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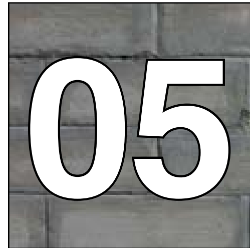

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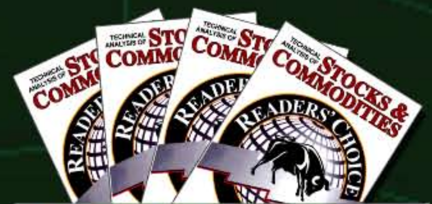

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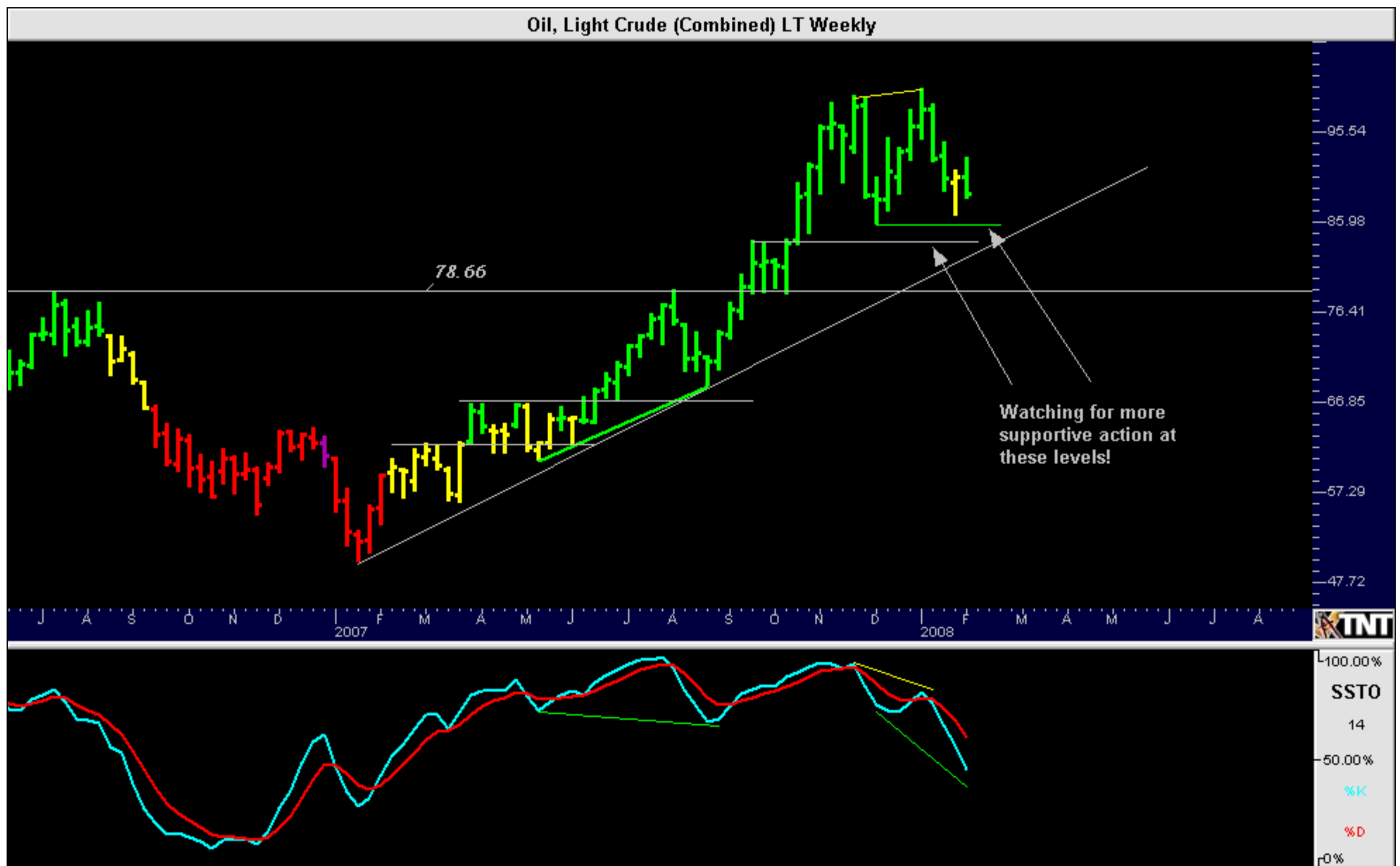

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I was a little disappointed with Fridays price action in crude, I had been hoping for more supportive action at these levels. Open interest continues to dwindle and the COT is not showing any new buying – yet!

The seasonal aspect gives a nice run up, so personally I need more evidence that seasonals may be followed at this juncture. If we get a third critical supportive formation, I will consider a long at a resistance break.

You can see in this weekly chart, there is a nice reverse divergence that followed divergence, so this gives me something to consider trading down in the daily at some point soon and if we get the right price action? Currently it's s no no, but on the other hand if the double support base is broken downside, maybe I would consider a short position with tight stops.

All the best.
Stewart

Get into the action! Start posting charts on The Wall, and maybe you'll see your chart highlighted here in our next PitNews.com Magazine issue.

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COMMODITY TRADER'S ALMANAC

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The February Break and Beyond

Last month, we highlighted the "Fabled February Break," the best known seasonal tendency in the commodity markets. This tendency has its roots in transportation and taxation and has been the stuff of market lore for over a hundred years.

The February Break is said to be caused by taxation and transportation. Taxes—like death and commissions in one shape or another—are an unavoidable fact of life. The best we can do is try to minimize them. Producers did this at one time by timing their sales (marketings) so that income was postponed, effectively pushing sales from one tax year to the next. For example, a farmer who wants to sell Wheat at the end of December 2007, might wait to sell his/her grain until January 2008 so the income derived is put into the 2008 tax year, not 2007, and the taxes will be paid on April 15, 2009, not April 15, 2008. Postponing of sales tended to cause a lack of available supply in December and a plethora of supply in January/February.

