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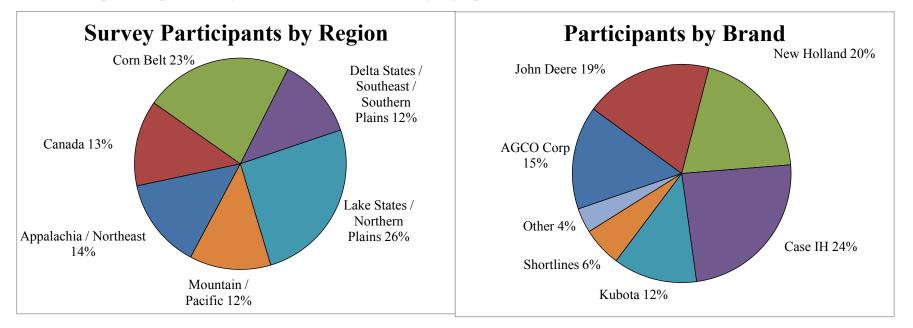
## December 2016 Dealer Sentiments & Business Conditions Update

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#### Monthly Ag Equipment Intelligence North American Dealer Survey

#### **Background:**

- We are pleased to announce the results of the November Ag Equipment Intelligence survey conducted in partnership with Cleveland Research Company. We hope this monthly survey will provide valuable and timely insight into industry trends and fundamentals.
- The November survey had  $\sim 120$  respondents representing combined annual revenues of roughly \$6 billion. Participants representing a broad cross section of geographies and brands are summarized in the charts below.



Appalachia / Northeast – CT, DE, KY, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NY, NJ, PA, RI, TI, TN, VA, VT, WV, Corn Belt – IL, IN, IA, MO, OH, Delta States / Southeast / Southern Plains – AL, AR, FL, GA, LA, MS, OK, SC, TX, Lake States / Northern Plains – KS, MI, MN, NE, ND, SD, WI, Mountain / Pacific – AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY. Note AGCO represents Massey Ferguson and Challenger brands.

Source: Farm Equipment Magazine Survey

#### **Highlights / Summary Thoughts**

- Sales Average dealer sales were reported down 10% y/y in November, inline with October as a net 24% of dealers missed their sales budget in the month, a slight improvement from the 28% that missed in October and September. A net 38% of dealers reported a sales decline in the month, better than the net 48% citing a decline in October. Commercial and consumer lawn equipment sales continue to show strength, while large equipment demand remains very weak.
- **Outlook** The full year 2016 dealer average sales growth forecast was inline with October at down 11% y/y as monthly sales have trended better than forecast year to date (down 10% YTD). A net 51% of dealers are forecasting a sales decline for the year vs a net 53% forecasting a decline last month. The 2017 sales forecast was projected at down 4%, better than the 5% decline forecast reported last month as cash receipt forecasts improved slightly through the month.
- **Inventory** A net 41% of dealers reported new equipment inventories as too high, better than the 45% reported in October. Used inventory levels were also reported lower than October, as a net 36% of dealers reported inventory as too high vs. 47% last month.
- **Pricing** Dealers reported relatively flat new equipment pricing as OEM price increases have been offset by greater discounting at the dealer level. Used large tractors were reported down ~6% y/y on average, better than the down 8% reported in October. Used combine pricing was down 8% y/y vs down 12% in October.

#### **Monthly Sales Growth**

- Average dealer sales were reported down 10% y/y in November, inline with October. A net 24% of dealers missed their sales budgets in November, slightly better than the 28% that missed in October.
- A net 10% of dealers report they are less optimistic about overall business conditions, an improvement from the 21% in October. Sentiment has been negative for more than two years.

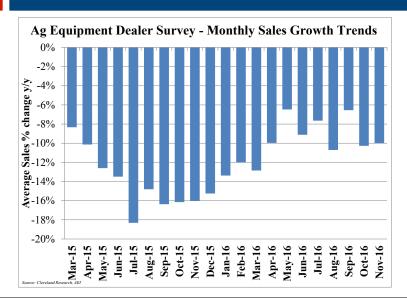
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% Change y/y	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16
AGCO	-8%	-1%	4%	-12%	-24%	-13%	-14%	-22%	-27%	-9%	-13%	-7%	-18%	-4%	-1%	-19%	-7%	-22%	-12%	-12%	-12%
John Deere	-8%	-11%	-15%	-14%	-19%	-14%	-15%	-16%	-12%	-16%	-11%	-11%	-13%	-11%	-6%	-8%	-16%	-17%	-4%	-9%	-11%
New Holland	-3%	-2%	-7%	-5%	-17%	-12%	-23%	-14%	-13%	-15%	-11%	-10%	-15%	-16%	2%	-3%	-8%	-11%	-12%	-14%	-9%
Case IH	-13%	-16%	-19%	-19%	-17%	-19%	-20%	-19%	-22%	-18%	-18%	-20%	-15%	-9%	-19%	-8%	-5%	-11%	-8%	-11%	-11%
Kubota	-4%	-1%	0%	0%	0%	-3%	-2%	2%	-5%	-13%	-8%	0%	8%	2%	6%	2%	8%	1%	4%	1%	-1%
Shortlines/Other	-18%	-8%	-6%	-16%	-7%	-38%	-7%	-9%	-8%	-8%	-9%	-1%	-4%	-6%	-7%	-4%	8%	-22%	-22%	-11%	-7%
Total	-8%	-10%	-13%	-13%	-18%	-15%	-16%	-16%	-16%	-15%	-13%	-12%	-13%	-10%	-6%	-9%	-8%	-11%	-7%	-10%	-10%

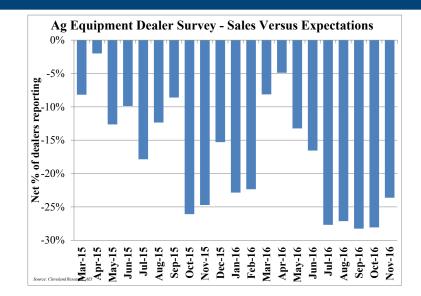
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% of Dealers Reporting	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16
Better than expected	20%	27%	23%	21%	18%	16%	19%	15%	12%	19%	12%	15%	20%	24%	21%	22%	15%	14%	14%	16%	8%
In line with expectations	50%	44%	39%	48%	45%	56%	53%	43%	51%	47%	52%	47%	52%	48%	46%	40%	43%	44%	44%	40%	61%
Worse than expected	28%	29%	36%	31%	36%	28%	28%	41%	37%	34%	35%	38%	28%	29%	34%	38%	42%	41%	42%	44%	31%
Net % (Better - Worse)	-8%	-2%	-13%	-10%	-18%	-12%	-9%	-26%	-25%	-15%	-23%	-22%	-8%	-5%	-13%	-17%	-28%	-27%	-28%	-28%	-24%

Source: Cleveland Research, AEI.

