# Grain Market Analysis KSU Ag Econ 520 Commodity Futures Trading

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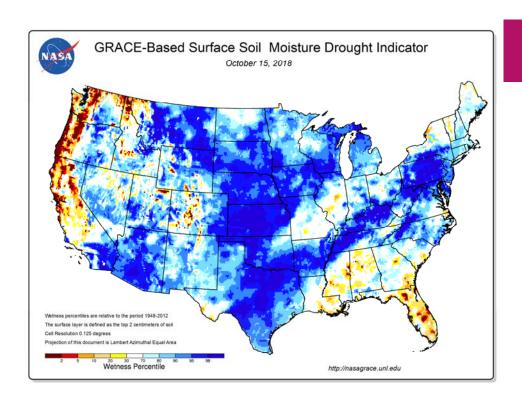
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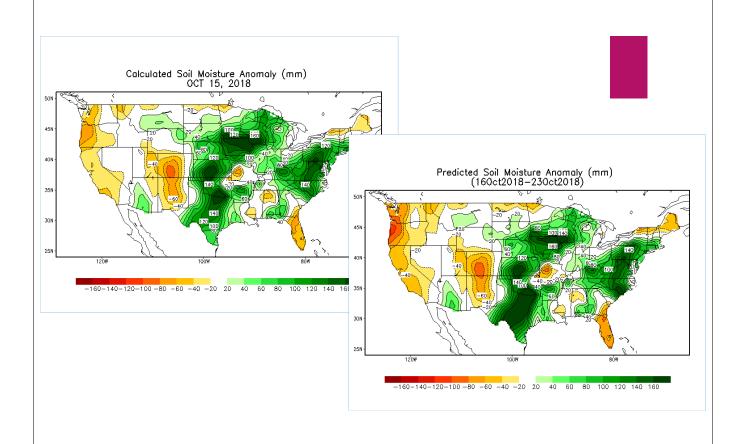
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#### U.S. Soybean Market Prospects in 2018-19

#### A. <u>U.S.-China Trade Dispute</u>

 HAS affected U.S. Soybean <u>prices</u>, but so far LIMITED EFFECT on U.S. export <u>shipments</u> & <u>forward purchases</u>

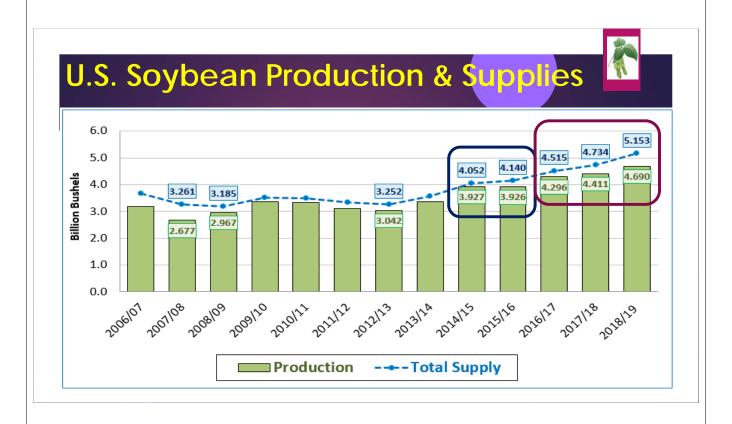
#### B. <u>USDA forecasts U.S. Exports</u> to be *large* <u>despite</u> Tariffs

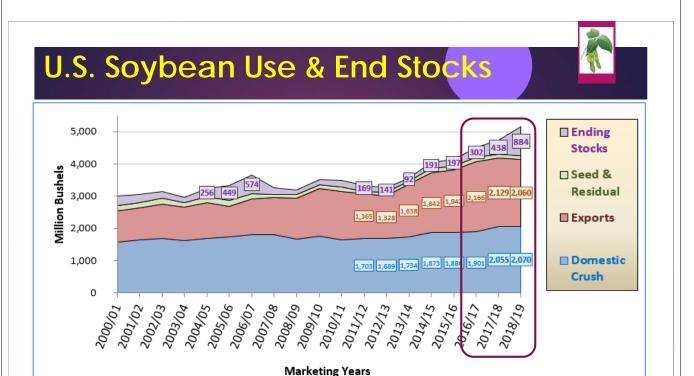
Foreign buyer "switching" between U.S. & South America, & some "trans-shipments" have occurred among countries