The second cause of the February Break is the weather or "General Winter" as it was coined during WWII. When the Germans tried to invade Russia in WWII, Russia's best military

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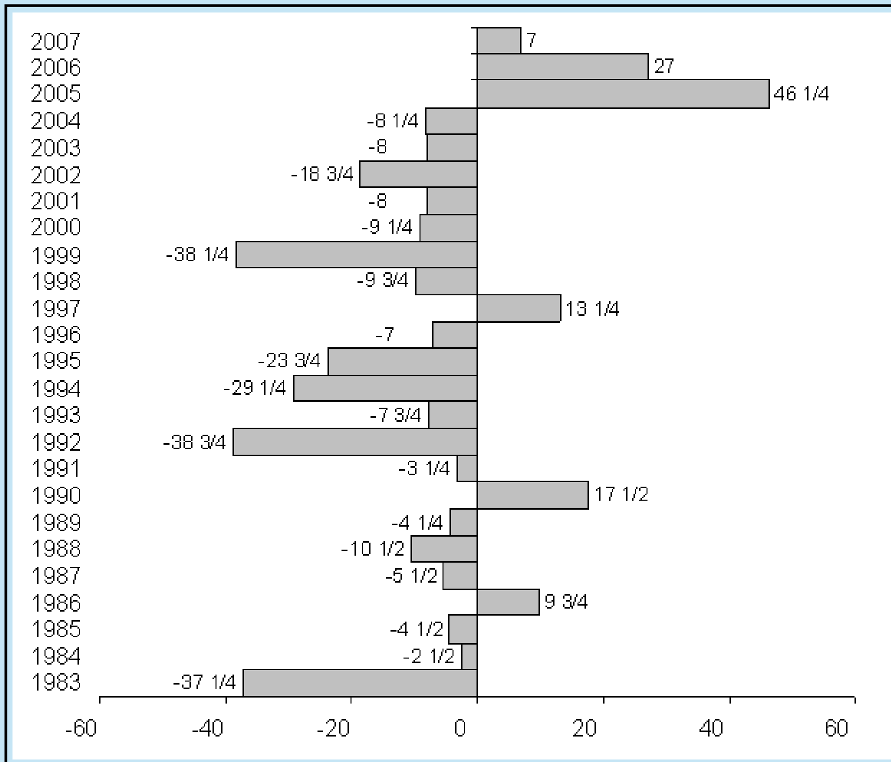
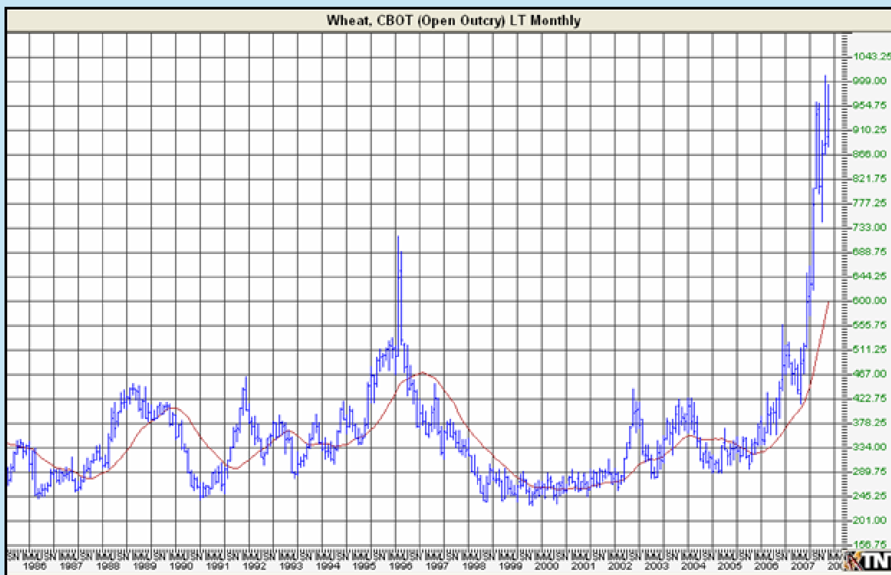
March CBOT Wheat Futures February Monthly Close Changes in Cents per Bushel





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move was implemented by the weather. The brutal cold of Russian winters slowed the Nazi war machine, as transportation was difficult. The same principle applies to grain movement. Most grains in the U.S. are grown in the interior of the country, yet most of the population lives on the coasts (East and West). As such, grain must be moved from areas of production to consumption. However, the cheapest way to transport grain over long-distances is by barge, and many of the U.S. waterways are dicey bets during the winter with freezing and flooding. Supply is built up in the interior of the country, causing grain merchants (cash traders) to lower bids and depress prices.

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These factors create a glut of supply near areas of production and depress prices—as the legend holds. For many years this logic was accurate, but "the times they are a changing" to quote Bob Dylan. Today, agri-business is a global operation. Big grain consumers (Nabisco, Archer Daniels Midland, etc.) are global marketers and operations. They sell commodities around the world and get input from around the world. Raw material costs—such as grain pricing—are not their only concern, as inventory levels and steady supply, coupled with processing costs (labor, fuel, marketing, etc.), are important as well. These consumers juggle all of these inputs—often counteracting the influences sighted above regarding the February Break in many of the grain markets.

The February Break is a myth now, as can be seen in monthly performance charts. For Soybeans, February is actually the third strongest month on record. January now

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takes the spot of the New Year break, with January's performance being the third weakest for Soybeans, fifth weakest for Soyoil, and the second weakest for Soybean Meal. The Corn market has also shown gains since 1987. Only the Wheat market—at least CBOT Wheat—does still experience a February Break. In 19 of the last 25 years, March CBOT Wheat futures have declined during the month of February.

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The prolongation of the February Break in the Wheat market may be random (and may soon to be relegated, too) or it may be due to the fact that the U.S. is not even in the top three producing countries of Wheat—the European Union, China, and the Former Soviet Union countries (FSU-12) all produce more Wheat than the U.S.