#### **Monthly Sales Growth Continued**





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% of Dealers Reporting	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16
Positive Sales Growth	20%	27%	29%	26%	20%	19%	24%	20%	16%	18%	14%	20%	23%	27%	29%	27%	20%	19%	22%	18%	20%
Flat Sales	50%	11%	17%	11%	16%	16%	16%	15%	17%	10%	22%	20%	17%	23%	16%	23%	21%	19%	22%	15%	23%
Negative Sales Growth	28%	62%	54%	63%	64%	65%	60%	65%	67%	72%	64%	60%	60%	50%	55%	50%	59%	62%	56%	67%	58%
Net % Reporting Growth	-8%	-35%	-25%	-37%	-43%	-46%	-35%	-46%	-52%	-54%	-50%	-40%	-37%	-23%	-26%	-23%	-39%	-43%	-33%	-48%	-38%
Average % Change y/y	-8%	-10%	-13%	-13%	-18%	-15%	-16%	-16%	-16%	-15%	-13%	-12%	-13%	-10%	-6%	-9%	-8%	-11%	-7%	-10%	-10%

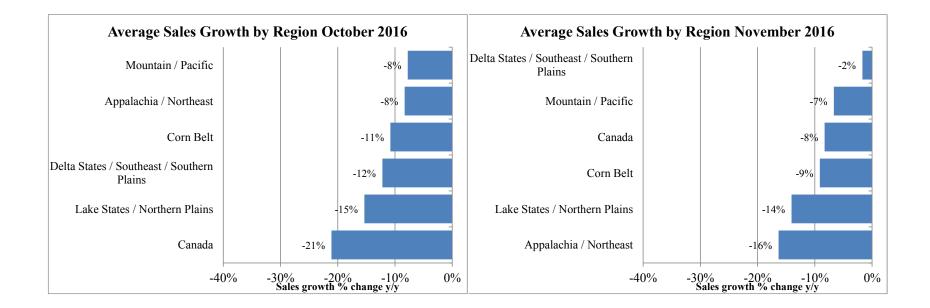
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								Optimism	/Sentime	nt vs. Las	t Month										
% of Dealers Reporting	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16
More Optimistic	14%	14%	12%	13%	14%	11%	12%	8%	10%	8%	11%	13%	17%	15%	22%	11%	16%	11%	14%	13%	15%
Same	42%	47%	48%	58%	52%	45%	51%	60%	52%	48%	46%	51%	55%	59%	51%	60%	44%	52%	49%	53%	60%
Less Optimistic	43%	40%	40%	30%	35%	43%	37%	33%	38%	44%	43%	36%	28%	26%	27%	30%	40%	36%	38%	34%	25%
Net % Dealer Optimism	-29%	-26%	-26%	-18%	-21%	-32%	-26%	-25%	-28%	-35%	-31%	-24%	-11%	-11%	-4%	-19%	-24%	-25%	-24%	-21%	-10%

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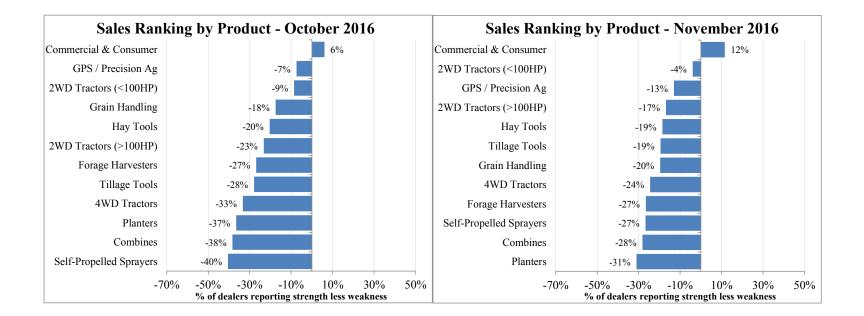
#### **Monthly Sales Growth by Region**

• Sales trends by region were negative overall in the month, and further declines were noted across all regions, particularly in Appalachia/Northeast. Canada showed the largest sequential improvement in the month.

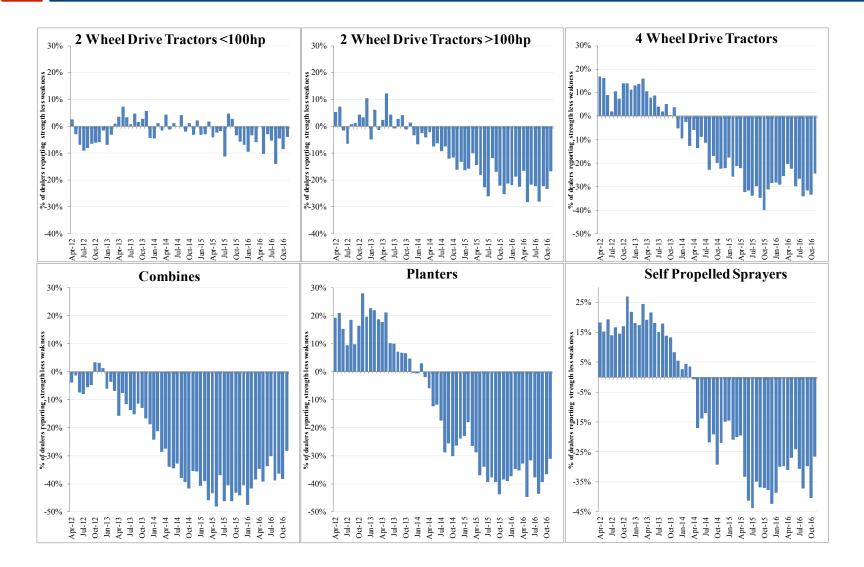


#### **Equipment Category Sales Trends**

• Commercial & consumer lawn equipment continues to show strength in contrast to declines in other categories (planters, combines, sprayers, and harvesters in particular). While GPS / Precision AG equipment had seen strength in the 1H16, trends have deteriorated over the past few months. We continue to see significant headwinds to large equipment sales.

