



DAILY SOFTS COMMENTARY

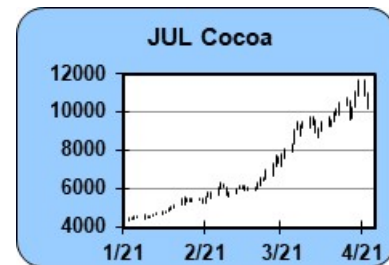
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DAILY COCOA COMMENTARY

4/25/2024

Uptrend losing momentum but still intact.

West African supply issues are unlikely to be resolved over the near future, and that may set the stage for a fourth global production deficit in a row in 2024/25. A wetter trend in west Africa could improve prospects for late mid-crop production, but this is coming off extremely low expectations after the hot and dry conditions earlier this year. Ivory Coast cocoa arrivals for the 2023/24 marketing year reached 1.337 million tonnes as of April 21, down 28% from 1.859 million a year ago. Last week's grind numbers indicated that demand was resilient against extremely high prices during the first quarter. Ecuador and Indonesia cocoa farmers could benefit from a shift in weather conditions if La Nina arrives as expected later this year. Their producers have been able to capture a larger portion of the price gains than their counterparts in Ivory Coast and Ghana, which provides a strong incentive to expand production. Technical indicators suggest the rally is losing momentum, but there has been no indicator of a top.



TODAY'S MARKET IDEAS:

Cocoa's increasingly volatile intra-day price action may be a sign that the market may be close to a peak. A move through the contract high in July cocoa at 11,722 would leave the next upside resistance at 12,100. Look for support at 10,444 and 9954.

NEW RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

COCOA TECHNICAL OUTLOOK:

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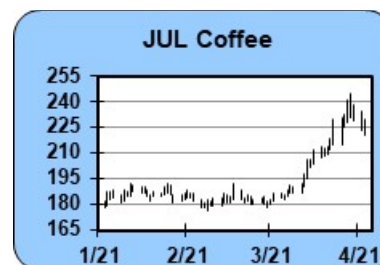
COCOA (JUL) 04/25/2024: Daily stochastics turning lower from overbought levels is bearish and will tend to reinforce a downside break especially if near term support is penetrated. A positive signal for trend short-term was given on a close over the 9-bar moving average. The market setup is supportive for early gains with the close over the 1st swing resistance. The next downside target is 10226. The next area of resistance is around 11418 and 11830, while 1st support hits today at 10616 and below there at 10226.

DAILY COFFEE COMMENTARY

4/25/2024

Vietnam looking at a dry 10-15 days.

July coffee extended yesterday's recovery move overnight, as bullish weather updates from Vietnam have pushed July robusta futures to new contract highs, lending support to the NY arabica market. Dry conditions are expected to worsen in key growing areas of Vietnam in the next 10-15 days, exacerbating concerns about the upcoming crop. Brazilian robusta production was expected to help make up for lower exports from Vietnam and Indonesia this quarter, but yields have been lower than expected for the early part of their harvest. La Nina is expected to return this summer, which could bring wetter conditions to Vietnam and Indonesia, but that is still way off in the future. ICE exchange coffee stocks rose by 5,142 bags Wednesday and climbed above 650,000 for the first time since May 2023. The record fund net long in the NY futures leave the market vulnerable to heavy selling if support levels are violated.



TODAY'S MARKET IDEAS:

The dry outlook for Vietnam over the next 10-15 days could support a recovery in the July NY coffee to 235.75 and perhaps 238.90. Look for support at 220.25 and 211.85.

NEW RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

COFFEE TECHNICAL OUTLOOK:

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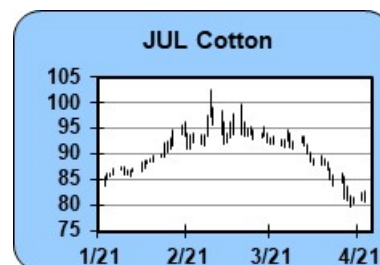
COFFEE (JUL) 04/25/2024: Stochastics trending lower at midrange will tend to reinforce a move lower especially if support levels are taken out. A negative signal for trend short-term was given on a close under the 9-bar moving average. The upside closing price reversal on the daily chart is somewhat bullish. With the close higher than the pivot swing number, the market is in a slightly bullish posture. The next downside objective is 217.55. The next area of resistance is around 229.55 and 232.15, while 1st support hits today at 222.25 and below there at 217.55.

DAILY COTTON COMMENTARY

4/25/2024

Technically oversold at 12-year lows.

July cotton is hovering around five-month lows after selling off from a contract high in late February, and this has left it vulnerable to a short covering rally as we head into the growing season. Downbeat sentiment on grains, oil and financial markets pressured the market yesterday. Export prospects seem limited by the strong dollar, tight old crop ending stocks, and expected competition from Brazil. Last week's export sales report showed US cotton sales for the week ending April 11 at 226,189 bales, up from 117,161 the previous week and the highest since February 1. If the sales come in strong again this week, it will ease concerns about a slowdown. Cepea reports that Brazilian cotton shipments totaled 189,440 tonnes in the 15 working days of April so far, up 211% from April 2023 but down 25% from March. If volume continues at the current pace, April volume could reach 227,800 tonnes, the highest since December.



TODAY'S MARKET IDEAS:

A strong export sales report could spark a move back to this week's highs in July cotton. The market is back

inside an extended consolidation pattern between 79.65 and 83.60 that lasted from November to mid-January, and it may take some effort for it to move out of that range. The trend is down but technically oversold, and there may be reluctance to push lower heading into the growing season.