Wheat is also the only U.S. crop that relies mainly on exports. The United States is the largest exporter of Wheat in the world. Transportation problems, combined with a weakening currency, may explain why higher transportation costs during the winter months tend to put the proverbial "breaks" on demand during the later part of winter and the poor performance of March CBOT Wheat futures historically during February.

The Current Situation

At present, the Wheat market is in its most unbalanced supply/demand situation in history. With only 110.93 million metric tons of Wheat in carry-over (Ending Stocks or Total Supply, the Total Use on a world wide basis) the world is hungry for Wheat—as evidenced by the current prices.

Winter wheat seeded area for 2008 is expected to total 46.6 million acres, up 4 percent from 2007. However, like the proverbial "check in the mail" we do not know if the current increase in seeding (Planting) will result in increased supply or not.

USDA/NASS Crop Progress Timetables

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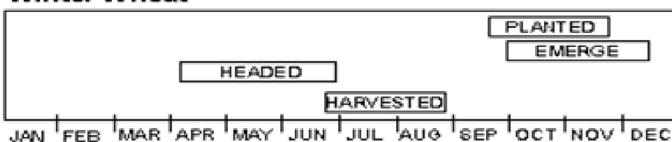
Winter Wheat



Grain and most agricultural futures are traded on a crop year basis. The crop year is based on the planting and harvest cycle of the commodity in question.

New Crop usually refers to the commodity in the "ground" or supply which is not certain yet. For example, the crop year for Wheat begins June 1, and runs through May 31, of the following year. As such, July 2008 CBOT Wheat futures represent the Wheat planting in the fall (September/October) that will be harvested between late June and late August.

"Old" crop refers to the commodity in storage, or last crop year's production. For example, May 2008 CBOT Wheat futures represent Wheat that is currently in storage and was harvested between late June and late August of 2007.

Agricultural commodities operate on a crop year basis because they are annually produced. Last year's production is not always the same as the current years or vice versa. Because many commodities degrade over time in storage, delivery of the physical commodity from one crop year to the next is usually at a discount. Plus, the pricing and volatility levels of "old" and "new" crop futures can be radically different—think current supply glut, but the growing crop is severally damaged with the future supply looking plentiful. Often times the margin levels between crop years can be different, as can be the margin needed for "old" versus "new" crop year spreads.

Winter Wheat is planted in the fall, goes into dormant during the winter and is harvested for grain during the following spring. Early warm weather is another hazard the seeds must face. Early thaws followed by a frost can cause the soil to heave, severing the stem from the root system. Wheat traders watch the weather very closely in mid February for signs of early thaws followed by frosts. As Winter Wheat's protective blanket of snow disappears, the small Wheat shoots, which look like grass, begin to grow taller and form a head. The heads of a Wheat stalk are small seeds or kernels that are milled into flour. When they are separated by a "freeze/thaw/freeze" cycle—known as "heaving"—the Wheat crop is destroyed.

In most years "heaving" is not a major risk. But this year it is! Supply is tight, and though future production is expected to increase, this future supply is far from certain! From this standpoint, the logical progress of events is evident:

- If the current Wheat Crop in the ground is destroyed, then prices will shoot even higher, especially in the

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HYPOTHETICAL PERFORMANCE RESULTS Long July / Short May CBOT Wheat Futures Cents/Bushel Enter Approximately January 2nd / Exit Roughly April 8th									
Entry Date	Entry Price	Exit Date	Exit Price	Closed P&L (pts)	Closed P&L ($)	High Price	High Date	Low Price	Low Date
2/2/2006	10 1/4	4/7/2006	13 2/4	3 1/4	$ 162.50	14	8 3/4	447 3/4	2/15/2007
2/2/2005	6 2/4	4/8/2005	10	3 2/4	$ 175.00	10 2/4	4 3/4	321 1/2	1/18/2006
2/2/2004	-4 2/4	4/8/2004	9 2/4	14	$ 700.00	6	-11 1/4	287	2/4/2005
2/3/2003	-3 2/4	4/8/2003	6	9 2/4	$ 475.00	6	-11 1/4	364	2/18/2004
2/1/2002	3 3/4	4/8/2002	6 3/4	3	$ 150.00	6 3/4	2	307 1/2	1/17/2003
2/1/2001	11	4/9/2001	11 3/4	3/4	$ 37.50	12	10 1/4	274 1/2	2/15/2002
2/1/2000	10 2/4	4/10/2000	12 1/4	1 3/4	$ 87.50	12 2/4	9 2/4	260 1/2	2/13/2001
2/1/1999	9	4/9/1999	10 2/4	1 2/4	$ 75.00	11	9	249	2/4/2000
2/2/1998	7 2/4	4/8/1998	10 2/4	3	$ 150.00	10 2/4	7 1/4	247	2/17/1999
2/3/1997	-12	4/8/1997	4	16	$ 800.00	4	-15 1/4	321	2/17/1998
2/1/1996	-35 3/4	4/9/1996	-29 3/4	6	$ 300.00	-25 2/4	-42 2/4	351	2/11/1997
2/1/1995	-21	4/10/1995	1	22	$ 1,100.00	1	-25 1/4	473	1/17/1996
2/1/1994	-11	4/11/1994	-5 2/4	5 2/4	$ 275.00	-2	-17 1/4	363 1/4	1/30/1995
2/1/1993	-21 1/4	4/12/1993	-36 1/4	-15	$ (750.00)	-17 1/4	-44 1/4	361	1/28/1994
2/3/1992	-34 2/4	4/8/1992	-10 2/4	24	$ 1,200.00	-8 1/4	-34 2/4	356 1/4	2/8/1993

			In points	In $'s		In points	In $'s
# Trades	15	Total P&L	114 3/4	$ 5,737.50	Max Draw	-23	$ (1,150.00)
# Win	14	Avg. P&L	7 3/4	$ 382.50	Avg. Draw	-4 1/4	$ (216.67)
# Loss	1	Avg. Win	8 1/4	$ 409.82	Min. Draw on Win		
% Win	93%	Avg. Loss	0	$ -		-7 3/4	$ (387.50)

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deferred contract as the supply situation will only get worse with time

- If the current Wheat Crop in the ground develops, the premium being charged to current supplies will be eroded, as consumers will only buy what is necessary to fulfill obligations.