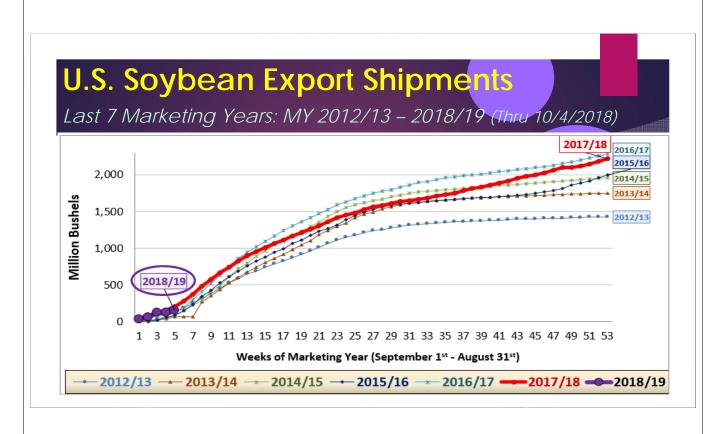
#### C. Market Focus in Fall-Winter 2018-19

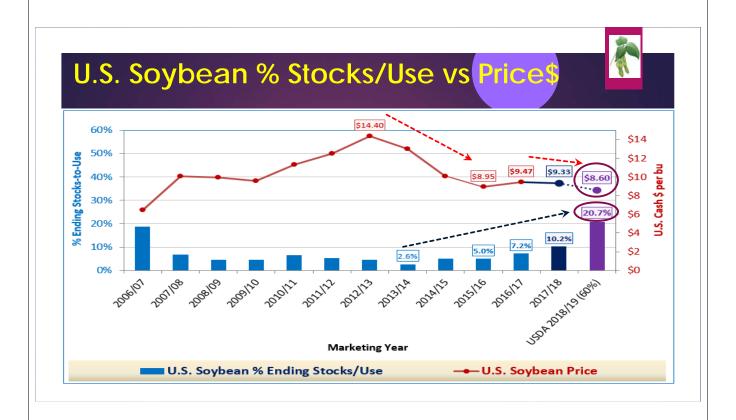
• So. America crop prospects – their response to high 2018 \$'s





