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GOOD MORNING: Van Trump Report 08-01-19

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"Though I am not what I ought to be, nor what I wish to be, nor what I hope to be, I can truly say, I am not what I once was." - **John Newton**

Thursday, August 01, 2019[Printable Copy](#) or [Audio Version](#)

Morning Summary: Stocks have pulled back a bit from the recent all-time highs. Bulls seemed a little uncertain yesterday when Fed Chair Jerome Powell referred to the first quarter-point rate cut in over a decade as simply a "mid-cycle adjustment" to policy. Many bears are using the analogy that Fed Chair Powell "failed to stick the landing". Bulls are saying the routine had a high degree of difficulty, so the shaky landing is understandable. Keep in mind, this marks only the fifth time in the past quarter-century that the Fed has switched from raising

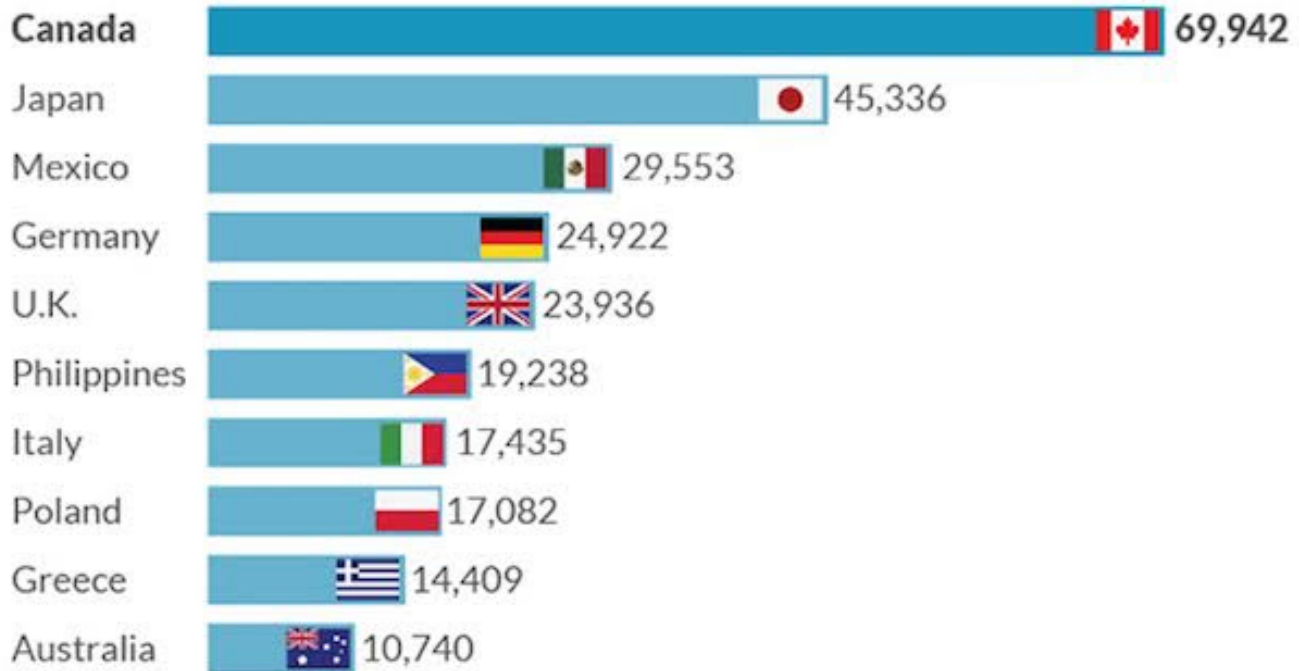
interest rates to lowering rates, and in the four prior cases, the Fed never cut rates just once. Meaning, most on Wall Street are looking for another rate reduction at the September meeting and perhaps even another at the December meeting. I should also note, two voting members of the Fed wanted to leave rates "unchanged" and actually preferred no cut. Not one member voted for a half-point rate reduction like some in the trade had been forecasting. From my perspective, it's the strength of the U.S. dollar that is most concerning. The dollar broke out to fresh 2-year highs following the Fed announcement and could create more economic headwinds if it continues to strengthen. Traders will now start digesting the next wave of economic data beginning with today's weekly Jobless Claims, ISM Manufacturing numbers, U.S. Construction Spending and U.S. Auto Sales. Tomorrow the trade will chew on fresh Consumer Confidence data and the highly anticipated Monthly Jobs Report, which is estimated at around +175,000 new jobs added in July. Yesterday's ADP report showed the nation created +156,000 private-sector jobs in July. Remember, the governments report also includes the government workers that might have been added. The unemployment rate is expected to stay near a 50-year low. More companies are starting to say they can't find enough skilled workers after years of strong hiring gains. Traders are wondering if eventually this doesn't start creating a stiffer headwind for additional growth? Corporate earnings scheduled for release today will include big names like: Verizon, General Motors, Archer Daniels Midland, Kellogg, Dunkin Brands, Square, Etsy, GoPro, Yeti, Wayfair and U.S. Steel. Friday's big earnings will include energy giants Exxon and Chevron. It might be tough for the bulls to find enough in the way of fresh new headlines the next couple of weeks. Remember, big bulls like to constantly stay fed!

Most Ex-Pats are Collecting Social Security in Canada: *American's who move abroad to retire aren't heading to warm beaches for their sunset years, but rather to the our northern neighbors in Canada. I should mention, this is far from a perfect estimate of how many people are retired abroad in each country, as some Americans may be retired abroad and not collecting Social Security; others may have their Social Security checks deposited in the U.S. but live abroad, and others may just live abroad just part time. Still, it's interesting to note the trends here. According to Teresa Ghilarducci, an expert in retirement security and a professor of economics at The New School for Social*

Research, people often retire where they have family ties, so the dominance of Canada and Mexico, for example make sense, as many Americans have family in both countries. Not to mention, it also helps that both countries are close by, which makes returning to the states easier. Read more [HERE](#).

10 countries where the most U.S. expats retire

Number of retired workers receiving Social Security benefits, by country



Source: Social Security Administration

Pound Getting Pummeled as No-deal Brexit Fears Grow: *Concerns about economic disruption have grown since Boris Johnson became prime minister last week and many believe the British government is "operating on the assumption" of a no-deal Brexit. Keep in mind, investors had priced in Mr. Johnson's election as prime minister, but most thought his rhetoric and willingness to leave without preparations in place would soften once he assumed residence at 10 Downing Street. That hasn't been the case, though. Following recent heavy selling, fears are growing that sterling is heading toward its lowest level against the dollar in more than 34 years. I should mention, the pound is still above its lowest point since the Brexit vote, which was at \$1.2065 in mid-January 2017. Read more [HERE](#).*

Why We Need Some Inflation: *Inflation has come in below the Fed's*

"sweet spot" of 2% throughout much of the record-long economic expansion and consumers have benefited from low prices accompanied by low borrowing costs. Keep in mind, Fed chair Jerome Powell has pivoted to warn us of the dangers of weak inflation, which is a shift from the more common fear of rising inflation. I should also note, significantly lower prices for consumers can translate to shrinking profits for businesses, which then may have to cut workers' pay or lay them off to meet profit margins. In theory, with unemployment this low and a shrinking pool of available workers, companies should be bidding up wages to attract employees, thus igniting inflation. But that dynamic hasn't played out in previous economic cycles as changing demographics, globalization, and prices of certain goods aren't budging no matter what's happening in the economy are seemingly changing the rules. Read more [HERE](#).