It looks as if the price of "new crop" Wheat should gain relative to "old crop" Wheat. History also supports this scenario, as it has in 14 of the last 15 years, July CBOT Wheat futures should gain in value relative to May CBOT Wheat, from early February through early April, when the crop is fully "heading" and the new crop is a known quantity.

Currently, this spread—Long July '08 CBOT Wheat / Short May '08 CBOT Wheat—is coming off of a "Double Bottom" break-out pattern. The price rise above -82 ½ confirmed the Double Bottom and is signaling a price rise to roughly a +20 cent premium to the July contract.

Conclusion

Last month, we highlighted a similar spread (Long July / short March CBOT Wheat) which called for entry in mid-January. Currently, this spread is showing a solid gain for Commodity Almanac newsletter readers, as well as PitNews Magazine readers. Of course, our calls for selling CBOT Wheat outright (short March futures) are mixed, with slight gains from the January 10 entry price, but being stopped out on selling the January rally strategy also highlighted for a large loss.

The Wheat market is at the crossroads currently. Either we will see a larger crop than last year, alleviating some of the supply concerns and pressuring prices, or we will not and prices will go totally ballistic. But it looks like under either scenario the new crop Wheat will gain relative to the old crop Wheat, as until the Winter Wheat crop in the northern hemisphere emerges and begins heading after its winter dormancy. The prospect for future supply is more unknown than known.

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Generally, in the futures markets, the unknown—at least relating to the supply side of the equation— tends to be expressed in higher prices.

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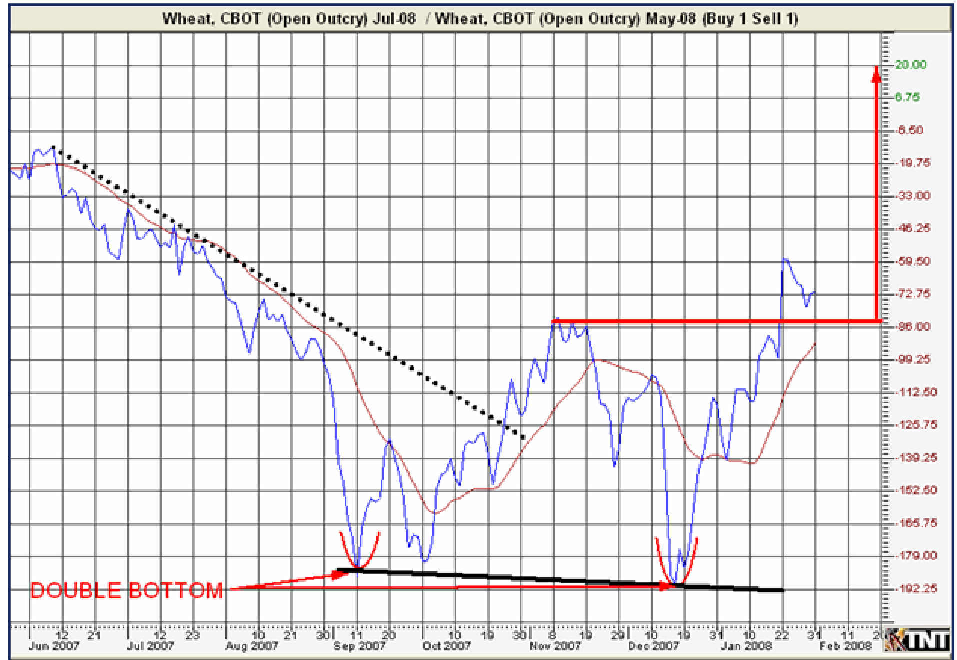

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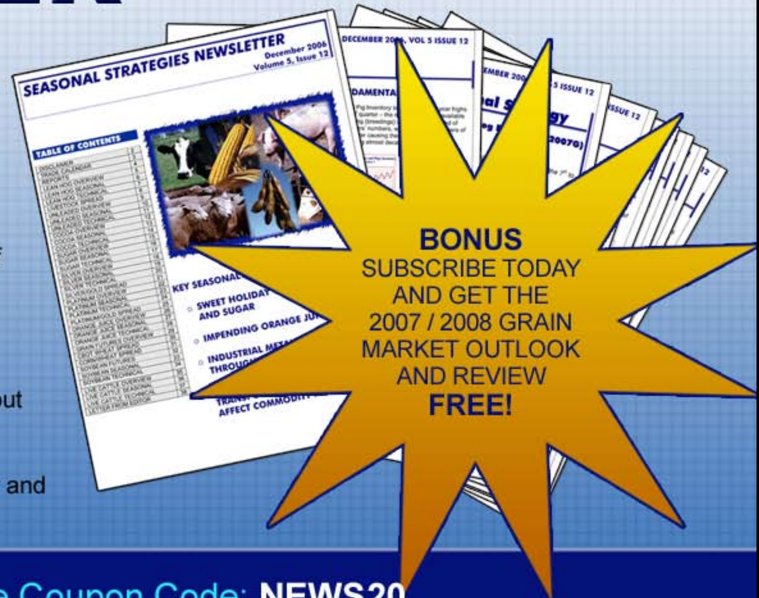

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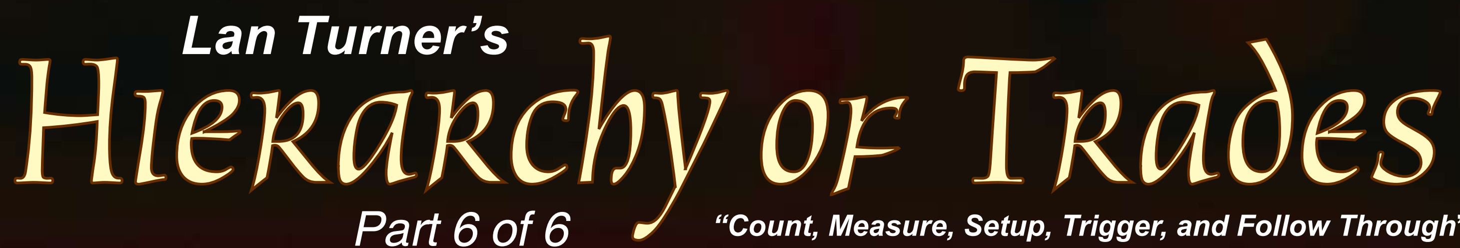

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This is the sixth and final part of a six part series on Lan Turner's Hierarch of Trades. If you missed the first five sections, go back to the previous issues of PitNews.com Magazine to get caught up on our discussion.

