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"Criticism, like rain, should be gentle enough to nourish a man's growth without destroying his roots" — **Frank Clark**

Friday, December 13, 2019[Printable Copy](#) or [Audio Version](#)

Morning Summary: Stock bulls are celebrating the announcement that U.S. and Chinese negotiators have reached a "Phase 1" trade deal. The deal has been described as an "agreement-in-principle" which if accurate in its description will postpone new tariffs scheduled to go into effect on Sunday and includes a promise by the Chinese to buy more U.S. agricultural goods. The news yesterday helped both the S&P 500 and Nasdaq to set new record closing highs. Other good news out of Washington includes a tentative deal between Congress and the White House on a series of bills to fund the government through next September. A full House vote on the \$1.3 trillion in funding is expected next week. Democrats say they have received assurances that Trump will sign the bills once they pass, averting a shutdown after the December 20 funding deadline. Overseas, it looks like Boris Johnson's Conservative Party has won a clear majority in Parliament. The win is expected to allow Johnson to get "phase one" of the Brexit process through Parliament by the end of January. Also be aware that China will release several reports on Sunday, including House Prices, Industrial Production, Unemployment,

and Retail Sales. At home today traders will be digesting some key U.S. economic data, including Retail Sales, which are expected to show a +0.5% increase for November versus +0.3 in October. Import/Export Prices and Business Inventories are also due out today. The data calendar is pretty heavy next week with Empire State Manufacturing, the NAHB Housing Market Index, and Flash PMI on Monday; Housing Starts, Industrial Production, and JOLTS on Tuesday; the Philadelphia Fed Manufacturing Index and Existing Home Sales on Thursday; the final estimate of 3rd quarter GDP, Personal Income and Outlays, and Consumer Sentiment on Friday. There are no earnings of interest today but there are some big names scheduled to report next week, including Fedex, General Mills, Herman Miller, Micron Technologies, Nike, Rite Aid, and Steelcase. Keep in mind, next week will be out the last full week of trading for 2019. Many traders and large investors will be closing out positions ahead of the Christmas and New Year holidays. Many not returning to full action until 2020.

Taking a Swing at the Rental Car Market: *Lyft said it is "launching a rental service available in its main smartphone app that will work pretty much just like traditional car rental companies." The service will start in San Francisco and offers some perks, including: People as young as 22 can rent with a valid driver's license; There are no mileage limits; The company will just charge the "local market rate" for gas; Cars can be rented for one day or up to two weeks. This might be the start of larger disruption in the Rental Car market. (Source: the Verge)*

Robinhood Allows Investors to Buy Partial Shares: *Robinhood is getting in on the recent trend of companies letting investors buy a fraction of a share. The start-up announced the launch of fractional stock-trading on its app Thursday as a way to lower the bar for investors. The feature allows users to popular tech names like Amazon — which trades in around \$1,700 per share — for as low as \$1. Robinhood is the third company in the past few months to announce the feature, following Charles Schwab and Square's lead." (Source"CNBC)*

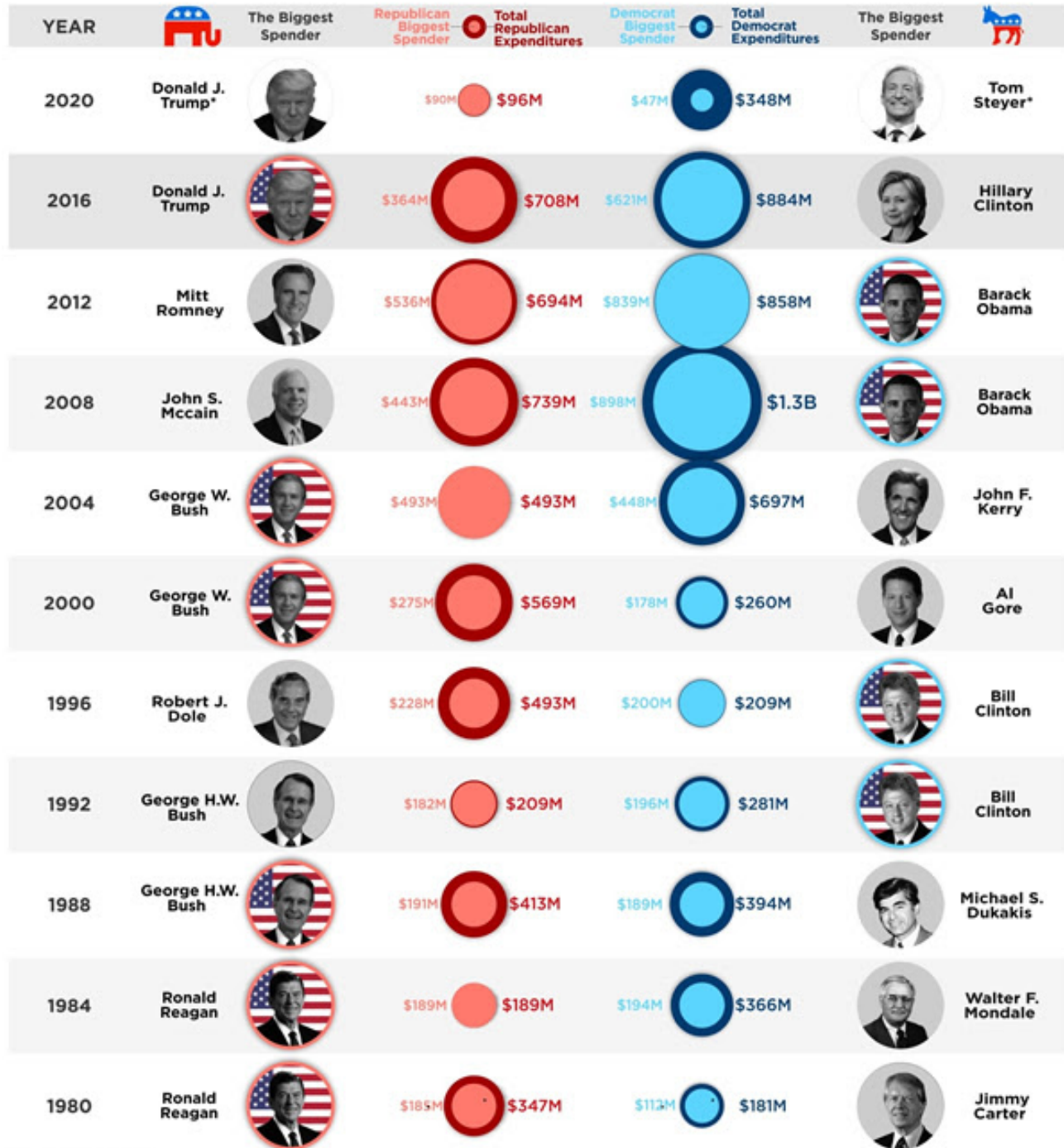
MLB Removes Marijuana from Banned Substances List: *Major League Baseball will remove marijuana from its list of banned substances and players who test positive for opioids, fentanyl, cocaine and synthetic THC under random drug tests will be referred for treatment before being disciplined, the league's updated drug policy announced on Thursday. The sweeping changes, which take effect from Spring Training in 2020, "favor a treatment-based approach to Drugs of Abuse," according to the joint announcement from the MLB and its players' union. The updated policy comes months after the shocking death of 27-year-old Los Angeles Angels pitcher Tyler Skaggs, whose autopsy showed oxycodone, fentanyl, and alcohol in his system. Until now, big league players who were referred to the treatment board and failed to comply with their treatment plan for use or possession of marijuana had been subject to fines of up to \$35,000 per violation. Going forward, marijuana-related conduct will be treated the same as alcohol-related issues,*

and players generally will be referred to mandatory evaluation and voluntary treatment. Moves by some states to legalize marijuana use factored into the change. Read more from [ESPN](#).

