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Market Analysis - June 17, 2004

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Corn trade has been giving back all the gains that were made at the start of this month. Both July and December was down about 20 cents this Monday. Pressure has been coming from technical selling, no weather threats and a poor export number. Last weeks USDA report showed no changes so corn got no direction from that source. The yearly pace remains at around 10 million tons above a year ago but we have to focus on demand to keep prices high. Corn continued to take hits this week what with the improved weather conditions coming out on Monday's report and a CFTC report which showed large funds increasing their net long positions. Why doesn't this send prices northwards? Simple - sellers offset many of their positions because they would lose considerably if the funds kept buying. From the bullish perspective there is too much rain falling in too many places, but from the bears point of view traders still believe that the rain is more beneficial than damaging. Soybean trade was lower all week last week with the exception of the July contract, which actually increased 10c. The monthly crop report last week had a few bearish changes with a lower new crop crush and export estimates. Weekly progress numbers listed 85% of the US soybean crop planted versus an 84% five-year average. On Monday beans soured early in the day trading about 40 cents higher! Don't get too excited - profit taking dropped that back down 25 cents. This spurt was tied to bullish fundamentals stemming from the strong May NOPA crush report. Domestic basis remains strong as cash beans are actually becoming hard to get a hold of. Traders will be watching for export numbers and weather items to move this market. Wheat was also on the defensive last week dropping about 20 cents due to chart pressure and basically no demand news. The monthly report for wheat was on the negative side too and in all likelihood wheat will remain on the defensive because of harvest pressure. Surprisingly however the funds started buying up wheat contracts on Monday probably prompted by weather reports that severe thunderstorms were heading to the HRW belt. However, despite the funds obvious influence on market direction in all probability prices will start to head south because the seasonal tendency focuses on harvest pressure. This may also occur despite disappointing yields in the HRW belt and disease and damage concerns in the SRW.

## BASIS TABLE

LOCATION	CORN BASIS		SOYBEAN BASIS		WHEAT BASIS	
	CASH (Jul04)	NEW (Dec04)	CASH (Jul04)	NEW(Nov04)	CASH(Jul04)	NEW(Jul04)
Western MD	+62	n/a	-30	n/a	-22	n/a
Central MD	+37	+8	+40	-34	+5	+5
Southern MD	+20	-5	Even	-25	-30	-30
Upper E. Sh	+25	+8	+5	-25	-26	-26
Lower E. Sh	+34	+14	+15	-19	-23	-23

## WEEKLY CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

## MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE

Maryland farmers enjoyed 5.0 days suitable for field work for the week ending June 13, 2004. The harvest of small grains continued in between the rain showers, while soybeans were being planted quickly. Sorghum planted was 88% compared to 38% this time last year. Soybean planted was 75% complete compared to only 34% last year. Some difficulties occurred with baling hay and straw due to the wet ground. Corn and soybean development is advancing nicely with the showers. Topsoil moisture is 5% short, 75% adequate and 20% surplus. Crop conditions for barley, corn, soybeans and winter wheat are good to excellent. Pasture condition is 2% very poor, 5% poor, 17% fair, 44% good and 32% excellent.

## CASH GRAINS - REGIONAL - (\$/bu) DEALERS AVERAGE CASH QUOTES

Grade and Commodity	#2 Y Shelled Corn		#2 Yellow Soybeans		#2 Red Winter Wheat		#3 Barley	
	6/9	6/16	6/9	6/16	6/9	6/16	6/9	6/16
Western Md	3.47	3.44	8.26	8.40	3.33	3.30	2.49	2.38
Central MD	3.29	3.19	9.02	9.10	3.55	3.57	1.92	1.98
Southern MD	3.17	3.02	8.52	8.70	3.33	3.22	1.70	1.70
Upper E. Shore	3.22	3.07	8.57	8.75	3.37	3.26	1.80	1.80
Lower E. Shore	3.32	3.16	8.63	8.85	3.39	3.29	1.83	1.83

## Soybean Meal

## Lower Eastern Shore

## Dealer's Average Cash Quotes (\$/ton)

Date	6/9	6/16	Date	6/9	6/16
48% Soybean Meal	304.00	315.00	44% Soybean Meal	292.00	303.00

## FORWARD CONTRACT PRICE-REGIONAL (\$/BU) for Harvest delivery Dealer's Avg Quotes

Grade and Commodity	#2 Y Shelled Corn		#2 Yellow Soybeans		#2 Red Winter Wheat		#3 Barley	
	6/9	6/16	6/9	6/16	6/9	6/16	6/9	6/16
Western Md	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Central MD	3.05	2.94	6.45	6.34	3.55	3.57	1.92	1.90
Southern MD	2.94	2.81	6.59	6.43	3.33	3.22	1.70	1.70
Upper E Shore	3.07	2.94	6.59	6.43	3.37	3.26	1.80	1.80
Lower E Shore	3.14	2.99	6.67	6.49	3.39	3.29	1.83	1.83

## GRAIN FUTURES- Chicago Board of Trade (\$/bu) Settle - Jun 16, 2002

Corn		Soybeans		Wheat		Soybean Meal <sup>1</sup>	
Jul	281.50	Jul	869.50	Jul	352.00	Jul	279.50
Sep	285.00	Aug	800.50	Sep	361.00	Aug	263.00
Dec	286.25	Sep	699.50	Dec	370.50	Sep	237.70
Mr05	291.00	Nov	667.75	Mr05	376.75	Oct	212.20
May	295.50	Ja05	667.00			Dec	207.50
Dec	270.00	Mar	665.25			Ja05	206.50