After having been directly involved in the financial world for over fifteen years as a market software developer and trading trainer, I've compiled what I believe to be equivalent to Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs for the "would-be-trader."

Lan Turner's Hierarchy of Trades:

- **Fundamentals**—such as the seasonal nature of a commodity
- **Cycles**—such as the psychological buying and selling habits of traders
- **Technical Analysis**—such as Fibonacci, Gann, and recurring price patterns
- **Oscillating Indicators**—such as MACD, Stochastics, and CCI
- **Entry & Exit**—such as proper follow through, the skill of entering and exiting the trade

I've encapsulated this hierarchy of needs in a simple, easy mnemonic to help us remember to stay on the right path:

"Count, Measure, Setup, Trigger & Follow Through."

If we remember to follow these five simple steps, it will help us stay on the straight and narrow path to financial success.

During the previous sections we've established the foundation of our Hierarchy of Trades, so in this article we're going to discuss Entry and Exit.

Entry and Exit

Order entry and exit management can be a very complex subject, because it is the difference between a trader's success and failure.

This article is not, in any sense of the word, a complete description of all the complexities of stop order management, but a primer to get you thinking about some of the implications of using and managing stops. In this article, I will touch on the following topics:

1. What is a stop order, what is a stop loss order, and what are the differences?
2. How to use stop orders to enter the market
   a. Cut your losers short, let your winners run
3. How to use stop orders to exit the market
4. Using market psychologies to place stop loss orders
5. Advanced stop loss order placement concepts

What is a stop order, what is a stop loss order, and what are the differences?

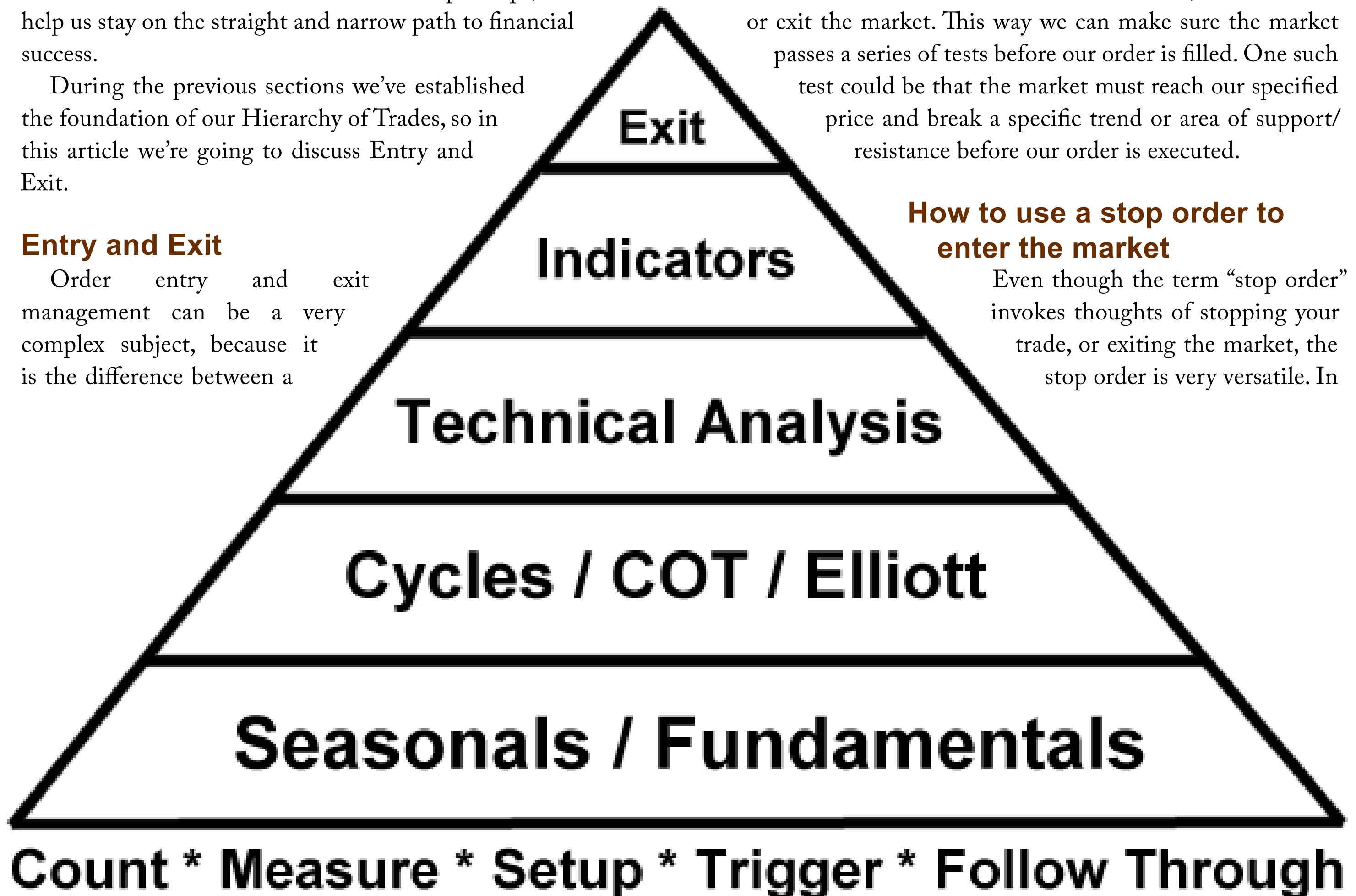
A stop order is just one of several order types that we use within trading to either enter the market or exit the market. Here is the standard rule regarding stop orders:

Place a buy stop order above the market price; place a sell stop order below the market price. A stop order becomes a market order when the specified price is reached.

