

Smart Spreads

Commodity Futures Newsletter

Week Ended February 20, 2026

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Commodity	Exchange	\$/Unit	Newsletter / Pit Symbol	Globex Symbol	Your Broker Symbol
Crude Oil (WTI)	NYMEX	1,000	CL	CL	
Brent Crude Oil	NYMEX	1,000	BC	BZ	
Heating Oil	NYMEX	42,000	HO	HO	
Gas Oil	ICE	100	GO	G	
Gasoline	NYMEX	42,000	RB	RB	
Natural Gas	NYMEX	10,000	NG	NG	
Corn	CBOT	50	C	ZC	
Wheat	CBOT	50	W	ZW	
Hard Red Wheat	KCBT	50	KW	KE	
Soybeans	CBOT	50	S	ZS	
Soybean Oil	CBOT	600	BO	ZL	
Soybean Meal	CBOT	100	SM	ZM	
Live Cattle	CME	400	LC	LE	
Feeder Cattle	CME	500	FC	GF	
Lean Hogs	CME	400	LH	HE	
Cotton	NYCE	500	CT	CT	
Sugar	NYCE	1,120	SB	SB	
White Sugar	LIF	50	SW	LS	
Arabica Coffee	NYCE	375	KC	KC	
Robusta Coffee	LIF	10	RC	LST	
Cocoa	NYCE	10	CC	CC	
Gold	COMEX	100	GC	GC	
Silver	COMEX	5,000	SI	SI	
Platinum	NYMEX	50	PL	PL	
Palladium	NYMEX	100	PA	PA	
Copper	COMEX	25,000	HG	HG	
Volatility Index	CBOT	1,000	VX	VX	
2-Year T-Note	CBOT	2,000	TU	ZT	
5-Year T-Note	CBOT	1,000	FV	ZF	
10-Year T-Note	CBOT	1,000	TY	ZN	
30-Year T-Bond	CBOT	1,000	US	ZB	
British Pound	CME	62,500	BP	B6	
Canadian Dollar	CME	100,000	CD	D6	
Australian Dollar	CME	100,000	AD	A6	
Japanese Yen	CME	12,500,000	JY	J6	
Swiss Franc	CME	125,000	SF	S6	
Euro FX	CME	125,000	EC	E6	
New Zealand Kiwi	CME	100,000	NE	N6	

Month	Symbol
JAN	F
FEB	G
MAR	H
APR	J
MAY	K
JUN	M
JUL	N
AUG	Q
SEP	U
OCT	V
NOV	X
DEC	Z



Trading Approach

- Every trade is an intra-commodity or inter-commodity spread.
- All trades are hedged with a long contract that is offset by a short contract.



Scalping



Day Trading



Swing Trading



Position Trading

Trading Hold Time

- Trades are scheduled to be held from 12 days to as long as several months.
- The longer the hold time the higher the profit win rate.

VOLATILITY

Trade Volatility

- Futures involve a substantial risk of loss and can be extremely volatile if not managed responsibly.
- Risk management is an important part of the strategy.

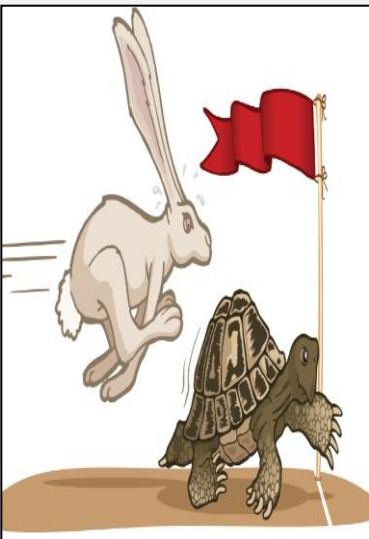


Risk Management Tactics

- Spread exposure across markets.
- Minimize the gap between months.
- Trade out on calendar.
- Limit exposure to any market to <2% and subgroups to <3%.

Trading Style

- The SpreadEdge strategy does NOT have a “get rich quick” approach.
- The best description of the strategy is “slow and steady wins the race”!



BHAG

- Big Hairy Aggressive Goal
- Profit on 65% of trades closed.
- Achieve a \$ win to \$ loss ratio of 1.4 : 1.



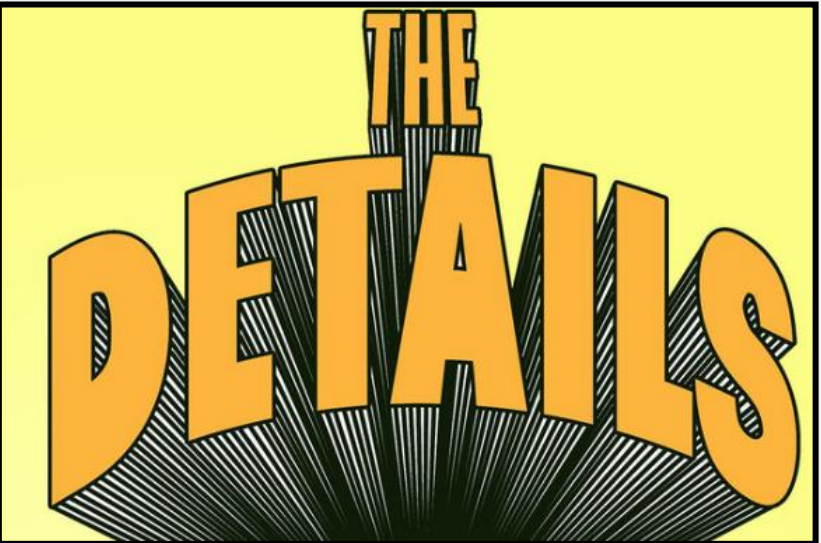


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here's the plan...

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Watch List



When Research Redirects the Conversation

Last weekend, I stated that this week we would begin a detailed discussion on MFE — Maximum Favorable Excursion — and how path behavior influences trade management. That remains important.

But as the research expanded, something became clear: before we can discuss path behavior and trade management, we must confirm structural integrity. That realization redirected the work.

Where the Analysis Began

The research started broadly. An unmanaged dataset of 1,960 trades dating back to June 2013 was assembled — no discretionary overlays, no management adjustments. Just raw structural behavior across calendar spread combinations. The objective was simple:

- Understand what the market does when left alone.
- The scale was meaningful.
- But there were gaps.

Some trade combinations had adequate representation and consistent behavior. Many did not. Certain structures appeared frequently; others were statistically thin, producing outcomes that could not be confidently generalized. Endpoint profitability alone was not enough.

The dataset was wide — but uneven.

Why the Dataset Had to Narrow

To address those gaps, a structural filtering process was developed. Instead of expanding the universe, the focus shifted to eliminating structurally weak configurations:

- Low representation
- Inconsistent regime behavior
- Structural misalignment
- Poor volatility compatibility

The objective was to isolate structures with a high probability of passing a disciplined trade screen before execution.

Narrowing the dataset accomplished two things:

1. It removed noise.
2. It enabled deeper structural analysis.

With a smaller, coherent universe, we extended the review across 2016–2025, layering regime behavior, volatility tiers, and structural variation. That is where the meaningful insights emerged. For context, the full SeasonalGo database contains roughly 54,000 trade combinations per year — well over 500,000 over the 10-year period analyzed. That universe is too large to evaluate without structure.

The first screen reduced the dataset to approximately 31,000 trades — eliminating 94% of the universe. A second structural screen narrowed it further to roughly 27,000 trades. In total, more than 95% of the universe was removed.

What remained was manageable — and structurally coherent. Each market was then segmented and evaluated by:

- Direction (buy vs. sell)
- Number of legs
- Trade count
- Average unmanaged profit
- Win rate
- Frequency of large losses (\$500+)

Over the coming weeks, I will present specific learnings from this review. This week, we begin with Crude Oil and Feeder Cattle — two markets that illustrate why structure, not headline profitability, must lead the process.

Structural Learning #1 — Crude Oil Is Not One Market

Crude Oil, along with Natural Gas, contains the largest concentration of trades in the database. Approximately 7,400 Crude Oil trades were examined. On the surface, results appear neutral — an average unmanaged profit of \$17.

But that aggregate number masks structural divergence.

When segmented by direction, buy trades show persistent weakness. Nearly all positive performance is concentrated on the sell side, where average profitability improves materially. Separating further by leg structure reveals the real driver. Two-leg sell spreads produced an average loss of (\$134). Three-leg sell spreads generated an average profit of \$205, a 68%-win rate, and only a 10% large-loss frequency. Four-leg sell structures remained positive, though with a lower magnitude.

Crude Oil is not “good” or “bad.” Structure defines behavior. Direction and leg count materially alter compatibility. That insight only became visible after narrowing the dataset and isolating the structure first.

Crude Oil Structural Breakdown

(Unmanaged from Entry to Scheduled Exit)

Structure Segment	Trade Count	Avg Profit (\$)	Win Rate	Avg Large Loss %*
All Trades	7,400	17	55%	17%
Buy (All Structures)	513	(336)	36%	19%
Sell (All Structures)	6,887	43	57%	17%
Sell – 2 Leg	2,580	(134)	39%	33%
Sell – 3 Leg	2,294	205	68%	10%
Sell – 4 Leg	1,496	86	68%	3%

*Large loss is defined as any trade closing with a loss of \$500 or more.

Structural Learning #2 — Feeder Cattle and the Doghouse

Feeder Cattle tells a different story. Historically, it has been one of the stronger categories in average trade performance. From 2016 to 2024, 543 trades produced an average profit of \$656, a 62%-win rate, and a 29% large-loss frequency. But 2025 has materially deteriorated.

In 139 trades, the average profit has fallen to (\$994), with a 12%-win rate and a 64% large-loss frequency. This is not anecdotal. It is structural. Feeder Cattle now resides in what I call the “doghouse.” That does not mean it is permanently broken. It means compatibility must be respected in real time.

Markets cycle. Structure shifts. Past strength does not guarantee present alignment. The larger question is how and when Feeder Cattle exits the doghouse. That analysis will come later. For now, discipline means stepping aside.

Where This Leaves Us

The purpose of this week’s work was not to abandon MFE. It was to clarify the order. Path behavior matters — but only after structure is validated. Management tools add value only when applied to trades that warrant management. The research reinforced a simple hierarchy:

- Structure first.
- Management second.
- Execution last.

That sequence now governs the process. It is also why certain trades discussed last weekend were not executed this week. When the structure fails, the process stops. Publication does not override discipline.

Next week, we will go deeper into structural segmentation — examining how direction, leg count, regime, and volatility combine to define compatibility before capital is deployed. Once the structure is fully understood, we can return to MFE with the proper foundation. Optimization without structural integrity is noise. Discipline begins long before a trade is placed.

Watch List data is hypothetical assuming entry and exit over the most recent 15-year period on the specified dates. No trade management, stop losses or profit targets. One contract in, one contract out. The only exception is weekends and holidays, then first trading day and last trading day in the seasonal window are used. (Note hypothetical disclaimer at bottom of following page).

Column #	Explanation
1	The commodity to be traded.
2	The commodity symbol and expiration dates. For calendar spreads, the earliest expiration month is listed first; for inter-commodity, the symbols are listed in alphabetical order.
3	BUY or SELL; Note the table below for more details.
4	Number of legs for the spread. Please note the table below to understand how the legs and BUY / SELL work together.
5	The category for the trade. Currency, Energy, Financial, Grain, Meat, Metal, or Softs.
6	Entry date or the trade, Saturdays are rolled back to Friday, Sundays are rolled forward to Monday.
7	Exit date using same criteria as Entry.
8	The percent of time that the trade has profited over the past 15 years.
9	Portfolio – "Calendar" indicates SpreadEdge Diversified program. "Inter" indicates SpreadEdge Inter-Commodity.
10	Risk level is a separate 5-point scale for Calendar and Inter-Commodity.

1 Commodity	2 Name	3 Side	4 Legs	5 Category	6 Enter	7 Exit	8 Win%	9 Port- folio	10 Risk Level
White Sugar	SWZ25-SWH26	BUY	2	Food	6/22/2025	10/17/2025	93%	Calendar	3
Crude	CLV25-2*CLX25+CLZ25	BUY	3	Energy	6/23/2025	7/11/2025	93%	Calendar	1
Bean Oil	BOQ25-BOU25	BUY	2	Grain	6/24/2025	7/9/2025	93%	Calendar	1
Copper	HGQ25-HGU25	BUY	2	Metal	6/27/2025	7/7/2025	93%	Calendar	1
Corn	CU25-CK26	SELL	2	Grain	6/27/2025	8/13/2025	93%	Calendar	3
Cattle	LCG26-LCJ26	SELL	2	Meat	6/27/2025	9/6/2025	93%	Calendar	2
Gasoline	RBJ26-2*RBK26+RBM26	SELL	3	Energy	6/28/2025	9/19/2025	93%	Calendar	1

Spreads with 2 Legs:

BUY – Buy first symbol, Sell second symbol

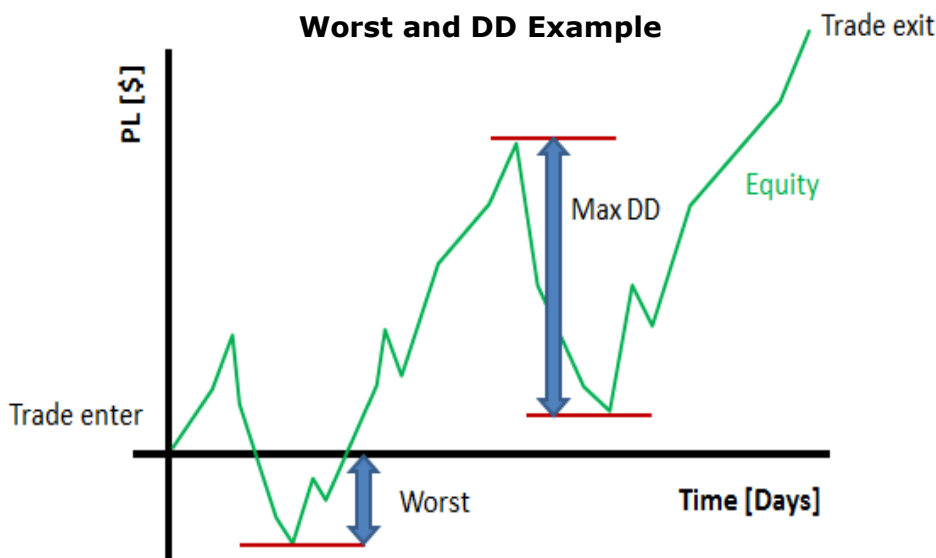
SELL – Sell first symbol, Buy second symbol

Spreads with 3 Legs:

BUY – Buy first symbol, Sell 2*second symbol, Buy third symbol

SELL – Sell first symbol, Buy 2*second symbol, Sell third symbol

Worst and DD Example



Watch List candidates are subjective based on the discretion of the CTA. The initial screen is based solely on seasonal historical patterns from the past 15 years compared to the current market price.

Color Coding:

GREEN Trades that **ARE** planned to be placed in client and personal accounts.

BLUE Trades that are **NOT** planned to be placed in client and personal accounts.