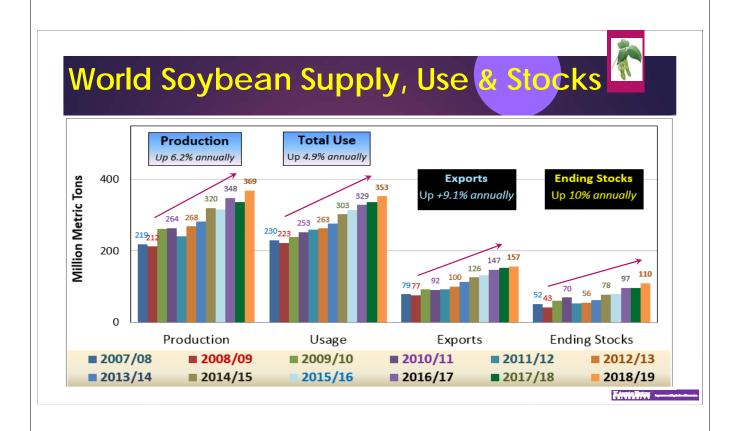


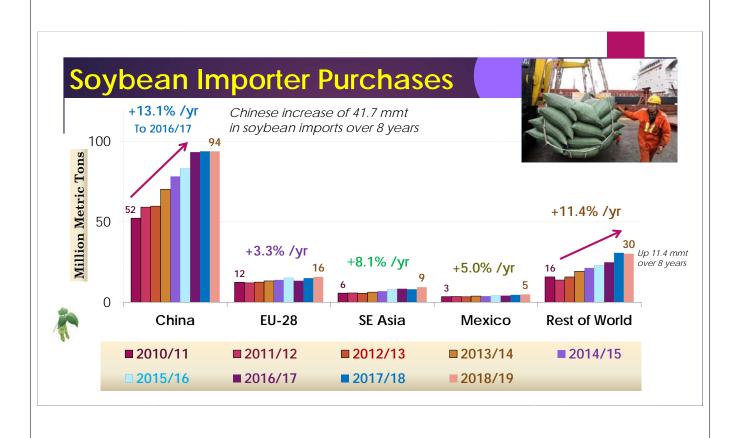


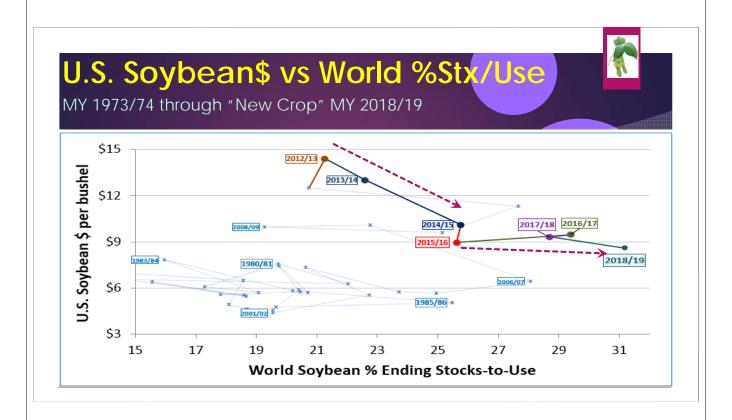


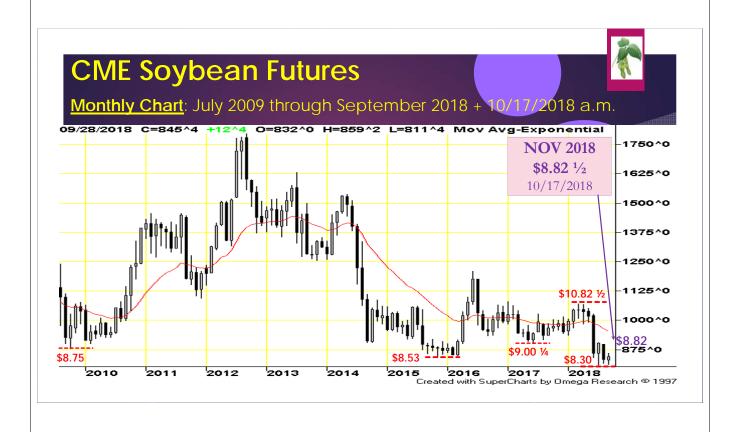
# U.S. Soybean Stocks.....

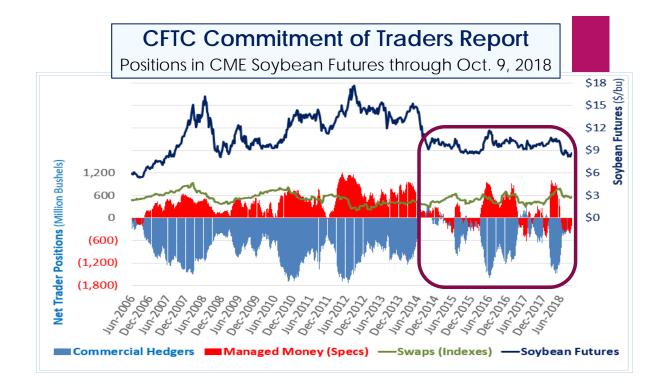
- Soybean: "Large" Stocks & % S/U
  - o End Stocks <sup>2018/19</sup> ⇒ 885 mln bu (High vs 438 mb last year)
  - o **% Stocks/Use** <sup>2018/19</sup> ⇒ 20.7% S/U (High vs 10.2% last year)