When we place a stop order, we specify a price that we want the market to touch before our order is executed, either to enter or exit the market. This way we can make sure the market passes a series of tests before our order is filled. One such test could be that the market must reach our specified price and break a specific trend or area of support/resistance before our order is executed.

How to use a stop order to enter the market

Even though the term "stop order" invokes thoughts of stopping your trade, or exiting the market, the stop order is very versatile. In



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fact, it's primarily used as one of our principle market entry tools as well as exit tools. Since a "buy stop order" must be placed above the market at a specified price, we use buy stop orders to enter the market on a long position once prices have confirmed that they are beginning to rise.

Inversely, we can use "sell stop orders" to enter the market on a short position. Since a sell stop order must be placed below the current market price, we can use the sell stop to enter the market once prices have confirmed that they are beginning to fall.

Example: Order placement—buy stop above the market, sell stop below the market.

Example: Initial stop-loss order placement is key to cutting losses short.

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Since a sell stop order must be placed below the current market price, we can use the sell stop to enter the market once prices have confirmed that they are beginning to fall.

In the industry or with trading, we use little rhymes to help us remember certain strategies. I'm reminded of one such rhyme used to help us know how to place our initial stop-loss orders. It goes like this: "Cut your losers short, let your winners run." In so doing, and in accordance with this rhyme, it would make sense for us to set our initial stop-loss order very close behind our market entry point, since this is the only opportunity that we have to actually cut our losses short. If we are in profitable territory, every other time along the trend we would be cutting winnings short, not losses. Therefore, in my opinion, taking the stance of having a very aggressive initial stop loss position is key to cutting losses short. I would rather miss out on a profit opportunity by getting stopped out prematurely on entry, than take a huge loss of my initial capital because I held my stop-loss order far behind the market during my initial market entry. If I take a lot of tiny initial losses, I can come back for a lot more attempts at obtaining profits.

How to use stop orders to exit the market

Using a stop order to exit the market is probably what makes the most sense for many people. There is no difference between a stop order and a stop-loss order, only in that we generally refer to a trailing stop order as a stop-loss order, so that when certain conditions are met—typically that the market has sufficiently turned against our position—that we then exit the market without losing any additional gains. This

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strategy is also known as "trailing with a protective stop."

Using market psychology to place stop-loss orders

If I've heard it said once, I've heard it said a thousand times: "Waa, waa, waa…the market gunned my stops!" What does it mean when someone says, "The market gunned my stops?"

To give a good answer to this question, we need to understand a bit about market psychology. Every new trader, whoever decides to become a trader, learns about such things as, "areas of support and resistance," "markets moving in waves," "an uptrend means higher highs and higher lows," "a downtrend means lower highs and lower lows," etc. These are common phrases used among traders and educators.

Every trader is also taught that once they are actively in a trade, they must move their stop-loss orders, or trailing stop, up behind the market, following behind areas of support and resistance, locking in profits.

It's important to also understand and realize that it's the technical traders who move the short-term market action, and it's the fundamental nature of any market that drives the long-term trends. You and I, or any small group of traders, cannot change the fundamental nature of a market or the long-term outlook. But a small group of traders, typically technical traders, can and do move the price outcome of a short-term price action or trend. It's for this reason that we see the markets move in small incremental waves: two steps forward, one step back, two steps forward, and so on.

> ***Using a stop order to exit the market is probably what makes the most sense for many people.***

It's because of this ability for a small number of traders (small being a relative term, of course) to have enough influence over

Example: Trailing stop-loss order following behind market price.

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the market that they can actually cause the market to move in small incremental waves, primarily seen on a micro scale such as a one, five, or ten minute chart. But this is not to say it can't be seen on longer-term charts as well, including hourly and daily.

By paying attention to the new trader "group think psychology" about stop-loss order placement, it becomes very apparent where markets might move to next in the short term. Understanding why they move to those areas is key to your success and can significantly enhance your short-term trading.

As markets move through time, for one reason or another, traders choose to either enter or exit the markets, and generally this happens in groups. The reason it happens in groups is because most traders use the same or similar strategies and indicators, which trigger off of the same basic price action. Once this specific price level is hit, it sets off some kind of trigger, which causes a large number of traders to either enter or exit the market.

Most traders, once they've entered the market, will look back in time and find a suitable area of support or resistance to place their stop loss order. Thinking, of course, if the market retraces to that level, they will exit the trade and suffer the losses. In doing so, most traders believe they are an island unto themselves, and that they are the only ones who have actually thought of this novel idea. But, unbeknownst to them, literally hundreds and possibly thousands of other traders thought, and did, exactly the same thing. It's because of this phenomenon that the market ends up with very large numbers of orders sitting behind each new area of support and above each new area of resistance.

In every market—stocks, futures, and forex—there are groups of traders who only get paid when orders are executed. Let me reiterate that last thought one more time. In every market—stocks, futures, and forex—there are groups of traders who only make money when their order is executed. Therefore, those market forces are pushing the "short-term technical trends" of the market to where the money is. And, where's the money? It's where all the piles and piles of orders are sitting, back behind areas of support and above resistance.

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By taking advantage of this knowledge, you can somewhat derive where the market might go next, right? It's going to go where the money is, or where it's the most profitable to go. If there are more orders sitting above the market, the market will rise, if there are more orders sitting below the market, the market will fall. It's the pressure these individuals exert on the markets, in the short-term, to do what we call, "fill paper," or execute orders.

So, when you hear someone complain that the market "gunned their stop order," it probably did, along with several hundreds or thousands of other orders. The key, and the point of this article, is to simply say, "Don't place the orders you don't want filled in common areas of support and resistance, and do place orders that you want filled in these common areas."

