



USDA REPORT PREVIEW (NOVEMBER 2009)

The USDA will release the monthly *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE)* and *US Crop Production* reports on the 10th November (US time).

These reports are keenly awaited by the trade each month. However this month the reports carry extra weight considering the expectations of high yielding US summer crops, which is being offset by weather delays during the US summer crop harvest and the potential yield/quality losses, plus the prospect for increased feed grain demand.

Trade forecasts of US corn and soybean production have generally been lowered, reflective of the unfavourable harvest conditions. However despite the reduction, many private trade estimates for US soybean production are still higher than the USDA's, indicating that the bias is for the USDA to upwardly revise their estimates of soybean production on Tuesday to a fresh record high. Corn production estimates are likely to be revised slightly lower on Tuesday, but will still be near record high levels.

Trade estimates of US grain and oilseed ending stocks for 2009/10 point to:

- upward revision to US wheat stocks (up 0.2% or 2m bushels from last month's estimate, and up 32% from last year's actual)
- upward revision to US soybean stocks (up 3.5% or 8m bushels from last month's estimate, and up 72% from last year's actual)
- downward revision to US corn stocks (down 2.2% or 37m bushels from last month's estimate, and down 2.3% from last year's actual)

Below is a summary of what the market is expecting in these reports to reveal.

US Corn Production & Yield Estimates - 2009/10

CORN DATA		2009/10 USDA Nov Est.	2009/10 Avg Trade Est.	2009/10 Range of Est.	2009/10 USDA Oct Est.	2008/09 USDA Actual
Yield	(bpa)	?	163.50	159.6 - 165.5	164.20	153.90
Area Planted	(m ac)	?	~	~	86.40	86.00
Area Harvested (Implied)	(m ac)	?	79.28	~	79.30	78.64
Production	(bn bu)	?	12.96	12.656 - 13.200	13.02	12.10

Source: Bloomberg Survey (28 responses, 4 Nov)

US Soybean Production & Yield Estimates - 2009/10

SOYBEAN DATA		2009/10 USDA Nov Est.	2009/10 Avg Trade Est.	2009/10 Range of Est.	2009/10 USDA Oct Est.	2008/09 USDA Actual
Yield	(bpa)	?	42.70	41.0 - 44.1	42.40	39.60
Area Planted	(m ac)	?	~	~	77.50	75.70
Area Harvested (Implied)	(m ac)	?	76.39	~	76.60	74.64
Production	(bn bu)	?	3.26	3.150 - 3.379	3.25	2.96

Source: Bloomberg Survey (28 responses, 4 Nov)

US Grain Ending Stock Estimates – 2009/10

US STOCKS (09/10)		2009/10 USDA Nov Est.	2009/10 Avg Trade Est.	2009/10 Range of Est.	2009/10 USDA Oct Est.	2008/09 USDA Actual
Wheat	(bn bu)	?	0.866	0.834 - 0.934	0.864	0.657
Corn	(bn bu)	?	1.635	1.459 - 1.909	1.672	1.674
Soybeans	(bn bu)	?	0.238	0.180 - 0.300	0.230	0.138

Source: Bloomberg Survey (24 responses, 4 Nov)

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