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How Quickly the Phone Became Our Lives: *Telephones began to pervade our lives at the end of the 19th century, and as you can see in these photos from The New York Times's archives, they became our lives. But cellphones were a significant inflection point as they made it possible for us to be available at virtually any moment, which history has shown the majority of people have availed themselves to. Another interesting takeaway is how much technology has evolved over time in not only size and price, but*

sheer power. Remember, this is a great reminder of why we need to be ready for future shifts in technology that will occur much quicker moving forward, leaving those businesses not prepared in the history books. Read more [HERE](#).





John F. Mitchell, a vice president at Motorola, showing off the company's newest product: the DynaTAC. The world's first handheld wireless phone, it was unveiled on April 3, 1973, but didn't hit the market until 10 years later. It would become known as "the Brick."

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Gene Johnson, a public relations executive, using an "attaché phone." The Marlin American device, which combined an FM transmitter and receiver, decoder, antenna and battery in a briefcase, retailed for \$2,495. July 11, 1969. *Bettmann/Getty Images*



Patricia Kossman, a senior editor at Doubleday, on a cordless phone while lunching at the Waldorf-Astoria's Peacock Alley restaurant. Feb. 11, 1983. *Don Hogan Charles/The New York Times*

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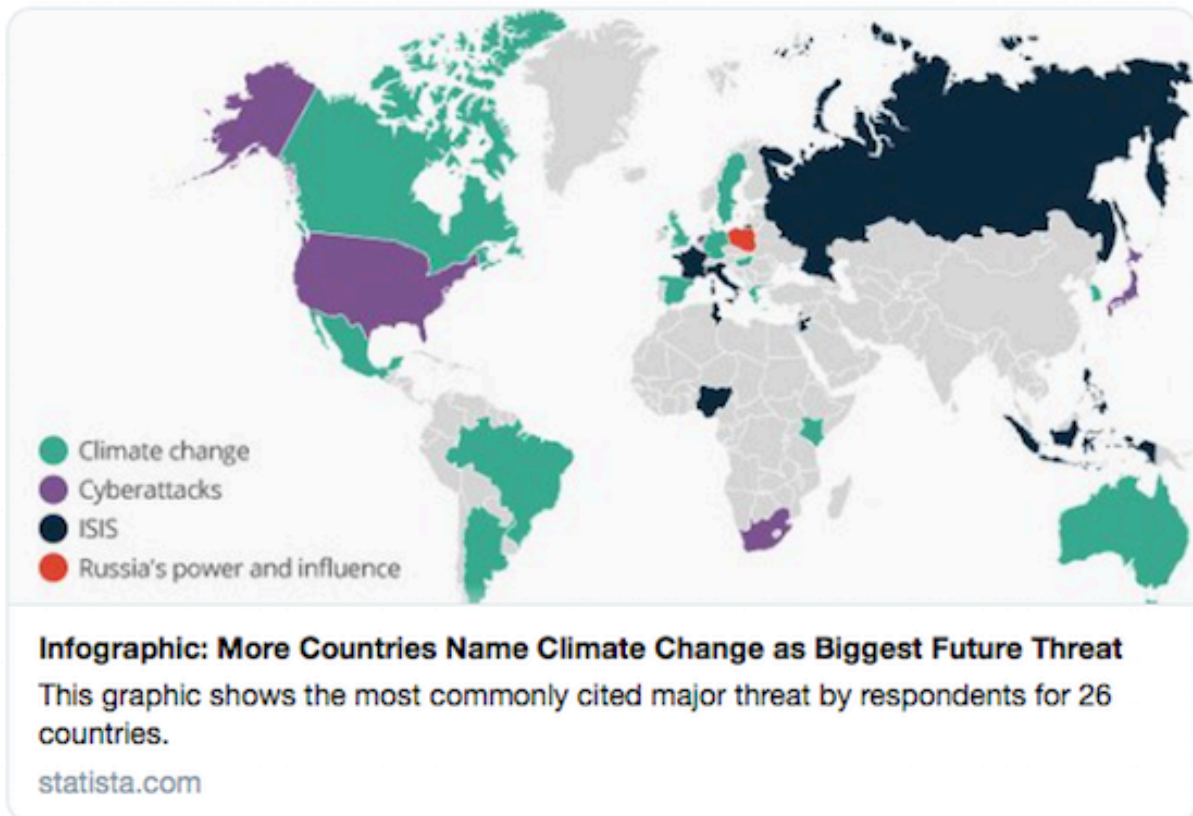




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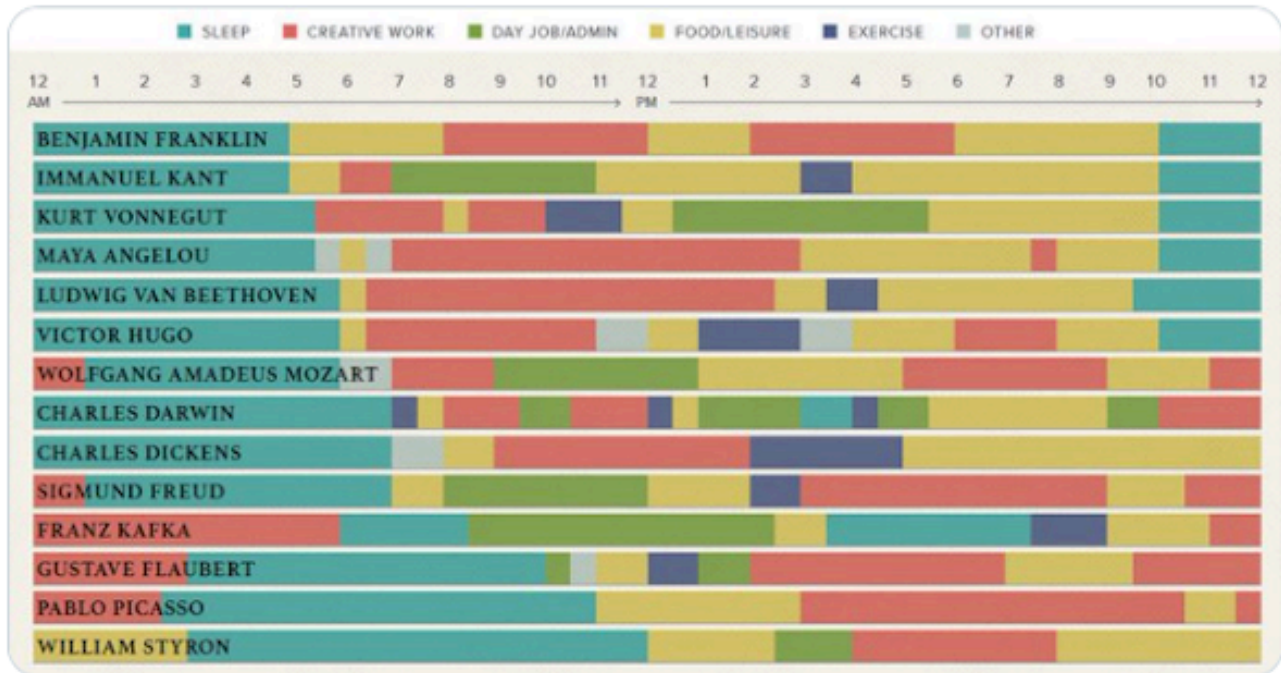