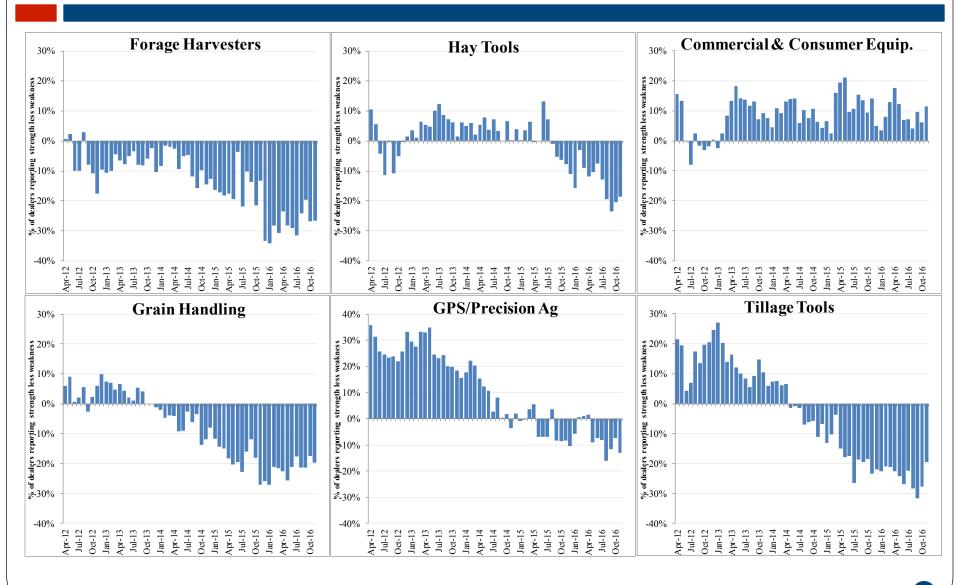


#### **Equipment Category Sales Trends**



Source: Farm Equipment Magazine Survey

#### **Equipment Category Sales Trends (Continued)**



Source: Farm Equipment Magazine Survey

#### **Most Interesting Commentary - Monthly Sales and Outlook**

- Store traffic and inquiries were better than expected in the month. We saw more activity on new equipment than we expected.
- Compact tractors and new/used combine sales were up in the month, though HHP equipment sales are still slow.
- Dairy and grain prices are still below the cost of production. The Appalachia/Northeast region was hit hard by the depressed dairy market.
- We saw an increased interest in used self-propelled forage harvesters for year end.
- There was continued strength in less than 100hp tractors and increased demand for leases.
- Higher yield projections and post election optimism resulted in more positive buyer interaction in the month.
- Business was very slow over the last 30 days. We are hoping it picks up in December as we are seeing sales pulled forward into December for tax incentives.
- Year-end activity was abnormally strong last year as many producers had 2015 tax purchases related to 2014 pre-paid taxes and revenue deferrals. Tax purchases could be minimal for 2016 year-end.
- Sales have been very robust at John Deere. We moved a lot of self-propelled sprayers.
- Pricing has exceeded affordability. We are anticipating a 1-2% price increase in 2017.
- It was surprising to see suppliers take incentives away in October and November. It is hard to end the year strong when the producer cuts us off at the knees.
- The shock of much lower grain and cattle pricing has passed and producers are adjusting to the new reality. Customers will likely start buying new equipment in the spring of 2017 at a much lower rate than the past ten years.
- 2017 will be slightly better than 2016 on the producer level but I expect a lag in demand for new ag equipment to cause a slight reduction in our 2017 ag equipment sales.
- Used combine inventory is not moving, even at giveaway prices. Combines and header used inventory is the biggest headwind.
- We still have too many four wheel drive tractors, self propelled sprayers, and self propelled forage harvesters.

#### **Average Dealer Sales Outlook**

- Dealers forecast 2016 sales down 11% y/y, inline with October as sales have been trending better than expected YTD (sales are down 10% YTD). A net 51% of dealers are forecasting a sales decline (18% increase, 13% about the same, 69% decline) which is an improvement from the 53% of dealers forecasting declines in October.
- The 2017 sales growth forecast was reported at down 4% on average, slightly better than last month's forecast of 5% declines.
- The bottom right table details the 2017 industry outlooks from Deere and AGCO. CNHI has not provided 2017 guidance yet.

			]	N. Americ	an Farm E	quipment	Dealer Sur	vey - 2016	6 Sales For	ecast					
% change y/y	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16
AGCO	-9%	-8%	-7%	-9%	-10%	-6%	-15%	-6%	-7%	-8%	-13%	-17%	-20%	-18%	-23%
John Deere	-6%	-10%	-9%	-8%	-12%	-10%	-12%	-10%	-6%	-11%	-15%	-14%	-12%	-11%	-15%
New Holland	-5%	-12%	-9%	-13%	-6%	-11%	-12%	-8%	-2%	-11%	-14%	-21%	-18%	-14%	-17%
Case IH	-7%	-8%	-10%	-10%	-12%	-15%	-11%	-15%	-23%	-11%	-15%	-15%	-9%	-11%	-11%
Kubota	3%	3%	4%	2%	-7%	5%	9%	2%	0%	1%	7%	2%	2%	0%	-2%
Shortlines/Other	-9%	-15%	-8%	-6%	-12%	0%	-14%	-24%	-6%	-4%	11%	-26%	-12%	-10%	-24%
Overall	-6%	-9%	-9%	-9%	-11%	-10%	-11%	-11%	-9%	-10%	-12%	-15%	-12%	-11%	-11%

Source: Cleveland Research, AEI

N. American Fa	rm Equipment	Dealer Sur	vey - 2017 S	Sales Fore	cast
% change y/y	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16
AGCO	-1%	-2%	-20%	-10%	-8%
John Deere	-11%	-4%	-15%	-1%	-6%
New Holland	-4%	-3%	-21%	-3%	-5%
Case IH	-14%	-6%	-20%	-12%	2%
Kubota	6%	-24%	4%	-3%	-6%
Shortlines/Other	-3%	-5%	-19%	-2%	0%
Overall	-8%	-7%	-8%	-5%	-4%

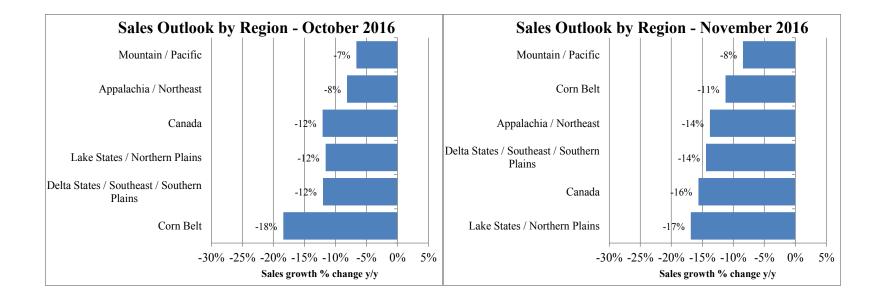
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2017	Ag Equipment Industry	Sales Outlook (units)
Geography	Deere	AGCO Corp.
N. America	Down 5-10%	Down 5-10%; HHP Down 10%
Western Europe	Down~5%	Flat to Down 5%
Latin America	Up 15%	Up 10%
CIS or ROW	na	na
Asia	Flat to up Slightly	na