Intra-Commodity

Commodity	Name	Side	Legs	Category	Enter	Exit	Win %	Avg Profit	Avg Best Profit	Avg Worst Loss	Avg Draw Down	RIDX	5 Yr Corr	Type	Risk Level
Soybeans	SQ26-2*SU26+SX26	BUY	3	Grain	2/22/2026	7/13/2026	93%	929	1,372	(212)	(787)	33.1	89	Calendar	5
Gold	GCQ26-GCV26	SELL	2	Metal	2/23/2026	5/29/2026	87%	141	167	(78)	(111)	38.9	96	Calendar	1
Corn	CU26-2*CZ26+CH27	SELL	3	Grain	2/23/2026	7/29/2026	93%	635	692	(262)	(543)	41.4	95	Calendar	4
Bean Oil	BOV26-BOZ26	SELL	2	Grain	2/24/2026	3/21/2026	87%	51	67	(20)	(54)	38.4	89	Calendar	1
Nat Gas	NGX26-2*NGZ26+NGF27	SELL	3	Energy	2/25/2026	4/4/2026	87%	327	416	(81)	(211)	21.3	90	Calendar	2
Vix	VXN26-VXQ26	SELL	2	Index	2/25/2026	7/21/2026	100%	1,944	2,190	(832)	(1,506)	50.0	98	Calendar	5
Copper	HGK26-HGN26	SELL	2	Metal	2/25/2026	4/4/2026	93%	124	161	(63)	(128)	44.5	96	Calendar	1
Sugar #11	SBK26-SBN26	SELL	2	Food	2/26/2026	4/22/2026	87%	236	432	(177)	(344)	25.3	90	Calendar	1

Inter-Commodity

Commodity	Name	Side	Legs	Category	Enter	Exit	Win %	Avg Profit	Avg Best Profit	Avg Worst Loss	Avg Draw Down	RIDX	5 Yr Corr	Type	Risk Level
Pound, Yen	BPM26-JYM26	BUY	2	Currency	2/24/2026	4/29/2026	80%	1,908	4,070	(2,596)	(4,374)	20.6	86	Inter	3
Crude, Heating Oil	CLU26-HOU26	BUY	2	Energy	2/25/2026	4/21/2026	80%	1,198	3,269	(1,968)	(3,298)	27.5	88	Inter	2
Crude, Gasoline	CLN26-RBU26	SELL	2	Energy	2/28/2026	5/23/2026	87%	1,716	3,907	(2,934)	(4,925)	27.2	87	Inter	3

Risk Level

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2

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4

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Intra-Commodity

15-Year Average Profit Range

\$100 - \$250

\$251 - \$400

\$401 - \$600

\$601 - \$900

> \$900

Inter-Commodity

15-Year Average Profit Range

\$200 - \$900

\$901 - \$1,400

\$1,401 - \$2,100

\$2,101 - \$2,500

> \$2,500

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Feb 22 - 28, 2026

Monday

Mon 2/23
EXIT SELL RBV26-RBX26
EXIT SELL SBH26-2*SBK26+SBN26

Tuesday

Tue 2/24
ENTER BUY BPM26-JYM26

Wednesday

Wed 2/25
ENTER SELL VXN26-VXQ26

Thursday

Thu 2/26
ENTER SELL SBK26-SBN26

Friday

Sat 2/28
EXIT SELL CK26-WU26

✓ Watchlist

New trades scheduled for entry for Newsletter and client accounts

✓ Tradebook

Open trades scheduled to close for Newsletter and client accounts

FND / LTD

Final Notice Day / Last Trading Day (Current Holdings Only)

- Includes "Scheduled" trades only. Profit taking and stops handled separately.
- Sunday trades push back to Monday; Saturday trades pull forward to Friday
- The "Buy" or "Sell" listed refers to the front month for trades involving 2 commodities
- For 3 commodity spreads, you must look at the "Buy" or "Sell" in conjunction with the "-" or "+" listed in front of the symbol.
 - Buying a "+" is a buy
 - Buying a "-" is a sell
 - Selling a "+" is a sell
 - Selling a "-" is a buy
- Any changes to the schedule are communicated in advance in the daily Email Alerts



Margin Summary, Strategy for Next Week and Spread Chart Updates

- **Energy** - Brent Crude, Crude Oil, Gas Oil, Heating Oil, Natural Gas, RBOB Gasoline
- **Grains** - Corn, KC Wheat, Soybeans, Soy Meal, Soy Oil, Wheat
- **Meats** - Feeder Cattle, Lean Hogs, Live Cattle
- **Softs** - Cocoa, Coffee, Cotton, Robusta Coffee, Sugar, White Sugar
- **All Other** - Currency, Interest, Metals

Margin Summary



CALENDAR SPREADS

Class	Subgroup	Markets	Class	Sub Group Margin %	Class Margin %
Energy	Crude	Brent Crude, Crude Oil	\$ 400	0.40%	1.93%
Energy	Oil	Heating Oil, Gasoline, Gas Oil	\$ 497	0.50%	
Energy	Nat Gas	Natural Gas	\$ 1,034	1.03%	
Grain	Soy	Soybeans, Soybean Meal	\$ 601	0.60%	1.76%
Grain	Soy Oil	Soybean Oil	\$ 103	0.10%	
Grain	Wheat	Chicago Wheat, Kansas Wheat	\$ 800	0.80%	
Grain	Corn	Corn	\$ 251	0.25%	
Meat	Cattle	Feeder Cattle, Live Cattle	\$ 2,000	2.00%	2.00%
Meat	Hogs	Lean Hogs	\$ -	0.00%	
Soft	Sugar	Sugar, White Sugar	\$ 81	0.08%	0.08%
Soft	Coffee	Arabica Coffee, Robusta Coffee	\$ -	0.00%	
Soft	Cocoa	Cocoa	\$ -	0.00%	
Soft	Cotton	Cotton	\$ -	0.00%	
Metal	Copper	Copper	\$ 1,100	1.10%	1.10%
Metal	Silver	Silver	\$ -	0.00%	0.00%
TOTAL			\$ 6,868	6.87%	6.87%
Maintenance Margin Subgroup 75% of Limit				2.25%	3.75%
Maintenance Margin Subgroup Limit				3.00%	5.00%
Maintenance Margin Total 12.5% - 15.0%				12.50%	
Maintenance Margin Total Limit				15.00%	

INTER-COMMODITY SPREADS

Class		Class	Class Margin %
Currency		-	0.00%
Energy		1,561	1.56%
Financial			0.00%
Grain		3,874	3.87%
Interest		-	0.00%
Meat		-	0.00%
Metal		-	0.00%
TOTAL	Open TOTAL	5,435	5.44%
Maintenance Margin Class Limit >3.0%			3.00%
Maintenance Margin Class Limit >3.75%			3.75%
Maintenance Margin Total 12.5% - 15.0%			12.50%
Maintenance Margin Total Limit			15.00%



Posted Thursday -5 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 +1 +2 +3 +4 +5 Macroeconomic Drivers 										
Bearish			Neutral					Bullish		
U.S. dollar firm, hawkish Fed Chinese A-Shares & CSI 300 soft AUD, CAD, RUB weak vs. USD			Brazilian real rangebound S&P 500 steady Inflation expectations recovering Bond yields and rates mixed Industrial metals mixed Ethanol steady					Crude Oil up, Iran risks Chinese yuan strong vs. USD EM stocks higher		

- Brent Crude Oil vs. the U.S. dollar. That's the big picture macro narrative for agriculture futures today.
- Seasonally bullish Crude Oil jumped +4.3% yesterday as rising Iran tensions and airspace closures near the Strait of Hormuz added a fresh geopolitical risk premium. But the U.S. dollar is firmer after yesterday's hawkish January Fed minutes signaled fading labor market risks and persistent inflation concerns, keeping potential rate *hikes* on the table.
- Global stock markets are stuck in the middle as AI-displacement fears are easing this week.

Bottom Line: The macro mood is mixed, with Brent Crude Oil up on geopolitical risks and the U.S. dollar higher via the hawkish Fed and mild flight-to-safety flows.

Brent Crude, Crude Oil, Gas Oil, Heating Oil, Natural Gas, RBOB Gasoline



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Energy (Brent Crude, Crude Oil, Gas Oil Heating Oil, Nat Gas, RBOB Gas)

% Carry Yield

Market	% Carry Yield				Absolute Change			52-Week Moving		
	26-Nov	24-Dec	21-Jan	18-Feb	4-Week	8-Week	12-Week	Min	Max	Avg
Brent Crude	0.4	(1.4)	2.3	4.1	1.8	5.5	3.7	(1.4)	6.5	2.3
Crude Oil	0.1	(1.4)	2.4	3.5	1.1	4.9	3.4	(1.7)	9.3	2.9
Heating Oil	7.7	3.8	6.0	5.2	(0.8)	1.4	(2.5)	0.3	14.5	5.4
Gas Oil	11.0	3.9	7.8	6.9	(0.9)	3.0	(4.1)	0.6	17.9	6.3
RBOB Gasoline	5.6	3.7	5.0	5.9	0.9	2.2	0.3	2.9	11.0	5.5
Natural Gas	(11.0)	(16.0)	(9.5)	(6.4)	3.1	9.6	4.6	(37.1)	12.9	(15.4)

Hedge Fund Position Estimates

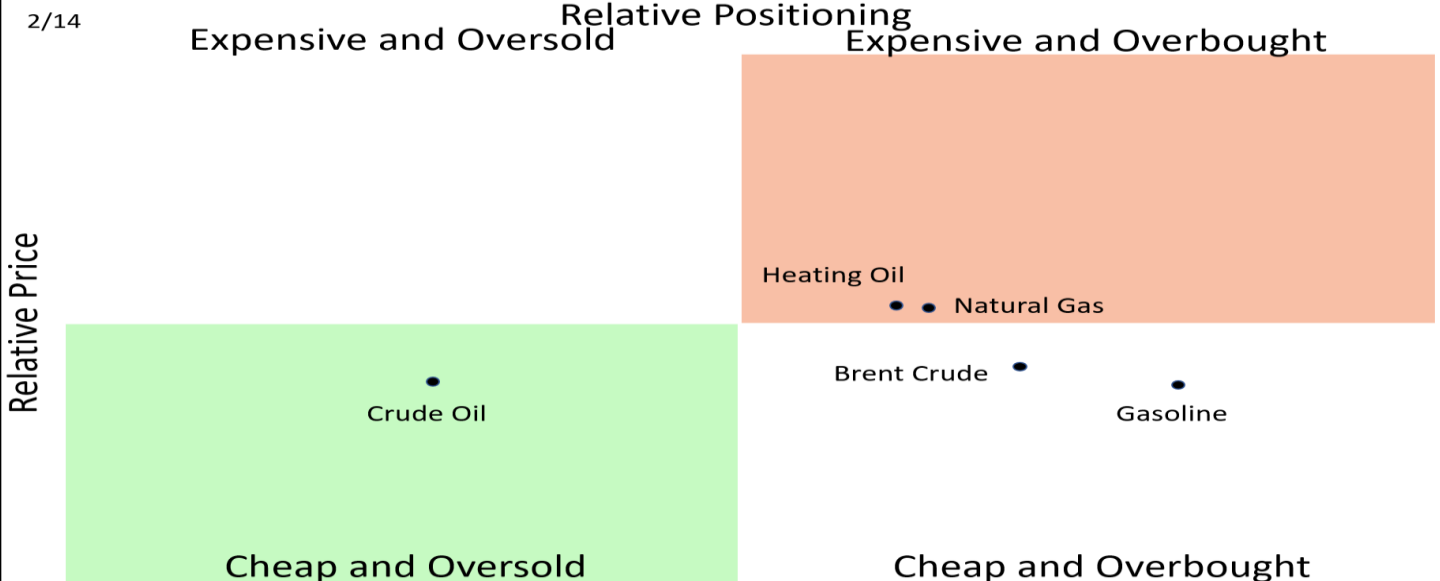
Market	Hedge Fund Position Estimates				Absolute Change			52-Week Moving		
	30-Jan	6-Feb	13-Feb	0-Jan	3-Week	2-Week	1-Week	Min	Max	Avg
Brent Crude	237,150	264,164	295,198	-	(237,150)	(264,164)	(295,198)	45,614	303,783	179,048
Crude Oil	77,032	79,043	70,140	-	(77,032)	(79,043)	(70,140)	(41,199)	201,679	69,842
Heating Oil	2,944	6,677	22,425	-	(2,944)	(6,677)	(22,425)	(17,955)	40,787	14,714
Gas Oil	72,164	84,435	92,556	-	(72,164)	(84,435)	(92,556)	(43,911)	122,004	48,236
RBOB Gasoline	64,947	70,145	70,645	-	(64,947)	(70,145)	(70,645)	10,496	90,627	40,077
Natural Gas	13,984	(3,596)	(12,398)	-	(13,984)	3,596	12,398	(106,282)	119,372	(29,408)

Momentum and Relative Strength

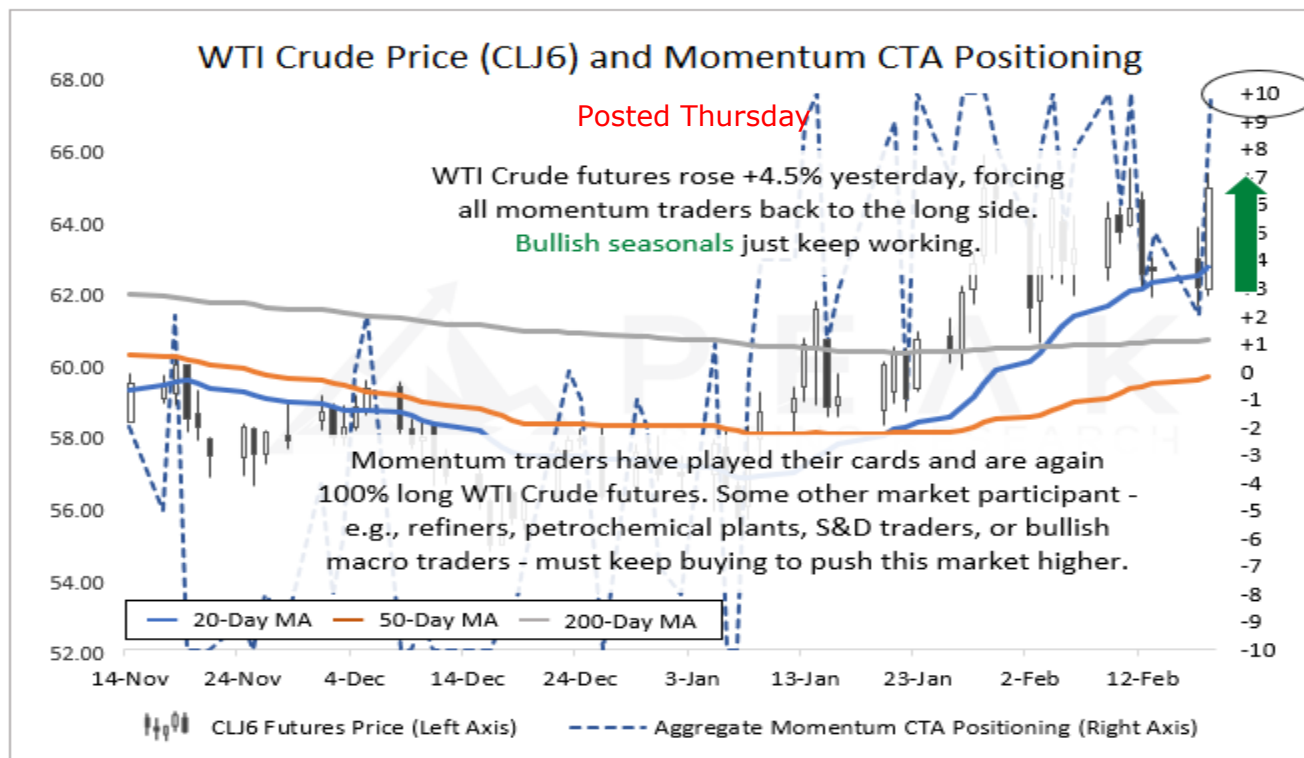
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Market					Commit of Traders		Weekly Closing Prices			
	Momentum	Mo Chg	RSI	RSI Chg	10-Yr %	Front Mo	2/13/2026	2/20/2026	Change	% Change
Brent Crude	10	7	65	11	82	CBH26	67.66	71.4	3.74	5.5%
Crude Oil	10	7	64	11	13	CLH26	62.89	66.39	3.5	5.6%
Heating Oil	10	7	67	14	60	HOH26	2.3879	2.5858	0.1979	8.3%
Gas Oil	10	8	67	17	59	LFH26	672.5	732.75	60.25	9.0%
RBOB Gasoline	10	7	65	13	96	RBH26	1.911	1.9973	0.0863	4.5%
Natural Gas	(7)	-	41	(3)	63	NGH26	3.243	3.047	-0.196	-6.0%

Relative Positioning

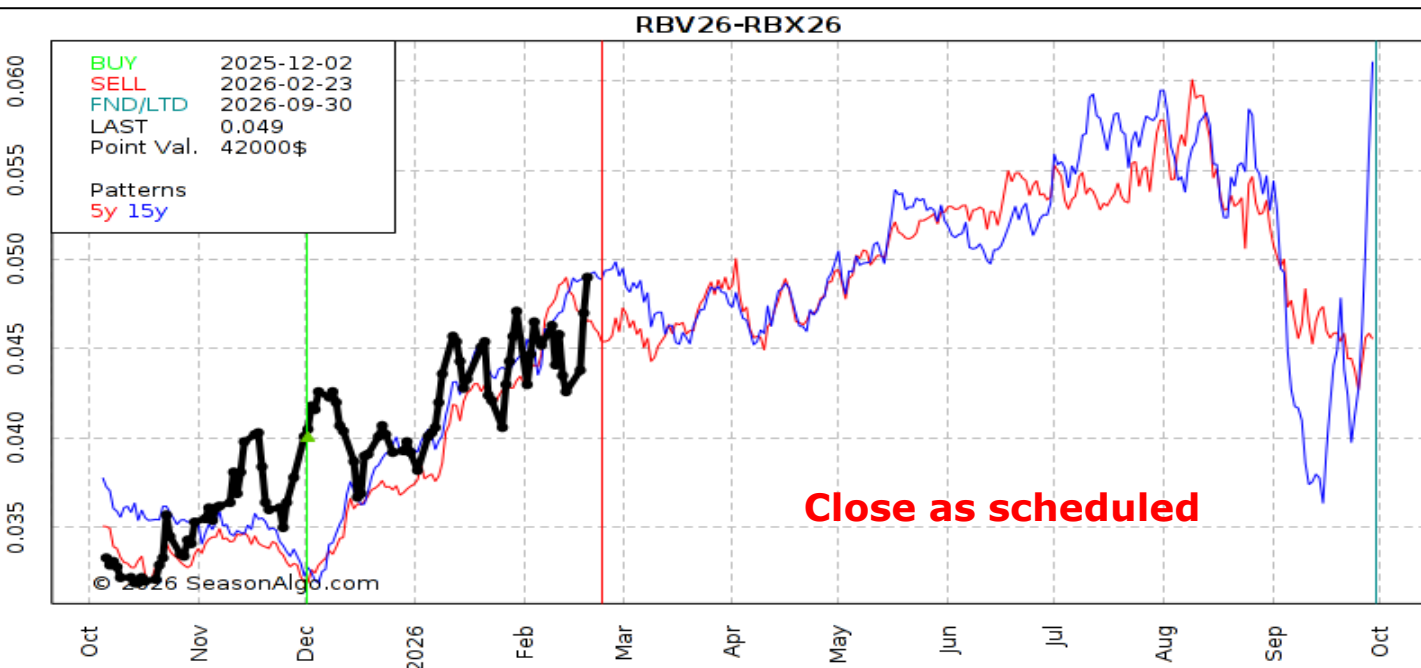


Energy (Brent Crude, Crude Oil, Gas Oil Heating Oil, Nat Gas, RBOB Gas)