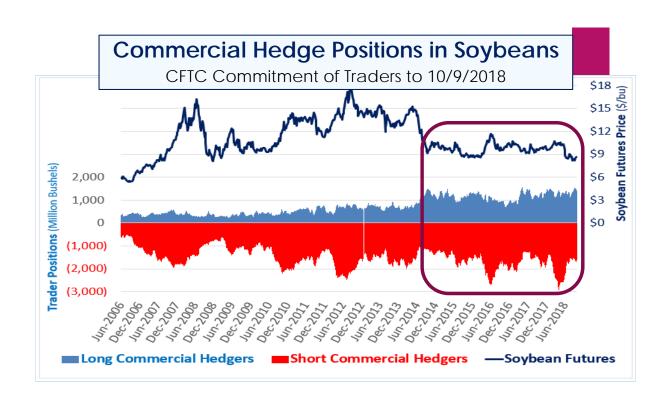


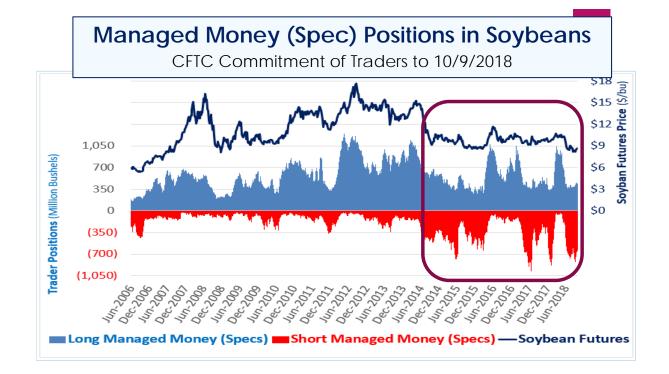


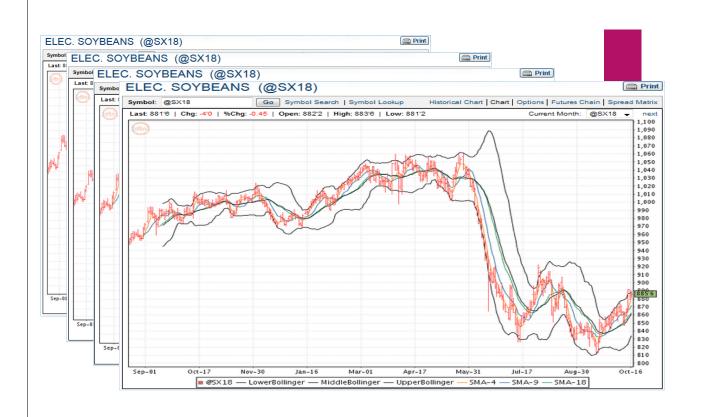


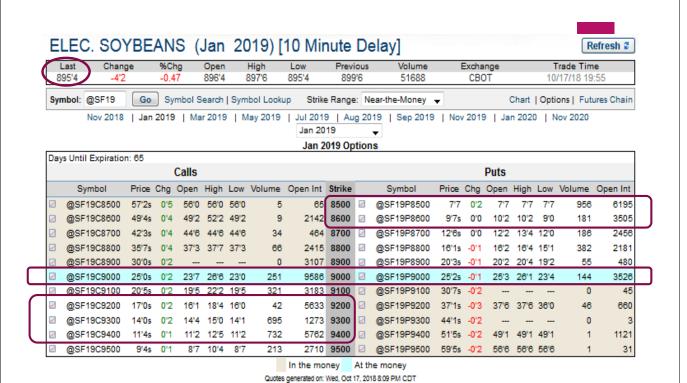


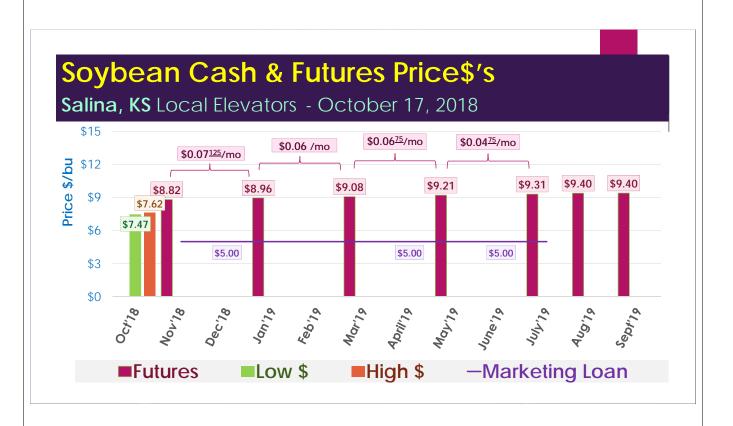




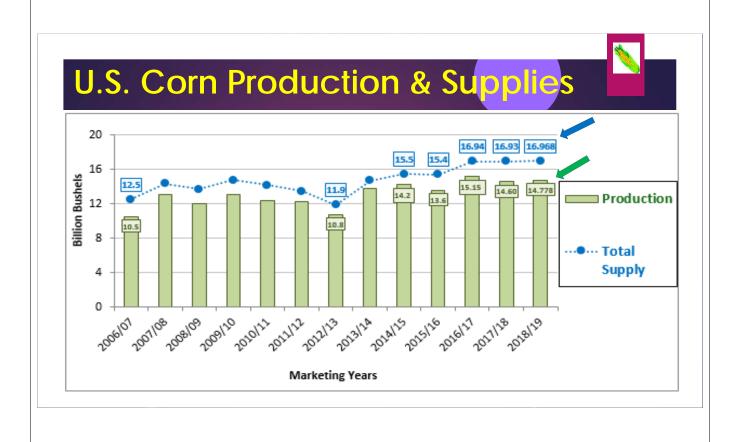


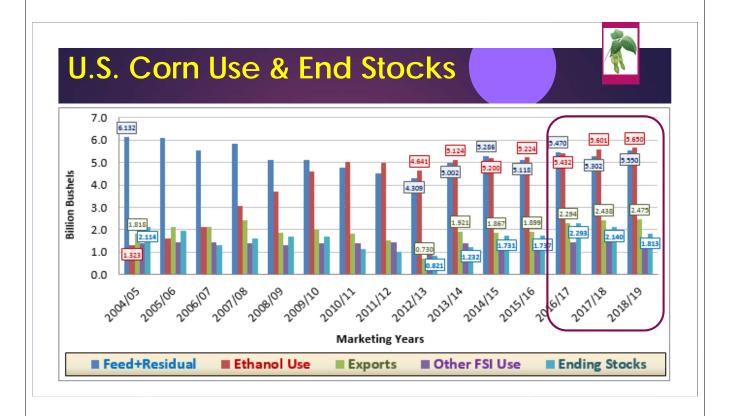




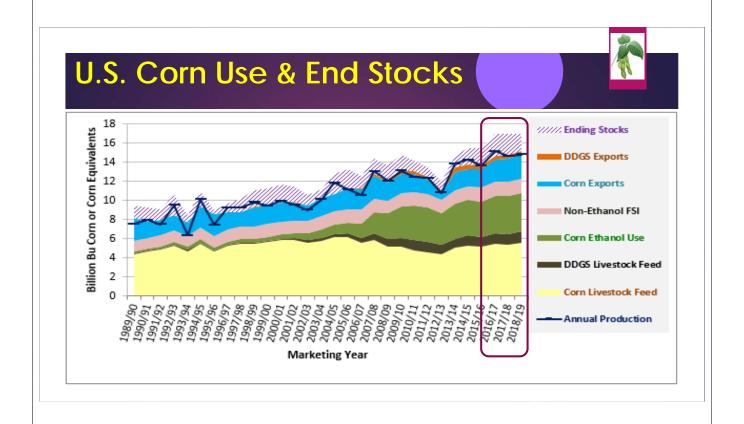














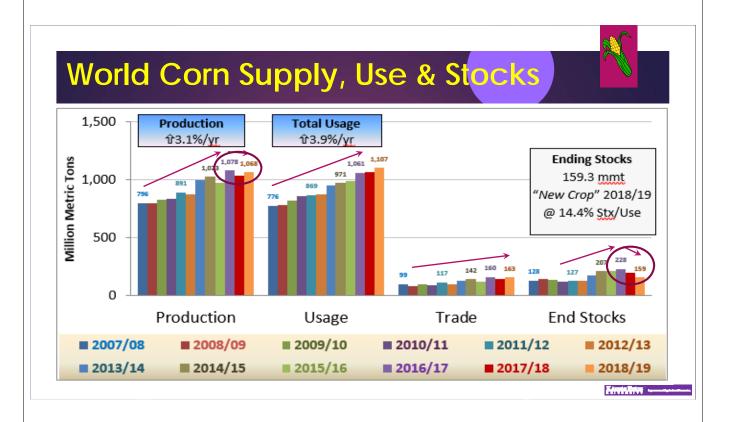
## U.S. Corn % Stocks/Use vs Price\$



## U.S. Corn & Sorghum Stocks.....

- Corn: "Moderate" Stocks & % S/U
  - o End Stocks <sup>2018/19</sup> ⇒ 1.813 bln bu (*vs 2.140 bb last year*)
  - o % Stocks/Use <sup>2018/19</sup> ⇒ 12.0% S/U (vs 14.5% S/U last year)
- Grain Sorghum: "Low" Price\$'s (Hurt by trade issues)
  - o End Stocks <sup>2018/19</sup> ⇒ 37 mln bu (₹ Exports & 1 Ethanol Use)
  - o % Stocks/Use 2018/19 ⇒ 9.7% S/U (1 vs 9.6% S/U last year)

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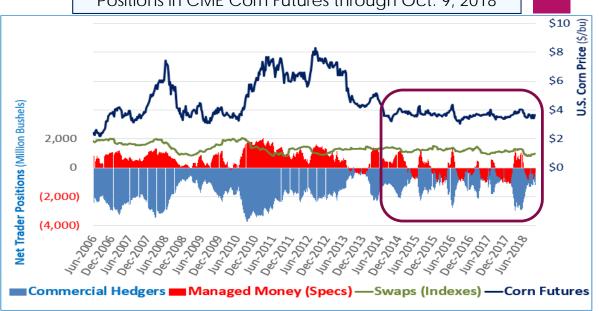