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-  258 six-packs of soda
-  33 lbs. of sweetener
-  2.8 gallons of ethanol
-  17.5 lbs. of dried distillers grains

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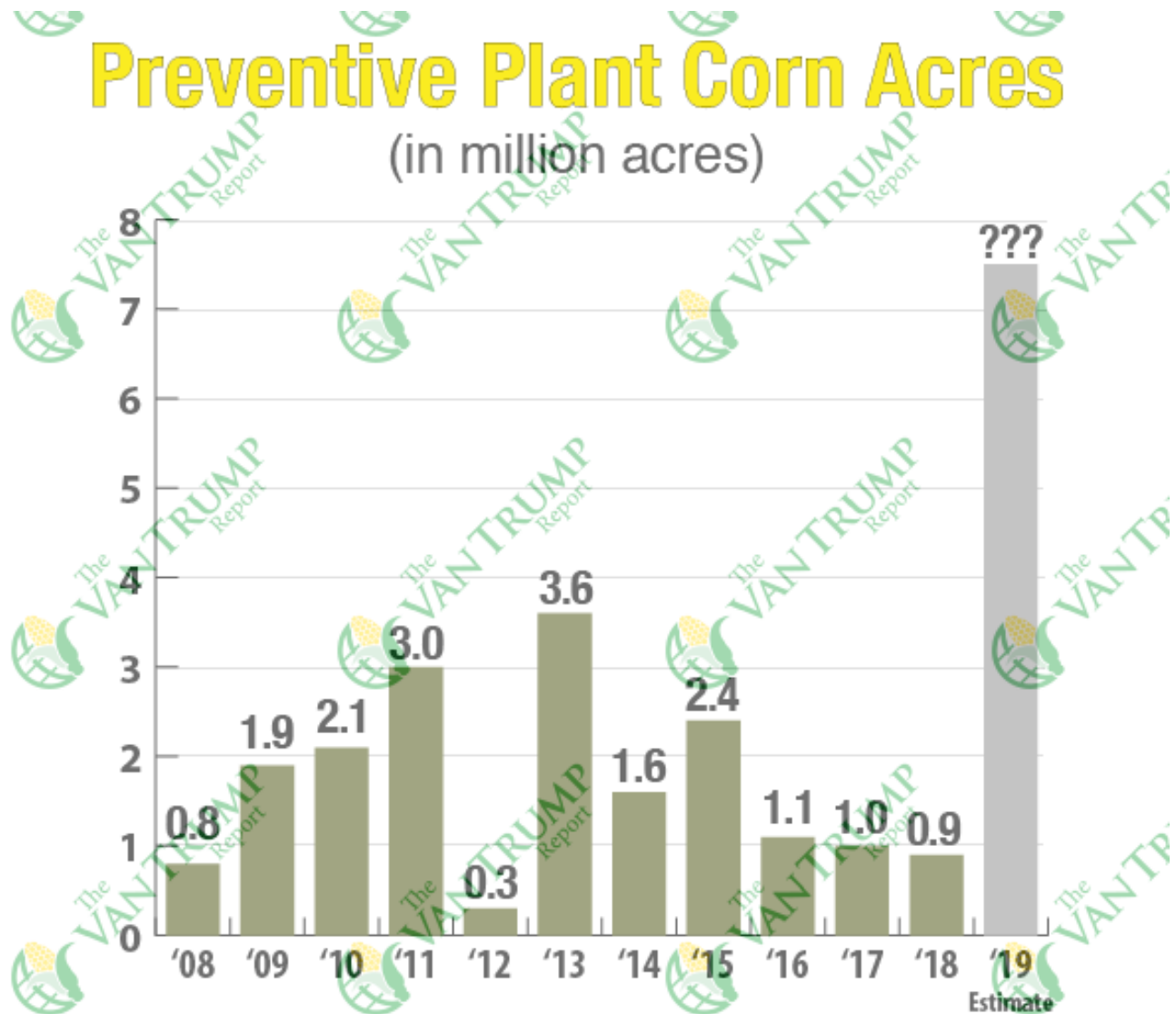


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Corn prices in the DEC19 contract have tumbled over -50 cents from the high

posted back on the 15th of July. In other words, in just 12 trading sessions the market has trimmed -50 cents off the price. As a bull that's extremely hard to swallow, but with little threat of extreme heat and ample moisture in the forecast there's very little fresh or new to keep the bulls excited. Demand is very suspect with both ethanol and exports being questioned almost everyday. There's was also competition coming in on the feed side when prices started rallying higher. Technically, the market has collapsed, falling below the 50-Day and 100-Day Moving Averages and about to close below the 200-Day Moving Average. This is causing further fund long liquidation and applying additional downside pressure. Not only have the fundamentals turned less bullish but the technicals have also turned in a bigger way. I'm worried prices could continue to deteriorate into the August 12th USDA report. There's just seems to be very little between now and then to help keep us supported. Most of the private investors and large traders I know that are have been heading out on crop tours across the country are going back to their offices less bullish than when they left. Nobody really wants to be outright short this market, but they're just not as bullish as they thought once they get out in the fields. Yes, many areas are battling an extremely late crop, but most everyone I talk to says there's more fields planted than they originally anticipated and as a whole the crop isn't all that terrible. Hence, the less bullish attitude. But nonetheless, most remain bullish longer-term and seem to be in agreement that there should be real value in DEC19 corn sub-\$4.10. As a spec, I will be adding to my bullish DEC19 positions in small doses on the breaks. As a producer, I like the thought of perhaps re-owning some previous sales in a small way with ATM calls. I've also heard some producers selling more new-crop cash bushels and re-owning with calls on the board. Lots of ways to play things right now with the volatility getting beaten up a bit and prices moving in an extreme manner.

