Soybeans: world market situation and 2016/17 outlook

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Global supply & demand

16/17 outlook:
- Production: full recovery from 15/16, and possibly record-high
- Utilization: continued, steady growth
- Carry-out stocks: y/y contraction, albeit from a high level
- Trade: moderate expansion
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Global production

- Production (million tonnes)
- Total area harvested
- Avg. yield (tons/ha)

Soybean production: major producers

| Country      | 2014/16 Harvest | 2015/16 Est. | 2016/17 Forecast | Change 2015/16
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- Brazil: 98.2, 95.4, 102.0, 6.0, 0.9
- Argentina: 69.1, 57.5, 55.0, 2.3, 4.3
- Paraguay: 11.3, 11.3, 11.4, -1.1

Average yield

- USA, Brazil, Argentina
Global production vs. utilization

Soybean inventories and ratios
Global soybean trade

Global import pattern
(2016/17 f'cast)

China 62%
Other Asia 18%
EU 10%
Rest of World 10%

Exports: major suppliers

United States
Brazil
Argentina
Soybean spot price index

Source: ISIC (FCO soybean sub-index)
(January 2000 = 100)

CBOT soybean futures for March

Mar. 2017 contract
Mar. 2016 contract
Mar. 2015 contract
Mar. 2014 contract
Factors to watch

**supply side:**
- final estimate of US crop
- South American crops
  - farmers’ planting decisions
  - planting progress
  - growing conditions

**demand side:**
- China import volume
- other, related markets
  - palm oil
  - biodiesel

**other sources of uncertainty:**
- exchange rate movements
- global economic growth

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