Source: Company reports, CRC estimates

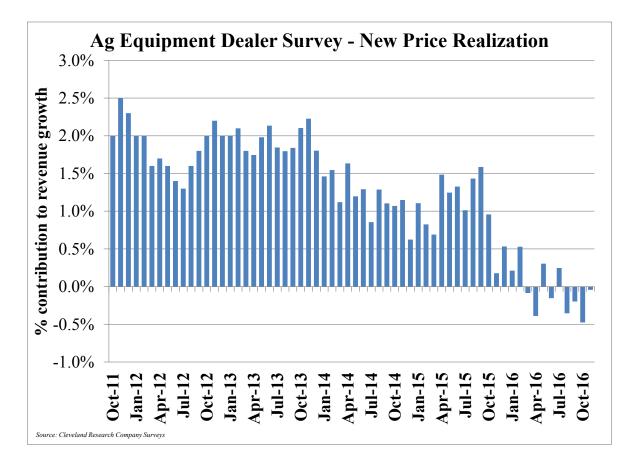
#### **2016 Sales Outlook**

• Trends remained negative by region in the month, and the 2016 outlook fell in all regions except the Corn Belt where expectations improved to down 11% vs down 18% in October. Commentary on 2017 appears cautiously optimistic across all regions as initial forecasts are in the range of down 2% to down 8%.



#### **Pricing Trends**

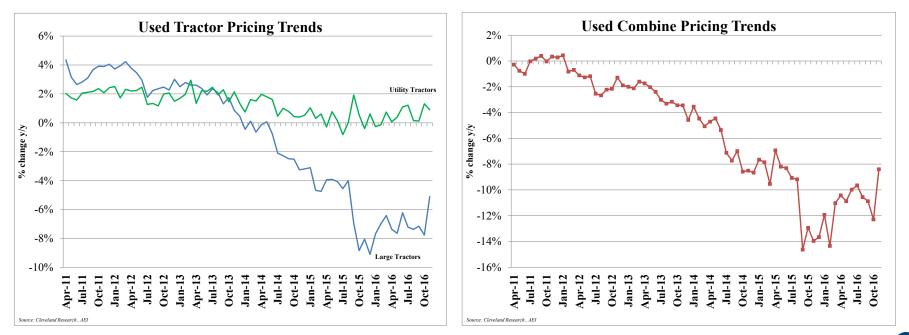
• Dealers reported relatively flat pricing over the last few months as incentive programs have more than offset list price increases back in 4Q15.



#### **Used Equipment Pricing**

• Pricing trends were stable for low horsepower equipment and improved for high horsepower equipment in the month. Large tractors were reported down ~6% y/y on average, an improvement from the 8% reported in October. Combine pricing was down 8% y/y, better than the 12% decline in October.

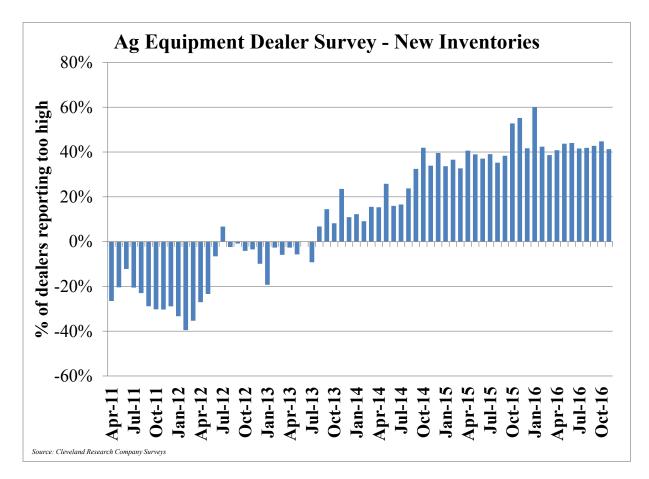
					Used T	ractor and (	Combine Val	ues (Y/Y)							
	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16
Compact (<40HP)	2%	1%	(1%)	0%	(1%)	0%	1%	0%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%
Utility (40-100HP)	2%	0%	(0%)	1%	0%	(1%)	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	(0%)	(0%)	1%	0%
Row Crop (100HP+)	(4%)	(6%)	(7%)	(7%)	(6%)	(5%)	(5%)	(6%)	(7%)	(5%)	(6%)	(6%)	(6%)	(6%)	(4%)
4WD Tractors	(9%)	(11%)	(9%)	(11%)	(10%)	(9%)	(8%)	(8%)	(9%)	(8%)	(8%)	(9%)	(8%)	(10%)	(7%)
Combines	(15%)	(13%)	(14%)	(14%)	(12%)	(14%)	(11%)	(10%)	(11%)	(10%)	(10%)	(11%)	(11%)	(12%)	(8%)



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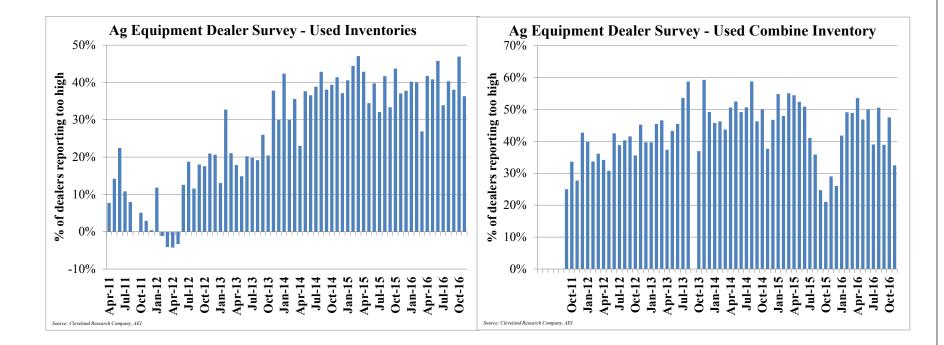
#### **New Equipment Inventory Levels**

• A net 41% of dealers reported new equipment inventories are too high (46% too high, 49% about right, 5% too low), a slightly better reading than October's net 45% of inventories reported too high. New inventory levels have been reported as too high for nearly 3 years.



#### **Used Equipment Inventory Levels**

• A net 36% of dealers reported used equipment inventory as too high (44% too high, 48% about right, 8% too low), better than the 47% reporting heightened inventory in October (52% too high, 42% about right, 5% too low). Used combine inventory levels were reported as too high by a net 33% of dealers in November, compared to October's reading of 48% and September's 39%.