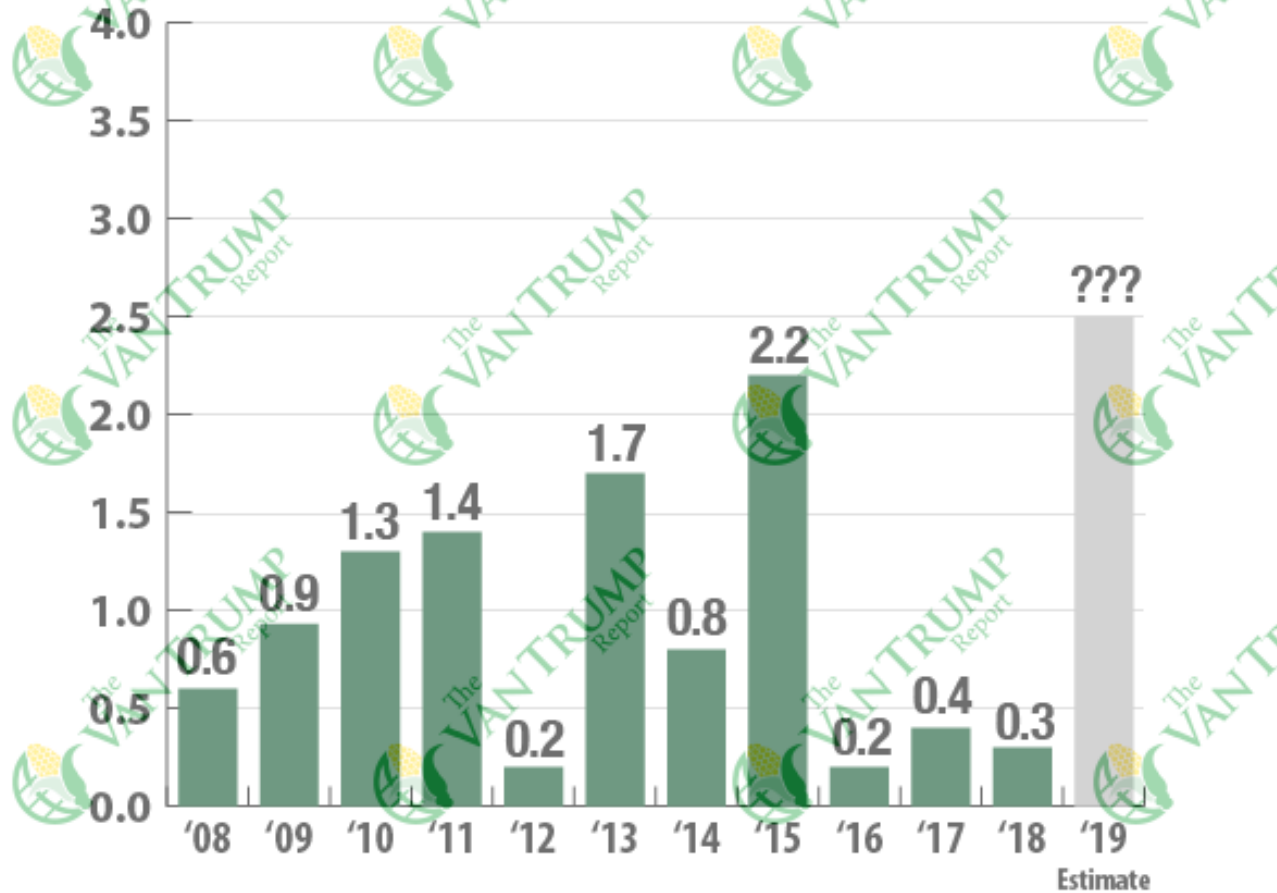


Soybean bulls have backpedaled on improved weather, perceived lack of any meaningful progress in Chinese trade negotiations and rumors circulating that a Chinese trade delegation will soon be visiting Argentine crushing facilities and meal processing plants. Remember, Argentina has tried for years to gain access to the Chinese meal market but with little success. The market is worried the continued trade dispute with the U.S. is forcing China to look for further alternatives. Bears argue that if the trade dispute goes on much longer we might lose a big chunk of the Chinese business for an extended period, a few even tossing around the word "forever". I'm not sold on that being the case, but as long as the dollar remains much stronger than the Argentine peso or the Brazilian real the Chinese are almost certain to opt for the cheaper choice. I suspect this is one reason President

Trump is all over the Fed for more dovish rhetoric. The strength of the U.S. dollar puts a lot of additional pressure on trade negotiations. If the Fed could somehow help talk down the dollar U.S. exports would start to look much more attractive. Here at home, bulls are pointing to a very short soybean plant and a massive wave of acres that were planted extremely late. Nobody is certain about yield drag, pod counts, if the beans can be easily harvested out of the fields, beetle problems, if freezing temps could eventually come into play, etc... Bears simply point to the burdensome balance sheet daring the bulls to prove them wrong. Technically, the market has finally fallen down into that area I've been talking about for the past several weeks, the NOV19 contract trading down between \$8.75 and \$8.90 per bushel. I've been patient as a spec and on the sideline to this point but am now more closely considering a longer-term bullish position. As a producer, I still like the thought of waiting until late-2019 or perhaps early-2020 to market more new crop cash soybeans. Don't forget, the USDA will be out with its Oilseed Crushing Report for the month of June today. Most inside the trade are looking for the June soybean crush to come in around 159.5 million bushels, down more than -5% from last year and perhaps the lowest monthly crush number we've seen in over 18-months. Stay tuned...

