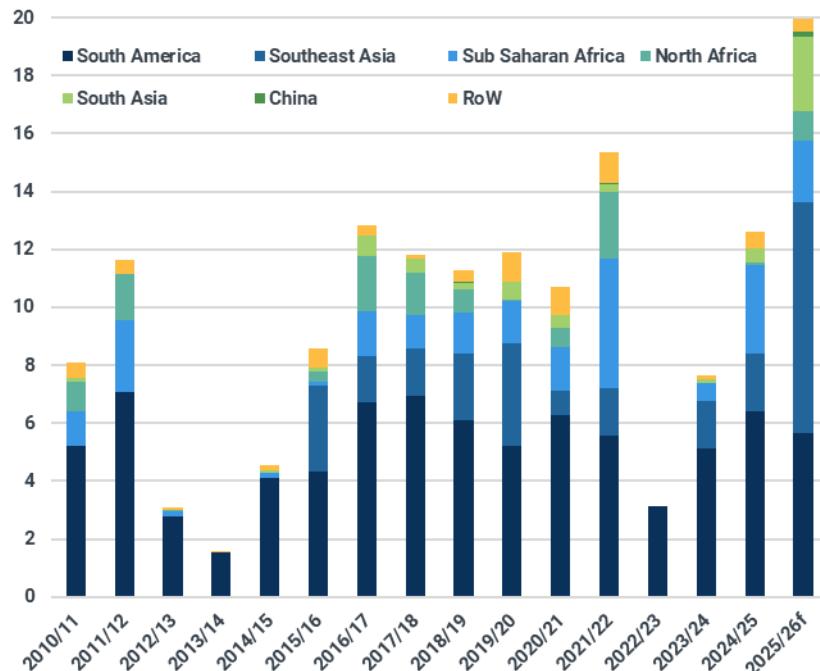


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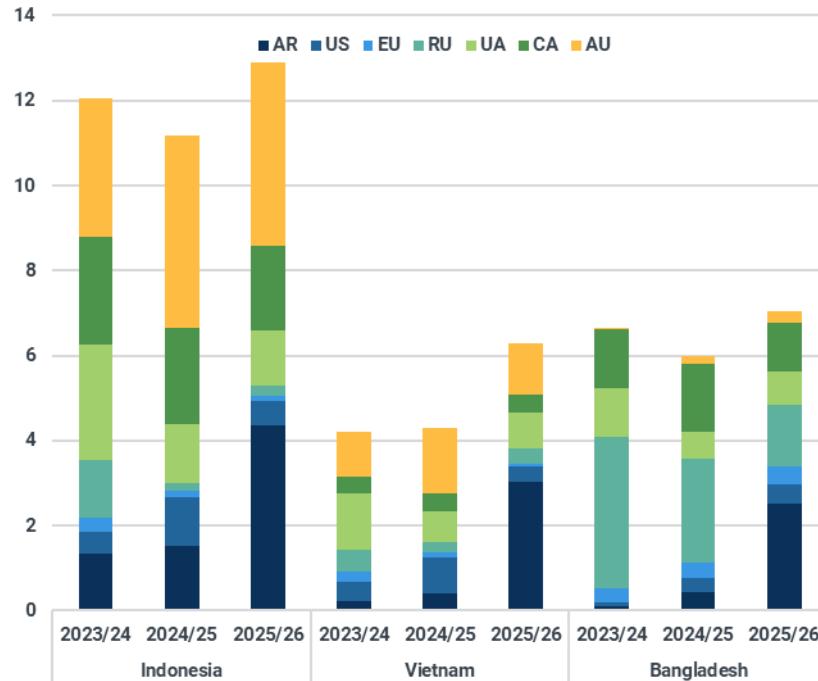
Expectations of a record Argentine export campaign will see competitors lose market share