How Much It Costs to Run for President - A 40-Year Timeline: *The visualization shows campaign spending for each presidential election going back to 1980 for Republicans (red) and Democrats (blue). The inner circle represents how much money the biggest spender in a given party spent to win the primary and general election. The outside circle represents the candidate's and party's total outlay for the entire election. A few things stand out. Nowadays, campaigns from both parties spend roughly 5 times as much money running presidential campaigns than they did in the 1980s. No political party surpassed \$400 billion in spending before the 2000 campaign. And no single race tops 2008, where the Democrats shattered all previous campaign finance records and dropped \$1.3 billion. Republicans and Democrats raised similar amounts of money until 2008, when Democrats started to pull far ahead of the GOP. Clinton raised almost twice as much as Trump in 2016 and still lost (\$621M vs. \$364M). Spending more money than the other party doesn't always guarantee victory. The biggest spenders lost in 1984, 1996 and 2016. The visualization below also demonstrates how when a U.S. President runs for reelection, almost all his party's money goes towards his campaign. Click the graphic for a larger view and learn more from [HowMuch](#).*

How Much U.S. Presidents Spent on Campaign

Total Campaign Expenditure by Party & Biggest Spender (In 2019 \$)



* 2020 Data as of 11/21/2019

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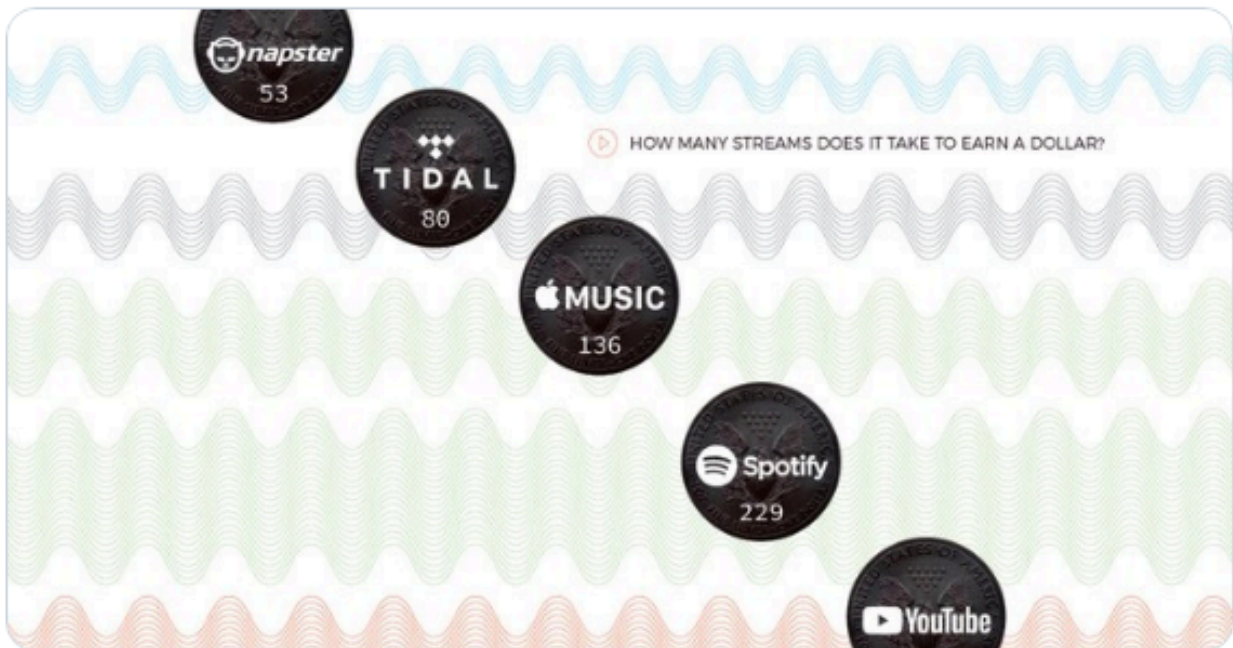


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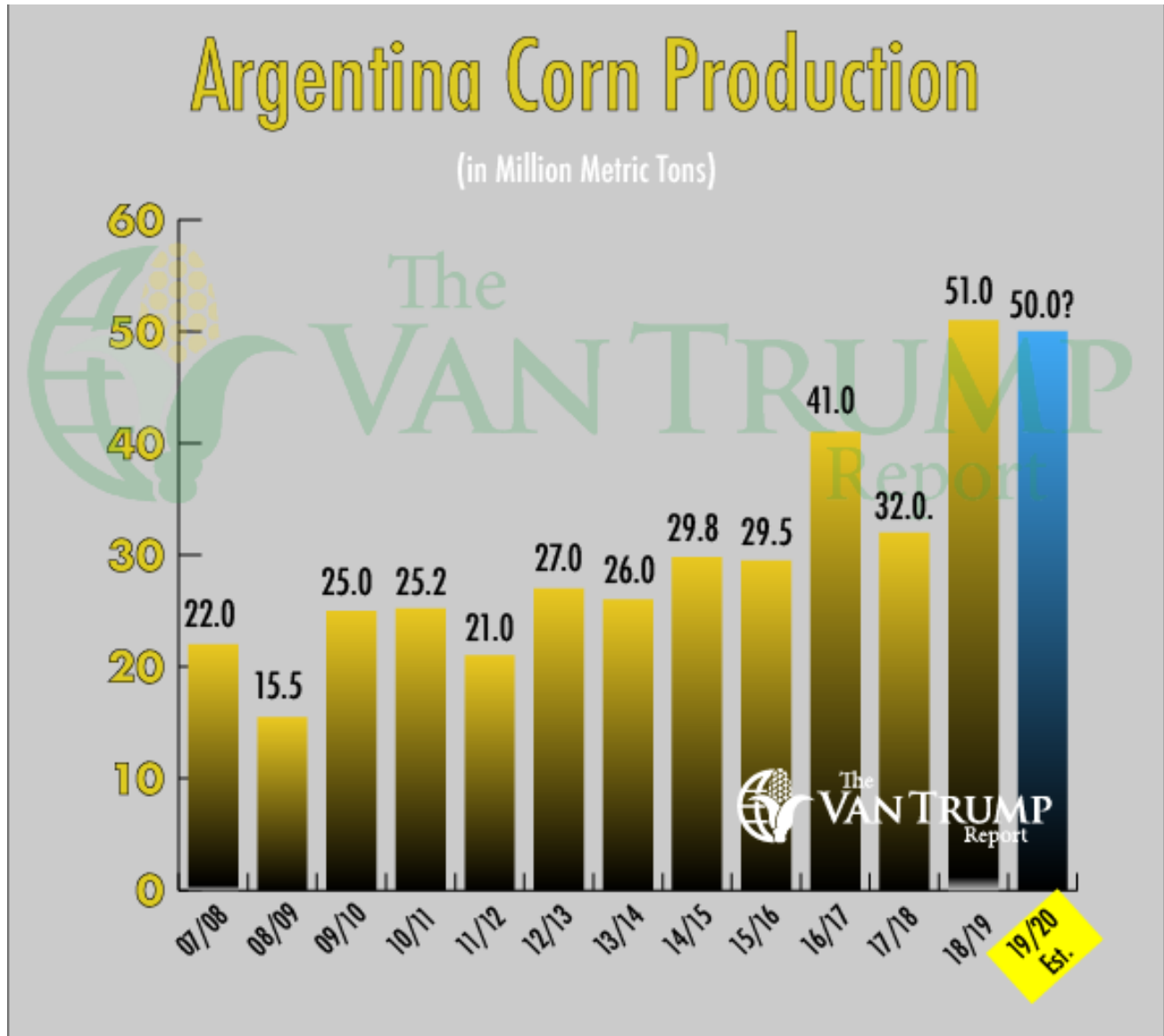


