



**Sept 17, 2015**

## **Evening Grain Comments:**

### **CORN:**

Corn closed 6 cents lower and traded in a 6 cent range. Funds were sellers of 3,500 contracts at mid-session. Lack of price direction attributed to the market waiting for the Fed announcement on interest rates, but most likely tied to a lack of news to influence trade. Futures will have a hard time rallying much without some concern over crop size and they will have a hard time retreating as producer selling remains light and the market seems of the opinion the largest production level estimates were posted in the August report. Harvest should ramp up considerably next week as both the 6-10 and 8-14 day forecasts call for A temps and normal/B precip. Until then, it is hard to get a feel for yields as we continue to hear both better and worse than anticipated. Weekly export sales for corn came in at 21.0 mln. bu., bringing 15/16 commitments to 368 mln. bu. vs. 513 mln. bu. at this time last year. Mexico picked up 70% of this week's sales and accounts for 38% of total commitments.

**Basis Update:** CIF values defensive today as harvest activity increases. Barge freight trending higher as a result. Processor values steady as are rail values. Processors running hand to mouth as they await harvest, which is forcing them to look for nearby needs in many areas and willing to pay better values as a result.

### **SOYBEANS:**

Soybeans closed 1-3 cents lower and traded a 10 cent range. Whether by happenstance or not, soybeans were able to rally into the close and limit losses. Funds were sellers of 2,400 soybean contracts, 1,400 meal, and 1,200 soyoil contracts at mid-session. Soybeans under the same constraints as corn today. Next week's Chinese delegation visiting the U.S. and buying U.S. beans seems to be considered a non-event by the trade as it is expected, but China did buy 298 tmt of U.S. beans for 15/16 delivery after buying 184 tmt yesterday. YTD total U.S. soybean export commitments continue to lag the past few years by a wide margin. Weekly export sales this morning of 33.5 mln .bu. were within expectations and bring YTD commitments to 624 mln. bu. vs. 936 mln. bu. at this time last year. Currently, China accounts for 38% of total commitment, though this percentage is probably higher as their share of commitments in the unknown sales column is unknown.

**Basis Update:** CIF beans felt defensive during the session but were mostly unchanged at the close. Processor bids quiet as they await new crop, which is just around the corner if not already being harvested.