## Argentine wheat exports by destination (Mt)



Source: Kpler Insight

## Key Argentine export destinations by origin (Mt, Dec-Nov)

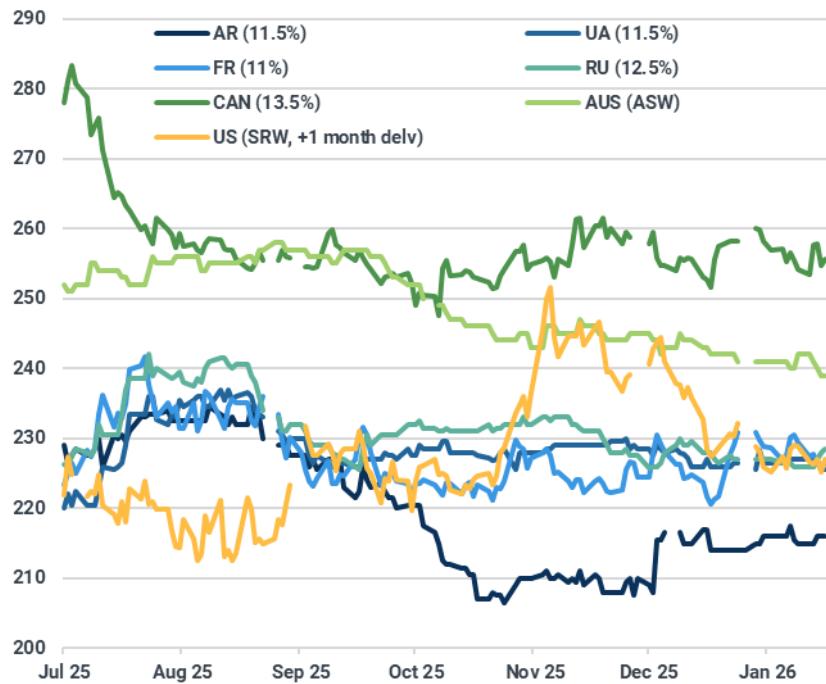


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# Wheat market

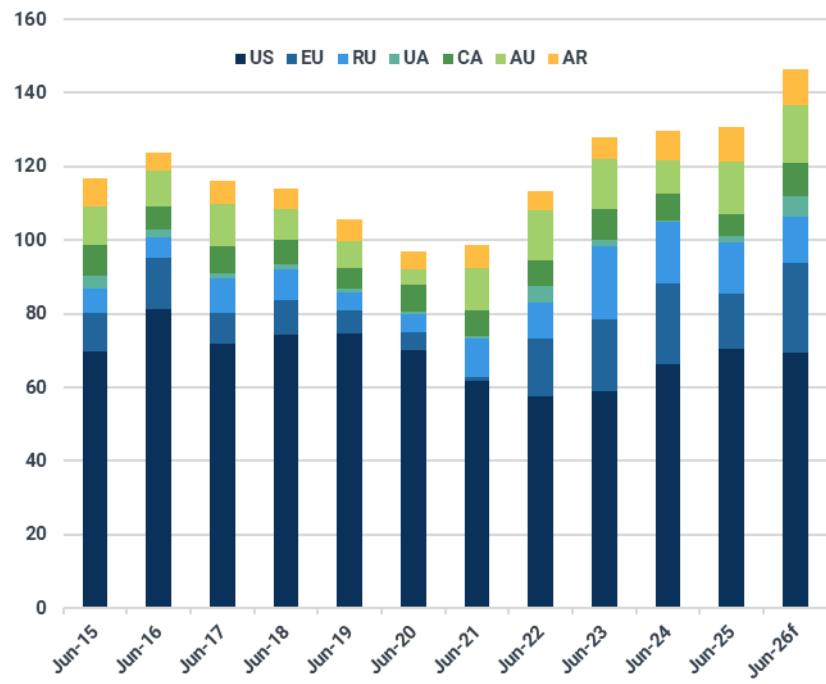
Argentina remains highly competitive on the export market, global supply of wheat remains heavy

Wheat price by major exporter (Spot FOB, \$/t)



Source: Argus

Wheat stocks by major exporter (Mt)