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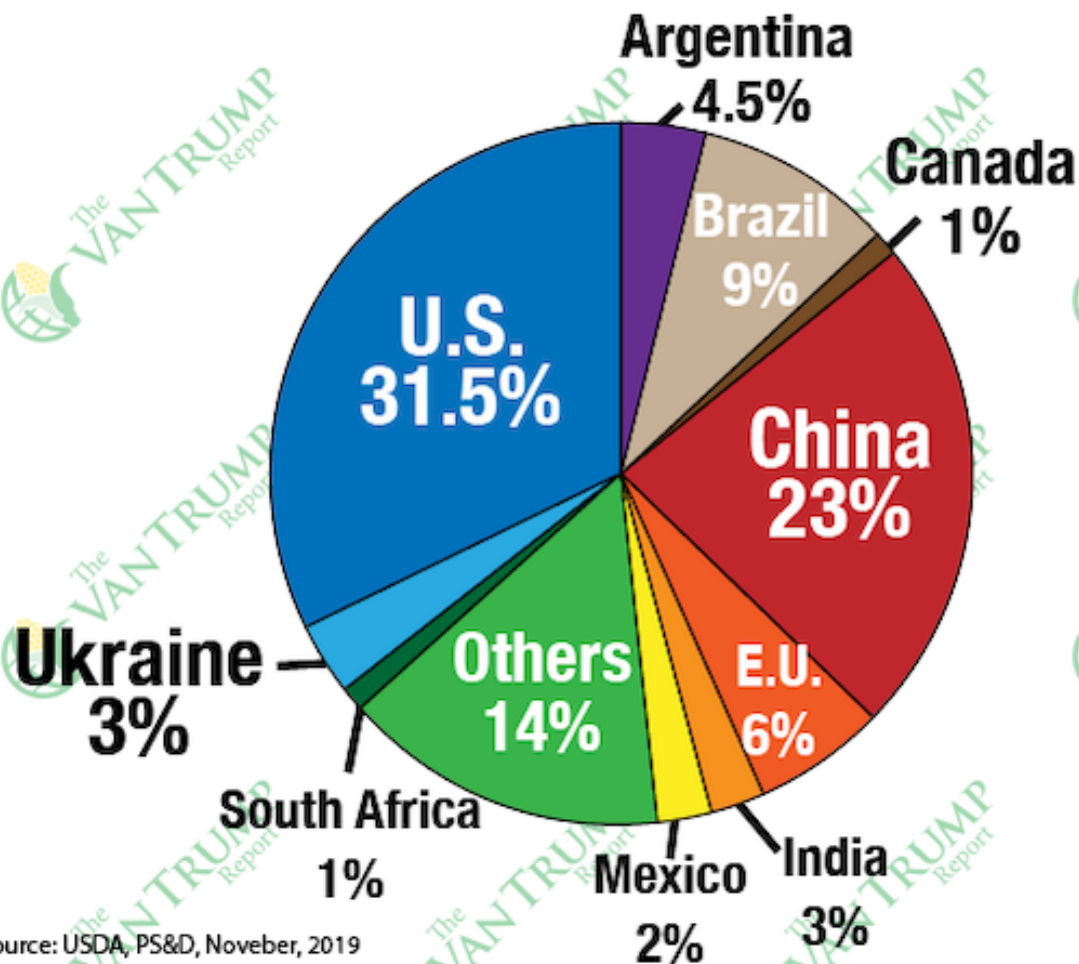
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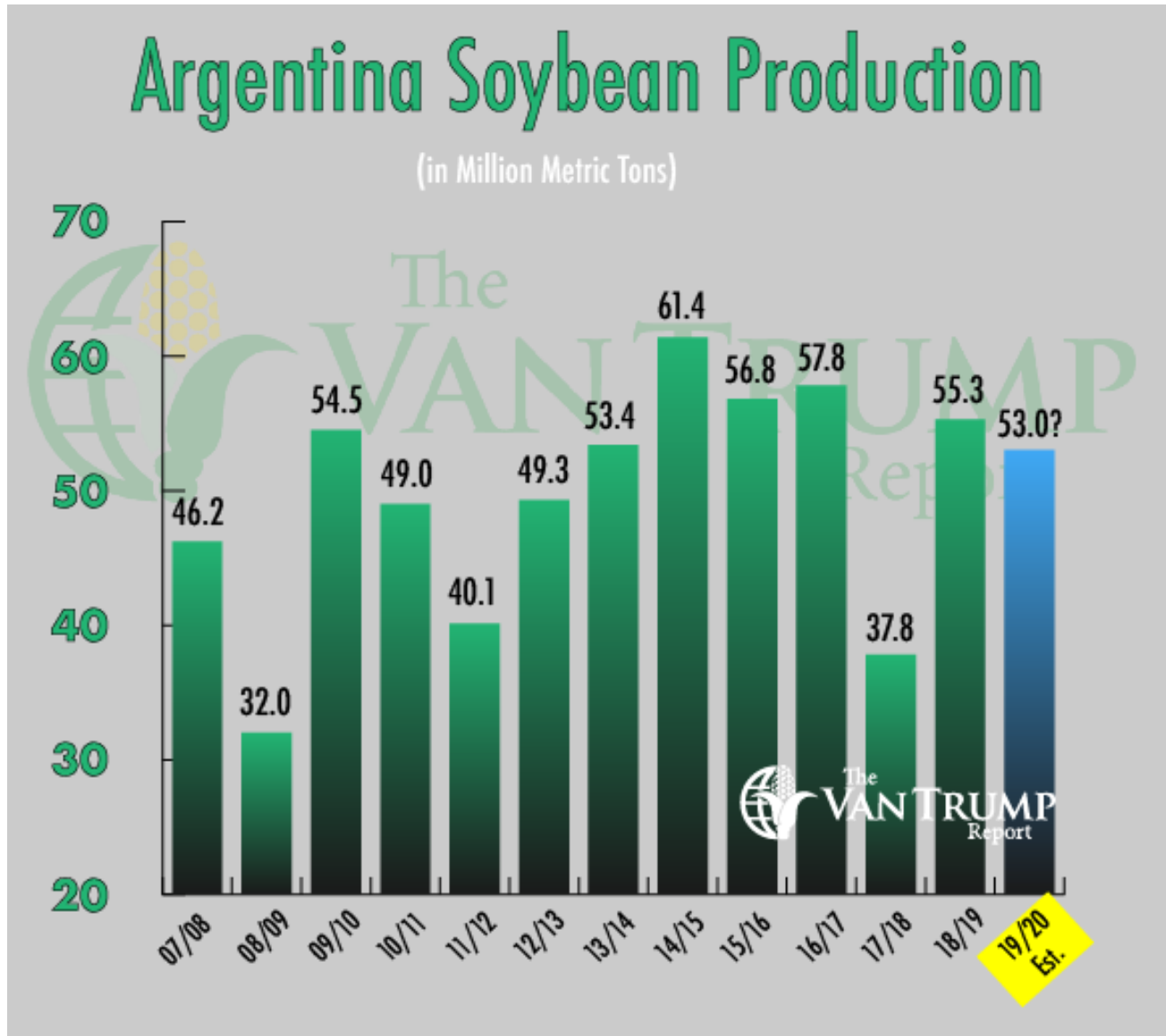
Corn prices are getting a boost as rumors and talk of trade deal circulate. There have also been some strong export sales reported this week. Just yesterday, the USDA reported that private U.S. exporters sold +1.6 MMTs of corn to Mexico, which was the fifth-largest one-day sale ever. Like I've been saying, I think demand is going to pick up in the weeks ahead. Yes, I am still holding some bullish corn positions so perhaps I'm just talking my own perspective. But I honestly believe exports, ethanol and feed demand could all continue to show strength. Keep in mind, we still don't know how much corn, ethanol, and DDGs China is agreeing to purchase? South America remains mostly mixed, with talk inside Brazil that its total crop might be working its way higher as producers eye strong cash prices and fairly cooperative weather. On the flip side, Argentina should have close to 60% of its corn crop planted by this weekend, but there are still many areas battling dry conditions. From what I'm hearing, about 40% to 45% of the Argentine crop is rated "Good-to-Excellent", which is clearly lower than early conditions estimates we've seen the past couple of years. As a producer, I'm still sticking to my "wait-and-see" approach. I'm hoping for brighter days ahead in Q1 of 2020. Stay tuned to the Chinese headlines this weekend!



