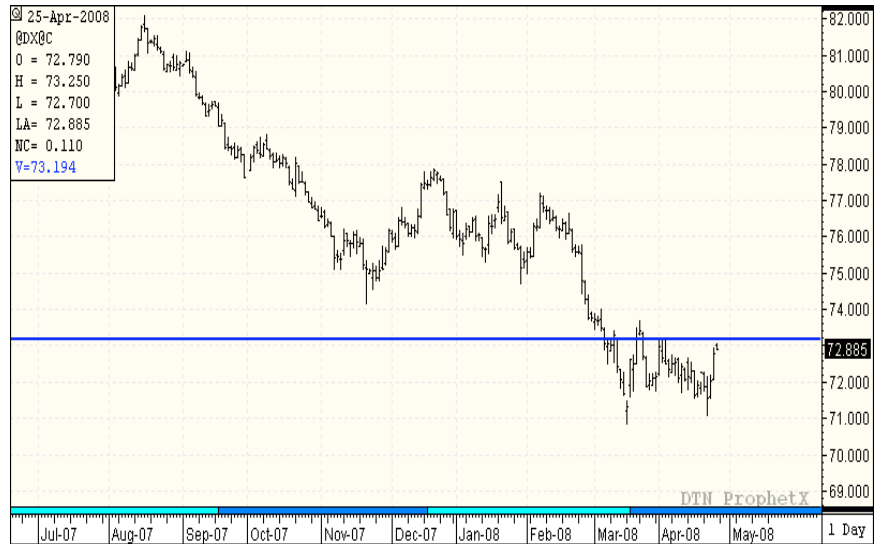


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Weekly Review- For the week, May corn ended down 22 ¼ and Dec. corn ended down 16 cents. May soybeans ended down 35 ¾ and Nov. beans closed this week down 59 cents. Pressure from the liquidating wheat market and a stronger dollar index has providing a lot of the downward momentum. Extended weather forecasts also put some pressure on corn during the week.

Corn – Corn planting is falling further behind this week as rains have passed through a good portion of the Corn Belt. Next week will be crucial for progress. The dollar index rally has put most of the pressure on corn this week. (See Chart) This chart illustrates how the dollar is at a major resistance point. This will be something to watch early next week. The last few trading days have given the corn charts a bearish feel heading into next week. We have had 2 daily closes below the 20-day moving average. The weak close today could set the stage for further liquidation next week. The Sunday night weather forecast will dictate if this can happen.



Soybeans- Beans have had an active trading week with a mixed bag of thoughts going into the weekend. Just as in the corn, beans have felt the effect of a stronger dollar index. An unusually low March Census crush has given the trade a bearish fundamental feel. We fell approximately 3 million bu. short of last year's crush. (Demand rationing??) Argentina's farmer strike is set to be reinstated on May 2nd. This looks to be an ugly situation. The U.S. could see strong demand from China over the next few months if this situation is not resolved. This will be an item to watch late next week. Also fundamentally, the wet weather has made trade fearful of the bean acreage coming close to the March Planting Intentions number. The Bean chart is in a pattern of consolidation and is viewed as neutral. Lower trade early next week could lead to further fund liquidation. Watch this week's low of 12.91 ½ this week as a level of support as the May contract comes to delivery.



Recommendation- We are seeing basis begin to strengthen on corn and continue to strengthen on beans. Watch this closely as we move into planting. This should give a great opportunity to lock in a very attractive basis.

Have a great weekend!!