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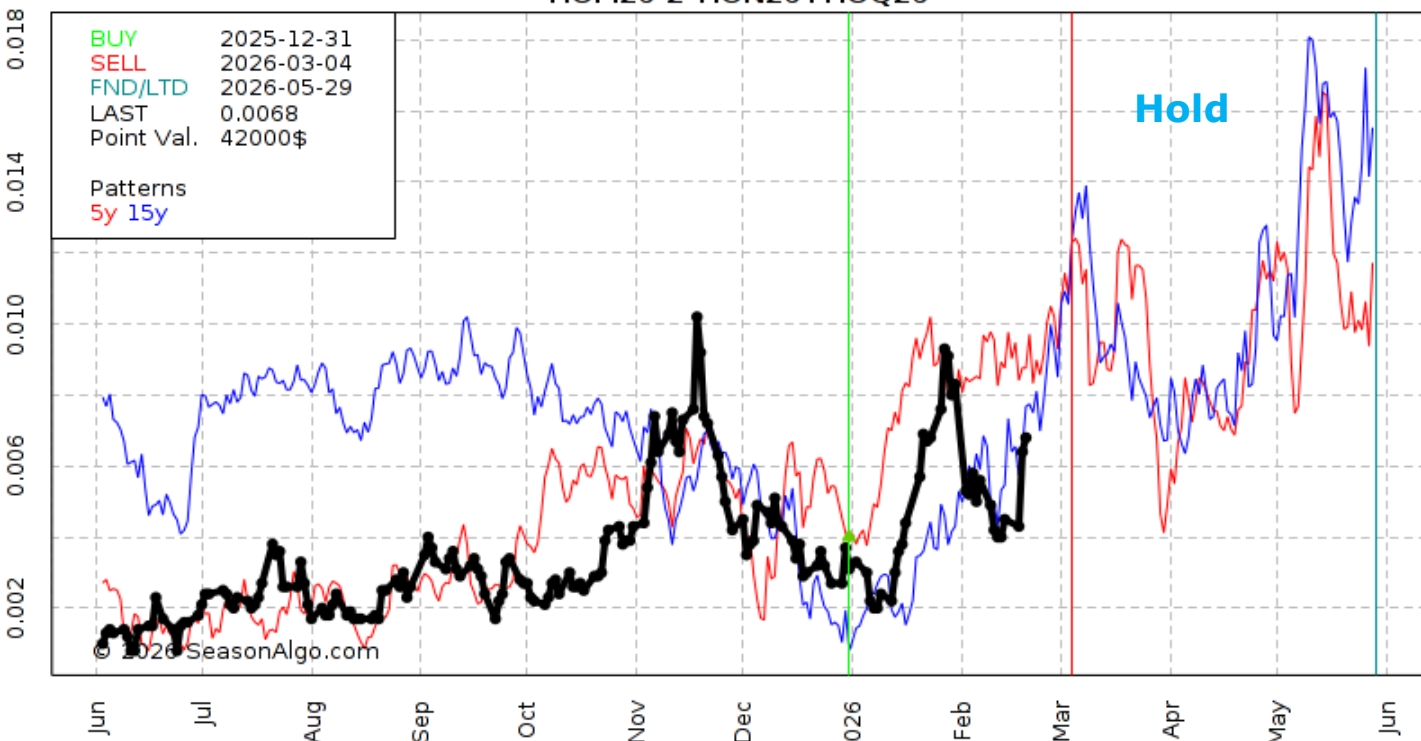
1. Close the Gasoline calendar spread as scheduled



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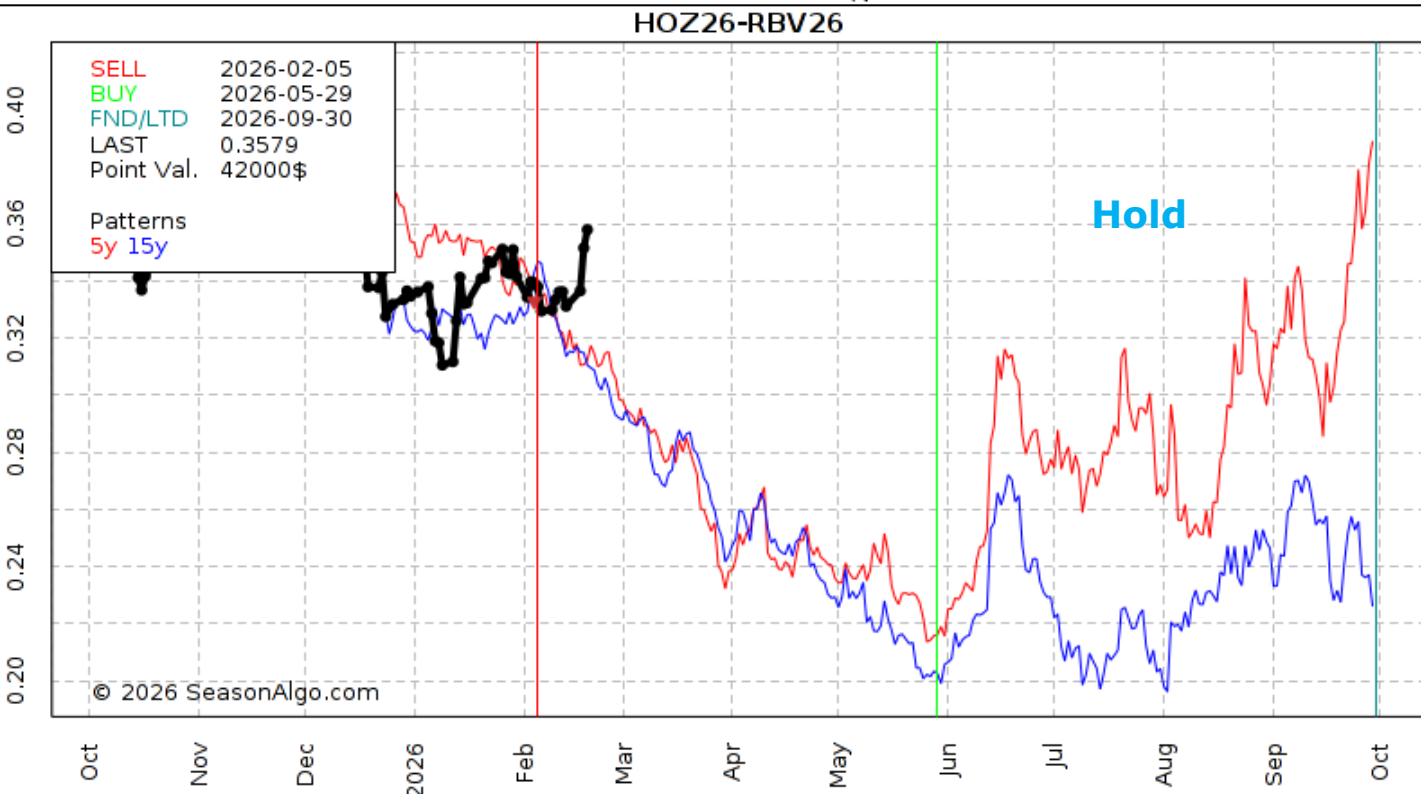
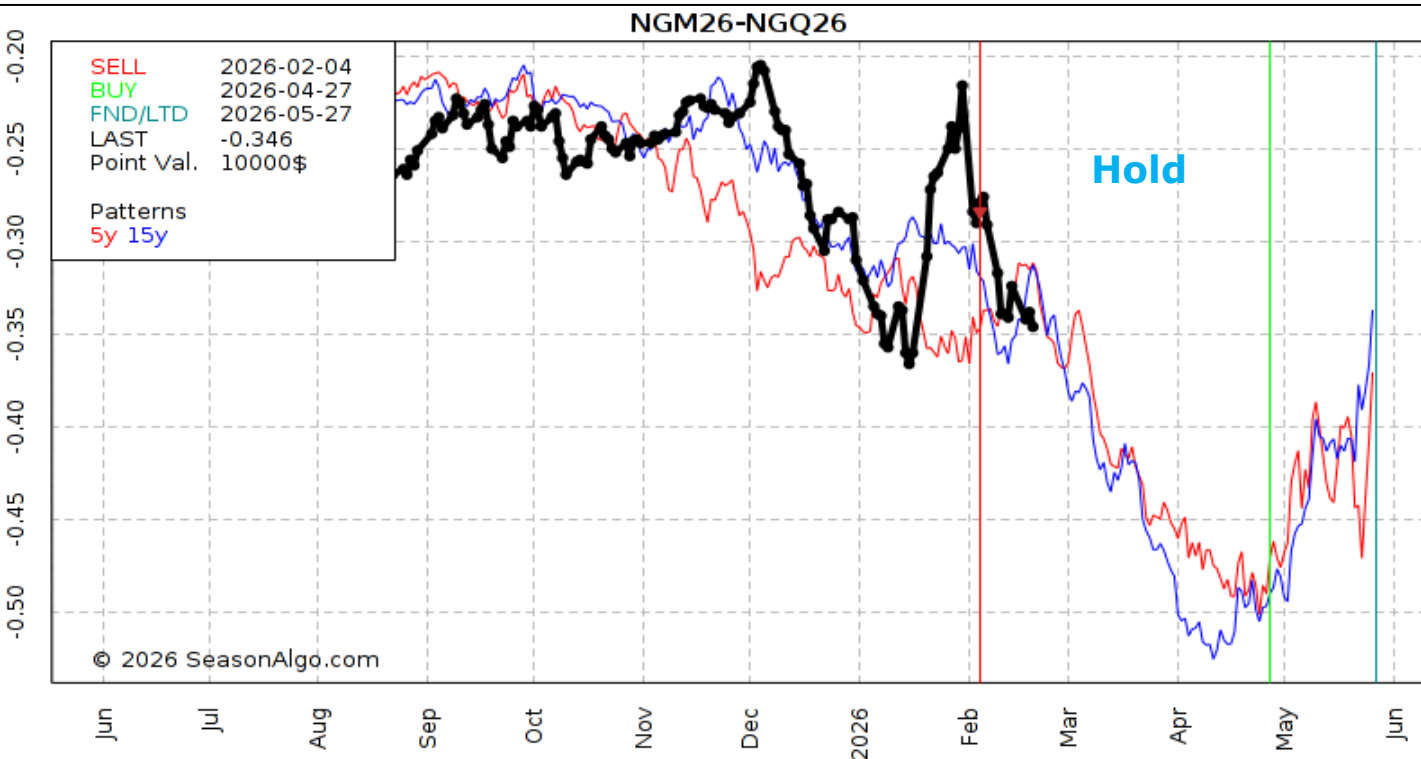


BCM26-BCN26



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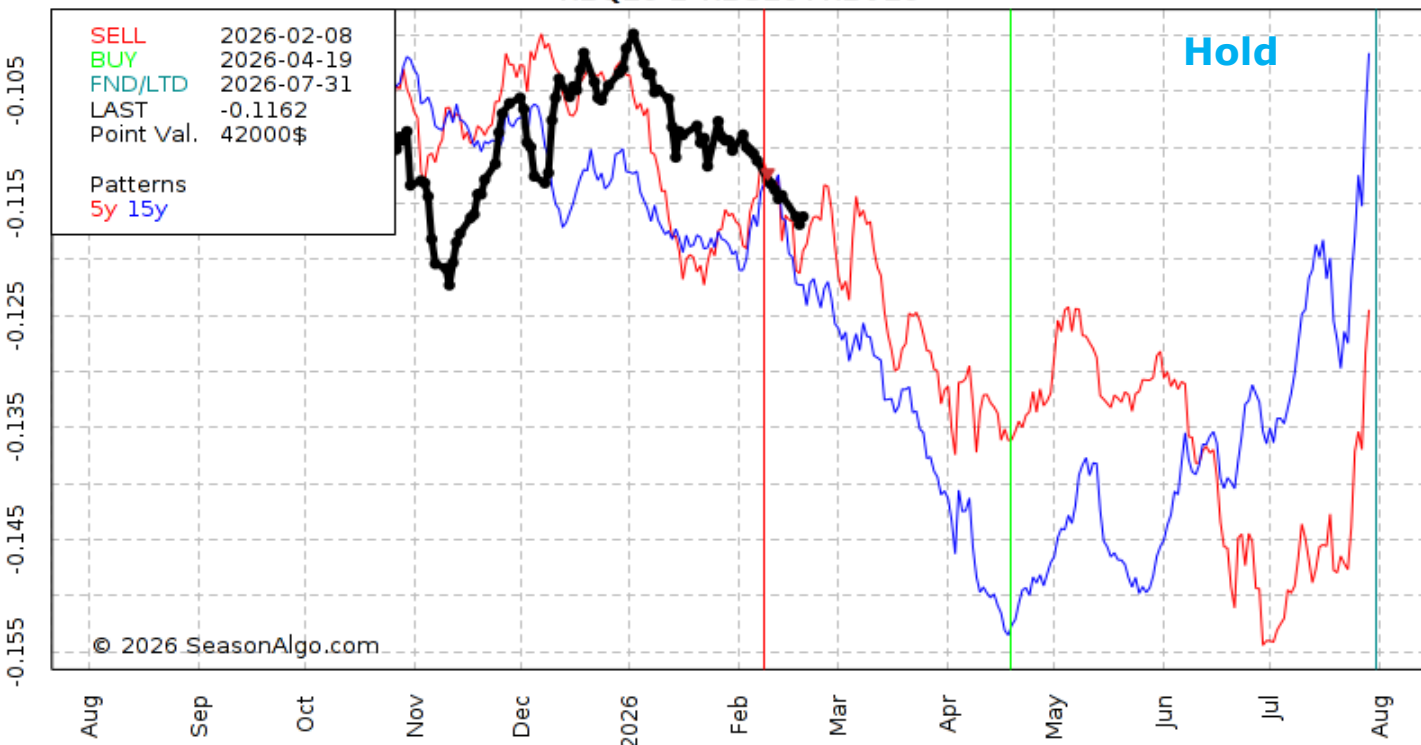
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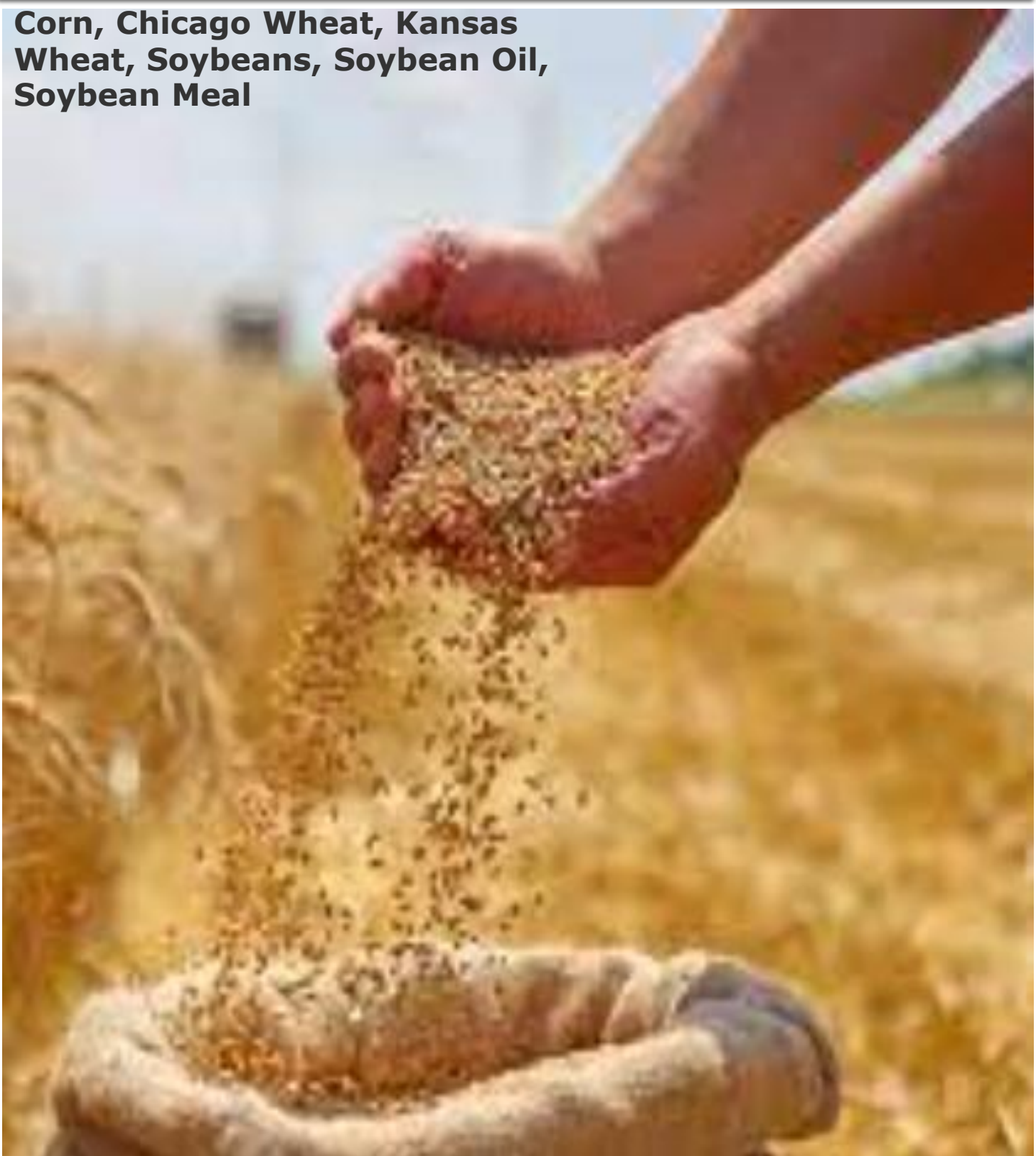


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Corn, Chicago Wheat, Kansas Wheat, Soybeans, Soybean Oil, Soybean Meal



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Grains (Corn, KC Wheat, Soybeans, Soy Oil, Soy Meal, Wheat)