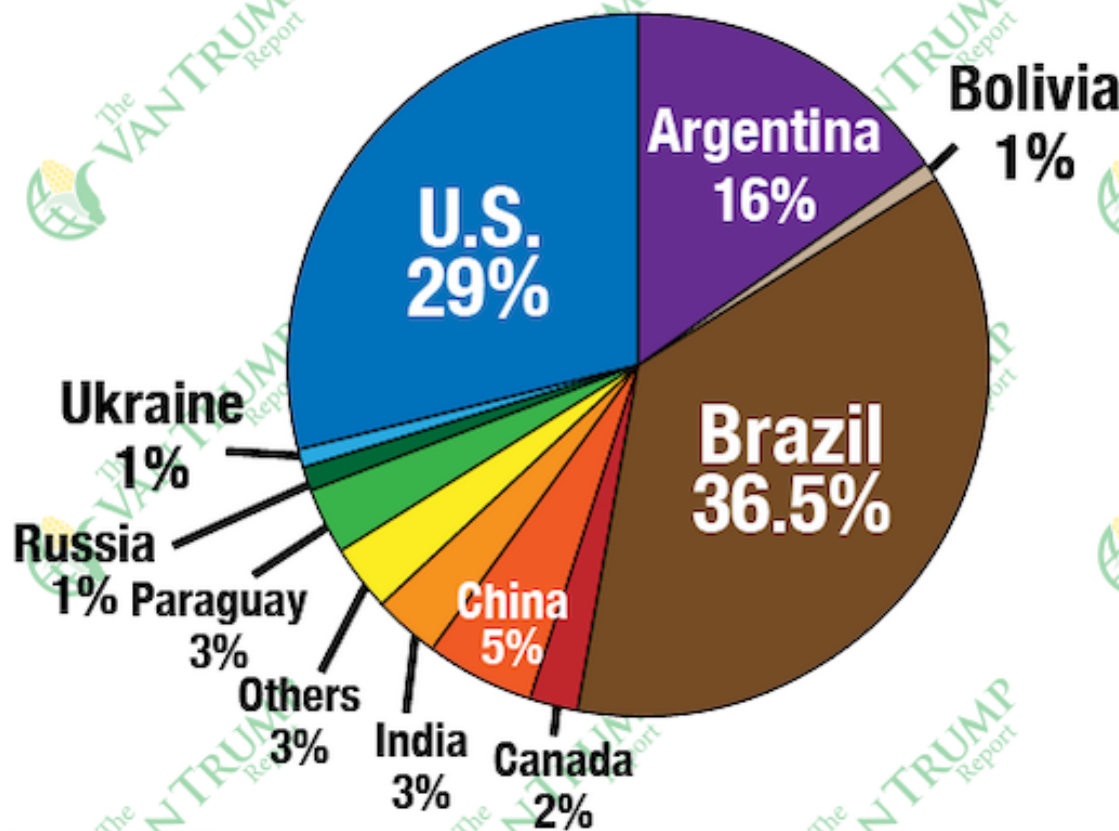
Global Corn Production %



Soybean bulls are talking about a U.S. and China trade deal along with strong U.S. demand. Bears are talking about cooperative weather in Brazil and perhaps another record-setting crop. The question is, have Chinese importers purchased their fill of U.S. soybeans? There's some talk that Chinese buyers have purchased what they need from the U.S. and will soon start turning the majority of their attention to the record soybean crop soon to be harvested in Brazil. The trade is still keeping a close eye on dry areas in southern Argentina as weather forecasters show more stress ahead. From what I can gather, Argentine producers have about 65% of their crop planted. As a spec, I'm still holding my small bullish positions but am liquidating half on this rally and banking some strong profits. I'm going to let the other half of the positions run for a bit longer. As a producer, I'm paying very close attention to price, especially in next year's NOV20 contract which is trading back above \$9.50 per bushel. I might need to price just a bit more if we can push a little higher.