### North American Farm Equipment Industry Retail Sales

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	<40 HP	Utility	Row Crop	4 Whool	Total Tractor	Row Crop	Combines	<40 HP	Utility	Row Crop	4 Whool	Total Tractor	Row Crop	) Combines
Ian 14	4,755	4,152	3,303	631	12,841	3,934	824	<b>40 m</b> 1%	2%	12%	-7%	3%	8%	33%
Jan-14 Feb-14	4,733 5,308	4,1 <i>32</i> 3,745	2,423	575	12,041	3,934 2,998	824 526	1% 4%	2% 1%	-6%	-14%	3% 0%	8% -8%	-15%
Mar-14	5,508 10,108	5,745 5,110	2,425	655	12,031	2,998 3,810	526 899	4% 22%	1% 3%	-0%	-14% -7%	0% 9%	-8% -9%	-13%
Apr-14	14,191	6,010	3,752	033 745	24,698	3,810 4,497	899 996	22%	3% 7%	-13%	-12%	9% 0%	-13%	-23%
May-14	16,828	6,586	2,928	474	26,816	3,402	669	-2%	6%	-16%	-12%	-2%	-16%	-24%
Jun-14	15,245	6,488	2,733	408	20,810	3,141	837	13%	2%	-16%	-25%	-270 5%	-18%	-25%
Jul-14 Jul-14	11,245	5,934	3,206	389	20,774	3,595	1,034	5%	270 7%	-10/0	-21%	4%	-2%	-30%
Aug-14	9,691	5,444	2,575	371	18,081	2,946	946	4%	9%	-9%	-37%	2%	-14%	-24%
Sep-14	11,333	6,193	3,276	492	21,294	3,768	1,142	32%	28%	-2%	-14%	23%	-4%	-11%
Oct-14	10,950	7,085	4,920	733	23,688	5,653	983	14%	6%	-17%	-40%	1%	-21%	-41%
Nov-14	5,857	4,177	1,891	354	12,279	2,245	450	4%	8%	-29%	-45%	-4%	-32%	-50%
Dec-14	8,089	7,473	3,730	512	19,804	4,242	920	6%	8%	-24%	-47%	-3%	-28%	-40%
Jan-15	5,382	4,506	3,124	220	13,232	3,344	384	13%	9%	-5%	-65%	3%	-15%	-53%
Feb-15	5,305	3,250	1,955	348	10,858	2,303	399	0%	-13%	-19%	-39%	-10%	-23%	-24%
Mar-15	9,702	4,799	2,539	499	17,539	3,038	470	-4%	-6%	-20%	-24%	-8%	-20%	-48%
Apr-15	16,624	6,461	3,131	430	26,646	3,561	664	17%	8%	-17%	-42%	8%	-21%	-33%
May-15	16,028	5,643	1,994	260	23,925	2,254	549	-5%	-14%	-32%	-45%	-11%	-34%	-18%
Jun-15	15,679	6,526	2,409	300	24,914	2,709	502	3%	1%	-12%	-26%	0%	-14%	-40%
Jul-15	14,372	7,039	2,469	268	24,148	2,737	806	28%	19%	-23%	-31%	16%	-24%	-22%
Aug-15	9,800	5,087	1,768	167	16,822	1,935	679	1%	-7%	-31%	-55%	-7%	-34%	-28%
Sep-15	10,917	5,348	1,934	249	18,448	2,183	845	-4%	-14%	-41%	-49%	-13%	-42%	-26%
Oct-15	12,897	6,792	3,266	515	23,470	3,781	796	18%	-4%	-34%	-30%	-1%	-33%	-19%
Nov-15	6,112	3,728	1,159	222	11,221	1,381	343	4%	-11%	-39%	-37%	-9%	-38%	-24%
Dec-15	8,693	6,350	2,559	515	18,117	3,074	886	7%	-15%	-31%	1%	-9%	-28%	-4%
Jan-16	5,647	4,261	1,981	242	12,131	2,223	457	5%	-5%	-37%	10%	-8%	-34%	19%
Feb-16	6,404	3,386	1,186	222	11,198	1,408	241	21%	4%	-39%	-36%	3%	-39%	-40%
Mar-16	12,453	5,136	1,909	259	19,757	2,168	350	28%	7%	-25%	-48%	13%	-29%	-26%
Apr-16	17,713	5,586	2,548	337	26,184	2,885	465	7%	-14%	-19%	-22%	-2%	-19%	-30%
May-16	17,201	5,634	1,976	234	25,045	2,210	333	7%	0%	-1%	-10%	5%	-2%	-39%
Jun-16	15,794	6,594	1,974	223	24,585	2,197	567	1%	1%	-18%	-26%	-1%	-19%	13%
Jul-16	13,344	5,418	1,833	152	20,747	1,985	619	-7%	-23%	-26%	-43%	-14%	-27%	-23%
Aug-16	11,600	5,068	1,315	102	18,085	1,417	563	18%	0%	-26%	-39%	8%	-27%	-17%
Sep-16	12,632	5,491	1,768	203	20,094	1,971	621	16%	3%	-9%	-18%	9%	-10%	-27%
Oct-16	13,850	6,819	2,722	612	24,003	3,334	579	7%	0%	-17%	19%	2%	-12%	-27%
Nov-16	7,382	3,656	907	205	12,150	1,112	294	21%	-2%	-22%	-8%	8%	-19%	-14%

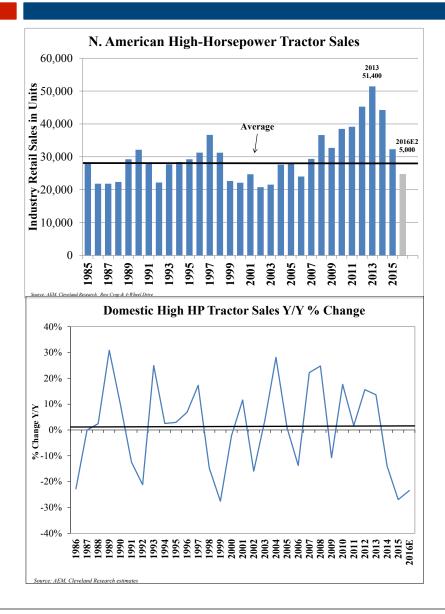
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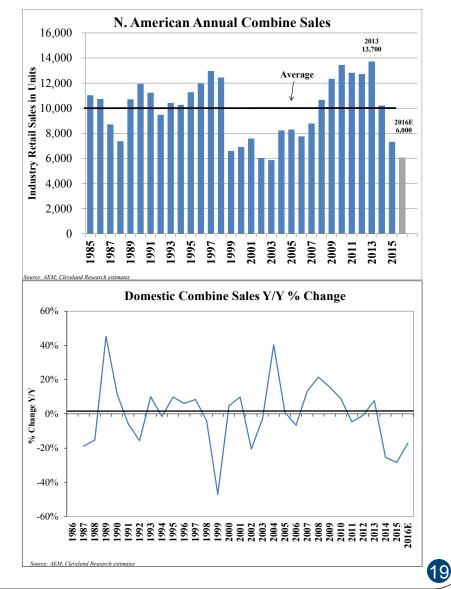
### North American Farm Equipment Industry Inventory