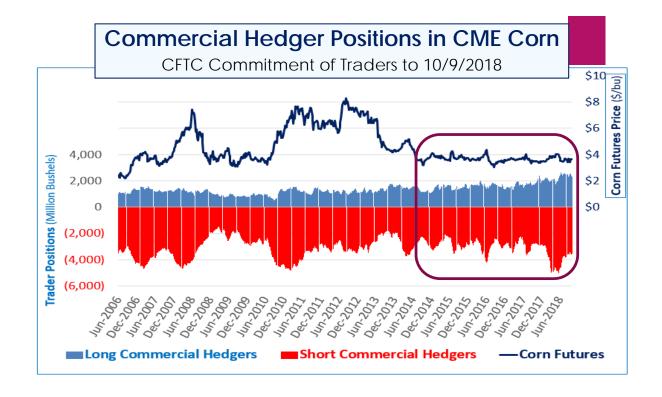
#### U.S. Corn\$ vs "World-Less-China" %Stx/Use MY 1973/74 through "New Crop" MY 2018/19 \$5 U.S. Corn Price (\$) /bu (USD\$ Adj.) \$4 2010/11 \$3 \$2 \$1 6 8 10 12 14 16 20 22 "World Less China" Corn % Ending Stocks-to-Use

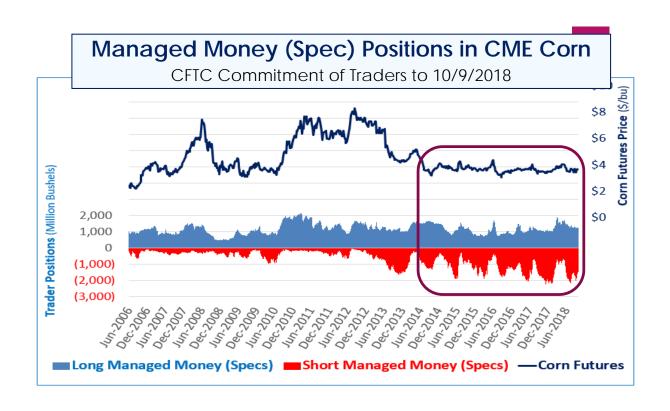


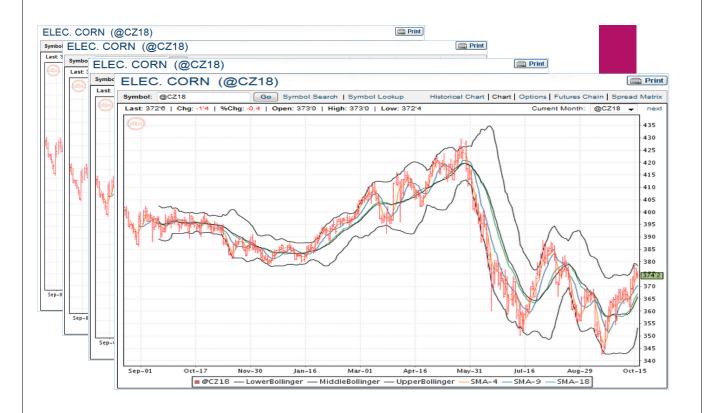
#### **CFTC Commitment of Traders Report**

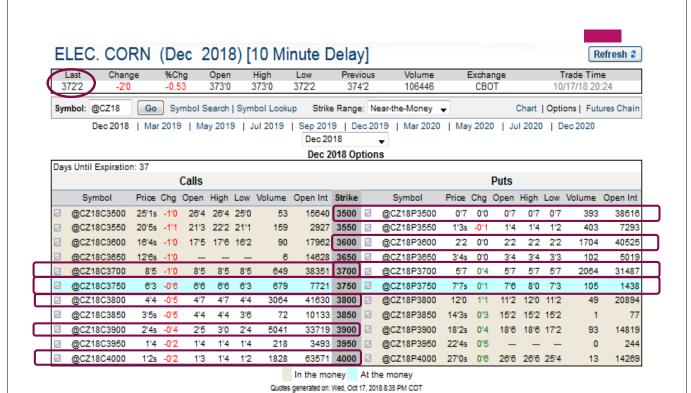
Positions in CME Corn Futures through Oct. 9, 2018

