

GRAIN COMMENTS FOR 3-15-2019

CORN

- The corn price managed a small gain in today's trading session. Buying enthusiasm was subdued during the day session but was active overnight.
- Again, bull spreading was a feature for the second day in a row. This leads to the idea that there is more upside in the corn price. Spread direction for commodities can give a hint of price direction.
- Wet conditions in the Northern Plains and the Northwest section of the Corn Belt are concerning to corn producers that like to get an early start to their corn planting. Field work is at a standstill until the fields dry down. Fertilizer application is behind a normal pace.
- Is China buying corn? Corn traders are not convinced of the recent rumors. This country has been inquiring available quantity and the price especially out of the Pacific Northwest.
- China did buy 3 cargoes of sorghum. This is a start to a commodity that they have been active buyers in previous years.
- Funds holding near record short positions with only a small amount of liquidation this week.

WHEAT

- The wheat price recovered after yesterday's weak closing price action especially in the Kansas City wheat contracts.
- The wheat charts look friendly to a price advance. Trend following indicators have reversed to the upside. Moving averages need to be exceeded to convince another group of technical traders.
- South Korea bought a small amount of U. S. wheat. Algeria, Bangladesh, Turkey and Tunisia issued world wheat tenders this week.
- The wheat price reversed direction this week. A recovery of the sharp break in the wheat price since February 5th expected. Over \$1.00 break this time of the year is very unusual.