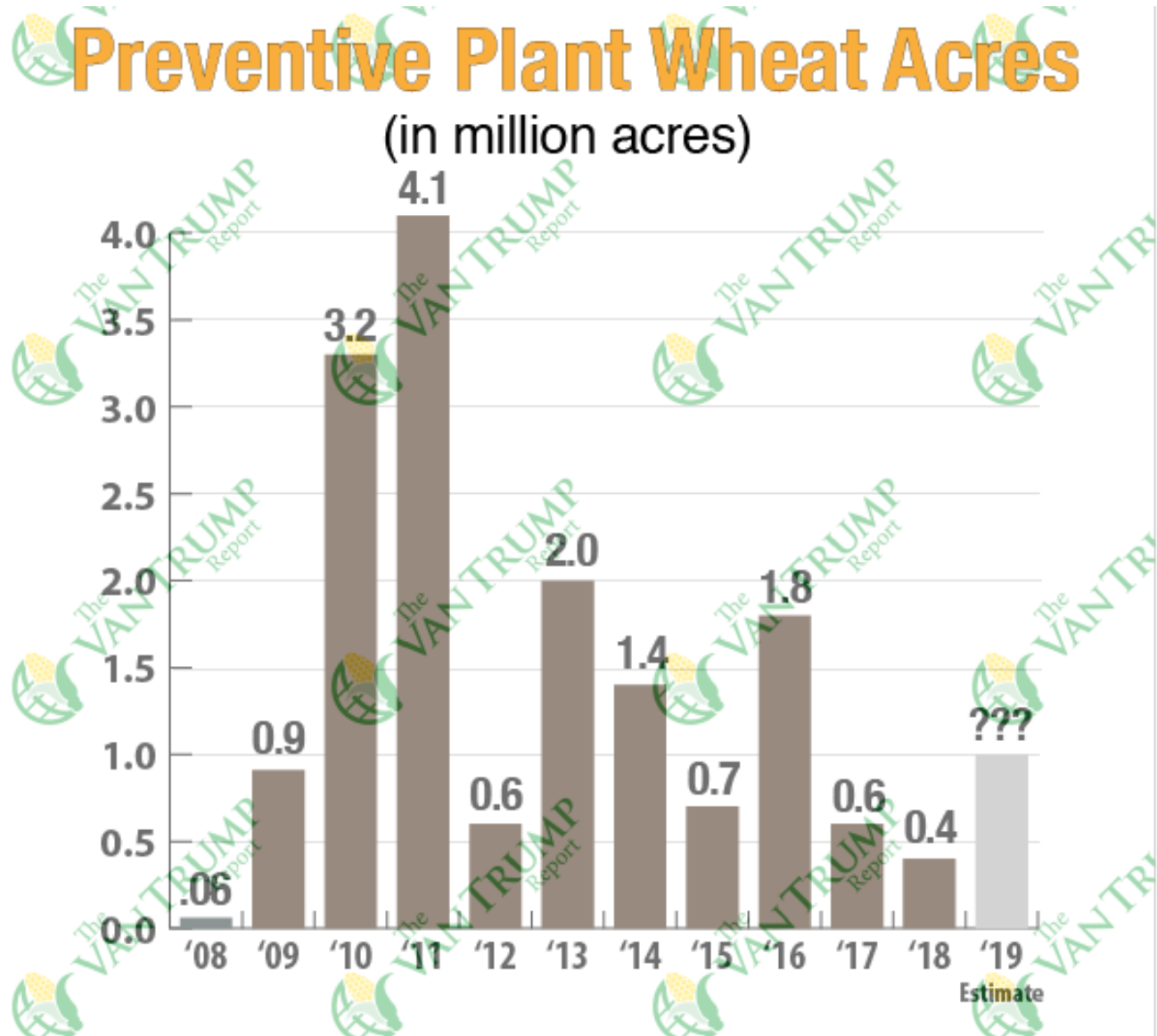
Preventive Plant Soybean Acres

(in million acres)



Wheat continues to struggle on its own merit. The fresh new high in the U.S. dollar has done very little to help the bulls. Many bulls want to believe we are close to finding a bottom in the market. I'm starting to think that way as well. I'm not confident enough yet to pull the trigger on a bullish bet but I am starting to like the setup as we move beyond U.S. harvest pressure. I would like to see the macro landscape and the current direction of the U.S. dollar shift before I jump in with both feet. Prices have tumbled by almost -70 cents since the mid-June highs were posted and I'm thinking the bears have almost trimmed enough premium. Technically, we are also now trading lower than all the major moving averages. I'm staying patient for the moment, but might dip a toe in the water as bull if we break another -15 to -20 cents. As a producer, I'm very content on waiting for

better prices before making more cash sales.





> Bunge Realizes Q2 Gains: *Bunge's second-quarter results topped Wall Street expectations as the company's investment in Beyond Meat continued to outperform, which has surged more than 780% since its May IPO. I'm told, net income available to the shareholders was \$205 million, or \$1.43 per share. Remember, in the second quarter a year ago Bungee came out with a loss of \$21 million. From what I understand, Bunge's agribusiness unit posted a higher profit for the quarter on timing effects from soybean crushing of about \$70 million, which the company said would reverse in the third quarter. Read more [HERE](#).*

> Low Water Levels On Rhine Drag-On Germany's Economy: *Heatwaves continue to cause low water levels on the River Rhine, which happens to be one of the continent's most important shipping routes. I'm told, nearly 80% of all goods that are transported via domestic water transport go along the River Rhine. In fact, shipping had to be stopped on the river last fall due to water levels. Due to these water levels, German production of chemicals and pharmaceuticals fell by 10% from September to November, leaving a drag on GDP. It's worth mentioning, the Rhine saw a 27% drop in transport performance in the third quarter of 2018. Read more [HERE](#).*

> Oil Sector Could Realize \$50 Billion in Savings From Drones: *Barclay is reporting that the gas and oil industry could see a \$5 billion savings from wider deployment of drones over the next five years. Keep in mind, as a convergence of tech developments bringing 5G, the industry could begin deploying drones to the often remote and sometimes dangerous environments before sending in humans. I'm told, the report also touched on other sectors that will benefit. As producers, we need to keep up with the advancements in technology as there could be applications to your operation that provide costs and time savings. Read more [HERE](#).*

> Apple Will Roll Out a Credit Card This Month: *Apple CEO, Tim Cook announced that the Apple Card will launch at some point this August. From what I understand, Goldman Sachs is providing Apple with the software tools for the card, while Apple will provide the service inside of Apple Wallet app. I'm told, the card can be used by tapping an iPhone at a payment terminal or by using a physical card made out of titanium. It's worth mentioning, the Apple Card will provide daily cashback instead of a rewards points system and cash can be spent right from the Apple Cash card. Also, Apple promises there aren't annual fees, late fees, over-limit fees, or cash-advance fees. I suspect this is Apple's starting point for future financial services. Read more [HERE](#).*

> WHO Asks Countries to Stop Gene-Editing Human Embryos: *Weighing in on the debate surrounding the use of Crisper to alter the DNA of human babies, the world's largest public health authority has asked countries to stop. I should mention, the statement released last week had the caveat, "until its implications have been properly considered." Meaning, it's a matter of time before this topic becomes a research norm. Keep in mind, human germline editing is already effectively banned in the U.S. because of a law preventing the US Food and Drug Administration from even reviewing clinical trial applications involving genetically modified human embryos. But in Russia, at least one scientist has started to make plans to begin testing Crisper in IVF clinics to prevent inherited deafness. Read more [HERE](#).*

> New Study Says Modern Mid-Life Crisis is a "Big Squeeze": A new study that tracked life events, health, well-being, and character of 360 people monthly for two years found thoughts of mid-life crises no longer fit into popular imagination where parents feel compelled to make up for lost time and relive their glory days. Instead, today's midlife crisis experienced by most people is subtler, more nuanced, and rarely discussed among family and friends. It can be best described as the "big squeeze" – a period during which middle-aged adults are increasingly confronted with the impossible choice of deciding how to split their time and money between themselves, their parents, and their kids. It's worth noting, many middle-aged adults increasingly feel obligated to take care of both their aging parents and their kids. Read more [HERE](#).

> Tattoos Can Now Monitor Health: Scientists at the Technical University of Munich in Germany developed a way to tattoo the skin with a fluid that changes color as certain properties in the blood spike or decline. I'm told, this could be a way for people with serious health issues, such as diabetes or kidney disease, to track their conditions in real-time. From what I understand, the tattoos change colors as the concentrations of pH, glucose, and albumin shift. To evaluate these changes, the researchers developed an app that detected the color of the tattoo and gave a reading of what possible health concerns it might indicate. Read more [HERE](#).

> A.J. Foyt's Journey to the Top: A.J. Foyt is a retired race-car driver and current Indycar team owner, who was the first to win the Indianapolis 500 four times and also the only driver to win the Indianapolis 500, the Daytona 500, and the 24 Hours of Le Mans. A.J.'s journey to the top could be said to have begun the day his father, an auto mechanic, gave him a new 1950 two-door black Ford to work on. After souping it up, Foyt figured he could outrun the Houston police at any given minute, but was eventually caught one day. What I found most interesting about this story of Foyt getting caught by the police is the advice his father gave him afterward, which was, "If it's worth doing, do it right or don't do it at all." These are words I remember my grandpa always telling me when I was younger and something I continue to tell my kids to this day. Read more on Foyt's interesting journey [HERE](#).





