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Trade policy and market access were the key themes this cycle, led by a U.S. Supreme Court tariff decision with potential knock-on effects for China soybean commitments and duties affecting India, Canada, and Mexico. Also included: drought and flood impacts across Colorado and Turkey, plus practical reminders on soil organic matter, cold germination testing, and farmer-led profit discipline.

### Market Movers

#### U.S. trade policy: Supreme Court tariff ruling adds new uncertainty for key partners (China, India, Canada, Mexico)

A U.S. Supreme Court decision found tariffs imposed under an economic emergency law to be illegal in a **6–3 ruling**, concluding the **International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA)** did not grant the president the power used to impose certain tariffs <sup>1</sup>.

What was described as removed in the coverage:

- **10% reciprocal/fentanyl-related tariffs** affecting trading partners including **Canada, Mexico, and China** <sup>2</sup>.
- **18–25% duties on India**, reverting trade terms back to **avored nation status** <sup>3</sup>.

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Agriculture-specific market sensitivity flagged in the segment centered on China and soybeans:

- The key question is how this affects the U.S. deal with China, especially **soybean purchases**, and whether it reduces U.S. negotiating leverage in other trade frameworks <sup>4</sup>.
- There was also concern China could use the ruling as leverage to exit recent trade frameworks or **soybean purchase commitments** <sup>5</sup>.



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### **U.S.–Indonesia trade agreement: tariff elimination framed as a broad ag opportunity**

A U.S.–Indonesia trade agreement was described as eliminating tariffs on **most American exports**, expanding opportunities across the **agricultural sector** <sup>6</sup>.

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<sup>6</sup> post by @SuccessfulFarm

## Innovation Spotlight

### Farm business discipline: “profit over pride” after overexpansion (Iowa)

An Iowa farmer, **Rusty Olson**, runs a parallel operation with **conventional and organic acres** <sup>7</sup>. After expanding too quickly and struggling financially, he emphasized keeping close track of farm numbers and prioritizing **net profit over pride**, reporting improved profitability by farming **fewer acres** <sup>8</sup>.

Related coverage also highlights Olson’s focus on balancing organic and conventional acres and “knowing his numbers” as a mindset shift <sup>9</sup>.

- Full story (source link): [https://www.agriculture.com/iowa-farmer-boosts-profit-by-farming-fewer-acres-11910790?taid=699a0eca8e21f400010d9f99&utm\\_campaign=truean](https://www.agriculture.com/iowa-farmer-boosts-profit-by-farming-fewer-acres-11910790?taid=699a0eca8e21f400010d9f99&utm_campaign=truean)<sup>10</sup>

### Building scale with networks + diversification (Indiana)

A first-generation Indiana farmer, **Mike Koehne**, described building a **900-acre** operation from the ground up, pointing to the value of **mentorship** and **industry trade groups**, and using **specialty crops** as part of shaping a sustainable future for the family farm <sup>11</sup>. The linked piece is framed around building a **global soybean business** <sup>12</sup>.

### Sustainability incentives: program expansion (Canadian Prairies) with farmer skepticism on net benefit

A Reddit-linked article reports **Nutrien** is growing its **sustainability incentive program** for **Prairie farmers** <sup>13</sup> (Canada). A commenter questioned the economics, suggesting farmers may receive “a couple bucks an acre back,” but raised concern about potential hidden costs tied to participation and associated product purchases <sup>14</sup>.

- Article link (as shared): <https://www.producer.com/crops/nutrien-growing-sustainability-incentive-program-for-prairie-farmers/><sup>15</sup>

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## Regional Developments

### U.S. (Colorado): drought risk ahead of spring irrigation

A headline update flagged that **Colorado drought worsens ahead of spring irrigation** <sup>16</sup>.

### Turkey (Seyhan River): flooding impacts mandarin orchards

Flooding along the **Seyhan River** was reported to have submerged **unharvested mandarin orchards**, with expectations of fruit drop or **quality deterioration** despite prior investments in the trees <sup>17</sup>. The post also conveyed hope that excessive inflows to dam reservoirs ease and that the amount of water released into the riverbed declines, along with condolences to affected farmers <sup>18</sup>.

## Best Practices

### Soil resilience: organic matter for water-holding capacity

A field-level reminder from Ag PhD: boosting **soil organic matter** was framed as improving soil health and increasing **water-holding capacity** <sup>19</sup>.

### Seed risk management: cold germination testing

Ag PhD also recommended testing seed for **COLD germination** <sup>20</sup>.

## Input Markets

### Incentive economics: evaluate “per-acre” sustainability payments against total program cost

In discussion of Nutrien’s expanded Prairie sustainability incentive program <sup>21</sup>, a farmer comment highlighted the need to scrutinize the full cost of participation—questioning whether “a couple bucks an acre” in returns may be offset by other expenses embedded in the program or related purchases <sup>22</sup>.

## Forward Outlook

### Trade watch: soybeans and the next phase of U.S.–China frameworks

From the Farm Journal segment, the near-term planning issue is whether China uses the tariff ruling as leverage to adjust or exit recent frameworks or **soybean**

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**purchase commitments** <sup>23</sup>, and whether the legal change reshapes negotiating leverage around other frameworks (noting many are non-binding) <sup>24</sup>. The same coverage conveyed optimism that continued progress toward a truce is in the mutual interest of both countries <sup>25</sup>.

### Seasonal water risk: irrigation constraints vs. flood impacts

Two contrasting regional signals to factor into operational planning:

- **Colorado**: drought concerns heading into spring irrigation <sup>26</sup>.
- **Seyhan River (Turkey)**: flooding-related crop quality risk for unharvested mandarins <sup>27</sup>.

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