					NORTH A	MERICAN	FARM EQU	IPMENT IN	VENTORY	ľ				
			Inv	entory (Un	its)					Invento	ory to 12-m	o. Sales		
					Total	Row Crop	)					Total	Row Crop	
	<40 HP	Utility	Row Crop	4-Wheel	Tractor	& 4WD	Combines	<40HP	Util	RC	4-WD	Tractor	& 4WD	Comb
Dec-13	67,863	32,028	13,318	2,049	115,258	15,367	2,083	59%	50%	31%	24%	50%	30%	15%
Jan-14	69,111	33,240	12,620	2,028	116,999	14,648	1,681	60%	52%	29%	24%	51%	28%	12%
Feb-14	71,514	34,326	13,267	2,046	121,153	15,313	2,063	62%	54%	31%	25%	53%	30%	15%
Mar-14	71,249	35,256	14,058	2,218	122,781	16,276	2,456	61%	55%	33%	27%	53%	32%	18%
Apr-14	69,986	35,615	13,298	2,117	121,016	15,415	2,467	60%	55%	31%	26%	52%	31%	18%
May-14	66,364	34,755	13,505	2,255	116,879	15,760	2,734	57%	54%	32%	28%	51%	32%	21%
Jun-14	62,025	34,004	14,531	2,294	112,854	16,825	3,101	53%	52%	35%	29%	49%	34%	24%
Jul-14	61,829	34,393	14,836	2,159	113,217	16,995	3,144	52%	53%	36%	27%	49%	35%	25%
Aug-14	62,466	35,692	15,060	2,193	115,411	17,253	3,360	53%	54%	37%	29%	49%	36%	28%
Sep-14	61,811	35,926	16,185	2,399	116,321	18,584	2,891	51%	54%	40%	32%	49%	38%	24%
Oct-14	63,713	35,965	14,640	1,802	116,120	16,442	2,187	52%	53%	37%	25%	49%	35%	19%
Nov-14	67,691	37,110	14,840	1,652	121,293	16,492	2,046	55%	55%	38%	24%	51%	36%	19%
Dec-14	69,876	35,550	14,638	1,426	121,490	16,064	1,674	57%	52%	39%	22%	51%	36%	16%
Jan-15	73,716	35,405	13,934	1,439	124,494	15,373	1,713	59%	51%	37%	24%	53%	35%	18%
Feb-15	78,177	36,676	13,981	1,436	130,270	15,417	1,820	63%	54%	38%	25%	55%	36%	19%
Mar-15	81,662	37,881	14,179	1,346	135,068	15,525	2,040	66%	56%	39%	24%	58%	37%	22%
Apr-15	80,348	37,047	13,193	1,353	131,941	14,546	2,116	64%	54%	37%	26%	56%	35%	24%
May-15	78,880	37,037	13,177	1,400	130,494	14,577	2,058	63%	55%	38%	28%	56%	36%	23%
Jun-15	76,286	36,584	13,006	1,416	127,292	14,422	2,276	61%	54%	37%	29%	55%	36%	27%
Jul-15	72,876	35,232	12,507	1,354	121,969	13,861	2,218	56%	51%	37%	28%	52%	36%	27%
Aug-15	74,247	36,442	12,555	1,343	124,587	13,898	2,232	58%	53%	38%	29%	53%	37%	28%
Sep-15	65,844	37,545	12,551	1,374	117,314	13,925	2,001	51%	56%	39%	32%	51%	38%	26%
Oct-15	75,042	37,885	11,906	1,266	126,099	13,172	1,504	57%	56%	39%	31%	54%	38%	20%
Nov-15	79,228	39,911	12,983	1,317	133,439	14,300	1,492	61%	60%	44%	33%	58%	43%	20%
Dec-15	82,737	41,363	13,140	1,189	138,429	14,329	1,277	63%	63%	46%	30%	60%	44%	17%
Jan-16	86,618	42,352	12,727	1,129	142,826	13,856	1,169	66%	65%	47%	28%	63%	44%	16%
Feb-16	92,071	44,704	13,298	1,097	151,170	14,395	1,281	69%	68%	50%	28%	66%	48%	18%
Mar-16	93,703	45,127	13,327	1,131	153,288	14,458	1,281	69%	69%	52%	31%	66%	49%	18%
Apr-16	90,381	44,499	13,136	1,115	149,131	14,251	1,312	66%	69%	52%	31%	65%	50%	19%
May-16	86,451	43,931	13,015	1,152	144,549	14,167	1,492	63%	68%	52%	33%	62%	49%	22%
Jun-16	82,264	42,688	12,928	1,005	138,885	13,933	1,593	60%	66%	52%	29%	60%	49%	24%
Jul-16	81,046	41,621	12,765	920	136,352	13,685	1,580	59%	66%	53%	28%	60%	50%	24%
Aug-16	79,823	41,683	12,962	998	135,466	13,960	1,671	58%	66%	55%	31%	59%	52%	26%
Sep-16	78,438	41,007	12,671	1,103	133,219	13,774	1,428	56%	65%	54%	34%	58%	52%	23%
Oct-16	77,609	39,058	11,417	1,013	129,097	12,430	1,118	55%	62%	50%	30%	56%	47%	19%

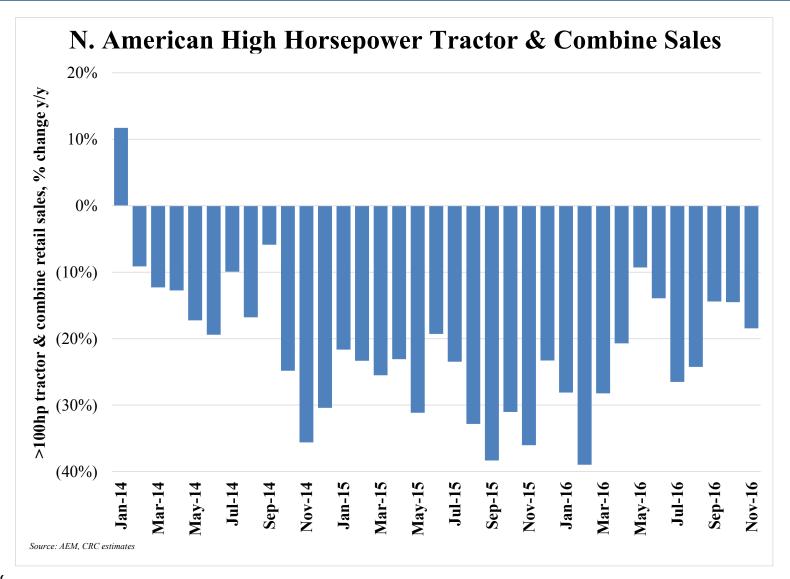
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#### Annual Agricultural Equipment Industry Sales (1985 - 2015)