<sup>1</sup> \$/ton

<b>HAY AND STRAW</b>							
<b>New Holland, PA - \$/ton - Jun 14, 2004</b>							
Mixed 20.00-215.00		Timothy 77.00-200.00		Orchardgrass 125.00-155.00		Straw 50.00-245.00	
<b>Westminster, MD - \$/bale - Jun 14, 2004</b>							
Alfalfa 2.60-4.90	Mixed 1.80-3.10	Timothy 1.30-3.40	Mixed 1.70-2.20	Grass Mix 1.00-3.80	Straw 1.00-4.20		
<b>POULTRY (Grade A) - Week Ending June 19, 2004</b>							
	<u>Current Week</u>		<u>Week Ago</u>		<u>Month Ago</u>		<u>Year Ago</u>
NY Wtd Avg. (Fryers)	83.36		82.72		78.10		59.14
12 City Composite	81.52		82.12		78.12		61.44
<b>LAMBS - Westminster, MD - \$/cwt - Jun 15, 2004</b>							
20- 40 lbs	92.50-117.50	70- 80 lbs	95.00-104.00	Sheep 23 hd	105-200 lbs	27.00-44.00	
50- 60 lbs	75.00-112.50	90-130 lbs	85.00-110.00	Yearlings	64.00-76.00		
<b>TERMINAL MARKETS HOGS - Jun 17, 2004</b>				<b>DIRECT MARKET HOGS - Westminster, MD - Jun 15, 2004</b>			
Base Price Range (\$/cwt) a.m.	Carcass Basis	Sows (1-3)	Fat Hogs	216-260 lbs	50.50-54.75		
	Base 185 lb Hog	300-449 lbs	Light Hogs	180-187 lbs	53.00-57.00		
Eastern Cornbelt	72.00-79.01	46.00-51.00	Sows	280-600 lbs	35.00-44.00		
Iowa, Minn	67.50-79.50	34.03-52.43	<b>Millsboro, DE Market Hogs - (\$/cwt) - Jun 16, 2004</b>				\$52.00
<b>FEEDER PIGS - (\$/cwt) -</b>							
<b>Gumboro, DE - Jun 15, 2004</b>				<b>New Holland, PA - June 17, 2004 -</b>			
Head: 376	Trend: None			Head:	Trend: Mostly slaughter		
30-39 lbs	75.00-135.00	60-69 lbs	40.00-80.00				
40-49 lbs	102.00-124.00	70-79 lbs	50.00-68.00	N/A			
50-59 lbs	45.00- 90.00						
<b>CATTLE-LIVE FUTURES-Chicago Mercantile Exchange (\$/cwt) - Jun 16, 2004</b>				<b>HOGS-LEAN FUTURES-Chicago Mercantile Exchange (\$/cwt) - Jun 16, 2004</b>			
Jun	85.00	Oct	86.15	Jul	76.32	Oct	64.02
Aug	85.92	Dec	86.95	Aug	75.30	Dec	59.02
<b>STOCKER-FEEDER CATTLE - (\$/cwt)</b>							
<b>Winchester, VA - Jun 16, 2004</b>				<b>Westminster, MD - Jun 16, 2004</b>			
Steers	400- 500 lbs	125.00-130.00		Steers	300- 400 lbs	88.00-127.00	
	500- 600 lbs	112.00-124.50			500- 600 lbs	82.00- 94.00	
	600- 700 lbs	109.00-110.00			700- 800 lbs	75.00- 91.00	
	700- 800 lbs	104.50-109.50		Heifers	300- 400 lbs	85.00-127.00	
	800- 900 lbs	95.50- 98.75			500- 600 lbs	75.00-107.00	
Heifers	300- 400 lbs	119.00-129.00		700- 900 lbs	60.00- 87.50		
	400- 500 lbs	112.00-122.50		<b>Returned to farm</b>			
	500- 600 lbs	106.50-116.50		<b>Bull Calves</b>	#1	80- 89 lbs	125.00-162.50
	600- 700 lbs	97.50-103.75				90- 100 lbs	137.00-185.00
					#2	100- 120 lbs	142.00-200.00
					Heifers	80- 100 lbs	360.00-525.00
					#2		72.50-170.00
				<b>Bred Stock</b>		880-1250 lbs	43.50- 53.00
<b>Lancaster, New Holland &amp; Vintage - Week Ending - Jun 19, 2004</b>							
Bull, Holstein	N/A			Plainer	N/A		
Heifers, Hols				Plainer			
<b>SLAUGHTER CATTLE (\$/cwt)</b>							
<b>Westminster, MD - Jun 15, 2004</b>							
<b>Fed Steers</b>				<b>Fed Heifers</b>			
H-ChPr	1300-1500 lbs	88.00-91.50		H-ChPr	1100-1300 lbs	88.00- 93.25	
Ch 2-3		82.00-87.00		Ch		82.00- 88.00	
Select		73.50-80.00		Select		62.00- 79.50	
<b>Cows</b>				<b>Calves</b>			
Breakers		58.25-62.25		Beef Calves		87.50-190.00	
Boners		46.25-56.00		Slaughter Calves		15.00- 67.50	
Lean		36.00-46.00					
Slow Cows		35.00-DOWN					
<b>Lancaster, New Holland &amp; Vintage - Week Ending - Jun 19, 2004</b>							
Steers, Ch 2-3				N/A			
Heifers, Ch							
Cows, Breakers 75-80 pct lean							
Bulls, YG 1							
Calves, Good & Choice							

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