NEW RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

COTTON TECHNICAL OUTLOOK:

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COTTON (JUL) 04/25/2024: Daily momentum studies are on the rise from low levels and should accelerate a move higher on a push through the 1st swing resistance. The market's close below the 9-day moving average is an indication the short-term trend remains negative. The market's close below the pivot swing number is a mildly negative setup. The near-term upside target is at 82.33. With a reading under 30, the 9-day RSI is approaching oversold levels. The next area of resistance is around 81.56 and 82.33, while 1st support hits today at 80.46 and below there at 80.13.

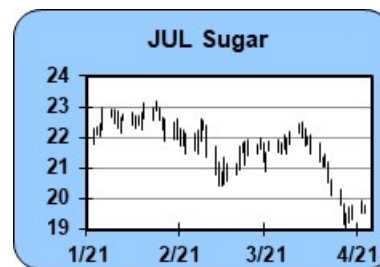
COTTON (DEC) 04/25/2024: The daily stochastics gave a bearish indicator with a crossover down. Daily stochastics are trending lower but have declined into oversold territory. The close below the 9-day moving average is a negative short-term indicator for trend. The market tilt is slightly negative with the close under the pivot. The next downside target is now at 77.07. Some caution in pressing the downside is warranted with the RSI under 30. The next area of resistance is around 78.05 and 78.52, while 1st support hits today at 77.33 and below there at 77.07.

DAILY SUGAR COMMENTARY

4/25/2024

Weakness ahead of UNICA report.

July sugar was lower overnight, and it could be on its way to testing last week's 12-month low. Trade expectations for this week's UNICA report to show Brazilian first-half April cane crushing to come in 15% above a year ago may have made longs nervous. Hotter than normal conditions in Thailand's cane growing regions are expected to negatively impact their upcoming 2024/25 crop. Hot and dry conditions are expected to continue for the foreseeable future. There are reports that India's government will allow an additional 800,000 tonnes of sugar to be diverted for ethanol production. The dry weather in India could give way to higher rainfall just in time for sugarcane development. Domestic sugar prices in Pakistan have surged in recent days amid reports that the government is facing increasing pressure to allow the export of 1.0-1.5 million tonnes of sugar.



TODAY'S MARKET IDEAS:

July sugar may test last week's lows, but the real test will be the UNICA report, due out this week, as traders are expecting a sharp increase in Brazilian cane crushing for the first half of April. Look for support in July sugar at 19.08 and 18.60, with resistance 19.61 and 19.92.

NEW RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

SUGAR TECHNICAL OUTLOOK:

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SUGAR (JUL) 04/25/2024: Daily momentum studies are on the rise from low levels and should accelerate a move higher on a push through the 1st swing resistance. The market's short-term trend is positive on the close above the 9-day moving average. The market has a slightly positive tilt with the close over the swing pivot. The near-term upside target is at 19.98. The next area of resistance is around 19.91 and 19.98, while 1st support hits today at 19.63 and below there at 19.43.

OJ TECHNICAL OUTLOOK:

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ORANGE JUICE (MAY) 04/25/2024: The cross over and close above the 60-day moving average is an indication the longer-term trend has turned positive. The crossover up in the daily stochastics is a bullish signal. Momentum studies are trending higher from mid-range, which should support a move higher if resistance levels are penetrated. The cross over and close above the 18-day moving average indicates the intermediate-term trend has turned up. The outside day up is somewhat positive. A positive setup occurred with the close over the 1st swing resistance. The near-term upside target is at 378.75. The next area of resistance is around 375.65 and 378.75, while 1st support hits today at 363.30 and below there at 354.05.

DAILY TECHNICAL STATISTICS

	CLOSE	9 DAY RSI	14 DAY RSI	14 DAY SLOW STOCH D	14 DAY SLOW STOCH K	4 DAY M AVG	9 DAY M AVG	18 DAY M AVG	45 DAY M AVG	60 DAY M AVG
SOFTS MARKETS COMPLEX										
SBAN24	19.77	34.22	34.90	14.45	17.37	19.64	19.65	20.59	21.19	21.53
CTAN24	81.01	27.05	29.96	11.93	14.00	81.54	82.33	85.62	90.63	90.63
CTAZ24	77.69	25.75	27.90	9.68	9.23	77.95	78.62	80.70	82.51	82.60
CCAN24	11017	63.74	66.50	78.26	73.89	10996.50	10660.00	10069.44	8175.56	7424.83
OJAK24	369.50	54.24	52.92	39.83	41.35	363.63	364.94	366.11	365.16	363.91
KCAN24	225.90	60.63	64.04	73.35	63.41	226.81	228.27	217.42	196.99	194.47
MAK24	17.78	62.26	60.67	87.20	86.70	18.02	17.47	16.83	16.84	17.08

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DAILY SWING STATISTICS

Contract		Support 2	Support 1	Pivot	Resist 1	Resist 2
SOFTS MARKETS COMPLEX						
SBAN24	Sugar	19.43	19.63	19.71	19.91	19.98
CTAN24	Cotton	80.13	80.46	81.23	81.56	82.33
CTAZ24	Cotton	77.06	77.32	77.79	78.05	78.52
CCAN24	Cocoa	10226	10616	11028	11418	11830
OJAK24	Orange Juice	354.00	363.25	366.35	375.65	378.75
KCAN24	Coffee	217.55	222.25	224.85	229.55	232.15
MAK24	Milk	17.26	17.53	17.76	18.03	18.26

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