This brings up another thought that should be mentioned here. Using areas of support and resistance, and the momentum of the market moving toward those areas should always be considered when placing stop orders, as well. When placing stop LMT (limit) orders, always place a "target" order or an order that will get you out of the market and take profits. Place those orders on the "inside" or market side of the area of support and/or resistance, making it easy for the market to hit and fill your order on its way to test or take out higher/lower areas of resistance/support. If you don't want your order to get filled, such as in the case of a trailing stop order, you would want to consider placing the order on the "outside"

Example: Common Areas of Support & Resistance

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of common areas of support and resistance, allowing the market to retrace and test those price levels, without taking out or filling your order.

Advanced stop loss order placement concepts

When considering placing stop-loss orders, it is generally best to use a strategy that does not require you to follow the crowd, or put all your eggs in one basket, so to say.

An advanced stop-loss strategy is one that differs from the rest of the market players, one that puts stops in out of the way places, on less traditional prices, where market forces won't generally look to fill paper. If your order is sitting out there, all by itself, on some irregular price, it's much less likely to be taken out by short-term market momentum, unless, of course, you put it closer to the market than where the large forces reside themselves, which would then result in prices catapulting right through your order. (Think about that concept for a moment, this too can be used as a profitable strategy if handled correctly.)

Dividing up the number of shares of a stock position, and using a strategy of multiple stop orders trailing behind the market at different areas is one of the most powerful strategies one can use. This strategy, in essence, outwits the market. Sometimes one location is better than the other and by having stop orders split between two locations or even between three and possibly four locations, can significantly help protect your trade from getting entirely stopped out prematurely. It also helps rain in our risk/reward ratios. (Obviously, you must be long multiple contracts in the futures market, or multiple lots in the Forex market to use this strategy.)

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In my opinion, the best stop-loss strategy is to use a combination of both areas of support and resistance as mentioned above, along with mathematically calculated stop placement points, derived from such tools as the Wells Wilder PSAR (Parabolic Stop & Reverse) and Gecko Software's Blue Light Stop strategy from the Bulls 'n Bears Trading System, where stop-loss placement is mathematically calculated and moved with each new price bar. By combining these two strategies, both support and resistance with mathematically calculated stops, and by also breaking our stops apart, we end up with the best of all worlds: a strategy that protects short-term profits, lets the market run for longer-term gains, and manages our overall long-term risk vs. reward ratios.

Trading is like playing a game of chess. If you can't see several moves ahead of your opponent, with multiple chess pieces, then the player who does have this forward looking ability is going to be the better player, which will result in the difference between a winning player and a losing player.

By applying the thought process of chess playing to the market, this helps us to remember to try and work out, within our trading plan, where the market is going to go next, and why. Where the other players are going to be placing stop entry orders and where they will be placing their stop exit orders, which tells us where the money is sitting and where the market will go in its attempt to fill the most paper and "gun for stops."

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Example: Split up stop-loss orders to take advantage of multiple areas of support and resistance.

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Track 'n Trade Forex Review

By: Scott Barrie

Track 'n Trade is aptly named, as it allows investors of all stripes (active 24 hour Forex traders, wild and wooly futures traders, staid stock investors, and everyone in between) to visually "Track" and execute their trades. This modular system runs the investment gambit from Crude Oil futures and options, to Exxon/Mobil Stock (XOM), as well as the Euro, and all points in between. However, in this review we will concentrate on the Forex Module of Track 'n Trade High Finance.

Track 'n Trade is easy to use, and does not require an advanced degree in programming—or economics—to get up and running. Run off of a visual interface, with easy to understand controls, just about anyone can be up and functioning with Track 'n Trade within an hour.

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System Requirements and Set-up

I am no computer "wiz" nor am I a complete neophyte. I have a solid proficiency with Microsoft Office applications (Word, Excel, Power Point, etc), but I do not write code, and do not wish to understand how my computer works anymore than I need to. For me, software is a means to an end: a tool to get a job done faster than doing it manually.

Track 'n Trade is perfect for me. I simply visited the website (http://www.trackntrade.com/hf/forex/index.htm) and requested a free 30-day trial installation.

Within 15 minutes, my 3-year-old computer had streaming Forex Quotes and charts presented in a wide array of colors. The basic system requirements for running Track 'n Trade are pretty standard for most software packages; most people will not need

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to question if their computer is powerful enough or not.

About the only hardware-related issue that may come into play is that Track 'n Trade requires a constant internet connection to get updated price information. As such, those without cable or DSL internet connections at the very least cannot use the software. However, in the quickly changing world of Forex Trading, if you are not at least willing to invest in this basic technology, you should consider a more staid and docile investment median.

Key Features

Back in the day, investment software moved in two circles: Professional Trader and Retail Public. Retail or "public" investment software only included end of day pricing, and had minimum features. Usually the cost of the software was fairly cheap—at least compared to the "Professional" version.

Professional Trader versions used "real time" (or up to the minute/second) price information. Track 'n Trade delivers multiple time frame analysis to traders, from up to the minute real-time pricing to decades of historical price information, allowing traders to check out history themselves as well as relative pricing.

Track 'n Trade also has a full arsenal of charting tools available including the following:

All of these indicators are available in all the time frames, making Track 'n Trade a robust charting system. However, Track 'n Trade is not just limited to indicators, it also has excellent chart drawing tools.

