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Conclusion: The USDA released its March WASDE (World Agriculture Supply and Demand Estimates) today. The report supports our positive view on the Animal Health industry. Feed prices remain low and producers continue to expand their cattle herds. We believe this would be good for ZTS (BUY, \$46.29) because 66% of its revenues in 2014 came from the livestock business. This is also positive for PAHC (BUY, \$35.30) because 100% of its revenues come from livestock animals.

The key data points that support our positive investment thesis are highlighted below.

- The 2014/15 projected range for the U.S. season average corn farm price is raised up \$0.05 at the midpoint to \$3.50 to \$3.90 per bushel from \$3.40 to \$3.90 per bushel last month.
- The 2014/15 U.S. season-average farm price for soybeans is projected at \$9.45 to \$10.95 per bushel, unchanged from last month.
- The 2015 forecast of total red meat and poultry production is lowered from last month as lower beef production more than offsets increases in pork and broiler production. Fed cattle slaughter is expected to be lower in the first quarter, but cow slaughter remains higher than expected. In addition, carcass weights are reduced slightly in the first quarter. Pork production is increased on higher first quarter slaughter and slightly heavier carcass weights. USDA will release the Quarterly Hogs and Pigs report on March 27, which will provide an indication of producers' expectations to farrow sows through the third quarter. Broiler production is higher as hatchery data shows continued growth in chicks placed.
- The 2015 cattle price is unchanged. The hog price forecast is reduced as greater production and lower exports imply greater supplies for the domestic market. Broiler prices are lowered on weaker demand and larger supplies of product.

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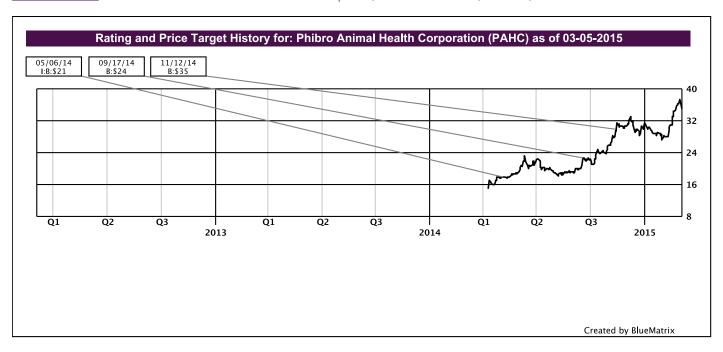
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