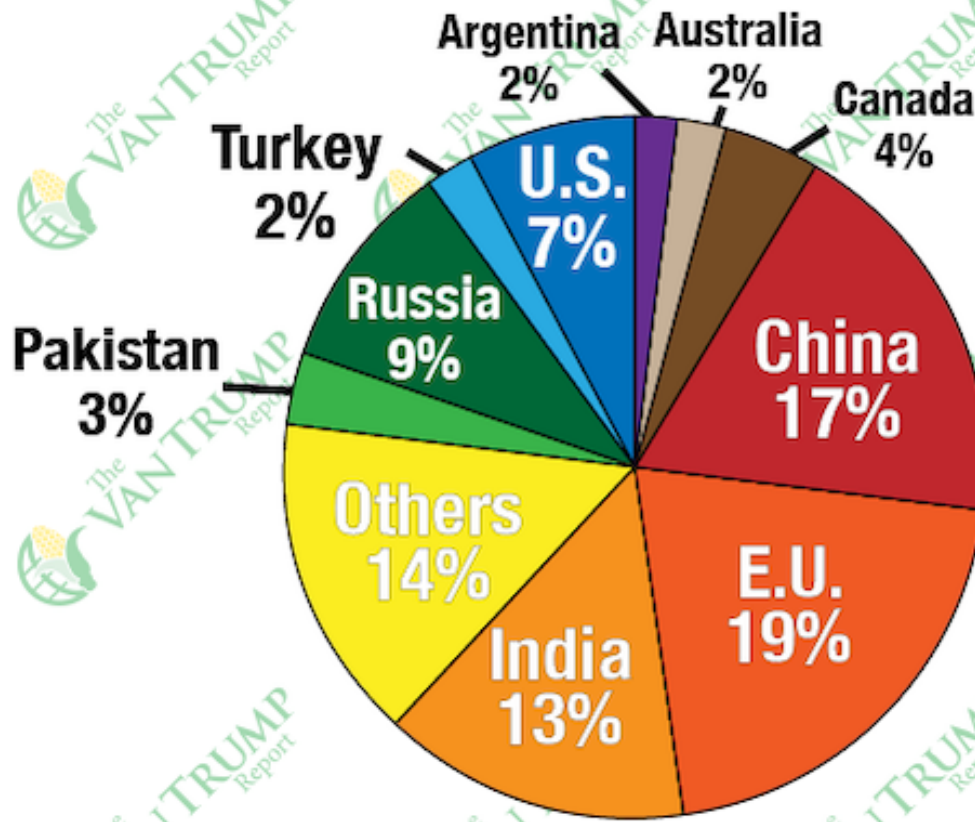
Global Soybeans Production %



Source: USDA, PS&D, November, 2019

Wheat bulls are happy to hear there could be an official deal inked with the Chinese. At the same time, Strategie Grains lowered its estimate for soft wheat production in the European Union, down between -3% to -4% compared to last year. Bulls are also hearing continued talk that Russian exports might not be as strong as last year. Bottom-line, perhaps U.S. exporters will see more interest in the weeks ahead and provide a stronger demand story. There are already some questions about global production. Here at home traders are closely monitoring dry conditions in parts of western Kansas and the southern Plains. I still question the acreage number and think it could work itself lower with the balance sheet tightening. As a spec, I continue to hold small bullish positions in the Minneapolis spring wheat contract.

Global Wheat Production %



Source: USDA, PS&D, November, 2019



> Ag Economist on Prospects for 2020 Soybean Prices: *A leading ag economist says even if there's a trade deal with China, the specific terms of the agreement will be crucial for soybeans. Todd Hubbs with the University of Illinois tells Brownfield Ag News, "If someone knows, please call me. I have no idea." Even though President Trump has said phase-one would include \$50 Billion dollars in U.S. imports by China, Hubbs says no one knows where that's coming from. Hubbs says a big question is whether the recent soybean price rally has been overdone on the trade deal, "How much can China actually take from us with their hog herd down so substantially? AND the commitments they've made to other suppliers." Hubbs says two other open questions for soybean prices remain South America's crop and the size of the 2019 U.S. soybean crop. Listen to the interview [HERE](#).*

> USDA to Make \$550 Million in Funding Available in 2020 to Deploy High-Speed Broadband Internet Infrastructure in Rural America: *Ag Secretary Sonny Perdue announced the availability of a second round of \$550 million in United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Reconnect Pilot Program funding. These grants, loans and combination funds enable the federal government to partner with the private sector and rural communities to build modern broadband infrastructure in areas with insufficient internet service. The application window for this round of funding is set to open Jan. 31, 2020 and will close no later than March 16, 2020. More information is available [HERE](#).*

> Is America's Milk Supply Contaminated with 'Forever Chemicals'? At Art Schaap's dairy farm in Clovis, New Mexico, sprinklers draw from deep wells to water green fields of sorghum and corn, as well as his dairy cow herd. Schaap used to ship thousands of gallons of milk each day but for the last year he's poured all that milk down the drain. In September 2018, Schaap was visited by an official with Cannon Air Force Base, which adjoins his property. He was given a letter indicating his well water was contaminated with per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), a group of chemicals that have been linked to reproductive and developmental problems as well as cancer. The chemicals had migrated into Schaap's groundwater from foams used in firefighting exercises on the military base. Schaap and his family, the letter said, should immediately stop drinking the water. Air Force officials told him they'd supply his family with bottled water. But Schaap wondered about his cows. Later, testing by the New Mexico Department of Agriculture showed that his milk was contaminated at levels 70 times above a federal advisory health limit for PFAS. Two other dairy farms in Clovis, a town of about 40,000 on the state's eastern edge, were also found to have PFAS contamination in their groundwater, and others are concerned about the spreading plume. Read more from [FERN](#).

> IHOP Opening Fast Casual Restaurant Called Flip'd Offering on-the-go Breakfast: IHOP is debuting a new fast-casual restaurant, called Flip'd, that translates the pancake purveyor's sit-down menu items into breakfast foods served on the quick. Flip'd will debut in Atlanta in April, with tentative plans for additional locations in New York, D.C., Denver, and San Francisco. With a focus on speed and convenience in dense urban areas, the IHOP spinoff will be about half the size of a typical IHOP, with limited seating, digital kiosk and counter ordering instead of wait staff, and online ordering for pick-up or delivery. Items on the menu at Flip'd will include egg sandwiches, breakfast burritos and bowls, baked goods, coffee, and non-breakfast options like salads, wraps, and IHOP's angus steakburger and crispy chicken sandwiches. There will also be a build-your-own pancake bar and something called a "pancake bowl," which appears to be just pancakes in a portable container. Read more [HERE](#).

> University of Phoenix to Cancel \$141 in Student Debt: The University of Phoenix is paying the price for a 2012-14 advertising campaign that the FTC argued was deceptive, touting partnerships with the likes of Adobe, Microsoft, AT&T, Hitachi, Avis and Twitter where there were none. The for-profit college and its parent company, Apollo Education Group, will cancel \$141 million in student debt owed directly to the university and will pay \$50 million in cash to help consumers who had been misled by the advertisements and to settle the dispute. (Source: Associated Press)

> World's First 3D-Printed Neighborhood Now has its First Houses: In a rural area on the outskirts of a town in Southern Mexico, a giant, 33-foot-long 3D

printer recently built the walls of the first homes in the world's first 3D-printed neighborhood. The 500-square-foot houses were finished with roofs, windows, and interiors last week. New Story, the nonprofit leading the project, believes that the new construction process could be part of the solution for affordable housing in some of the poorest communities in the world. The nonprofit, founded five years ago to bring housing to people living in extreme poverty, has already built more than 2,700 homes in Haiti, El Salvador, Bolivia, and Mexico, using traditional construction. But it recognized that new technology could help it continue to work faster and decrease costs. Two years ago, it partnered with Icon, a construction tech company based in Austin, to begin developing a 3D printer rugged enough to work even in the most challenging conditions. Learn more [HERE](#).