Trend lines, arcs, Fibonacci retracements and expansion levels, and Gann Fans are easy to add to your charts and project out into the future. Track 'n Trade's intelligent design of tools—such the

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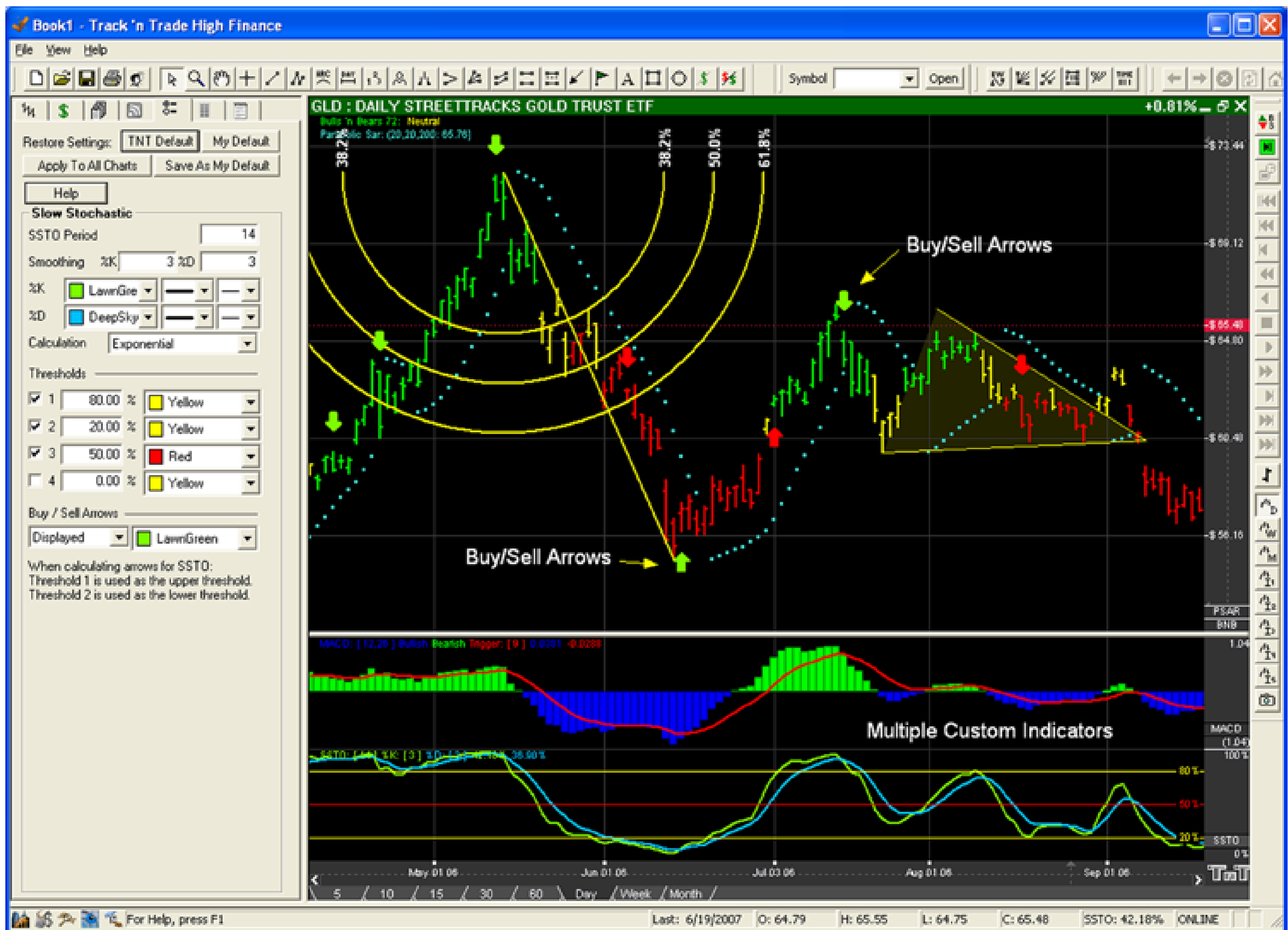

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Elliott Wave—allows traders to project their favorite charting patterns out into the future. It will help you to identify and label your favorite classic chart patterns like Head & Shoulders, triangles, and channels. No other charting program I have ever seen gives traders the wide range of easy-to-use tools that Track 'n Trade does.

True Power of Track 'n Trade

Track 'n Trade is a must have purchase for anyone seriously trading, simply for its charting abilities. However, Track 'n Trade also is a powerful research tool. The software comes with over a decade of historical prices, which allows traders to actually test out their ideas before implementing them. This allows the astute investor to examine the logic of ideas they have read about before actually implementing them.

Just as traders can use Track 'n Trade to test ideas, the creators of Track 'n Trade allow traders to test their software before actually putting their money on the line. A fully functioning version of the software is available for a free 30-day trial.

Conclusion

Track 'n Trade has everything a professional charting and trading package should have. It is easy to use, allowing the trader to concentrate on the markets and making money, not on programming. It has a wide verity of indicators and tools to stream-line analysis so trading decisions can be reached quickly and effectively. It also has a solid historical data library so traders can test ideas before risking money.

Given the breadth of tools available as well as the ease of use of the software, Track 'n Trade is a breakthrough in personal finance, and an excellent tool for anyone interested in investing.

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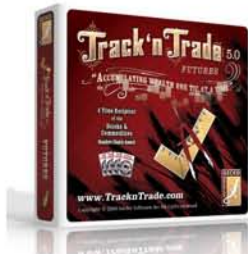

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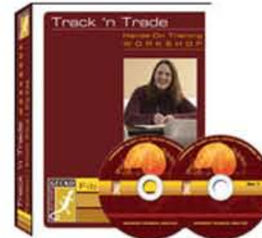

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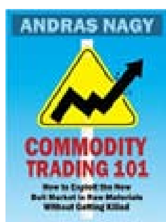

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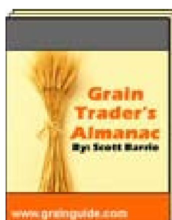

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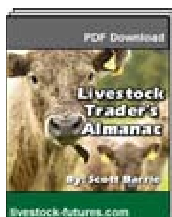

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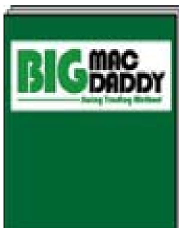

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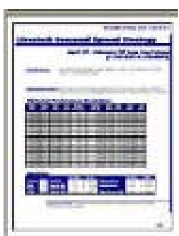

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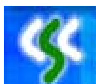

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