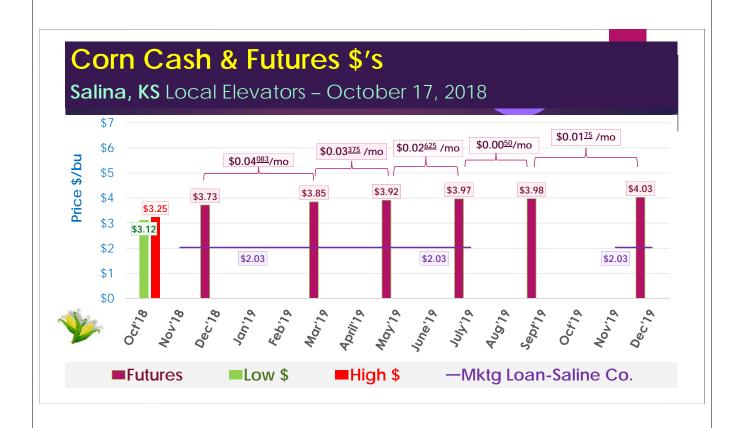






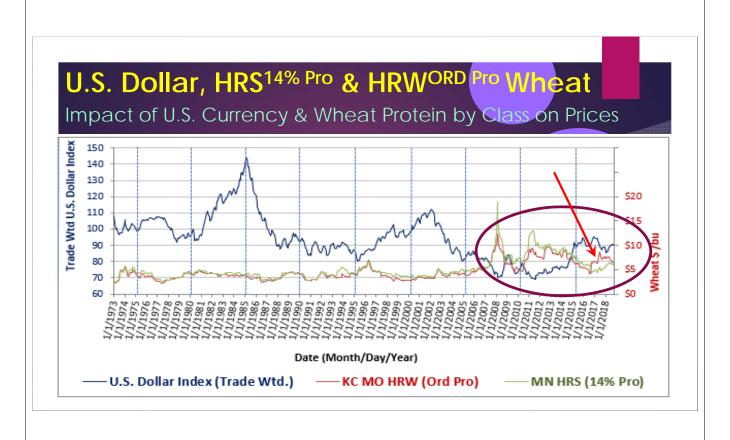


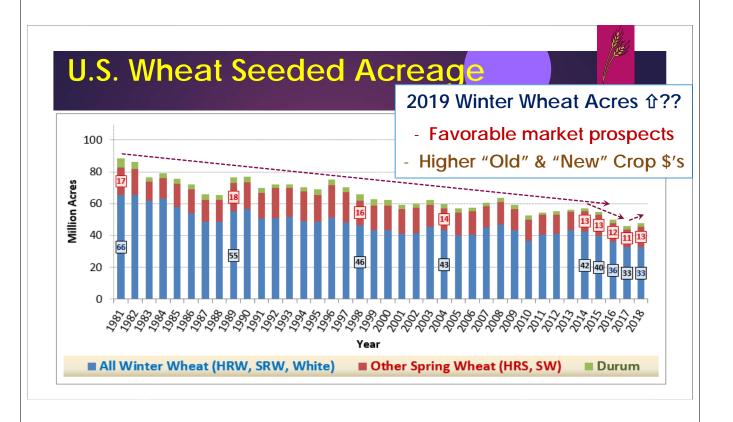


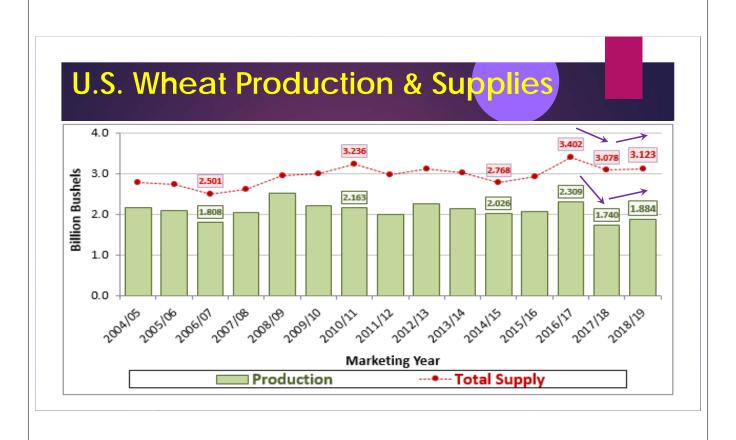


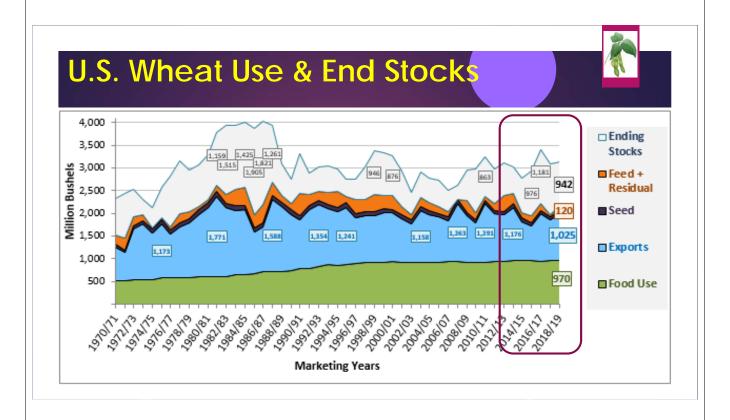








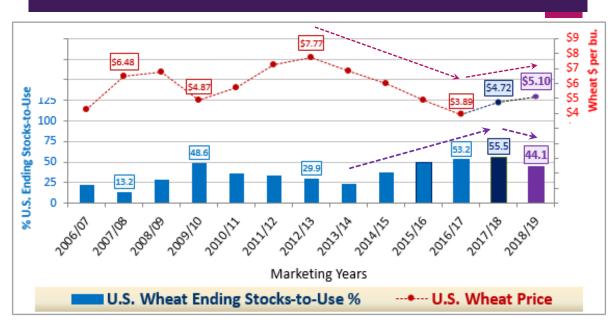








## U.S. Wheat % Stocks/Use vs Price\$



## U.S. Wheat Stocks.....

- All U.S. Wheat: "Declining" Stocks
  - o End Stocks <sup>2018/19</sup> ⇒ 956 mln bu (1.099 bb last year)
  - o **% Stocks/Use** <sup>2018/19</sup> ⇒ **44.1%** S/U (55.5% Stx/Use last year)
- <u>U.S. HRW Wheat</u>: "Still Large" Carryover (also declining)
  - o End Stocks <sup>2018/19</sup> 

    ⇒ 424 mln bu (581 mb last year)
  - o **% Stocks/Use** <sup>2017/18</sup> ⇒ **51.5%** S/U (76.0% Stx/Use last year)