A.J. Foyt at age 4 in Houston, in an early race car his father built for him. PHOTO: FOYT FAMILY




Northeast North Dakota – *We need a shot of rain here. We have a small chance ranging from 20-40% over the next 5-7 days, and if we don't get it, then we're liable to start backpedaling on our conditions. We were able to plant corn earlier than most people in the corn belt because we saw a nice window in May. The problem is the corn didn't take off like normal because of cooler conditions in late Spring and early Summer. The last of our corn is just now pollinating, which means we need no frost until at least October 1st to maximize our yield. If we get our typical late September frost, then we'll knock the test weight back and*

our yields will drop. We're hoping for the old wise tale of late spring, late fall to hold true.

Northwestern Illinois – *It's honestly amazing how fast conditions can change over just a few short weeks. We went from planting late, spot planting, or completely replanting even later to now three straight weeks without out measurable rain. The cracks in the ground are really showing up even though the temperatures haven't been recorded setting. I'm pulling ears that are around 14 and 34 long, but the last 13 kernels are questionable because they're very small and almost white in color. It looks like the kernels could get aborted if we don't close this year out with a couple of nice rains. The corn visually looks good, but when you pull ears it's a completely different story.*

Southeast Colorado - *My dryland corn was planted from about June 5th all the way to June 23rd. It has all been pineapple corn during the day when temps approach 90 degrees. This has been going on for over two weeks. I can't believe it's hanging on this long, but I seriously doubt it's adding to the yield. The neighbors have some corn they planted in April that's silking. I've been watching it pretty close and trying to get a comparison to mine. In the morning, I'd rather have mine, but in the heat of the day, I'd rather have theirs. I know we still have potential, but any day now I'd expect this pineapple look to still be there in the morning. Then, it will be game over. Haven't had a beneficial rain now in seven weeks and I'm not seeing any great chances for rain looking forward.*

neuro mining



As we age, it gets harder and harder to create new neural pathways in the brain. It's the reason kids find it so easy to learn new things, but as adults it often gets more difficult. Doing brain teasers and solving riddles can be an important part of keeping our brain healthy. The more connections we can form, the better our brain will be. I hope this helps provide a little daily fun and exercise. The answer to each riddle or puzzle will be located at the bottom of the report.

TODAY'S RIDDLE: My first is often at the front door. My second is found in the cereal family. My third is what most people want. My whole is one of the united states. What am I?

FROM MY PERSPECTIVE



Kevin Van Trump

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Title: Using Electricity to Control Weeds

Time: Thursday, August 1, @ 3:00 pm CT

Pesticides and herbicides used in commercial agriculture represent some of the most damaging pollutants on the planet. In fact, nearly a billion pounds of these toxic chemicals are introduced into the environment each year in the U.S. alone.

British agtech startup RootWave is looking to provide a new way to control weed pressures without the use of any chemicals. Keep in mind, with countries such as France and Germany looking to phase out Roundup, and 66% of pesticides having been banned in the last 15 years, this innovation is looking to fill the void. I'm told, RootWave's technology electrocutes weeds by boiling them inside out from the root up as the system takes power from the tractor PTO and runs it through an alternator into their proprietary "black box." Then, it goes to a wired electrode, which delivers the electrical shock to the weed. Founded in 2012, RootWave has established itself as a viable platform and CEO Andrew Diprose says they have the technology and relationships in place to launch a scalable chemical-free weed killer, especially given the issues of resistance and regulation.

RootWave is a sustainable, no-till, and effective solution that works instantly with no lasting issues in the field related to residues or drift. And it's affordable as well, costing no more than the fuel consumption, putting it on par with the cost of today's popular chemical herbicides. From what I understand, RootWave has four product offerings ranging in need from your weekend gardner to large acres of arable crops. From what I understand, you'll need to target the unwanted weed before it gets beyond 2" out of the ground, then all you need do is let the weed decompose in its spot and return organic matter back in your soil. Learn how one company is working to reduce the use of chemical herbicides at "Using Electricity to Control Weeds," a webinar to be held on August 1 at 3 pm CT featuring Andrew Diprose, CEO of RootWave.



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@RootWave electrical weed control gets the thumbs up this week from 3 organic Cotswolds farmers. #organic #Farmers

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16-Year Old Wins \$3 Million Playing Video Game on Sunday!

Earning extra cash was a big deal when I was a kid. I would throw hay around the county, caddy at the local golf course, help my dad, work on the neighboring farms, all to earn money to take Michelle out on a date or to buy a pair of basketball shoes. This past weekend, a 16-year old from Pennsylvania named Kyle "Bugha" Giersdorf picked up an extra \$3 million in a single day by winning the Fortnite World Cup video game finals. Kyle beat out 99 other players on Sunday to win the video game tournament. He played a total of six games, each lasting about 23 minutes. Not a bad day! Beats the heck out of me mowing six lawns on a Sunday when I was a kid.

Video playing has clearly turned the corner and seems to be well on its way to one day surpassing sports in popularity. Chew on this... the tournament was held at the Arthur Ashe Stadium in Queens, which has a higher capacity than Madison Square Garden in Manhattan. The Fortnite event was sold-out the entire weekend. Two million people also paid to stream the event live. By comparison, this year's U.S. Open Tennis Championships, which will hold its finals at Arthur Ashe Stadium and award the singles winners \$3.85 million. The winners of the Wimbledon tennis tournament bring in a little under \$3 million. In golf, Tiger Woods took the top prize of \$2 million at this year's Masters. Amazing!

Epic Games bet big on the event by putting up \$100 million in prizes for this opening tournament. The second-place finisher in the solo division, Harrison "Psalm" Chang, took home \$1.8 million for his efforts. There were some 13 and 14-year-old kids that also took home big checks. We're at a point now in the gaming world where being a competitive player is a very viable avenue for perhaps make a longer-term living. Who would have ever guessed? I remember telling my kids many times that playing video games will never pay the bills, so get busy doing something more worthwhile. I included a tweet below that shows how much the Top-25 players took home from the weekend event. As you can see, finishing 25th still allowed you to bring home more than +\$350k. In comparison, if you competed in the four days of The Master's golf tournament this year you needed to finish in the Top-25 to simply earn over \$100k. Former champion, Rory McIlroy finished tied for 21st and took home \$107k. It's just crazy how much these kids

are making playing video games! (Source: ESPN; Forbes: NYTimes)





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









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Top Players

	Player ID	Player Name	Total (Game)
1.	Bugha	Kyle Giersdorf	\$3,025,900.00
2.	psalm	Harrison Chang	\$1,865,800.00
3.	Aquav2	David W	\$1,568,667.56
4.	Nyhrox	Emil Bergquist Pede...	\$1,512,536.49
5.	EpikWhale	Shane -	\$1,264,950.00
6.	Kreo	Nate Kou	\$1,167,550.00
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8.	Wolfiez	Jaden Ashman	\$1,136,800.00
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10.	Zayt	Williams Aubin	\$1,044,750.00