% Carry Yield

Market	% Carry Yield				Absolute Change			52-Week Moving		
	26-Nov	24-Dec	21-Jan	18-Feb	4-Week	8-Week	12-Week	Min	Max	Avg
Corn	(8.4)	(8.3)	(9.4)	(9.8)	(0.4)	(1.5)	(1.4)	(15.6)	1.4	(7.4)
Chicago Wheat	(10.6)	(12.8)	(14.6)	(11.5)	3.1	1.3	(0.9)	(15.8)	(10.4)	(13.3)
Kansas Wheat	(13.0)	(15.3)	(14.5)	(13.6)	0.9	1.7	(0.6)	(17.7)	(4.5)	(14.1)
Soybeans	(0.3)	(1.8)	(2.3)	1.5	3.8	3.3	1.8	(6.8)	4.8	(2.4)
Soybean Meal	(6.4)	(6.1)	(7.3)	(3.5)	3.8	2.6	2.9	(12.5)	6.4	(7.3)
Soybean Oil	(0.2)	(1.3)	(0.2)	3.3	3.5	4.6	3.5	(3.6)	4.9	0.3

Hedge Fund Position Estimates

Market	Hedge Fund Position Estimates				Absolute Change			52-Week Moving		
	30-Jan	6-Feb	13-Feb	0-Jan	3-Week	2-Week	1-Week	Min	Max	Avg
Corn	(66,960)	(43,664)	(46,030)	-	66,960	43,664	46,030	(229,667)	293,901	(53,198)
Chicago Wheat	(89,458)	(80,579)	(58,683)	-	89,458	80,579	58,683	(118,902)	(3,818)	(87,155)
Kansas Wheat	(5,582)	(6,379)	1,871	-	5,582	6,379	(1,871)	(82,010)	1,871	(46,398)
Soybeans	20,128	45,555	70,726	-	(20,128)	(45,555)	(70,726)	(45,195)	173,791	19,460
Soybean Meal	(30,993)	(16,632)	2,813	-	30,993	16,632	(2,813)	(144,383)	41,343	(72,415)
Soybean Oil	(14,360)	23,198	29,378	-	14,360	(23,198)	(29,378)	(68,213)	62,530	15,660

Momentum and Relative Strength

(Based on the Thursday close)

Market	Momentum and Relative Strength				Commit of Traders		Weekly Closing Prices			
	Momentum	Mo Chg	RSI	RSI Chg	10-Yr %	Front Mo	(Roll Adjusted)			
Corn	(10)	(10)	47	(6)	38	ZCH26	2/13/2026	2/20/2026	Change	% Change
Chicago Wheat	10	1	65	-	26	ZWH26	431.75	427.5	-4.25	-1.0%
Kansas Wheat	10	-	64	1	39	KEH26	548.75	573.5	24.75	4.5%
Soybeans	10	-	73	(2)	76	ZSH26	542.5	572.25	29.75	5.5%
Soybean Meal	5	(4)	57	(6)	29	ZMH26	1133	1137.5	4.5	0.4%
Soybean Oil	10	-	76	3	47	ZLH26	309.2	309.8	0.6	0.2%
							57.08	58.92	1.84	3.2%

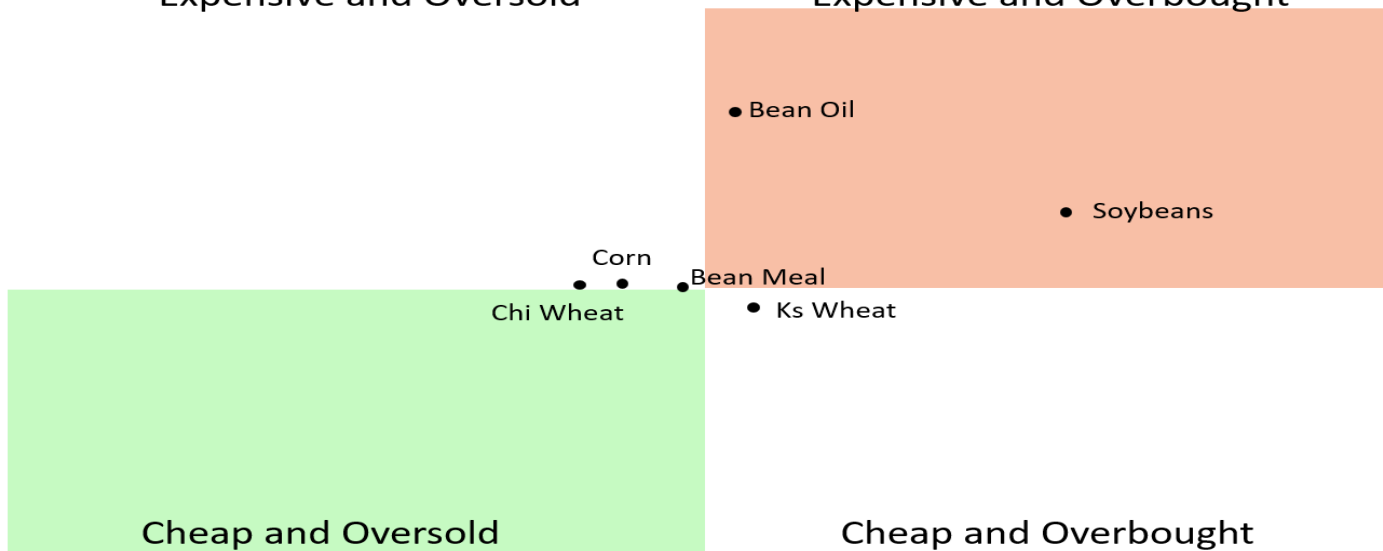
Relative Positioning

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Expensive and Oversold

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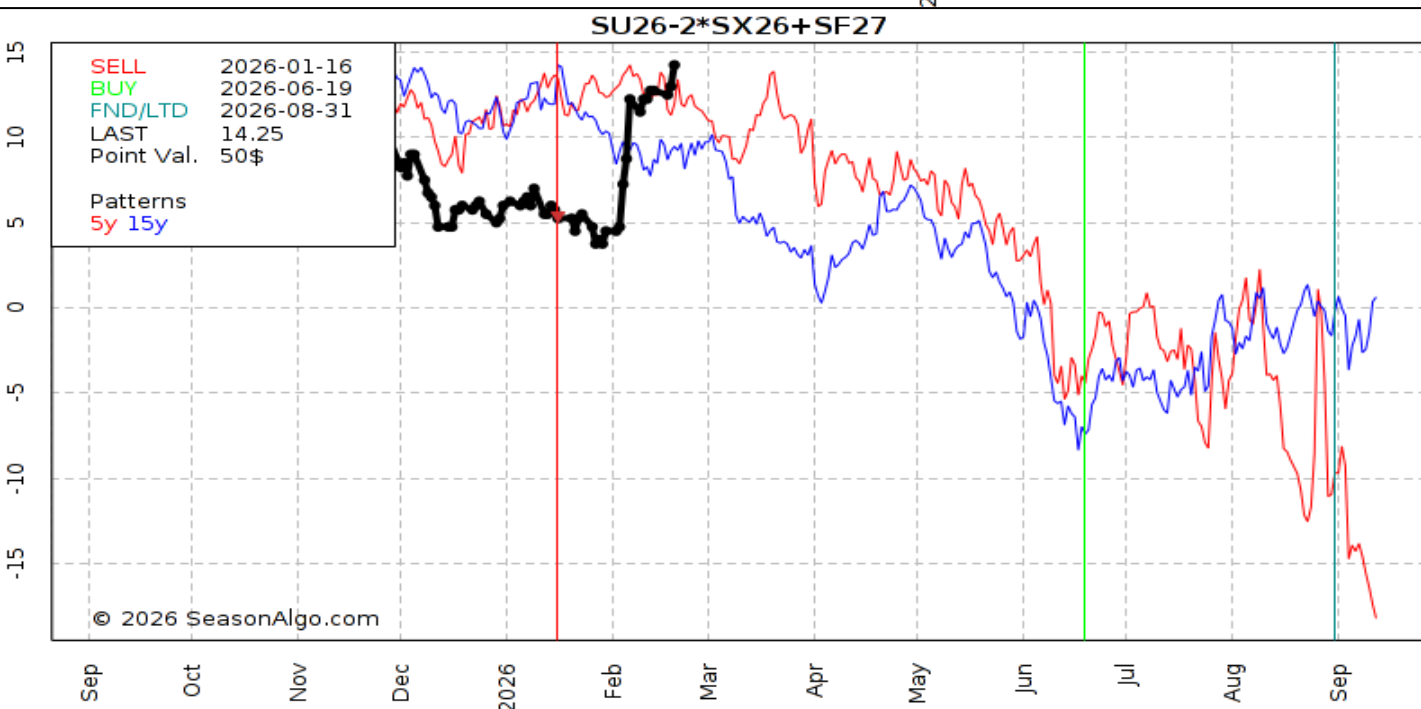
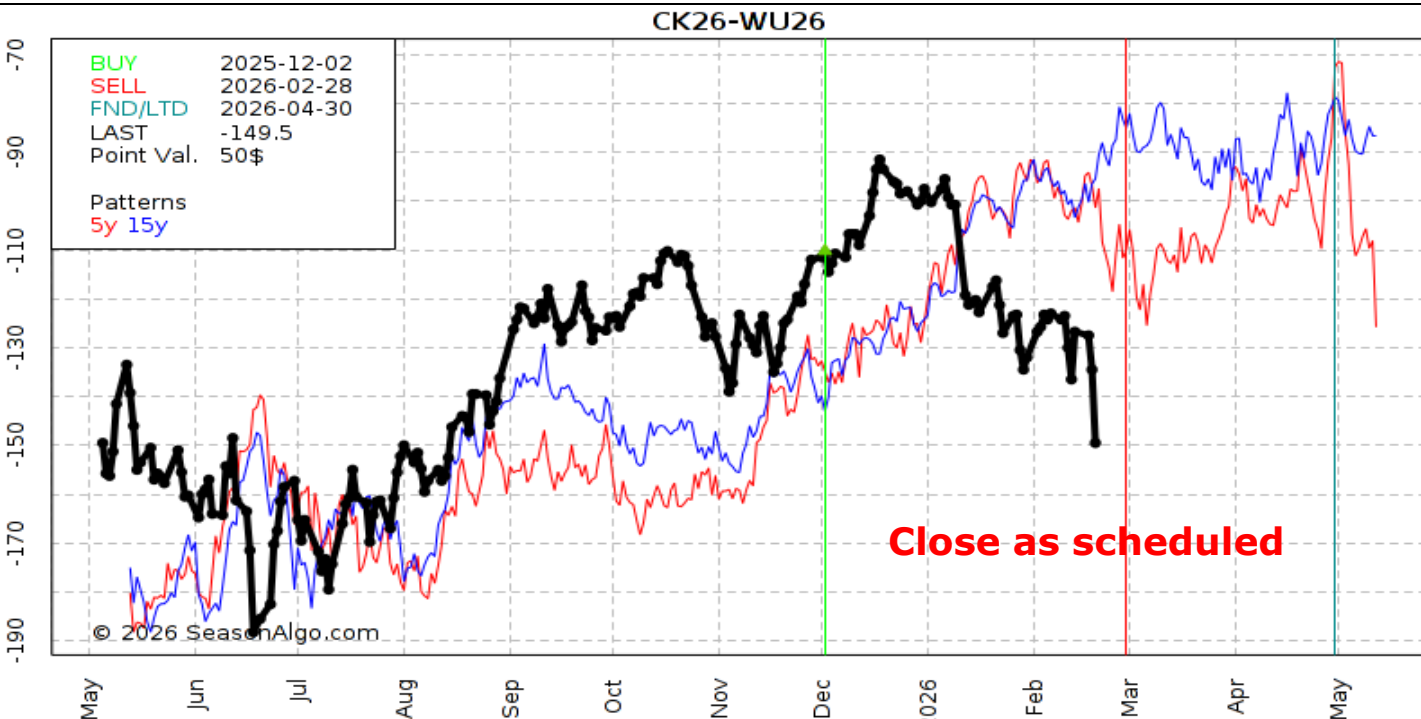
Relative Price



Grains (Corn, KC Wheat, Soybeans, Soy Oil, Soy Meal, Wheat)

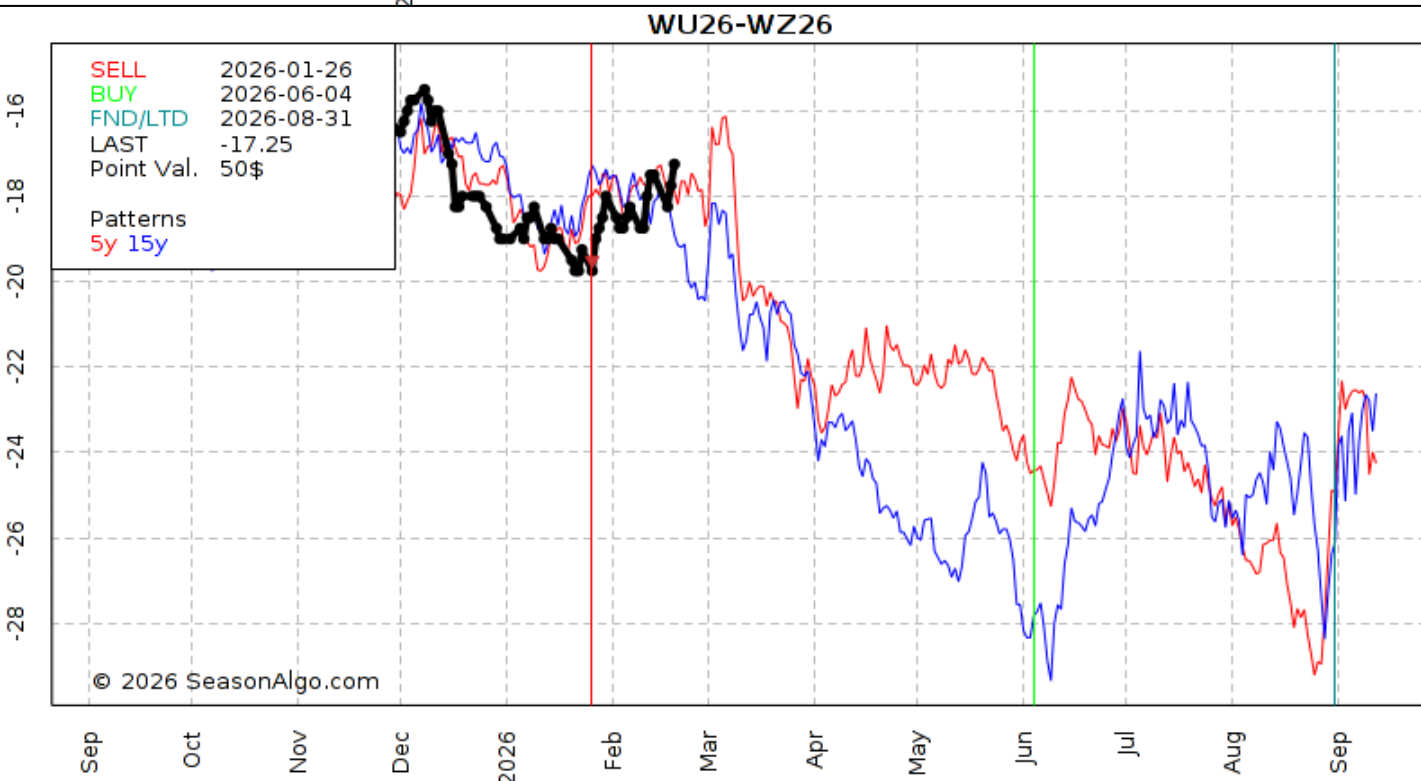
For next week, there is 1 trade planned:

1. Close the Corn, Wheat inter-commodity spread as scheduled



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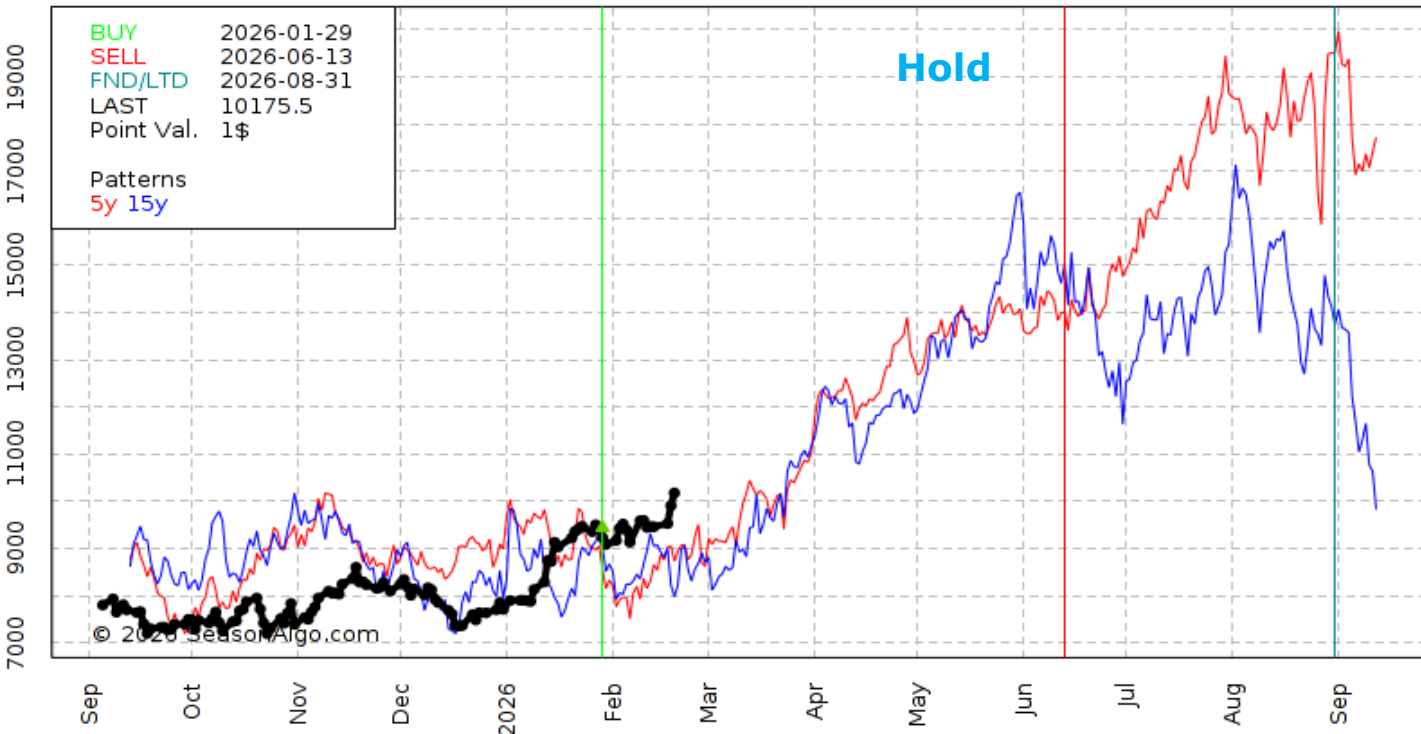
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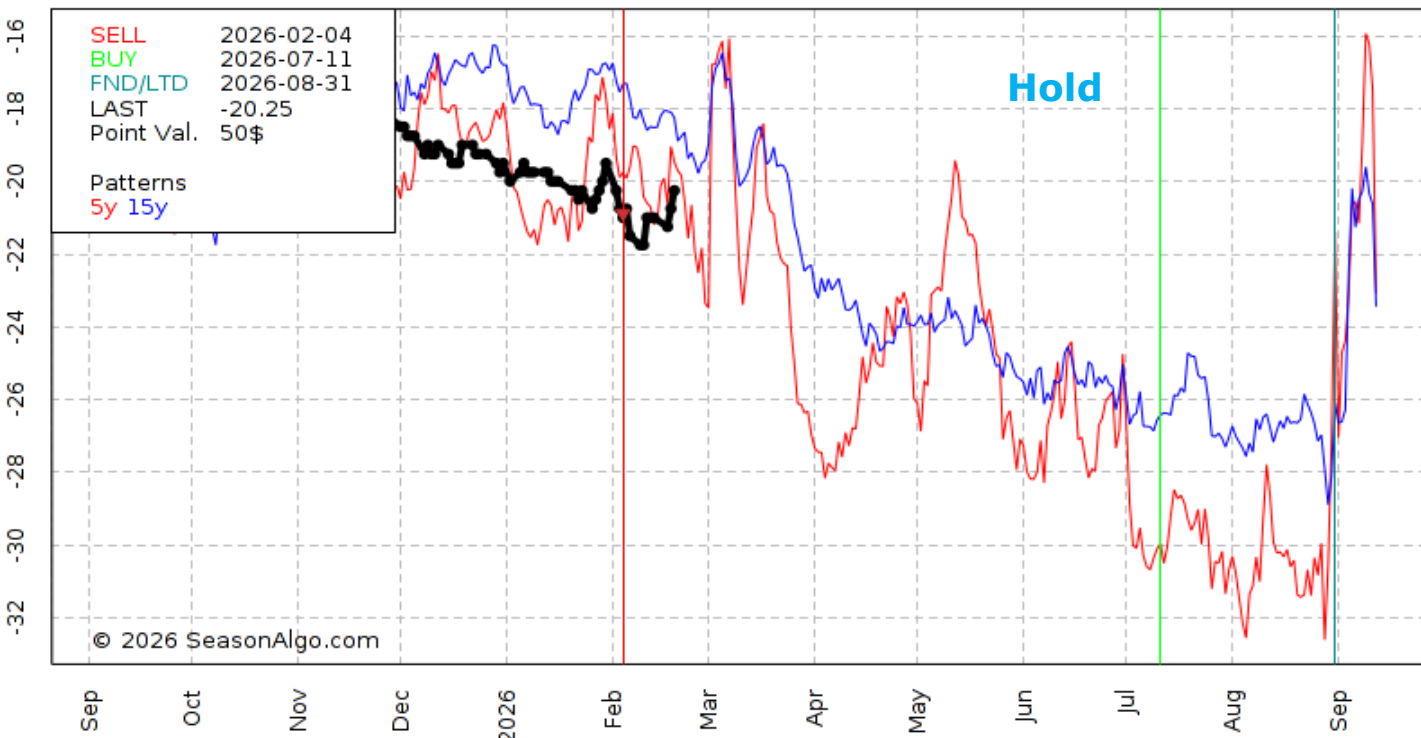
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Grains (Corn, KC Wheat, Soybeans, Soy Oil, Soy Meal, Wheat)

-SU26+SMV26+BOV26



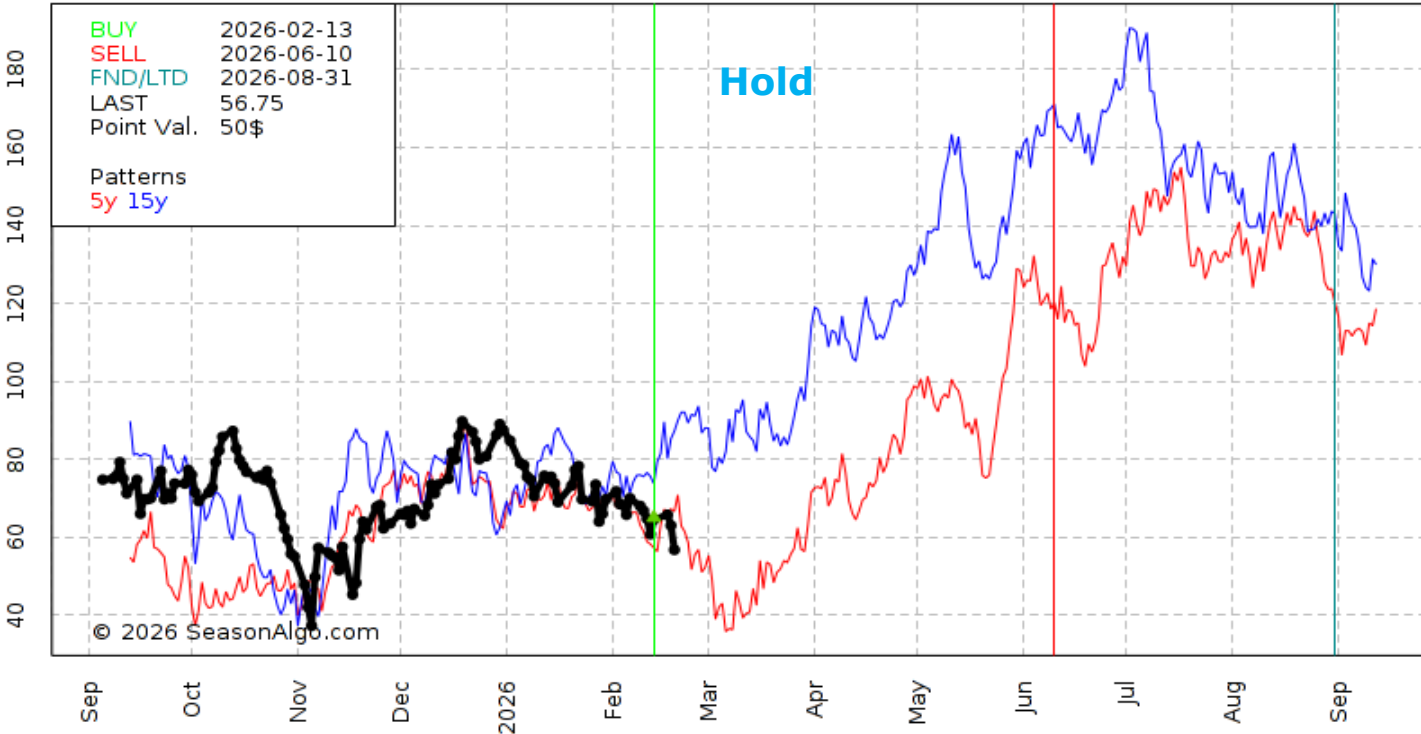
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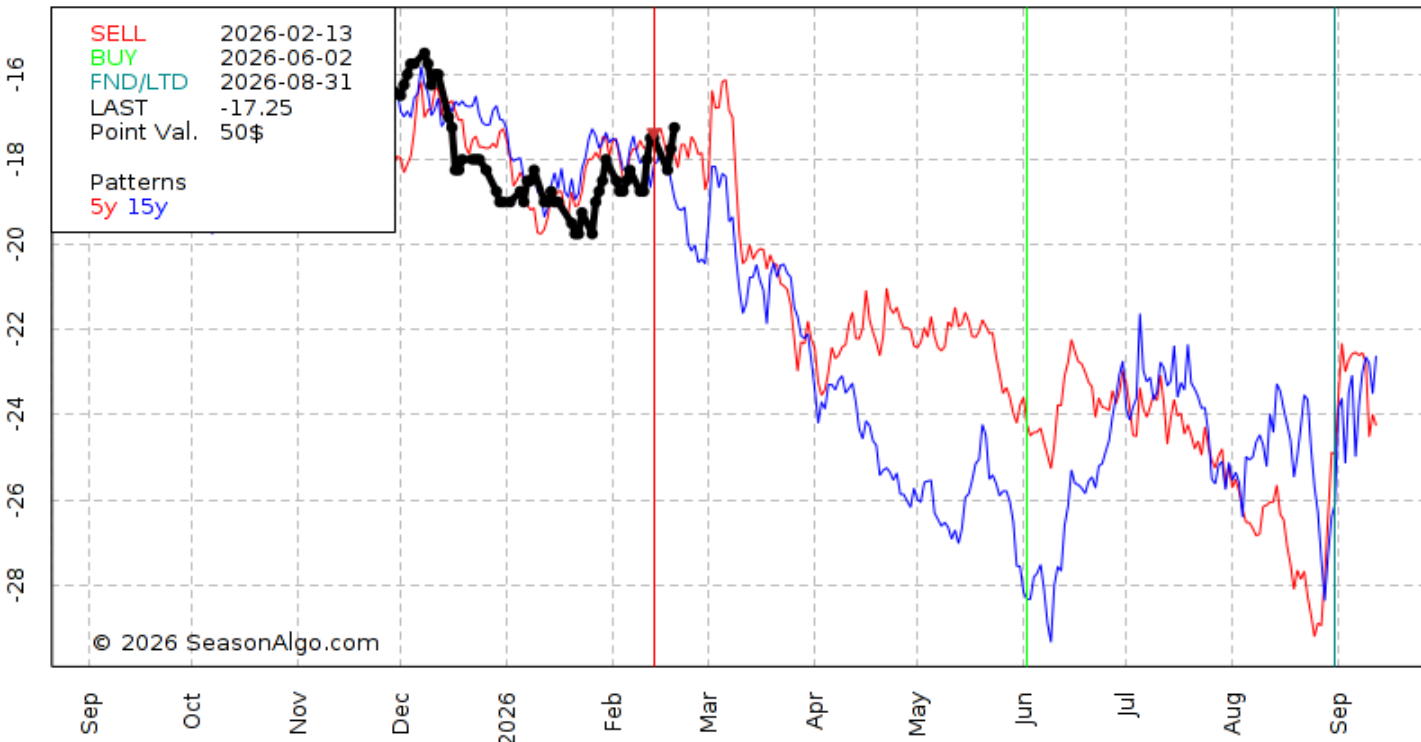
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Grains (Corn, KC Wheat, Soybeans, Soy Oil, Soy Meal, Wheat)

MWZ26-WU26

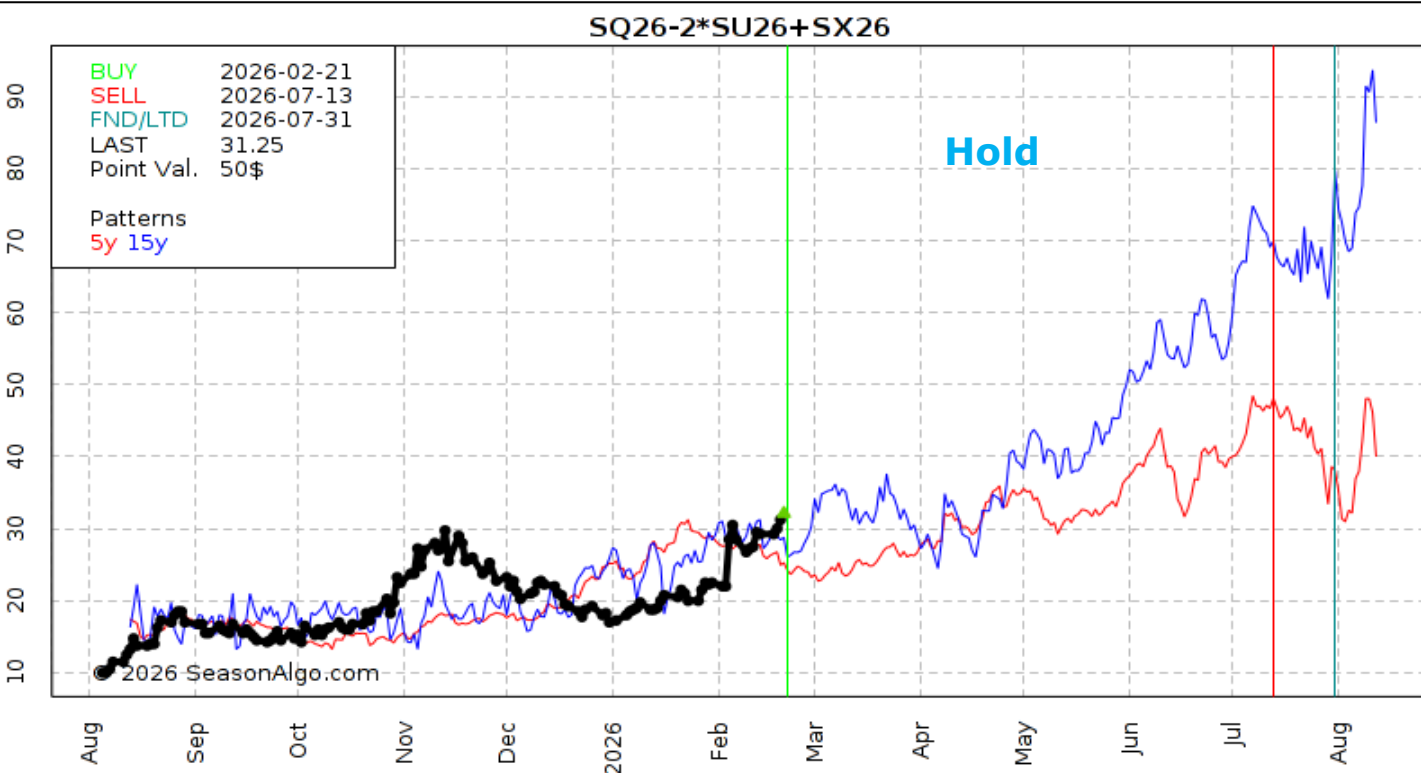
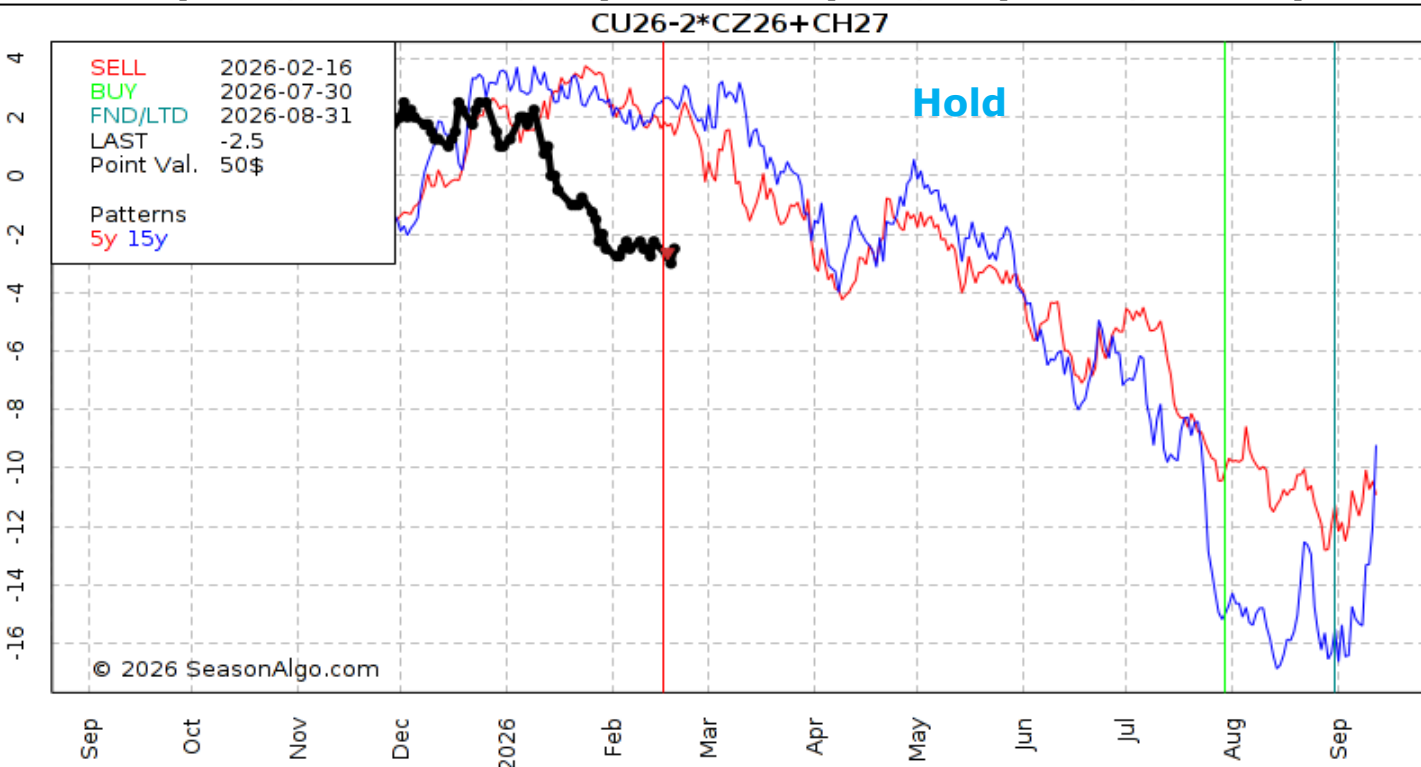