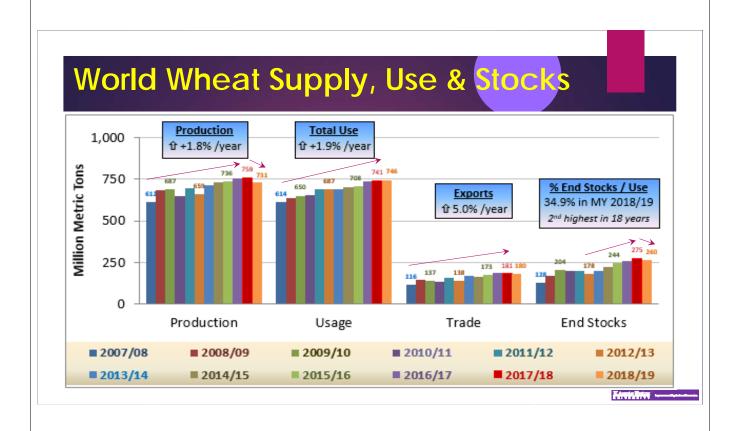
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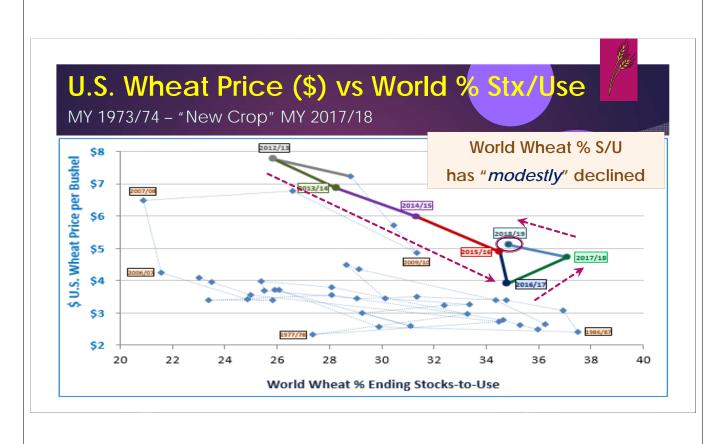
#### World Wheat Market Prospects

Large Supplies ⇒ Less of a "Buyer's Market"

- Lower Supplies BUT Record Usage Forecast for 2018/19
  - 1st year lower after 4 consecutive record high World wheat crops
- Poorer 2018 crops: E.U. France-Germany, Australia, & Russia
- More "competitive buying pressure" in World Trade
  - <u>"Tight" supplies</u> among Top 7 World Wheat Exporters
  - NOT MUCH evidence "YET" of "stronger" U.S. wheat exports

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# U.S. Wheat \$ vs Non-China % Stx/Use

MY 1973/74 - "New Crop" MY 2017/18

