Key Commodity Developments, FY 2006 to FY 2007

AgExports forecast to rise \$9.3 billion

Grains & Feeds 1 \$4.4 billion to \$22.8 billion - record
sharply (+) corn values – tighter domestic mkt due to (+) ethanol production
corn (+) \$3 billion to record \$9.2 billion
wheat (+) \$550 million - reduced competition from Australia
rice export value reaches \$1.4 bil with (+) unit value offsetting (-) volume

Oilseeds & Products 1 \$2.0 billion to \$12.7 billion
higher oilseed values & volumes boost export value

soybeans (+) \$1.4 billion and (+) 3.3 million tons (mmt)
higher unit values due to demand for feed and energy products
vols rise – larger US soybean crop + smaller SAmer production increase

Livestock/Poultry/Dairy Products 1 \$1.2 bil to \$14.6 bil - record 060% of increase due to (+) beef and pork volumes to many markets

Horticultural Products 1 \$1.3 billion to \$18 billion - record
strong global demand and weaker US dollar support growth
75% of increase driven by processed products (not fresh)

Note - minor changes forecast for tobacco, planting seeds, and tropical products