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Feeder Cattle, Lean Hogs, Live Cattle



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Meat (Feeder Cattle, Lean Hogs, Live Cattle)

% Carry Yield

Market	% Carry Yield				Absolute Change			52-Week Moving		
	26-Nov	24-Dec	21-Jan	18-Feb	4-Week	8-Week	12-Week	Min	Max	Avg
Live Cattle	3.6	5.6	1.5	3.6	2.1	(2.0)	-	(0.2)	7.4	4.6
Lean Hogs	3.8	6.2	6.1	6.7	0.6	0.5	2.9	0.1	18.0	7.8
Feeder Cattle	6.8	7.2	0.3	7.4	7.1	0.2	0.6	(0.7)	7.8	3.1

Hedge Fund Position Estimates

Market	Hedge Fund Position Estimates				Absolute Change			52-Week Moving		
	30-Jan	6-Feb	13-Feb	0-Jan	3-Week	2-Week	1-Week	Min	Max	Avg
Live Cattle	105,119	101,112	110,945	-	(105,119)	(101,112)	(110,945)	87,762	142,388	121,052
Lean Hogs	97,401	119,915	108,637	-	(97,401)	(119,915)	(108,637)	46,610	144,095	98,243
Feeder Cattle	17,394	17,516	15,788	-	(17,394)	(17,516)	(15,788)	14,403	39,343	27,270

Momentum and Relative Strength

(Based on the Thursday close)

Market	(Based on the Thursday close)				Commit of Traders		Weekly Closing Prices (Roll Adjusted)			
	Momentum	Mo CHg	RSI	RSI Chg	10-Yr %	Front Mo	2/13/2026	2/20/2026	Change	% Change
Live Cattle	10	2	63	4	78	LEG26	243.075	246.575	3.5	1.4%
Lean Hogs	4	6	48	9	97	HEJ26	91.275	93.675	2.4	2.6%
Feeder Cattle	7	3	62	5	75	GFH26	366.15	368.025	1.875	0.5%

Commit of Traders

Weekly Closing Prices

(Roll Adjusted)

Relative Positioning

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Expensive and Oversold

Expensive and Overbought

Relative Price

Feeder Cattle • • Live Cattle

• Lean Hogs

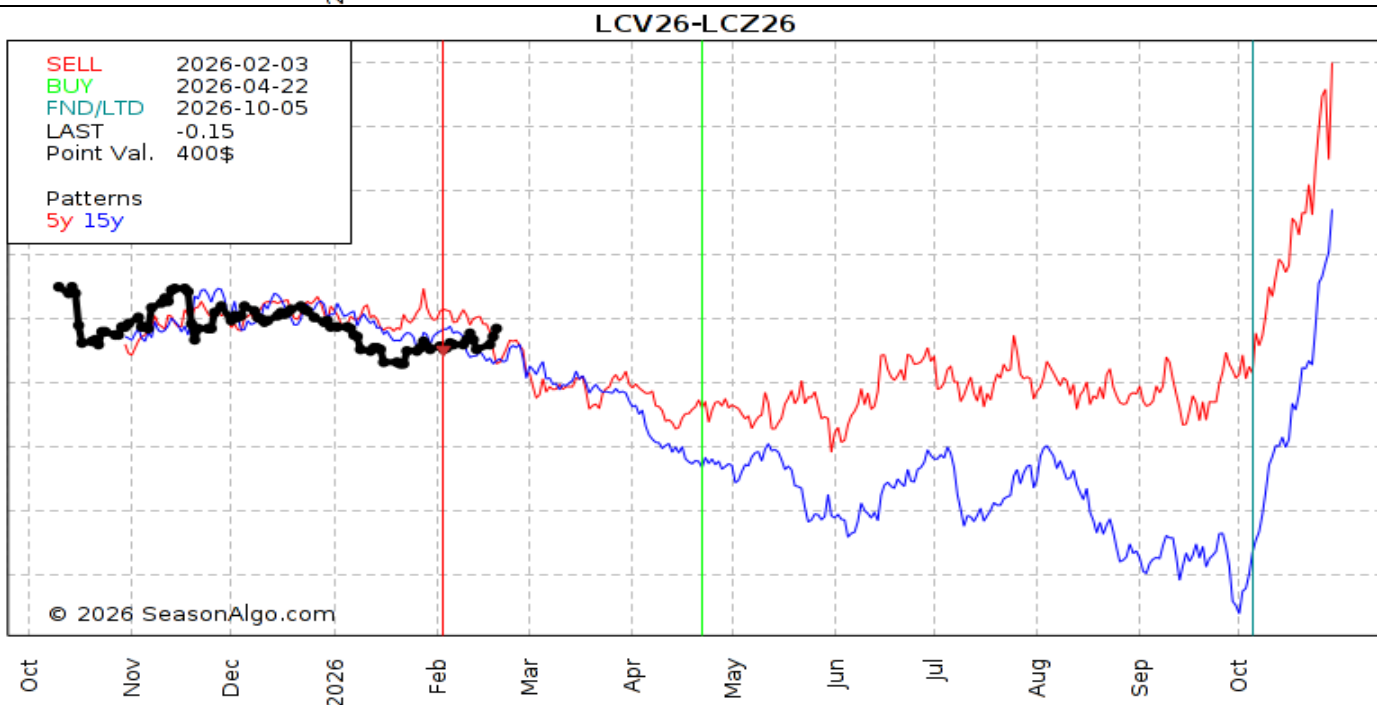
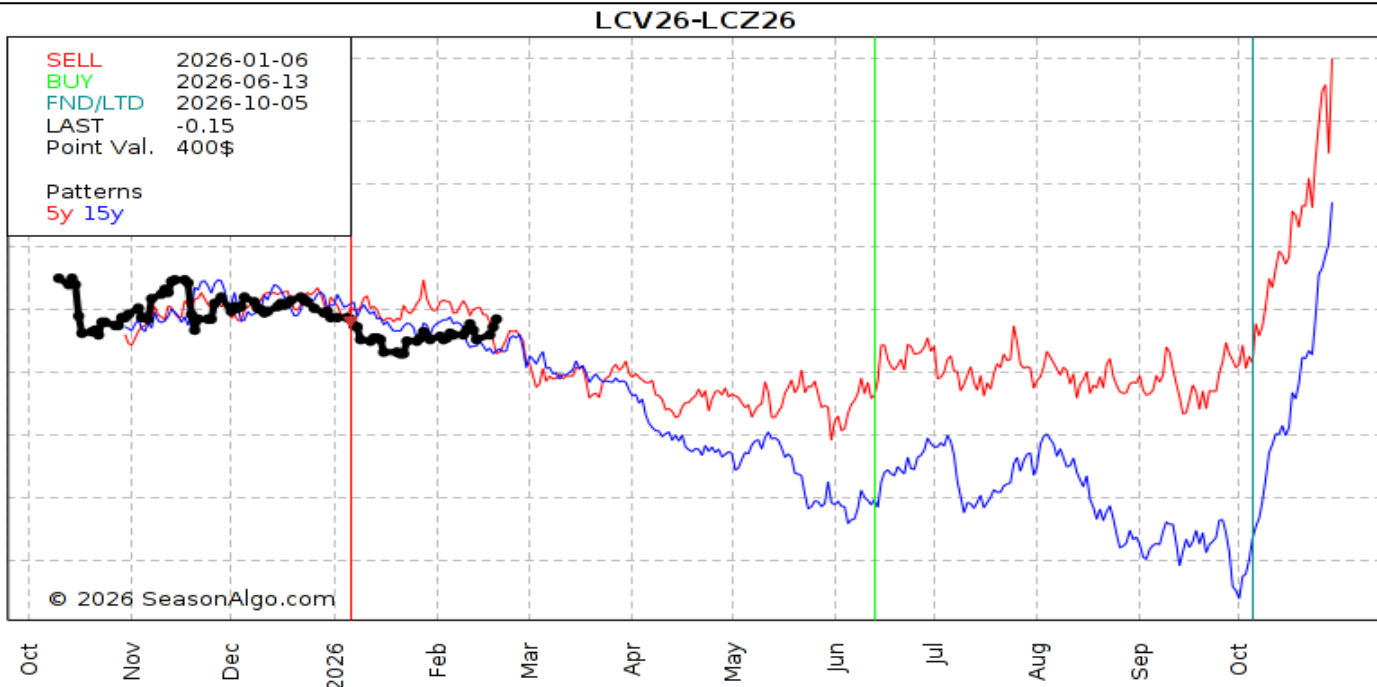
Cheap and Oversold

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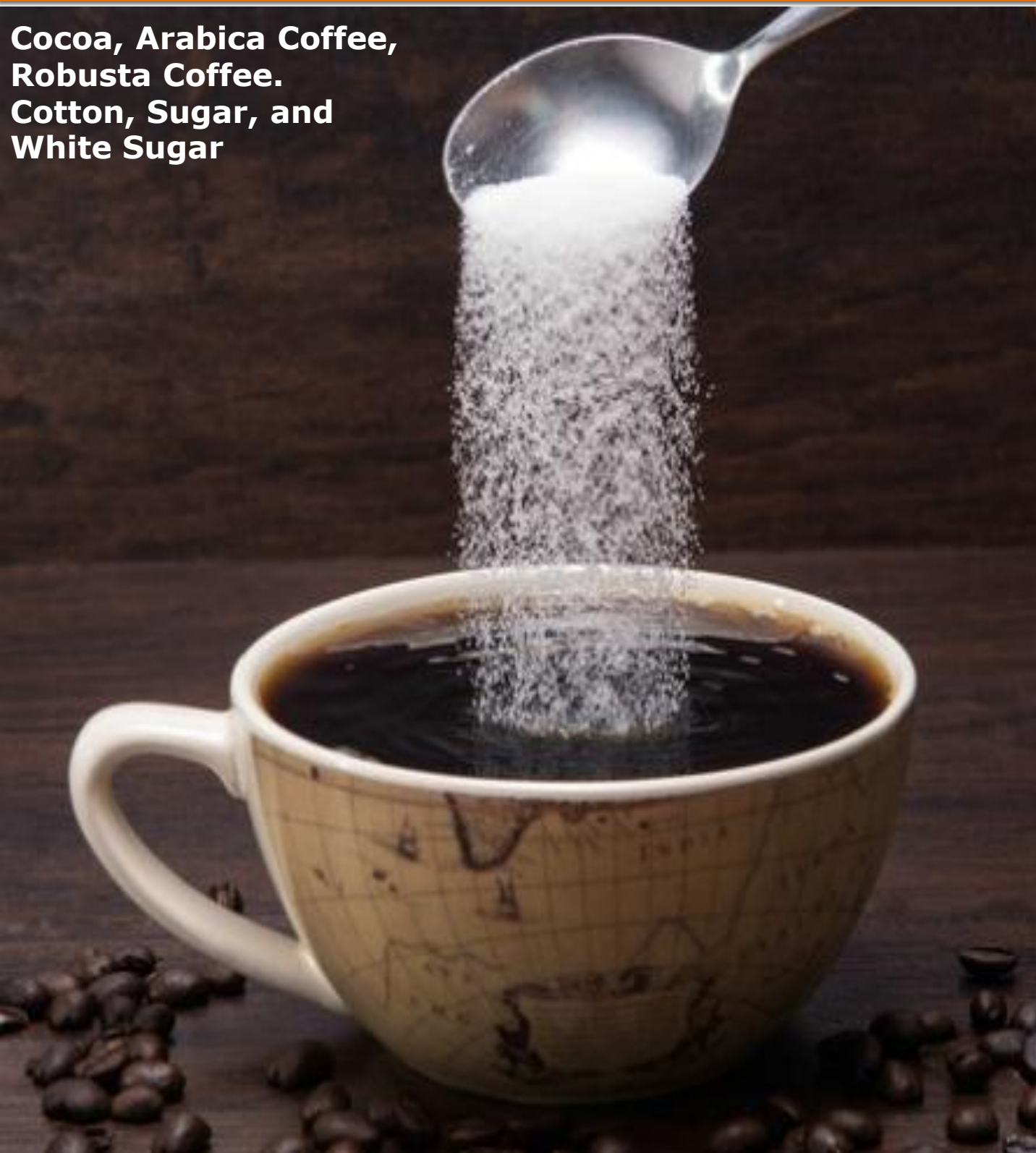
Meat (Feeder Cattle, Lean Hogs, Live Cattle)

Update:

- Last week I passed on the Feeder Cattle FCK26-FCU26 calendar spread



**Cocoa, Arabica Coffee,
Robusta Coffee.
Cotton, Sugar, and
White Sugar**



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Softs (Cocoa, Coffee, Robusta Coffee, Cotton, Sugar, and White Sugar) % Carry Yield

Market	% Carry Yield				Absolute Change			52-Week Moving		
	26-Nov	24-Dec	21-Jan	18-Feb	4-Week	8-Week	12-Week	Min	Max	Avg
Cotton	(6.9)	(8.0)	(8.5)	(10.4)	(1.9)	(2.4)	(3.5)	(11.0)	5.2	(6.1)
Sugar #11	(3.4)	(4.6)	(4.1)	(6.8)	(2.7)	(2.2)	(3.4)	(6.8)	6.2	(1.3)
White Sugar	1.1	(0.1)	0.7	(0.3)	(1.0)	(0.2)	(1.4)	(1.5)	7.8	1.4
Arabica Coffee	14.6	13.0	10.7	5.5	(5.2)	(7.5)	(9.1)	5.5	19.0	12.4
Robusta Coffee	8.9	5.9	7.6	8.8	1.2	2.9	(0.1)	4.3	10.6	7.2
Cocoa	(0.4)	0.3	(5.2)	(10.5)	(5.3)	(10.8)	(10.1)	(10.5)	24.1	7.5

Hedge Fund Position Estimates

Market	Hedge Fund Position Estimates				Absolute Change			52-Week Moving		
	30-Jan	6-Feb	13-Feb	0-Jan	3-Week	2-Week	1-Week	Min	Max	Avg
Cotton	(55,313)	(78,063)	(68,604)	-	55,313	78,063	68,604	(87,387)	(26,327)	(58,148)
Sugar #11	(149,610)	(169,120)	(232,068)	-	149,610	169,120	232,068	(232,068)	87,112	(89,642)
Arabica Coffee	34,307	12,080	21,335	-	(34,307)	(12,080)	(21,335)	12,080	68,008	37,183
Cocoa	(20,546)	(19,070)	(32,327)	-	20,546	19,070	32,327	(32,327)	22,052	5,050

Momentum and Relative Strength

(Based on the Thursday close)

Market	Momentum	Mo CHg	RSI	RSI Chg	10-Yr %	Front Mo	Weekly Closing Prices (Roll Adjusted)			
Cotton	(4)	-	47	1	2	CTH26	2/13/2026	2/20/2026	Change	% Change
Sugar #11	(6)	4	43	7	0	SBH26	13.78	14.3	0.52	3.8%
White Sugar	(9)	1	43	7	81	SWK26	397.1	406.6	9.5	2.4%
Arabica Coffee	(7)	(2)	30	(4)	19	KCH26	300.05	288.3	-11.75	-3.9%
Robusta Coffee	(10)	(5)	39	(5)	15	RMH26	3859	3615	-244	-6.3%
Cocoa	(10)	-	18	(7)	11	CCH26	3581	3082	-499	-13.9%

Commit of Traders

Weekly Closing Prices

(Roll Adjusted)

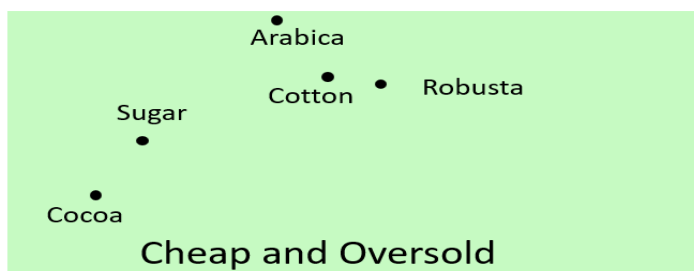
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Relative Positioning