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2019 NFL Hall Of Fame Induction Ceremony

NFL "Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony" will be held this weekend in Canton, Ohio. Many may not be aware that there are actually four days of activities built around Saturday evenings induction. Though only 22,000 fans can fit into the Tom Benson Stadium for tonights Hall of Fame Game between the Falcons and Broncos, many more will be on-site throughout the weekend in Canton enjoying the festivities. I'm told that the four-day Diamond package can be purchased for around

\$3,000.00 a person, which includes four days of first-class treatment while celebrating the legends of football and a concert featuring Imagine Dragons with Bishop Briggs! You will have elite access throughout the weekend to Hall of Fame sanctioned events including the Class of 2019 Autograph Session and Gold Jacket Walk. If you can only get away for a day, single-day tickets for Thursday or Saturday are going for around \$300 per person. The activities climax on Saturday with the inductees receiving their busts and giving their speeches. The seven men being inducted in 2019 are Champ Bailey, Pat Bowlen, Gil Brandt, Tony Gonzalez, Ty Law, Kevin Mawae, Ed Reed, and Johnny Robinson. A few of the players barely missing the cut this year include Isaac Bruce, Edgerrin James, John Lynch, Richard Seymour, and Don Coryell . I should also note, the Pro Football Hall of Fame is close to approving a proposal that would allow 20 inductees into its hallowed halls in 2020 as part of the NFL's 100th-anniversary celebration. To read more about the NFL HOF or the ceremonies click [HERE](#). Below is a pic of our family visiting the NFL HOF several years back. It was an awesome trip, we went to the Rock & Roll HOF and the Major League Baseball HOF all in the same outing. (Source: profootballhof.com)



Champ Bailey: *The former Washington Redskins and Denver Broncos cornerback played 15 seasons in the NFL and is a Pro Football Hall of Famer in his first year of eligibility. Bailey was selected No. 7 overall in the 1999 NFL draft out of the University of Georgia. Throughout his career, he amassed 908 tackles, 203 passes defended, and 52 interceptions, four of which he returned for touchdowns. Keep in mind, since passes defended became an official stat in 1999, no player has defended more passes than Bailey. In addition, he also ranks 26th all-time in interceptions. I should also note, he was named All-NFC twice, All-AFC three times, voted to 12 Pro Bowls, and selected to the NFL All-Decade Team of 2000. Bailey also led the Broncos defense to five postseason appearances and four division titles including three straight to cap his career. Bailey never won a Super Bowl, but he did appear in 11 playoff games and reached the Super Bowl XLVIII with the Broncos in his final season. Jack Reale, Bailey's agent, attorney, and friend, will present for him tomorrow.*

Pat Bowlen: *The Denver Broncos owner for 35 years was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in the contributor category. The 74-year-old Wisconsin native purchased the Broncos in 1984 and oversaw a remarkable run of success as he reached the Super Bowl on seven different occasions and won three of them. In addition, the team has also made the playoffs 18 times and won over 350 games since he bought the team, making the Broncos one of the most successful NFL franchises of the past three-plus decades. Keep in mind, the Broncos are only NFL team to post 90 or more victories in each of the past three decades. I should also note, he's a member of numerous NFL committees over career including co-chair of NFL Management Council Executive Committee and a Chair of NFL Broadcast Committee, which was responsible for negotiations of \$18 billion TV contract, the most lucrative in single-sport history. Bowlen stepped down as Broncos CEO in 2014 as a result of Alzheimer's disease and Steve "Greek" Antonopoulos, Broncos trainer who has worked for the team for 43 years, will present for him tomorrow.*

Gil Brandt: *Former Dallas Cowboys executive was elected as a Pro Football Hall of Famer in the contributor category. After breaking into the NFL as a scout with the Los Angeles Rams and then the San Francisco 49ers in the late 1950s, Brandt joined the expansion Cowboys in 1960 and helped construct multiple Super Bowl-winning teams. Dallas won five NFC championships in Brandt's time with the franchise and took home the Lombardi trophy in Super Bowl VI and Super Bowl XII. In addition, the Cowboys won 13 division titles during Brandt's tenure from 1960 to 1989 and had a winning record for 20 consecutive seasons from 1966 to 1985. I should also note, he's regarded as top draft expert as he had a hand in drafting many of the greatest players in Cowboys history, including fellow Hall of Famers Bob Lilly, Roger Staubach, Bob Hayes, Mel Renfro, Rayfield Wright, Randy White, Tony Dorsett, and Michael Irvin. Presenting for Gil tomorrow will be the Dallas Cowboys owner, Jerry Jones.*

Tony Gonzalez: *Probably my favorite player in this year's class has a 17-year NFL career with the Kansas City Chiefs and Atlanta Falcons and was elected to the Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility. For everyone that*

doesn't know, the 1997 first-round pick out of Cal is arguably the greatest tight end in NFL history. Gonzalez was named to the Pro Bowl 14 out of 17 times during his career and was selected to the All-Pro First Team on seven occasions. Gonzalez finished his career with 1,325 receptions for 15,127 yards and 111 touchdowns. He ranks second on the all-time receptions list behind Jerry Rice, sixth in receiving yardage, and eighth in receiving touchdowns. No tight end in NFL history has more catches or receiving yardage than Gonzalez, and only Antonio Gates has more receiving touchdowns with 116. He also recorded more than 50 receptions in a season in each of his last 16 years, which is the second-most all-time. Tony G also has a streak of 211 straight games with a catch, 2000-2013, which is the longest ever by a tight end and second-longest in NFL history. Presenting for Tony will be Dennis Allen, Gonzalez's cousin and best friend.

Ty Law: *One of the Patriots' all-time greatest defensive players was chosen during his third stint as a Hall of Fame finalist spending most of his time in New England after getting selected in the first round of the 1995 NFL draft out of Michigan. In addition, Law spent two seasons with the New York Jets, two with the Kansas City Chiefs, and one with the Denver Broncos. During Law's 10 years with the Pats, he went to four Super Bowls and won three. He was voted to five Pro Bowls and named All-Pro twice in his career. Throughout his career, he registered 53 career interceptions for 828 yards, and 7 pick-sixes as well as leading the league in interceptions twice. I should also note, Law ranks 24th in interceptions and 11th in pick-sixes. Presenting for Law tomorrow will be Byron Washington, Law's friend.*

Kevin Mawae: *Former Seattle Seahawks, New York Jets, and Tennessee Titans is considered to be one of the best centers to ever play in the NFL and was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in his third year as a finalist. Mawae spent 16 seasons in the NFL from 1994 to 2009, making the Pro Bowl eight times and the All-Pro First Team three times. Seattle selected Mawae in the second round of the 1994 NFL draft out of LSU and was an instant starter his rookie year at guard before moving to center. From 1998 to 2004, Mawae started 112 straight games and was elected to the Pro Bowl*

in six of seven seasons. In addition, Mawae led way for 44 100-yard games and seven 1,000-yard seasons by Hall of Fame running back Curtis Martin. He also blocked for a 1,000-yard rusher in 13 of his 16 seasons and five different running backs. I should also note, he was selected to the NFL's All-Decade Team of the 2000s. His wife, Tracy Mawae, will present for him tomorrow, which will mark only the fifth time a player's wife has served as presenter joining greats like Kim Singletary (Mike Singletary, 1998); Deanna Favre (Brett Favre, 2016); Gene Jones (Jerry Jones, 2017), and Brenda Warner (Kurt Warner, 2017).

