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Grains: Markets were off to a good start this week following Friday's headlines of a partial trade deal with China. China's commerce ministry indicated the recent talks were constructive and encouraged a Phase 1 written agreement would be completed soon, which would hopefully start the removal of tariffs. Due to losses from the recent monster snowstorm in the Northern Plains and western Corn Belt, the USDA plans to resurvey corn and soybean farmers in North Dakota and Minnesota, with the trade expecting bullish revisions to production. The U.S. corn crop is rated 55% good to excellent, down 13% from last year while Kansas crop is rated 53% good to excellent, 33% fair and 14% poor to very poor. Overall U.S. corn maturity is 73%, down from 96% last year and the five-year average of 92%. The Kansas crop is rated 93% mature. Corn harvested in the U.S. is 22% complete, well behind the five-year average of 36%. Forty-eight percent of the Kansas corn crop has been cut, up from 36% last week. According to the extended forecast, it appears the good harvest weather will continue. The U.S. soybean crop is rated 54% good to excellent, 32% fair and 14% poor to very poor with Kansas beans rated 56% good to excellent. Eighty-five percent of the acres have dropped leaves, up from 72% last week. Kansas soybean harvest is 13% complete, up from 5% last week and overall in the U.S. 26% of the crop has been cut, down from the five-year average of 49%. With Brazilian soybean prices at the highest levels in three years, new hope of the U.S. and China coming to an agreement, and the likely approval of the UK Brexit plan by the European Union, U.S. soybean prices hit their highest level since mid-2018. U.S. wheat planting is on track with the five-year average of 65%. Kansas has planted 62% of the crop with 37% emerging. Argentine wheat production, once pegged as high as 21 million metric tons (mmt), was reduced last week by the Buenos Aires Exchange to 19.8 mmt. Friday's weekly soybean export sales were strong again at 58.8 million bushels (mbu), corn sales were dismal at 14.5 mbu, and wheat sales were in line with expectations of 14.5 mbu. Please feel free to stop by or call any of our Irsik & Doll locations if you have any questions about cash or new crop grain markets or visit our website at www.irsikanddoll.com. Have a great day!

Cattle: The Kansas cash trade last week was pushed to late Friday with most sales reported at \$108-\$109, up \$1 to \$2 from the previous week. This week, trade was again pushed to Friday as producers increased the offers to \$111+ as the October Live Cattle contract gained nearly \$3 through Thursday to close at \$112.40. Market-ready cattle on Kansas showlists were basically steady with last week at 90,700 head. Nebraska showlists increased 5,800 head to 98,400, while Texas offerings declined 10,600 head to 85,200. The market woke Thursday to news of an explosion at the Cargill plant in Dodge City. While preliminary reports were for the plant to be dark for one day, the plant is now scheduled to be down until Monday. With a \$19 rally in the spot contract since early September, the longer delay provided a catalyst to pressure futures and the cash market. Friday morning, a light trade developed in the south at \$108 as the October contract dropped \$2.75. Weekly slaughter is expected to be near last week's total at near 640,000 head. The five-year average weekly slaughter for this time of year is near 600,000 head. Cow and bull slaughter has been elevated recently partially due to drought conditions reaching extreme levels in Texas and the southeastern U.S. Packer margins remain strong, currently estimated at over \$300 per head. USDA reported the average carcass weight for all cattle at 826 pounds, up one pound for the week, but off 10 pounds compared to last year. The average steer carcass weighed 898 pounds, up two pounds week over week, and four pounds below last year, and heifers were up five pounds on the week to 828 pounds, down 11 pounds compared to last year. Boxed beef values were higher with the Choice closing Thursday at \$218.11, up \$2.45 from last Friday, and the Select gained \$3.92 to settle at \$192.60. The Choice/Select spread narrowed slightly to \$25.51, but still \$11.04 above last year. Beef export sales and shipments were both down 9% year-to-date compared to last year, however, pork exports have been strong with sales up 68% year-to-date and shipments up 34%. The Feeder Cattle Index closed Thursday at \$145.15, up 56 cents from last Friday's close, and \$9.16 higher than the low set on September 11th. Irsik & Doll offers many services that can be tailored to meet your needs for cattle and feed financing, risk management, and marketing. Please contact any of the feed yard locations to discuss these options. Everyone at the Irsik & Doll feed yards are proud to be your first choice when placing cattle. Eat BEEF!

