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End-of-month liquidation of fund long positions, concerns about the US debt ceiling resolution and the
poor quarterly US GDP data were all contributing features to today's price weakness. While the
central/southern Corn Belt remains dry, the western/northern areas of the Corn Belt have received rain
this week taking the edge off the weather concerns. Following rally failures Wednesday/Thursday an
extended break to wheat on the opening today may have added to the weakness in corn and soybeans.

After another failed rally attempt overnight, Chicago September wheat traded nearly 20 cents lower early
in the session today. It is trading around 15 cents lower. In rallying this week, the wheat market focused
too much attention on the fact that the US spring wheat yields would be down from the last two years and
not enough on the fact that yield results of the tour suggest USDA's spring wheat yield could be raised 1
1/2 to 2 bushels per acre. KC Sept is trading around 16 cents lower, MPLS down around 13 cents. The
markets have traded back to the lows made earlier in the week.

Coming off Wednesday's rally high December corn has traded nearly 23 cents lower today, currently
trading around 17 cents lower. Today's collapse unless there is a recovery rally into the close has negated
last week's positive turn around. The defining feature early next week will be the change to the US corn
condition ratings. If the conditions go down it could bring support back to the market. If they are
unchanged to higher it could burden the market. Between $6.00 and $6.50, there is the risk of more
Chinese buying.