> American Airlines Pulls Boeing 737 Max Off Schedule Until April:

American Airlines on Thursday pulled the Boeing 737 Max from its schedules until April 7, making it more than a full year since the grounding before it expects to fly the planes again. Regulators grounded the plane after two fatal crashes in a span of five months killed 346 people. Airlines that have the Max planes in their fleet, which also include Southwest and United, have lost hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue because of the grounding. The problem has gotten worse because airlines expected to receive even more deliveries over the past few months. American Airlines' announcement came hours after the FAA confirmed that the troubled jet would not be cleared to fly before 2020, as Boeing had previously insisted it would be. U.S. officials told Reuters that approval is not likely until at least February and could be delayed until March. American had previously pulled the jet from its schedule through the first week of March, along with Southwest and United. (Sources: Reuters, CNBC)

> From Billy Porter to Baby Yoda, Here's What America Googled this Year:

In 2019, people across the country turned to Google for all the answers. Now, Google has unveiled its 2019 Year In Search, a look at the top trending searches of the year. From the viral sensation of Lil Nas X's song "Old Town Road" to Billy Porter's extravagant red carpet ensembles, the year's most popular searches have been laid out for all to see, giving us a glimpse of what America really wants to know. The list includes everything from news and entertainment to the classic, "What is..." query. As a farewell to the 2010's the search engine has also provided insights into trending searches across the decade. Check it out [HERE](#).

> Geminid Meteor Shower Lights Up Skies This Weekend: *The Geminid meteor shower - one of the highlights of the year for stargazers - will peak around the mornings of December 13, 14 and 15, 2019. The moon will be just past full, and it'll be lighting up the sky during the peak hours for meteor-watching (around 2 a.m. no matter where you are on the globe). The Geminids tend to be bright, though! EarthSky.org expects the morning of December 14 to produce the most meteors. On a dark night, near the peak, you can often catch 50 or more meteors*

per hour. The bright moonlight is sure to diminish the numbers this year, but some Geminids should be bright enough to overcome the moonlit glare. Be sure to give yourself at least an hour of observing time. It takes about 20 minutes for your eyes to adapt to the dark. Every year in December, our planet Earth crosses the orbital path of an object called 3200 Phaethon, a mysterious body that is sometimes referred to as a rock comet. The debris shed by 3200 Phaethon crashes into Earth's upper atmosphere at some 80,000 miles (130,000 km) per hour, to vaporize as colorful Geminid meteors. Learn more from [EarthSky](#).

> United Airlines Operates Extra Special 'North Pole' Flight for Sick Kids:

United Airlines has flown a special flight to the 'North Pole' for 30 years now, giving very sick children a chance to meet Santa and explore his workshop before he is too busy with Christmas. There are 16 of the special flights scheduled this month taking place in cities across the world, including Denver, San Francisco, London, Tokyo, and Frankfurt. Families are greeted at the airport by carolers and even receive toys. After everyone is boarded, the planes take off on a "top secret" flight path, which is actually 30 to 40 minutes of just flying around the the airport they take off from. They land at the 'North Pole', aka a different terminal decorated to look like Santa's workshop. Read about one of the flights that took off from Dulles this week and a history of how the tradition got started [HERE](#).



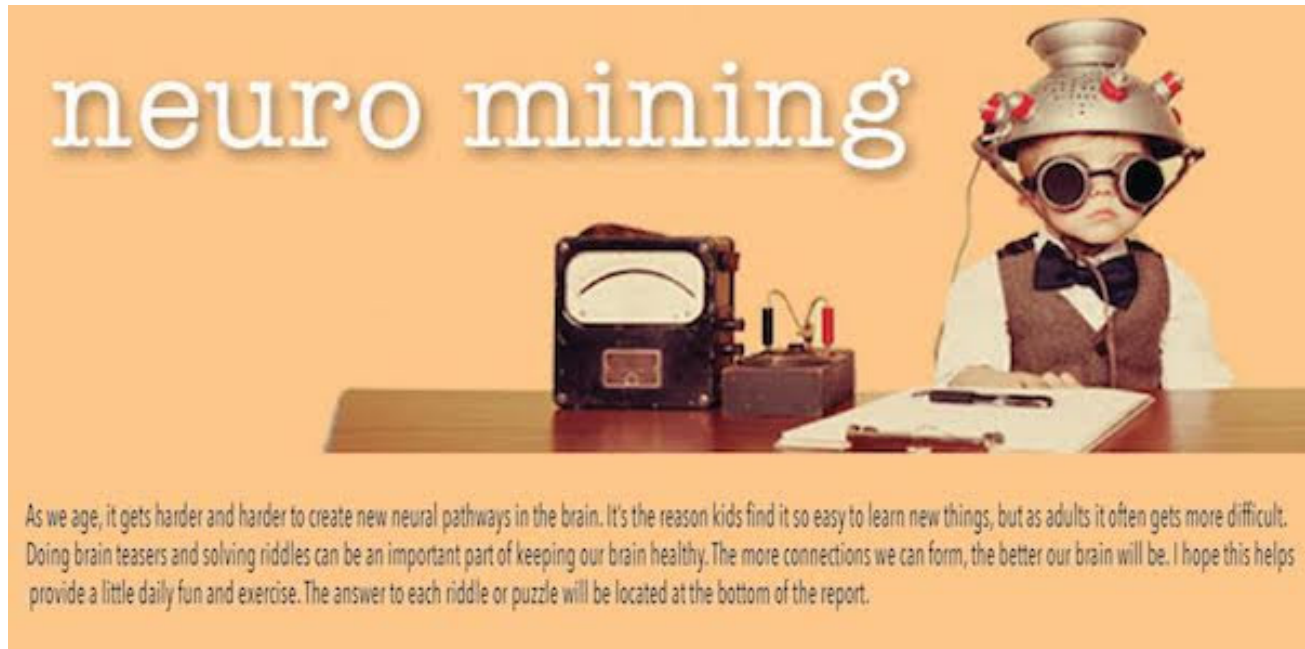




Southern Nebraska - *I drive a truck during the winter to earn a little extra money. Most of my routes include going down through Oklahoma and hauling fertilizer back to Nebraska. I have been noticing there are a lot of piles throughout Kansas. The corn must have been better than most elevators expected because I'm seeing multiple piles of corn where there normally wouldn't be any. The piles seem fewer and far between as you get into Nebraska. I was talking to a few guys at a farm that I was dropping off fertilizer and they were telling me the corn looked good but seemed to not perform well. They think their issue was too little sunlight.*

Central Iowa - *We finished harvest about 3 weeks ago. The corn wasn't great but wasn't bad at the same time. I think we expected to see corn that yielded like last year and that might have just been an anomaly. Guys are getting field work done this fall so I think at least central Iowa will be back to normal. We won't have the headache of fieldwork, planting, and spraying all in the same short period of time next year. We just don't have the manpower to get all that done year after year.*

Western Missouri - *We are getting stuck here and there but you would be in an area you shouldn't be. Most of the ground is fairly dry on top but if you got down 3 inches you will find moisture. We should be done putting on the anhydrous by the weekend. Temps are supposed to drop and we'll have a mixture of snow and rain. They are actually calling for 3 inches but I think it will just be a little drizzle like the last time they called for any moisture.*



TODAY'S RIDDLE: Different lights make me strange, for each one my size will change. What am I?