	CIMARRON - INGALLS				PIERCEVILLE				GARDEN CITY			
CASH	WHEAT	CORN	MILO	BEANS	WHEAT	CORN	MILO	BEANS	WHEAT	CORN	MILO	BEANS
Last Friday	3.65	3.93	3.38	8.11	3.65	3.93	3.38	8.11	3.65	3.93	3.38	8.11
Monday	3.71	3.93	3.38	8.16	3.71	3.93	3.38	8.16	3.71	3.93	3.38	8.16
Tuesday	3.66	3.88	3.33	8.09	3.66	3.88	3.33	8.09	3.66	3.88	3.33	8.09
Wednesday	3.70	3.89	3.32	8.03	3.70	3.89	3.32	8.03	3.70	3.89	3.32	8.03
Thursday	3.76	3.92	3.35	8.07	3.76	3.92	3.35	8.07	3.76	3.92	3.35	8.07
Friday	3.79	3.88	3.31	8.09	3.79	3.88	3.31	8.09	3.79	3.88	3.31	8.09

	SUBLETTE			
CASH	WHEAT	CORN	MILO	BEANS
Last Friday	3.73	4.00	3.43	8.06
Monday	3.79	4.00	3.43	8.11
Tuesday	3.74	3.95	3.38	8.04
Wednesday	3.78	3.94	3.37	7.98
Thursday	3.84	3.97	3.40	8.02
Friday	3.87	3.93	3.36	8.04

	HUTCHINSON		
WHEAT	CORN	MILO	
4.10	3.83	3.43	
4.16	3.83	3.43	
4.11	3.78	3.38	
4.15	3.77	3.37	
4.21	3.80	3.40	
4.24	3.76	3.36	

K. C. WHEAT	DEC	MAR	MAY	JUL	SEP
Last Friday	4.20	4.32	4.42	4.51	4.61
Monday	4.26	4.38	4.47	4.56	4.66
Tuesday	4.22	4.35	4.44	4.53	4.64
Wednesday	4.25	4.38	4.47	4.56	4.66
Thursday	4.31	4.44	4.53	4.61	4.70
Friday	4.34	4.46	4.55	4.63	4.72

CHICAGO CORN	DEC	MAR	MAY	JUL	SEP
Last Friday	3.98	4.08	4.13	4.17	4.08
Monday	3.98	4.08	4.13	4.16	4.07
Tuesday	3.93	4.04	4.11	4.15	4.06
Wednesday	3.92	4.04	4.10	4.15	4.05
Thursday	3.95	4.07	4.13	4.18	4.07
Friday	3.91	4.03	4.10	4.15	4.07

LIVE CATTLE	OCT	DEC	FEB	APR	JUN
Last Friday	109.45	112.15	118.05	120.20	113.12
Monday	110.62	113.45	119.27	121.15	113.85
Tuesday	111.00	113.45	119.55	121.65	114.20
Wednesday	112.35	113.87	119.60	121.72	114.37
Thursday	112.40	114.37	119.55	121.40	113.85
Friday	110.47	113.62	119.07	120.92	113.45

SOYBEANS	NOV	JAN	MAR	MAY	JUL
Last Friday	9.36	9.51	9.61	9.69	9.77
Monday	9.41	9.55	9.65	9.72	9.81
Tuesday	9.34	9.49	9.59	9.67	9.76
Wednesday	9.28	9.42	9.55	9.63	9.72
Thursday	9.32	9.45	9.57	9.65	9.74
Friday	9.34	9.48	9.59	9.68	9.76

FEEDER CATTLE	OCT	NOV	JAN	MAR	APR
Last Friday	144.10	144.25	140.47	139.15	140.35
Monday	145.55	146.07	142.22	140.85	141.82
Tuesday	145.00	146.07	142.17	140.92	142.10
Wednesday	145.22	145.92	142.37	141.25	142.40
Thursday	144.20	144.32	140.85	140.05	141.32
Friday	143.50	142.85	139.45	138.85	140.32