#### North America Large Ag Equipment Sales



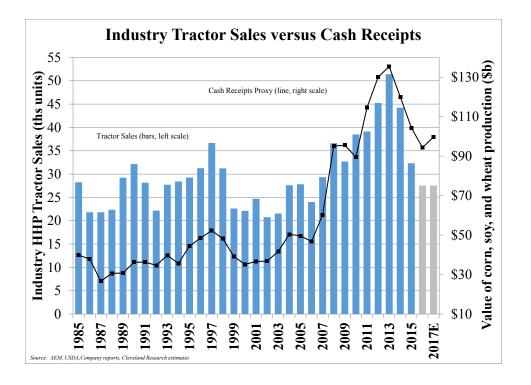
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#### **Commodity Prices – Cash Receipts vs. Next Year Equipment Sales**

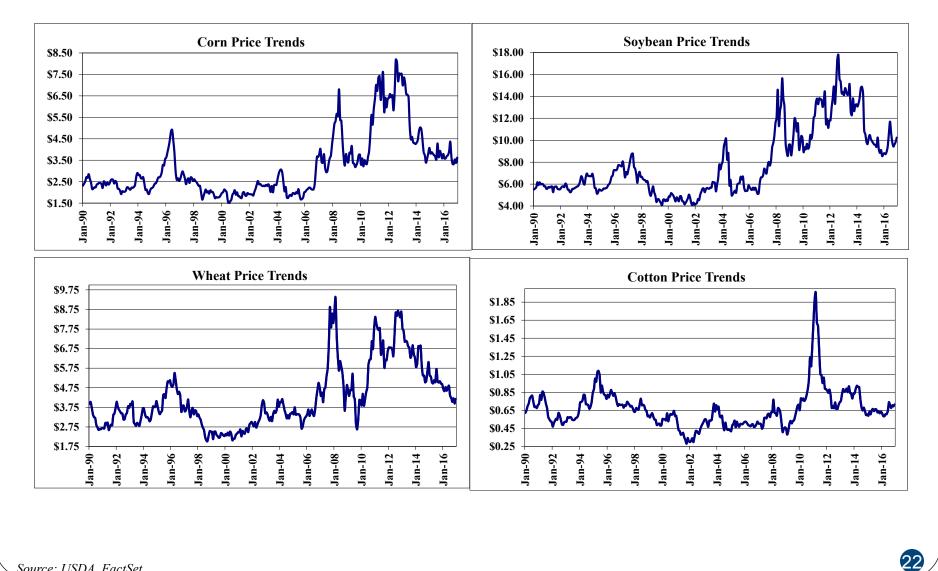
**USDA's December WASDE Update Highlights** – The following chart illustrates the historical relationship between the value of production of corn, soybeans, and wheat in the U.S. compared to annual industry sales of high horsepower tractors.

USDA's December crop report was better than November, with cash receipts proxy forecast up 6% y/y in 2016/2017 vs. prior estimate of up 5%. Corn yield forecasts were unchanged from November's forecast of 175 bu/acre. Corn price forecasts increased 2% from November's estimate, soybean price forecasts increased 3% from November's estimate, and wheat pricing was flat.



Source: USDA, CRC estimates

#### **Long Term Commodity Price Trends**



#### **Commodity Trends – Long Run Supply and Demand Projections**

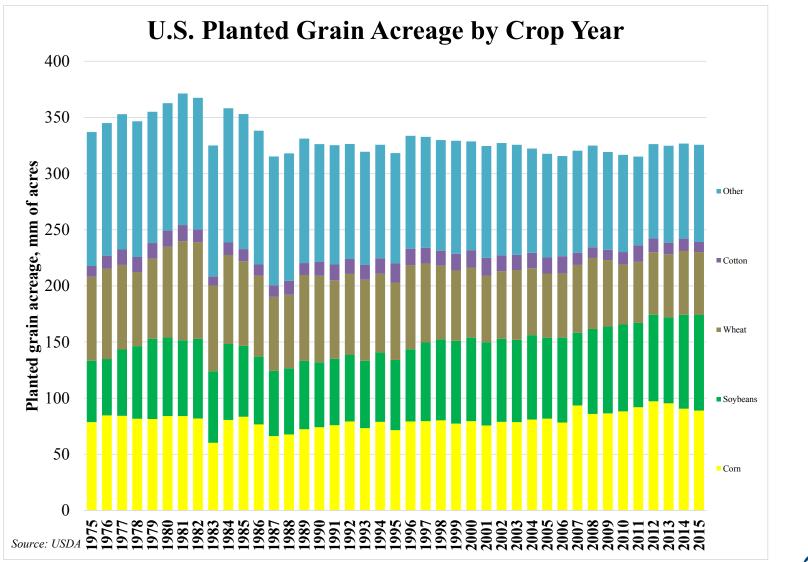
		US Corn, S	Soy, and W	heat Supp	ly and Dei	nand - Lo	ng Term A	Annual Fo	recast 201	6				
US Corn Balance Sheet - USDA Long T				,										
Millions of bushels			2015/16								2023/24			2026/202
Planted	95	91	88	95	90	90	90		88	88	87	87	87	
Harvested	88	83	81	87	82	82			80	80	79	79	79	
Yield (bu/acre)	158	171	168	175	171	173	175	177	179	181	183	185	187	18
Beginning Stocks (MM bu)	821	1,232	1,731	1,738	2,403	2,298	2,213	2,193	2,104	2,033	2,023	1,933	1,923	1,89
Production (MM bu)	13,829	14,216	13,601	15,226	14,060	14,135	14,300	14,285	14,360	14,520	14,495	14,655	14,719	14,78
Imports (MM bu)	36	32	67	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	
Total Supply (MM bu)	14,686	15,480	15,399	17,013	16,513	16,483	16,563	16,528	16,514	16,603	16,568	16,638	16,692	16,73
Feed & Residual (MM Bu)	5,036	5,315	5,130	5,650	5,500	5,500	5,600	5,625	5,700	5,800	5,850	5,950	6,025	6,0
Food, Seed, & Industrial Total	6,501	6,568	6,635	6,735	6,765	6,795	6,770	6,775	6,730	6,705	6,685	6,640	6,620	6,59
Ethanol & By-Products	5,134	5,209	5,206	5,300	5,325	5,350	5,325	5,325	5,275	5,250	5,225	5,175	5,150	
Domestic Use	11,537	11,883	11,765	12,385	12,265	12,295	12,370		12,430	12,505	12,535	12,590	12,645	12,67
Exports	1,917	1,864	1,898	2,225	1,950	1,975	2,000	2,025	2,050	2,075	2,100	2,125	2,150	2,17
Total Use	13,454	13,747	13,663	14,610	14,215	14,270	14,370	,	14,480	14,580	14,635	14,715	14,795	14,84
Ending Stocks	1,232	1,731	1,738	2,403	2,298	2,213	2,193	2,104	2,033	2,023	1,933	1,923	1,896	,,
Ending Stocks/Use	9.2%	12.6%	12.7%	16.4%	16.2%	15.5%	15.3%	14.6%	14.0%	13.9%	13.2%	13.1%	12.8%	12.79
Weeks Carryover	4.8	6.5	6.6	8.6	8.4	8.1	7.9		7.3	7.2	6.9	6.8	6.7	6
Average Farm Price (\$/bu)	\$4.46	\$3.70	\$3.61	\$3.35	\$3.30	\$3.35	\$3.35	\$3.45	\$3.50	\$3.55	\$3.60	\$3.65	\$3.65	\$3.7
Value of Production	\$61,677	\$52,599	\$49,100	\$51,007	\$46,398	\$47,352	. ,		\$50,260	\$51,546	\$52,182	\$53,491	\$53,724	\$54,70
% change y/y	-17%	-15%	-7%	4%	-9%	2%	1%	3%	2%	3%	1%	3%	0%	2%
U.S. Soybean Balance Sheet - USDA Lo Millions of bushels	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16					2020/21		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25		2026/202
Planted	77	83	83	84	86	85	85		85	85	85	85	85	8
Harvested	76	83	82	83	85	84	84		84	84	84	84	84	8
Yield Per Harvested Acre (Bushels)	44	48	48	53	48	48	49	49	50	50	51	51	52	5
Beginning Stocks	141	92	191	197	480	396	326		291	300	309	317	330	33
Production	3,358	3,927	3,926	4,361	4,050	4,070	,	· · ·	4,195	4,240	4,280	4,325	4,365	4,40
Imports	72	33	24	30	30	30			30	30	30	30	30	
Total Supplies	3,571	4,052	4,141	4,588	4,560	4,496	4,446	4,466	4,516	4,570	4,619	4,672	4,725	4,77
Crush	1,734	1,873	1,886	1,930	1,935	1,955	1,970	,	2,015	2,040	2,060	2,085	2,105	2,13
Exports	1,647	1,843	1,936	2,050	2,100	2,085	2,040	2,055	2,070	2,090	2,110	2,125	2,150	2,1
Seed & Residual	98	145	121	128	130	129	130	130	131	131	132	132	132	1
Fotal Use	3,479	3,861	3,943	4,108	4,165	4,169	4,140	4,175	4,216	4,261	4,302	4,342	4,387	4,4
Ending Stocks	92	191	197	480	396	326	306	291	300	309	317	330	338	3
Stocks/Use	2.7%	4.9%	5.0%	11.7%	9.5%	7.8%	7.4%		7.1%	7.3%	7.4%	7.6%	7.7%	8.2
Average Price (\$/bu)	\$13.00	\$10.10	\$8.95	\$9.20	\$9.35	\$9.40	\$9.40	\$9.45	\$9.45	\$9.50	\$9.55	\$9.55	\$9.55	\$9.5
Value of Production	\$43,654	\$39,663	\$35,138	\$40,121	\$37,868	\$38,258	\$38,446	\$39,029	\$39,643	\$40,280	\$40,874	\$41,304	\$41,686	\$42,00