Source: Kpler Insight

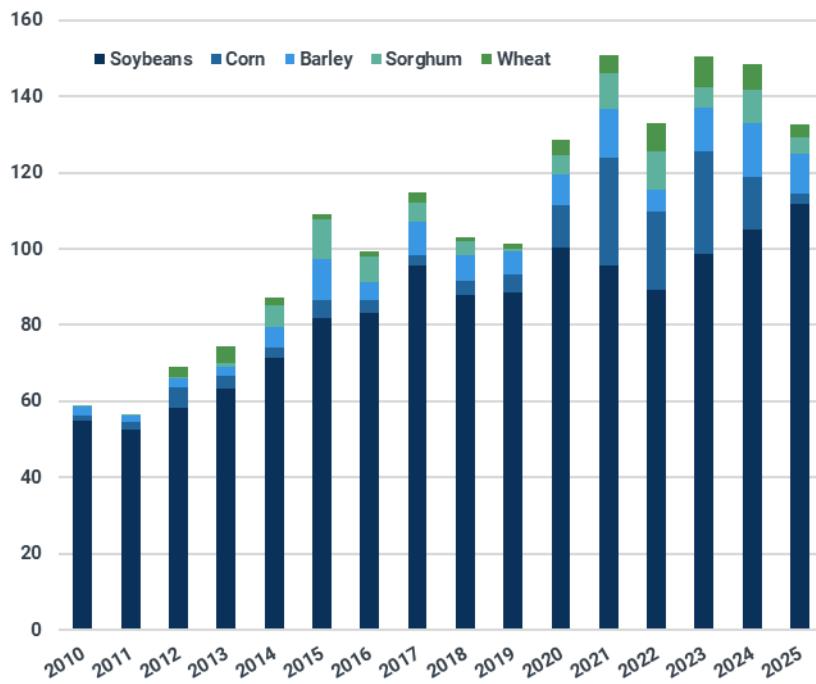
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# Wildcard

# China's import demand

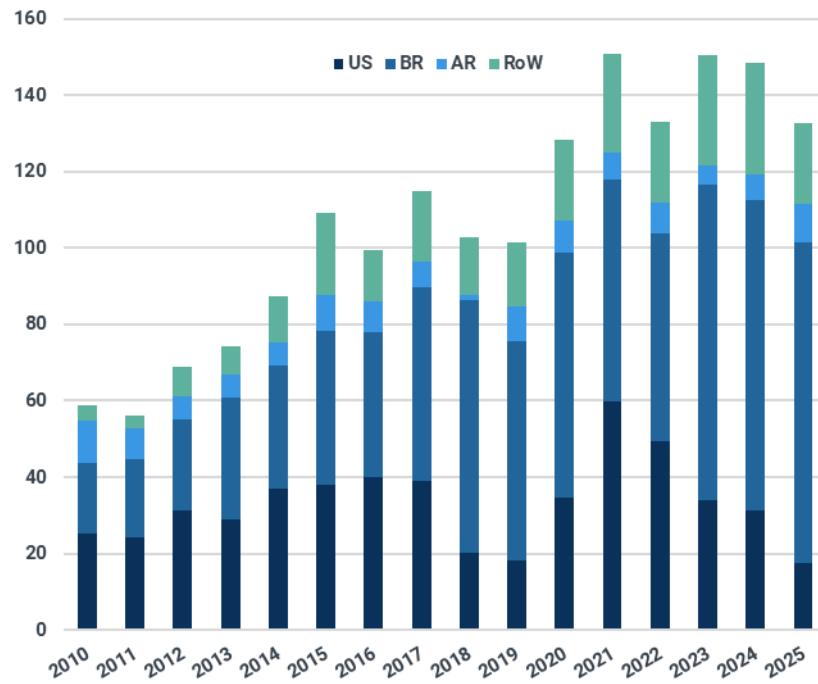
As the major grain markets sit on heavy stocks, Chinese demand is a catalyst which could tighten supplies

China grain and soybean imports by crop (Mt)



Source: GTT  
Calendar year data

China grain and soybean imports by origin (Mt)



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Calendar year data

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# Outlook

# Short term drivers

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

- Soybean **harvest results in Brazil** will offer insight regarding the overall production outlook. Continued positive yields should pressure spreads.
- **Dry weather across Argentina** will be watched as it coincides at a time when corn and soybean crops are at key yield-determining growth stages.
- Corn sales and biofuel policy will influence the **2026 soybean-corn ratio**. Markets are likely to discourage soy planting.
- Snow cover across key wheat producers in the Northern Hemisphere will be tracked in addition to the **potential for winterkill events**. Currently favourable conditions limit widening of Wheat-Corn spreads.
- **Argentine wheat exports to untraditional destinations** will continue to displace competitors, leading to a greater concentration on nearby destinations for rivals.

CBOT Mar-26 Wheat-Corn spread (¢/bu)



Source: MarketView

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