Expensive and Oversold

Expensive and Overbought

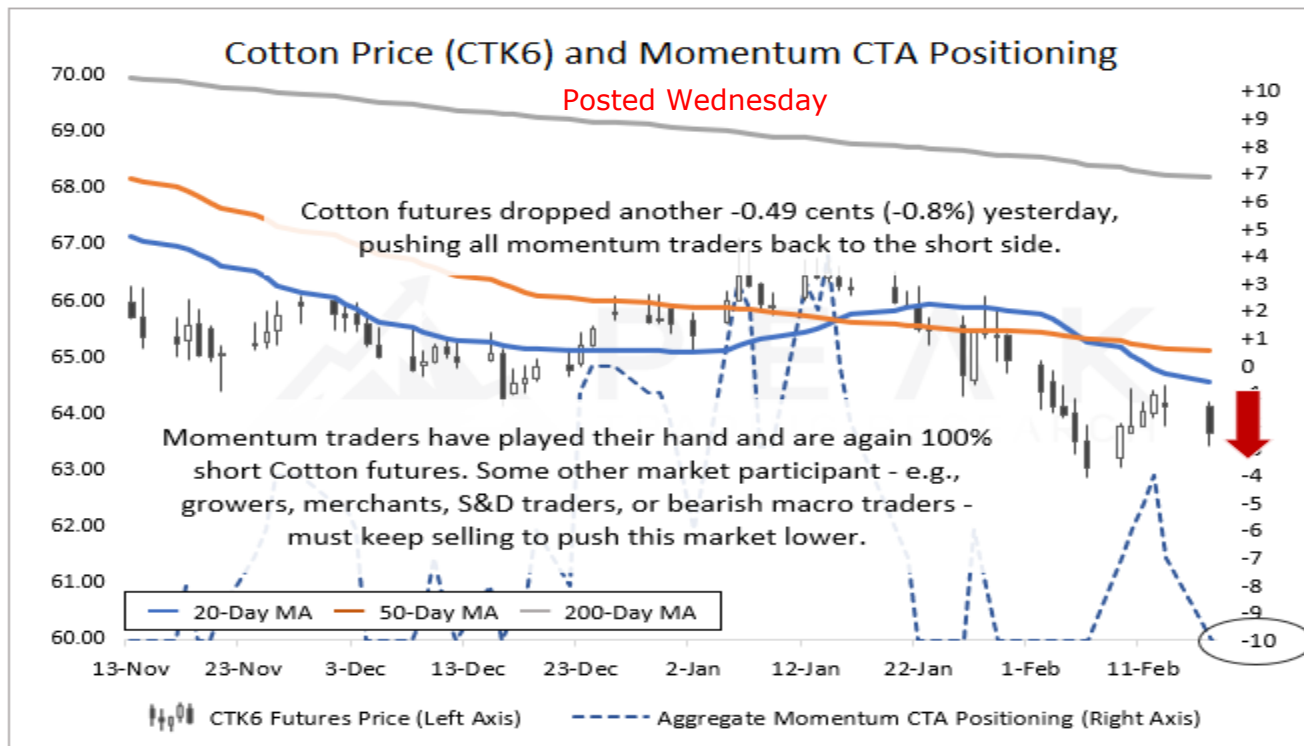
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• White Sugar

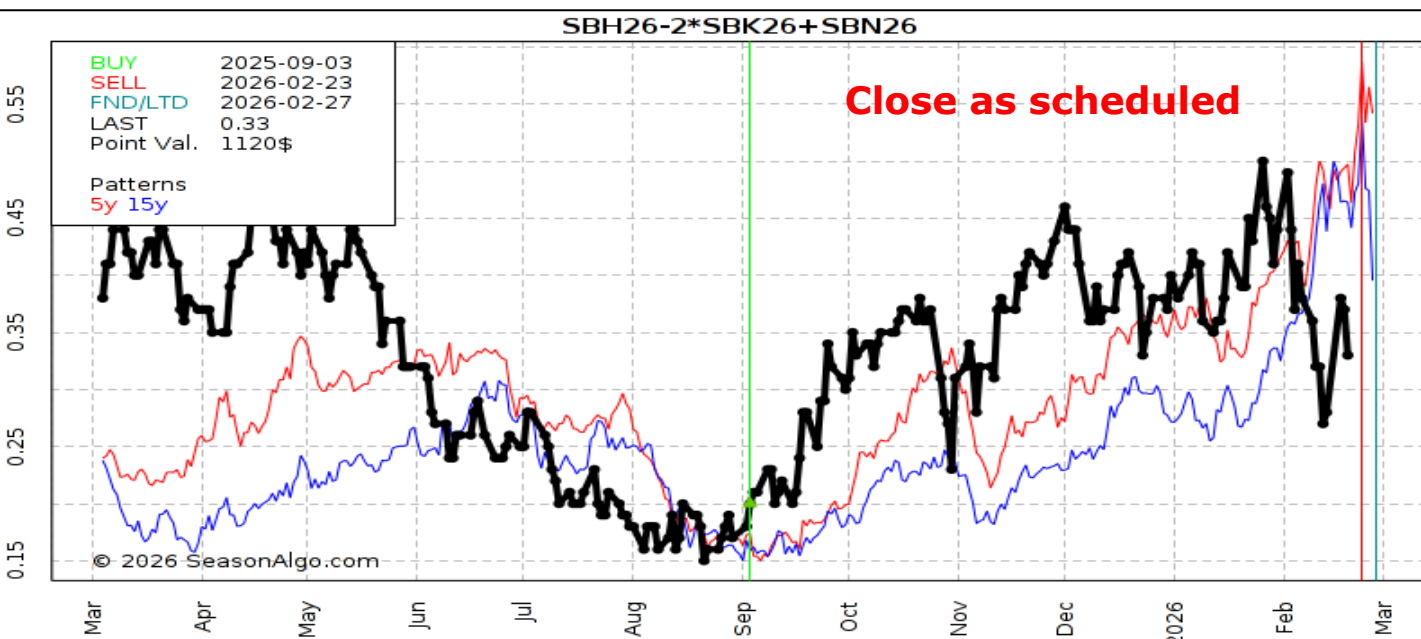
Cheap and Overbought

Softs (Cocoa, Coffee, Robusta Coffee, Cotton, Sugar, and White Sugar)



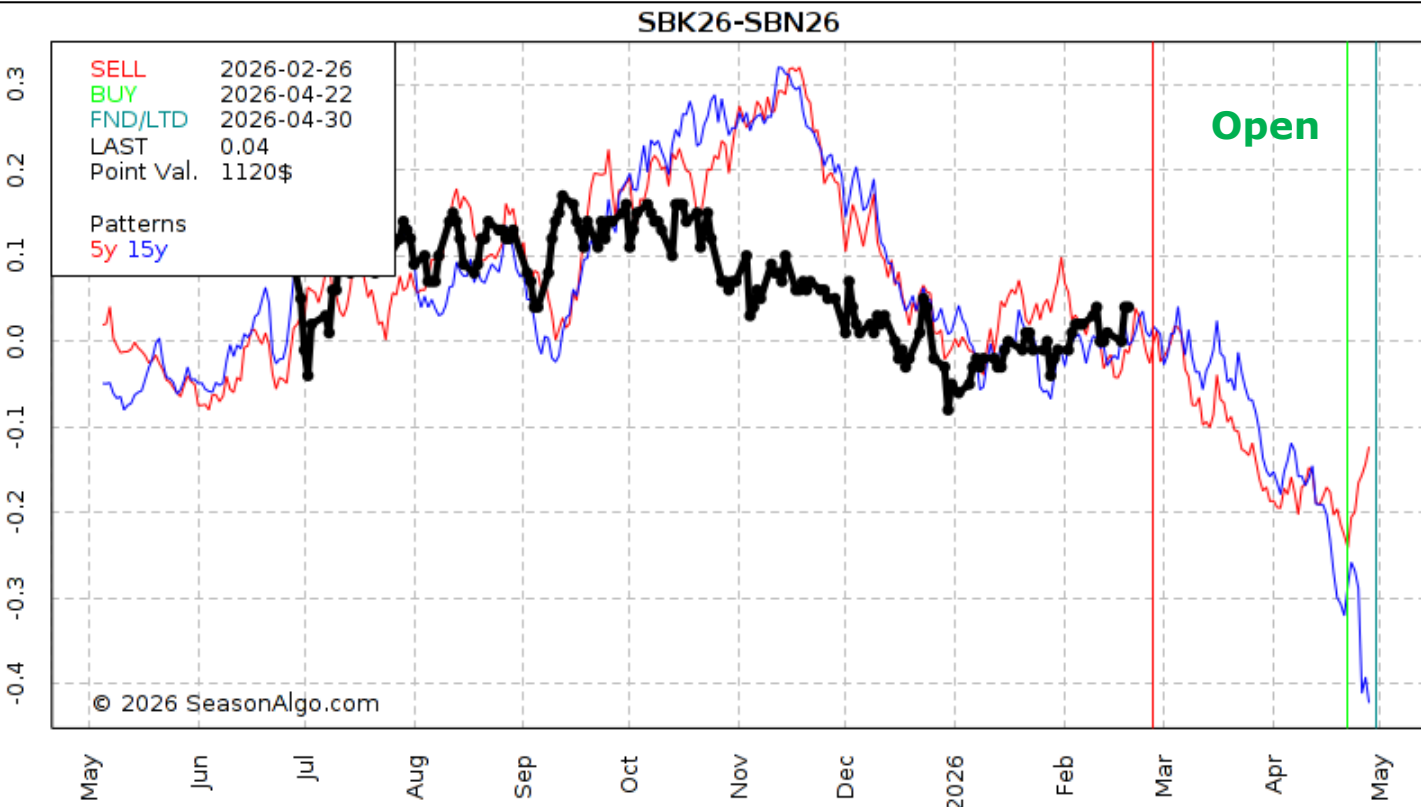
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2. Open a Sugar calendar spread



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Currencies, Interest Rates, Metals



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All Other (Currencies, Interest, Metals)

% Carry Yield

Market	% Carry Yield				Absolute Change			52-Week Moving		
	26-Nov	24-Dec	21-Jan	18-Feb	4-Week	8-Week	12-Week	Min	Max	Avg
Gold	(3.9)	(4.0)	(3.9)	(3.9)	-	0.1	-	(5.1)	(3.9)	(4.4)
Silver	(3.8)	(3.6)	(3.7)	(3.4)	0.3	0.2	0.4	(5.4)	(3.4)	(4.4)
Platinum	(3.2)	(2.6)	(1.8)	(1.7)	0.1	0.9	1.5	(4.3)	(0.6)	(2.4)
Palladium	(3.1)	(3.5)	(3.8)	(3.7)	0.1	(0.2)	(0.6)	(4.4)	(3.0)	(3.6)
Copper	(4.1)	(4.9)	(5.0)	(5.1)	(0.1)	(0.2)	(1.0)	(5.3)	(2.5)	(4.2)

Hedge Fund Position Estimates

Market	Hedge Fund Position Estimates				Absolute Change			52-Week Moving		
	30-Jan	6-Feb	13-Feb	0-Jan	3-Week	2-Week	1-Week	Min	Max	Avg
Gold	161,621	86,219	97,727	-	(161,621)	(86,219)	(97,727)	85,910	276,686	201,694
Silver	21,341	(32,220)	(7,025)	-	(21,341)	32,220	7,025	16,045	50,402	32,425
Platinum	10,146	(19,497)	(5,664)	-	(10,146)	19,497	5,664	(6,472)	57,818	22,027
Palladium	630	(1,899)	(715)	-	(630)	1,899	715	(9,204)	25,164	6,888
Copper	67,299	49,520	39,049	-	(67,299)	(49,520)	(39,049)	(15,651)	(2,921)	(10,486)

Momentum and Relative Strength

(Based on the Thursday close)

Market	Momentum	Mo CHg	RSI	RSI Chg	10-Yr %	Front Mo	2/13/2026	2/20/2026	Change	% Change
Gold	5	2	55	-	36	GCG26	5022	5059.3	37.3	0.7%
Silver	2	4	46	1	16	SIG26	77.851	82.283	4.432	5.7%
Platinum	(1)	2	44	2	37	PLG26	2071.2	2169.7	98.5	4.8%
Palladium	(3)	1	46	2	87	PAG26	1697.5	1774.2	76.7	4.5%
Copper	(1)	-	47	(2)	87	HGG26	5.7925	5.831	0.0385	0.7%

Commit of Traders

Weekly Closing Prices

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Relative Positioning

Expensive and Oversold

Expensive and Overbought

- Silver
- Gold
- Platinum

- Copper
- Palladium

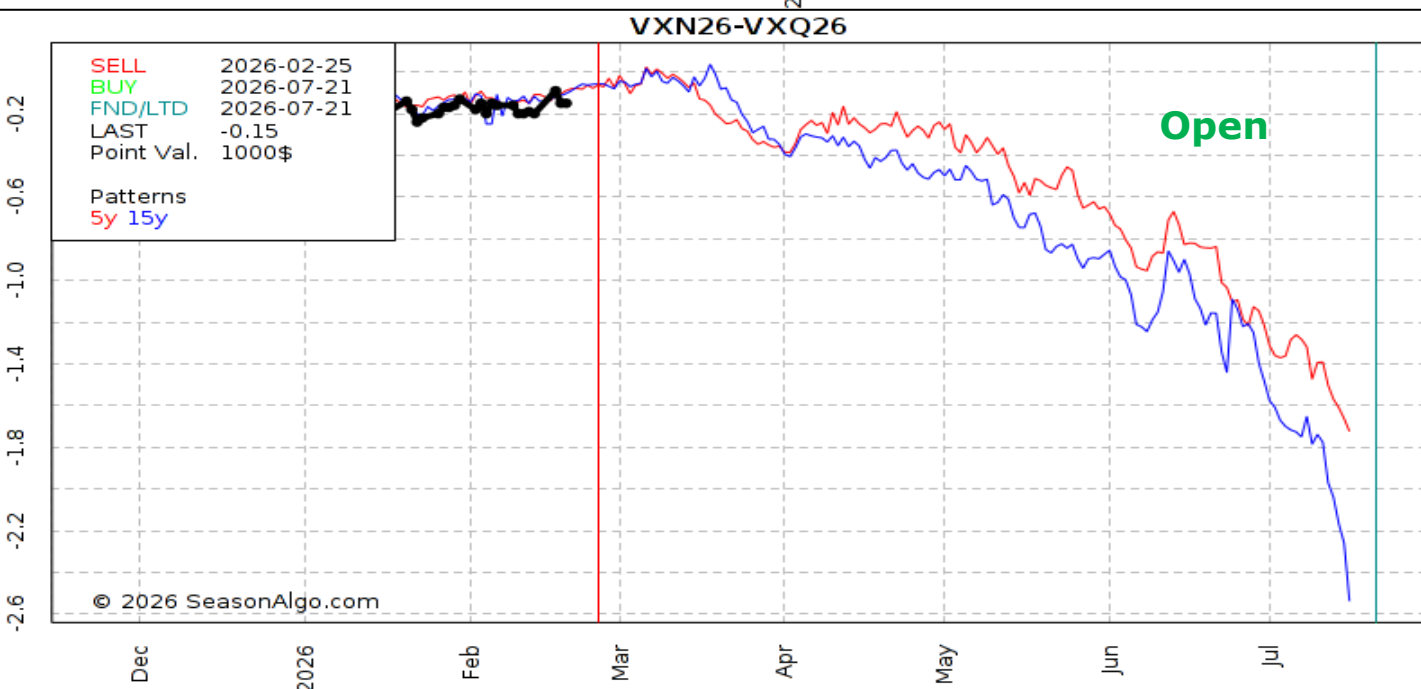
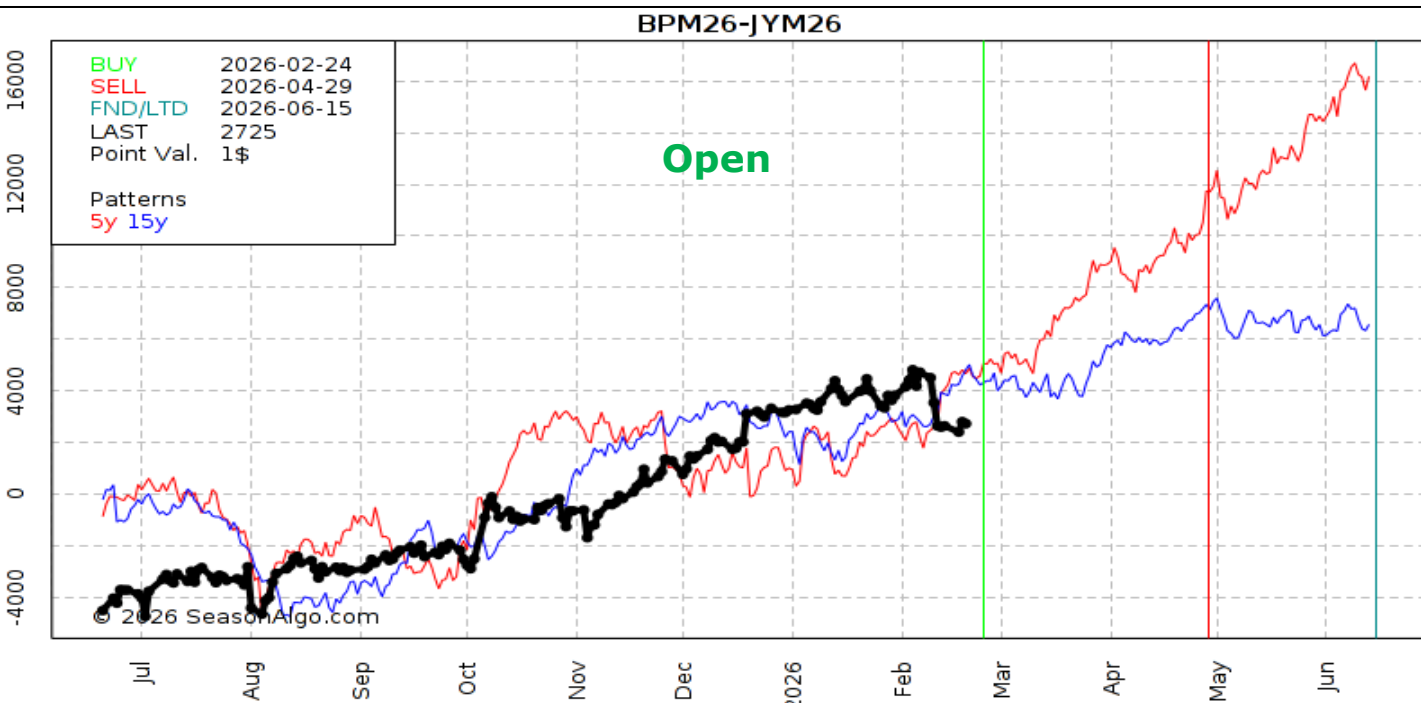
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Cheap and Overbought