### **Commodity Trends – Long Run Supply and Demand Projections (Cont.)**

	US C	orn, Soy, an	d Wheat S	upply and	Demand -	Long Ter	rm Annual	l Forecast	2016 (con	tinued)				
U.S. Wheat Balance Sheet - USDA Long	Term Foreca	st (Feb 201	6)											
Millions of bushels	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/2027
Planted	56	57	55	50	49	49	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
Harvested	45	46	47	44	41	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42
Yield Per Harvested Acre (Bushels)	47	44	44	53	47	48	48	48	49	49	50	50	50	51
Beginning Stocks	718	590	752	976	1,143	993	892	832	784	742	707	679	658	654
Production	2,134	2,026	2,062	2,310	1,936	1,976	2,012	2,029	2,045	2,062	2,079	2,096	2,113	2,129
Imports	169	144	113	125	120	125	125	125	130	135	140	145	150	155
Total Supplies	3,021	2,760	2,927	3,410	3,199	3,094	3,029	2,986	2,959	2,939	2,926	2,920	2,921	2,938
Food	955	960	957	963	965	970	975	980	985	990	995	1,000	1,005	1,010
Seed	77	81	67	69	66	67	67	67	67	67	67	67	67	67
Feed&residual	223	111	152	260	200	190	180	170	170	170	170	170	170	170
Exports	1,176	855	775	975	975	975	975	985	995	1,005	1,015	1,025	1,025	1,035
Total Use	2,431	2,007	1,952	2,267	2,206	2,202	2,197	2,202	2,217	2,232	2,247	2,262	2,267	2,282
Ending Stocks	590	753	976	1,143	993	892	832	784	742	707	679	658	654	656
Stocks/Use	24.3%	37.5%	50.0%	50.4%	45.0%	40.5%	37.9%	35.6%	33.5%	31.7%	30.2%	29.1%	28.9%	28.8%
Average Price (\$/bu)	<b>\$6.87</b>	\$5.99	\$4.89	\$3.70	\$4.00	\$4.30	\$4.50	\$4.70	\$4.70	\$4.80	\$4.90	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Value of Production	\$14,661	\$12,136	\$10,083	\$8,547	\$7,744	\$8,497	\$9,054	\$9,536	\$9,612	\$9,898	\$10,187	\$10,480	\$10,565	\$10,645
% change y/y	-16%	-17%	-17%	-15%	-9%	10%	7%	5%	1%	3%	3%	3%	1%	1%
Total Ac	creage and V	alue of U.S.	. Corn, Soy	and Whe	at Produc	tion - USI	)A Februa	ry 2016 P	rojection					
Total Corn, Soy, Wheat	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/2027
Planted (mm acres)	228	231	226	228	224	224	224	223	223	223	222	222	221	221
Harvested (mm acres)	209	212	210	214	208	208	207	206	206	206	205	205	205	204
Yield (bu/acre)	92	95	93	102	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103	103	104
Production	19,321	20,169	19,589	21,897	20,046	20,181	20,402	20,444	20,600	20,822	20,854	21,076	21,197	21,318
Average Price (\$/bu)	\$6.21	\$5.18	\$4.81	\$4.55	\$4.59	\$4.66	\$4.68	\$4.79	\$4.83	\$4.89	\$4.95	\$4.99	\$5.00	\$5.04
Value of Production	\$119,992	\$104,398	\$94,320	\$99,675	\$92,010	\$94,107	\$95,405	\$97,848	\$99,514	\$101,724	\$103,243	\$105,275	\$105,975	\$107,414
% change y/y	-11%	-13%	-10%	6%	-8%	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%

Source: USDA, Cleveland Research estimates

#### **U.S. Acreage Planted Per Crop Year**



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