Ed Reed: *Reed spent 11 of his 12 NFL seasons with the Ravens before splitting his final campaign between the Houston Texans and New York Jets becoming a first-ballot Hall of Famer. The 2002 first-round pick out of Miami won the 2004 NFL Defensive Player of the Year award, making him one of only five safeties in NFL history to receive that honor. Reed was the NFL's top interceptor in 2004, 2008, 2010, which made him become just the second player in NFL history to lead the NFL in interceptions three times. Throughout his career, he had 64 interceptions returned for NFL record 1,590 yards and 7 touchdowns. In addition, he owns the two longest interception returns in NFL history at 107 yards vs. Eagles on Nov. 23, 2008 and 106 yards vs. Browns on Nov. 7, 2004. I should also note, Reed completed his resume during the 2012 season when he helped lead the Ravens to a victory over the San Francisco 49ers in Super Bowl XLVII. He was also named to the Pro Bowl nine times and named to the All-Pro First Team five times. Presenting for Reed is his father, Edward Reed Sr., which will be the ninth time a father has presented his son for induction.*

Johnny Robinson: *In his seventh round as a finalist, former Kansas City Chiefs safety and flanker was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame as a senior nominee. Robinson spent his entire 12-year playing career with the Dallas Texans/Chiefs franchise from 1960 to 1971. The Texans selected Robinson in the first round of the 1960 AFL draft after he starred at LSU as a running back. Robinson spent his first two AFL seasons as a flanker, totaling 658 rushing yards and six rushing touchdowns as well as 76 receptions for*

1,212 receiving yards, and nine touchdowns. He moved to safety in 1962, which was the Texans' final year in existence before becoming the Kansas City Chiefs. In his nine years with the Chiefs, Robinson was a six-time AFL All-Star and one-time Pro Bowler as well as a five-time All-AFL First Team selection and one-time All-Pro First-Teamer. Robinson also won three AFL titles during his career and he helped lead the Chiefs to win Super Bowl IV over the Minnesota Vikings. I should also note, Robinson had 57 interceptions in 164 career regular-season games, ranking him 13th on the all-time list. Another interesting fact is Robinson will be the sixth from the 1969 Chiefs defensive team to be inducted in the Hall of Fame including tackles Buck Buchanan and Curley Culp, linebackers Bobby Bell and Willie Lanier, and cornerback Emmitt Thomas. Johnny's stepson, Bob Thompson, will be presenting for him tomorrow.





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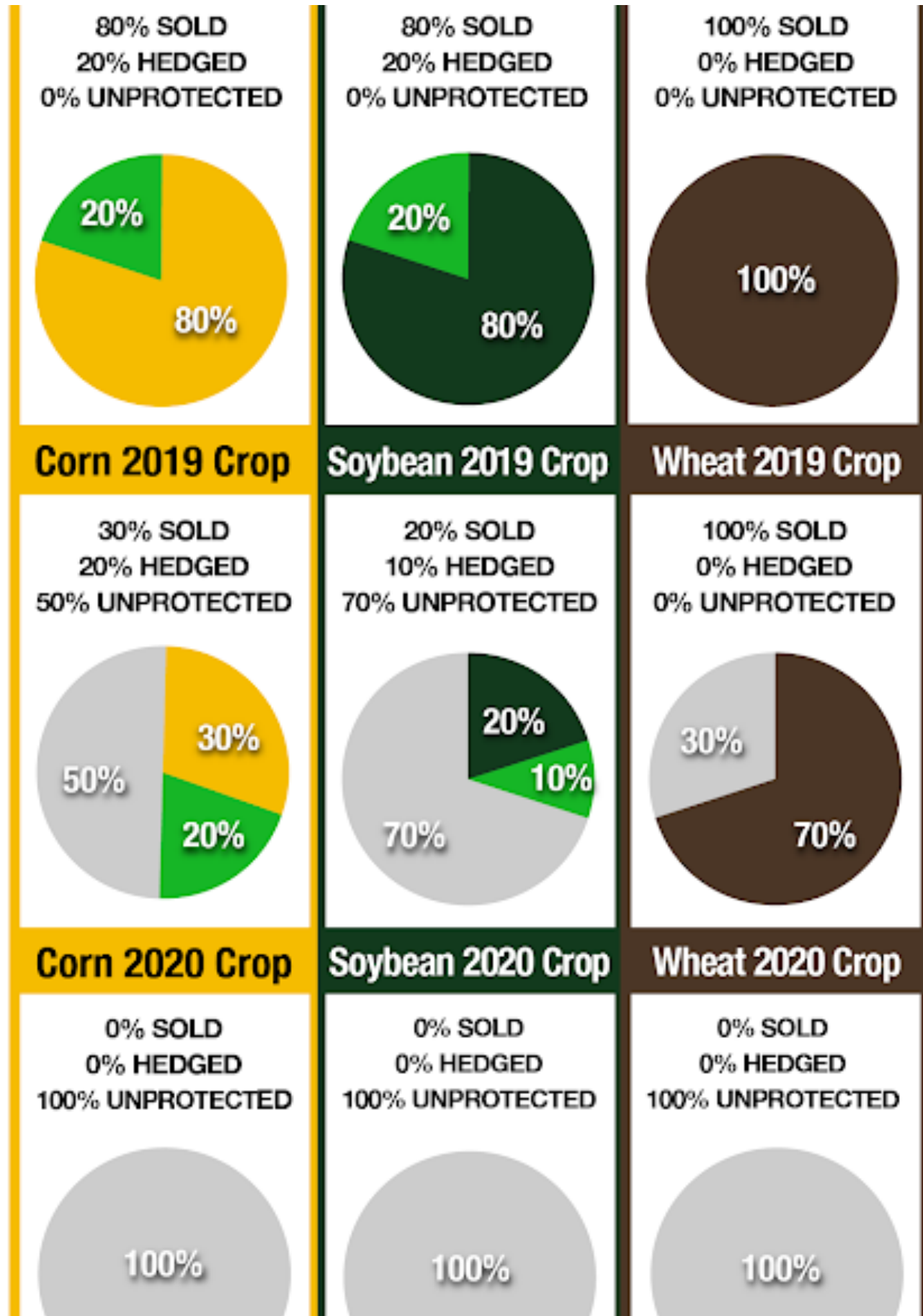
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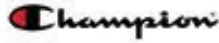
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