Happy Friday the 13th!

Today is the second "Friday the 13th" of this year, which for sufferers of friggatriskaidekaphobia – an irrational fear of Friday the 13th - is obviously a nightmare! This also happens to be exactly 13 weeks since the last "Friday the 13th" in September and exactly 13 weeks before the next "Friday the 13th" in March 2020. Which means nothing - they are just number 13 coincidences, but it could freak out people that think 13 is an unlucky number.

According to folklorists, there is no written evidence for a "Friday the 13th" superstition before the 19th century. The earliest known documented reference in English occurs in Henry Sutherland Edwards' 1869 biography of Italian composer Gioachino Rossini, who died on a Friday 13th. Rossini regarded Fridays as unlucky days and thirteen as an unlucky number. Overall though, no one knows for sure where the idea that Friday the 13th is unlucky originated.

Both Friday and the number 13 have some troubled ties to Christianity. Friday was the day that Jesus was crucified, and ever since, the day has been associated with "general ill omen." 13 people at a table became seen as bad luck because Judas Iscariot, the disciple who betrayed Jesus, is said to have been the 13th guest at the Last Supper. Some historians have also claimed Friday the 13th was the day on which Eve bit the apple from the Tree of Knowledge, the great flood began, and the builders of the Tower of Babel began their work. In the Middle Ages, Friday was also unlucky because it was "hangman's day". In America, the view that Friday was unlucky was perpetuated by the tradition of holding all executions on Fridays.

There is also evidence that the superstition has roots in Norse mythology. One myth tells of 12 gods who had dinner at Valhalla—the fabled hall where legendary Norse heroes feasted for eternity after they died—that was interrupted by a 13th guest, the evil and mischievous god Loki. According to legend, Loki tricked Höðr (the blind god of winter and son of Odin, the supreme god in Norse mythology) into shooting his brother Baldr (the benevolent god of summer who was also a son of Odin) with a magical spear tipped with mistletoe—the only substance that could defeat him. Due to the evildoing of the unwanted 13th guest, the number was branded unlucky.

For unknown reason, among many cultures, the number 12 emerged throughout history as a "complete" number: There are 12 months in a year, 12 signs of the zodiac, 12 Gods of Olympus, 12 sons of Odin, 12 labors of Hercules, 12 Jyotirlingas or Hindu shrines where Shiva is worshipped, 12 successors of Muhammad in Shia Islam, and 12 tribes of Israel. In Christianity, Jesus was betrayed by one of his 12 Apostles—Judas—who was the 13th guest to arrive for the Last Supper. The reasoning goes that surpassing the number 12 "unbalances" the ideal nature of things; because it is seen as irregular and disrespectful of a sense of perfection, the number 13 bears the stigma of misfortune and bad luck we know today. Coincidentally, today is exactly 12 days until Christmas!

Regardless of where the superstition originated, its firmly planted in American culture to this day. Most skyscrapers and hotels lack a 13th floor, which specifically comes from the tendency in the early 1900s for buildings in New York City to omit the unlucky number (though the Empire State Building has a 13th floor). Some street addresses also skip from 12 to 14, while airports may skip the 13th gate. According to the Stress Management Center and Phobia Institute, an estimated 17 to 21 million people in the United States are affected by a fear of this day making it the most feared day and date in history. It's estimated that \$800 to \$900 million is lost in business on this day. (Sources: Wikipedia, EarthSky, Mental Floss, BBC)



Who You Picking To Win The Heisman?

This Saturday at 7:00 pm CST officials in New York will announce the winner of the 85th Heisman Trophy. Finalist for this years Heisman include: Senior, Joe Burrow, QB, LSU is now the odds-on favorite to win it all; Senior, Jalen Hurts, QB, Oklahoma; Junior, Chase Young, DE, Ohio State; Sophomore, Justin Fields, QB, Ohio State. Clemson quarterback Trevor Lawrence and Wisconsin running back Jonathan Taylor are among those who fell short of qualifying. According to Odds Shark, Burrow has pretty much sealed the deal followed by Justin Fields with Hurts and Young finishing a distant third and fourth in the voting.

Keep in mind, it was actually this day back in 1935 that a young man from Dubuque, Iowa, named Jay Berwanger won the first-ever Heisman Trophy. Berwanger was a starting halfback for the University of Chicago, where he was often known as "the one-man football team." Interestingly Berwanger went on to become the first player to ever be drafted in the NFL in its inaugural 1936 draft. I should also note that Berwanger competed in track & field for the University of Chicago, setting a school decathlon record in 1936 that stood until 2007.

This is where the story gets interesting... Berwanger was selected by the Philadelphia Eagles as the first overall pick, but they did not think they would be able to meet his reported salary demands of \$1,000 per game, so they traded his negotiating rights to the Chicago Bears for tackle Art Buss.

Berwanger initially chose not to sign with the Bears in part to preserve his

amateur status so that he could compete for a spot on the U.S. team for the 1936 Summer Olympics in the decathlon. After barely missing at the Olympics, Berwanger and Bears' owner George Halas were unable to reach an agreement on salary. It was reported that Berwanger was requesting \$15,000 and Halas' final offer was \$13,500. Instead, he took a job with a Chicago rubber company and also became a part-time coach at the University of Chicago.

People close to Berwanger said that later in his life he expressed regret that he did not accept Halas' offer. Folks also said he was very modest and humble about winning the Heisman and used the trophy as a doorstop in his library. The actual trophy was later bequeathed to the University of Chicago Athletic Hall of Fame, where it is now on display. There is also a replica of the first Heisman on display in the trophy case in the Nora Gymnasium at Dubuque Senior High School.

Also, a bit of history and something you may not know is that the actual award was created by the Downtown Athletic Club in 1935 to recognize the most valuable college football player east of the Mississippi. After the death in October 1936 of the Club's athletic director, John Heisman, the award was named in his honor and broadened to include players west of the Mississippi. The trophy is made out of cast bronze, is 13.5 inches tall and weighs 25 pounds. Below are a few more fun facts.

Joe Burrow Was A Buckeye? *Burrow wasn't on many Heisman lists before the season, but he broke out in 2019 with 4,715 yards and 48 passing touchdowns, adding three scores on the ground, against one of the most difficult schedules in college football. In addition, he had at least 270 passing yards and two total touchdowns in every game, including three or more passing touchdowns in 11 of 13 contests. What many people don't know about him though is he started his college career at Ohio State University. After redshirting his first year at Ohio State in 2015, Burrow spent the next two years as a backup to J. T. Barrett. Over the two years, he played in 10 games, completing 29 of 39 passes for 287 yards and two touchdowns. After realizing that Dwayne Haskins would be named starting quarterback at Ohio State, Burrow transferred to LSU in May 2018. Rumors are also circulating around saying Burrow initially wanted to attend the University of Nebraska out of high school, but they didn't want him...*

Did You Bet on Burrow to Win it All? *Did you know that when the Westgate first offered 2019 Heisman Trophy odds, you could get a Joe Burrow ticket at 200-to-1? According to Odds Shark, Burrow is now the heavy favorite coming in at 1-to-25 odds. Pretty crazy how the tables can turn!*

Can We Get A Three-Peat? *Jalen Hurts is trying to become the third*

straight Oklahoma quarterback to win the Heisman award after Baker Mayfield and Kyler Murray took the honors in the last two back-to-back seasons. Keep in mind, if Hurts can pull this off, then it will be the first time ever in college football history. Since the Heisman Trophy began inviting finalists to New York City in 1981, Oklahoma is the first school to have a quarterback invited to the ceremony in four straight years, and the first to have different quarterbacks invited in three straight years. In addition, Mayfield and Murray went #1 in the NFL draft, so it will be interesting to see if Hurts can follow in their footsteps.

Joining Some of the Elites: *Chase Young is the is just the fourth defensive linemen to be named a finalist in the award's history, joining Washington's Steve Emtman (1991), Miami's Warren Sapp (1994), and Nebraska's Ndamukong Suh (2009). Keep in mind, none of those three finished higher than fourth in the voting. Young will look to become the first to finish above 4th place in voting as he led the nation with 16.5 sacks and tackles for loss per game with 1.9.*

Schools with the Most: *USC and Notre Dame have the most number of Heisman trophies won, each with seven.*

In the Hall of Fame: *Eleven of the Heisman Trophy winners are in the Pro Football Hall of Fame. That means 11/84 winners are in the Pro Football Hall of Fame or 13% of winners.*

Never Pursued a Sports Career: *Only two winners of the award never pursued a career in professional sports: Pete Dawkins and Dick Kazmaier; Dawkins had a career with the United States Army where he achieved the rank of Brigadier General; Kazmaier attended Harvard Business School, founded a consulting company specializing in sports marketing, and chaired the President's Council on Fitness, Sports, and Nutrition.*

Most Votes: *The player who received the most votes (by percentage) was Reggie Bush of USC in 2005, though his award was voluntarily forfeited back in 2010.*

Widest Margin of Victory: *The player who won by the widest margin was Troy Smith of Ohio State in 2006.*

First Freshman to Win the Award: *Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel became the first freshman to win the Heisman in 2012.*

Youngest to Win the Award: *In 2016, at 19 years and 338 days old, Louisville quarterback Lamar Jackson became the youngest Heisman Trophy*

winner as a freshman. In addition, the oldest to ever win is Chris Weinke, at the age of 28, out of Florida State.

Only Defensive Player to Win: *Charles Woodson is the only primarily defensive player to win the award, doing so as a defensive back, kick returner, and occasionally wide receiver for Michigan in 1997.*

Selling the Trophy: *Several Heisman trophies have been sold over the years. O. J. Simpson's 1968 trophy was sold in February 1999 for \$230,000 as part of the settlement of the civil trial in the O. J. Simpson murder case. Charles White's 1979 trophy first sold for \$184,000 and then for nearly \$300,000 in December 2006 to help pay back federal income taxes. Paul Hornung sold his Heisman for \$250,000 to endow student scholarships for the University of Notre Dame students from his hometown of Louisville, Kentucky.*

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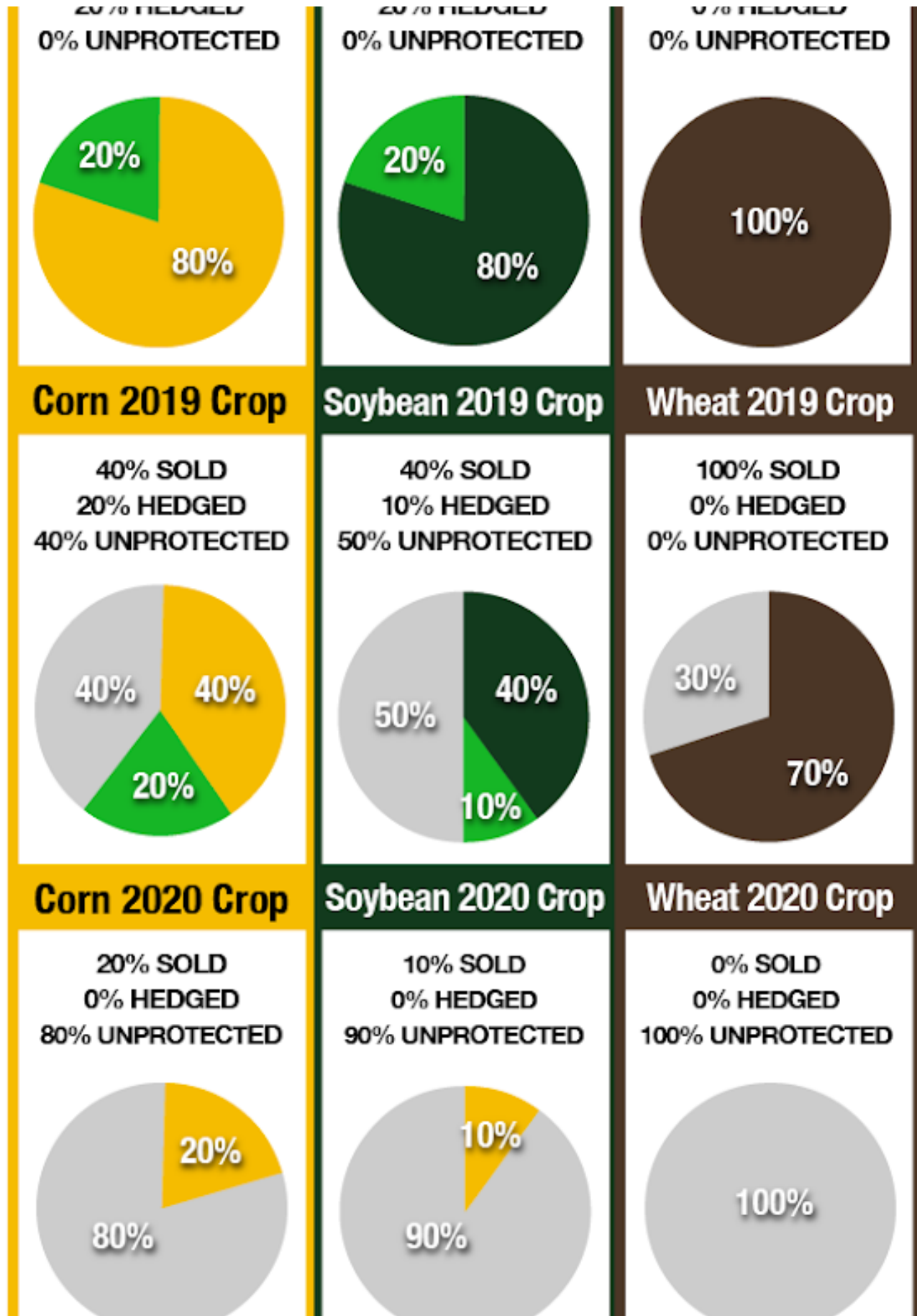
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