All Other (Currencies, Interest, Metals)

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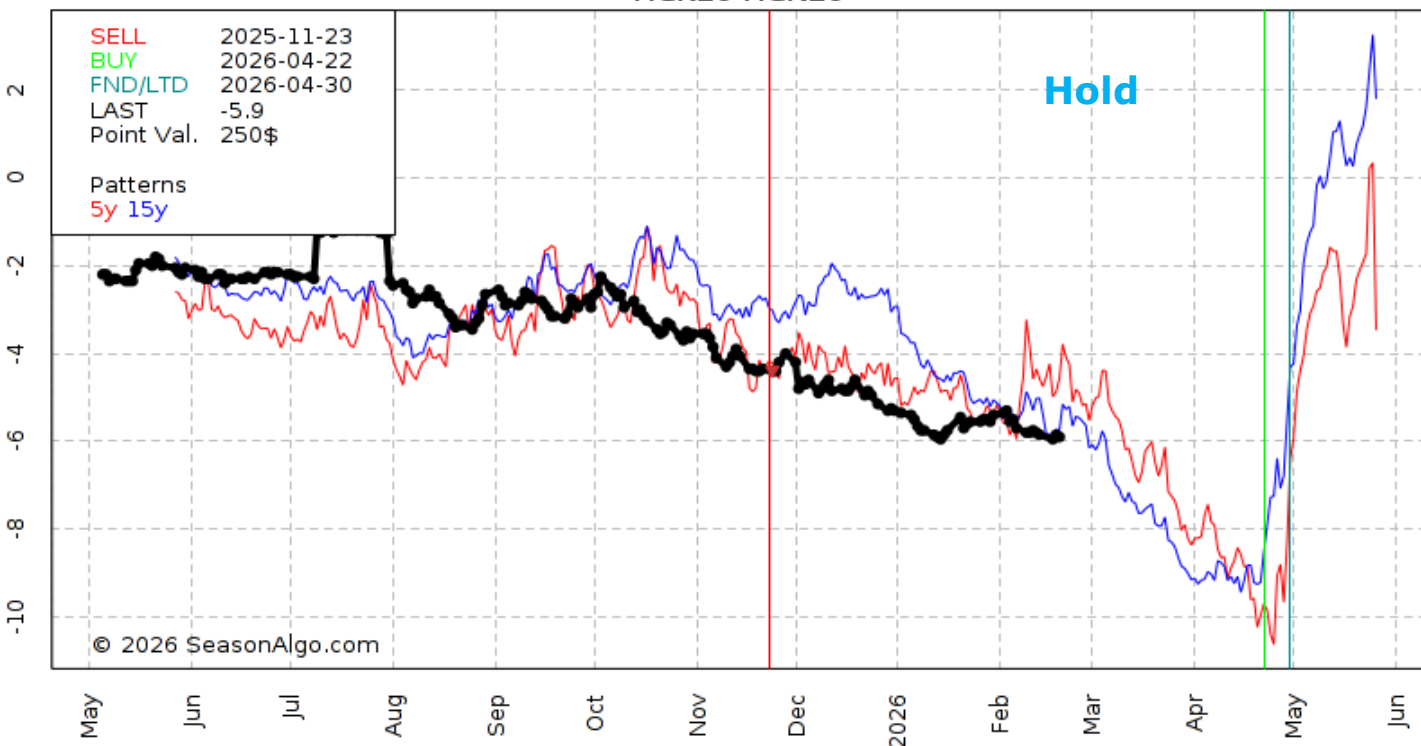
1. Open a British Pound, Japanese Yen inter-commodity spread
2. Open a VIX calendar spread



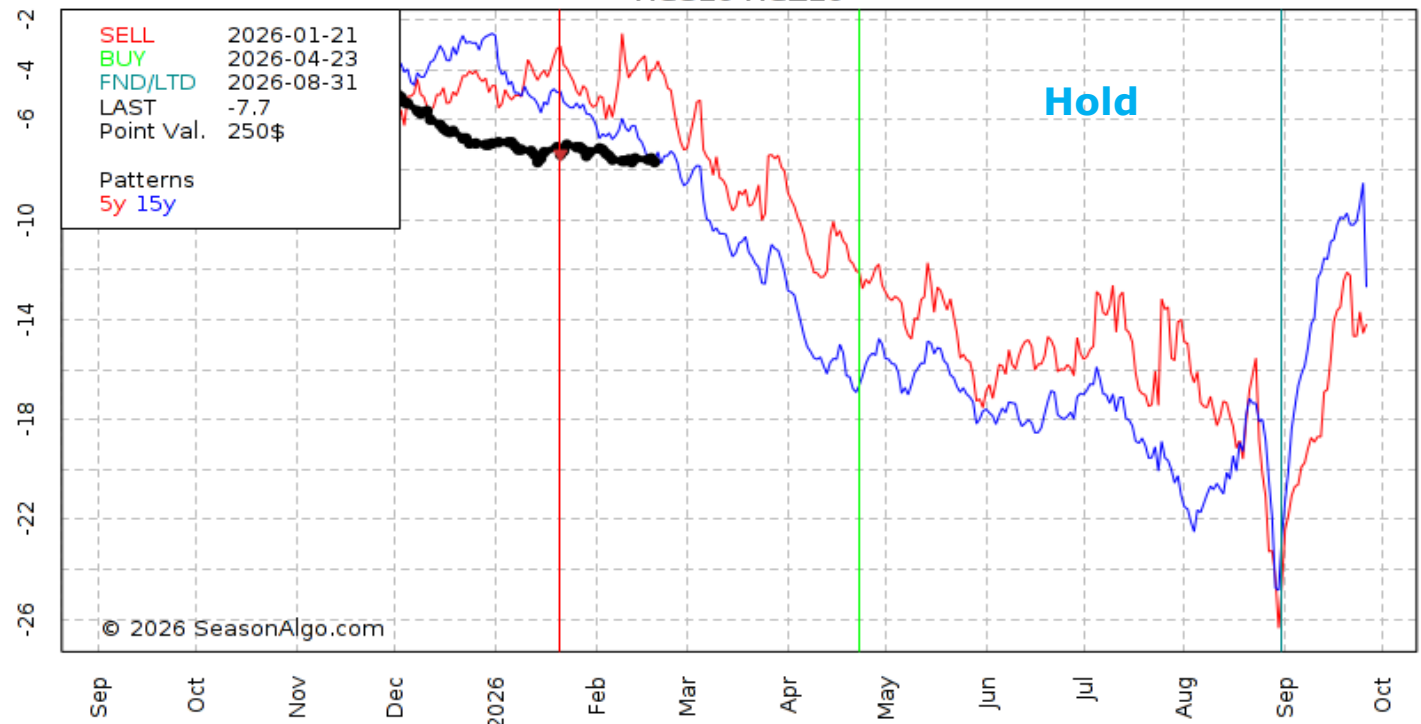
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All Other (Currencies, Interest, Metals)

HGK26-HGN26



HGU26-HGZ26



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Market Outlook

February 23– February 27, 2025

Overview

Below is a summary of the various indicators included in the Market Outlook section.

Weekly Closing Prices

Closing prices for the last trading day of the current week compared to the last trading day of the previous week. Expiration months are roll adjusted.

Seasonality

Seasonality data is generated by SeasonAlgo that looks at the various entry and exit dates and scores of each expiration month combination. Rankings are based on the average historical profit compared to the average historical draw-down multiplied by the average win percent. Historical periods are typically 15 years in length. Negative values indicate "sell", positive values indicate "buy". Blanks indicates that a seasonality trend above a pre-determined threshold does not exist for the week.

Technical (RSI)

RSI Points – The Relative Strength Index (RSI) is a momentum indicator used in technical analysis that measures the magnitude of recent price changes to evaluate overbought or oversold conditions in the price of a stock or other asset. The RSI is displayed as an oscillator (a line graph that moves between two extremes) and can have a reading from 0 to 100. Traditional interpretation and usage of the RSI are that values of >70 indicate that a security or market is becoming overbought or overvalued and may be primed for a trend reversal or corrective pullback in price. An RSI reading of <30 indicates an oversold or undervalued condition.

RSI Weekly Change - Current week score minus the previous weeks score.

CTA Positioning

Momentum Score – An accurate measure of current momentum and trend-following trader positioning (+10 / -10 scale). Momentum and trend following traders represent a large percentage of front-contract trading volume in commodity futures. These traders can move markets significantly higher or lower when they must buy or sell a large numbers of contracts to follow their systematic momentum strategies.

Momentum Change – Current week score minus the previous weeks score.

COT (Commitment of Traders)

Extended Long / Short – An accurate estimate of today's hedge fund investment positions with historical context across all markets. The CFTC publishes a Commitment of Traders (COT) report every week that shows position totals across different investor categories. Peak Trading Research takes the most recent report (always 3+ days old) and applies proprietary calculations of price and open interest to give an accurate estimate of net fund positioning.

Relative Positioning

Relative Positioning – Oversold versus Overbought on the horizontal axis. COT current net position compared to the COT data over the past 24 months.

Relative Price - Cheap versus Expensive on the vertical axis. A comparison of the front month current price compared to the front month price over the past 24 months.

Commodity Carry and Roll

Looks at the current front month price compared to the contract price one year out to identify markets that are offering positive or negative carry. Positive carry markets tend to be good buy opportunities while negative carry markets tend to be better sell opportunities.

Weekly Closing Prices (Roll Adjusted)

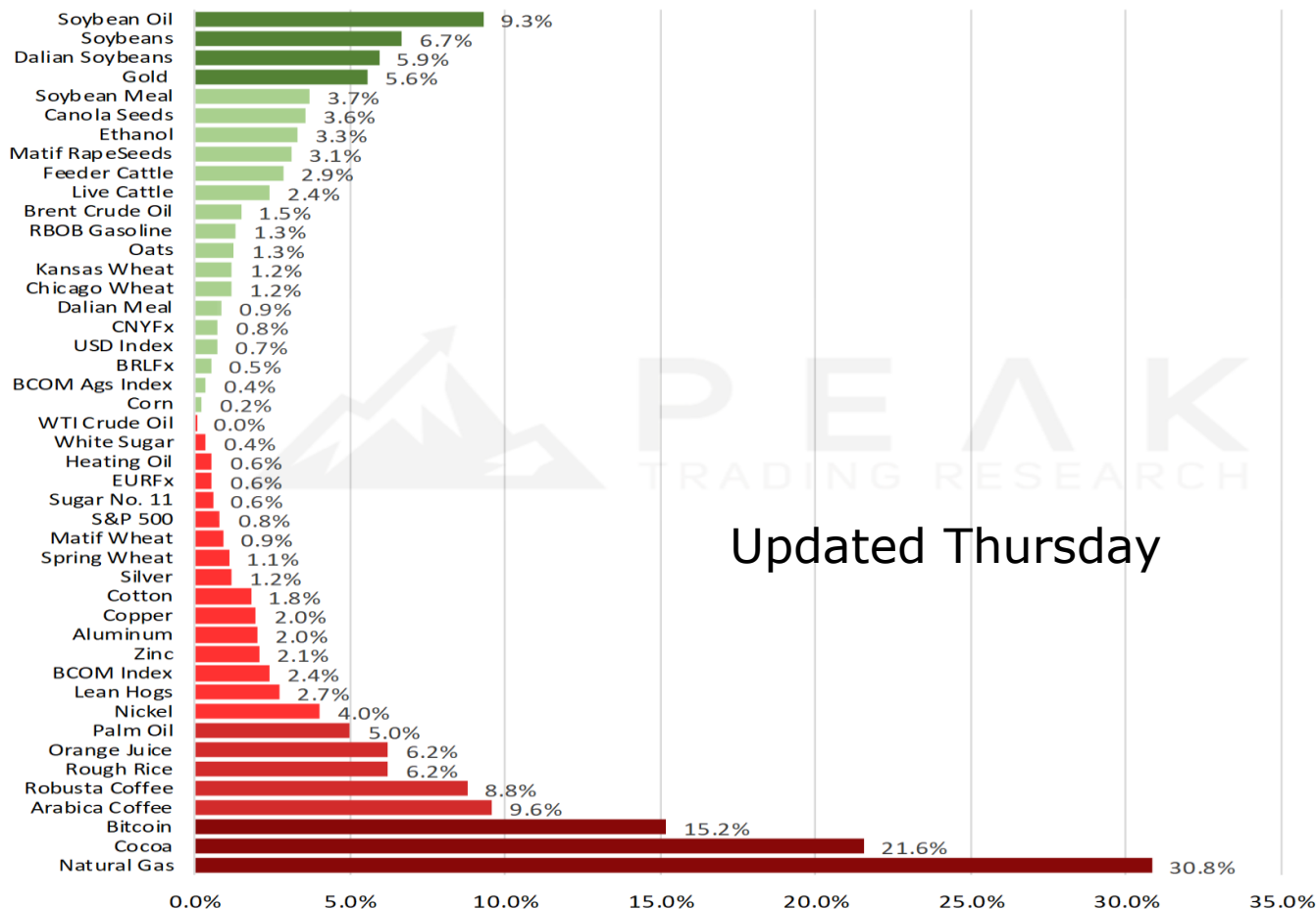
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Symbol	Name	2/13/2026	2/20/2026	Change	% Change
CBH26	Brent Crude	67.66	71.4	3.74	5.5%
CLH26	Crude Oil	62.89	66.39	3.50	5.6%
HOH26	Heating Oil	2.3879	2.5858	0.1979	8.3%
NGH26	Natural Gas	3.243	3.047	(0.196)	-6.0%
RBH26	RBOB Gasoline	1.911	1.9973	0.0863	4.5%
LFH26	Gas Oil	672.5	732.75	60.25	9.0%
ZCH26	Corn	431.75	427.5	(4.25)	-1.0%
ZSH26	Soybean	1133	1137.5	4.50	0.4%
ZLH26	Soybean Oil	57.08	58.92	1.84	3.2%
ZMH26	Soybean Meal	309.2	309.8	0.60	0.2%
KEH26	Kansas Wheat	542.5	572.25	29.75	5.5%
ZWH26	Chicago Wheat	548.75	573.5	24.75	4.5%
LEG26	Live Cattle	243.075	246.575	3.500	1.4%
HEJ26	Lean Hogs	91.275	93.675	2.400	2.6%
GFH26	Feeder Cattle	366.15	368.025	1.875	0.5%
CCH26	Cocoa	3581	3082	(499)	-13.9%
CTH26	Cotton	62.11	63.03	0.92	1.5%
KCH26	Arabica Coffee	300.05	288.3	(11.75)	-3.9%
RMH26	Robusta Coffee	3859	3615	(244)	-6.3%
SBH26	Sugar #11	13.78	14.3	0.52	3.8%
SWK26	White Sugar	397.1	406.6	9.50	2.4%
HGG26	Copper	5.7925	5.831	0.0385	0.7%
GCG26	Gold	5022	5059.3	37.3	0.7%
SIG26	Silver	77.851	82.283	4.432	5.7%
PAG26	Palladium	1697.5	1774.2	76.7	4.5%
PLG26	Platinum	2071.2	2169.7	98.5	4.8%
A6H26	Australian Dollar	0.70675	0.7078	0.00105	0.1%
B6H26	British Pound	1.3642	1.3485	(0.01570)	-1.2%
D6H26	Canadian Dollar	0.7342	0.73125	(0.00295)	-0.4%
E6H26	Euro FX	1.18715	1.1793	(0.00785)	-0.7%
J6H26	Japanese Yen	0.006536	0.0064575	(0.00008)	-1.2%
S6H26	Swiss Franc	1.30575	1.2925	(0.01325)	-1.0%

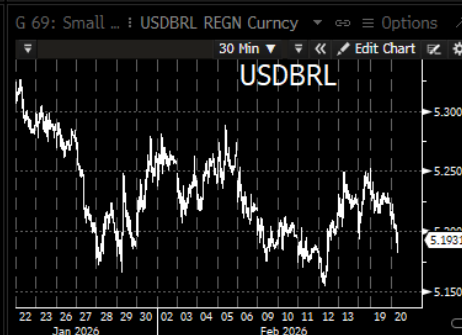
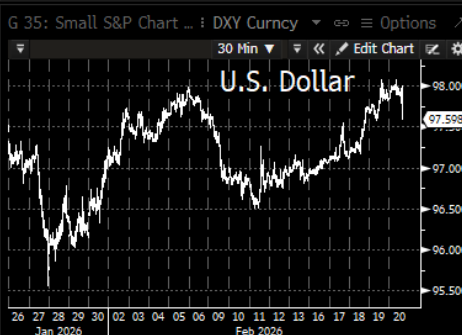
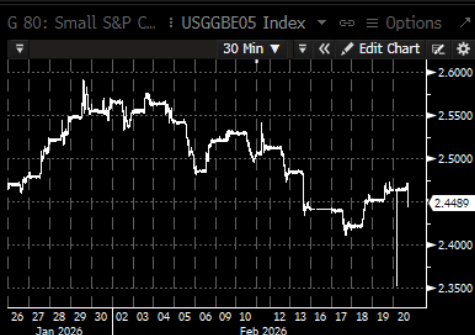
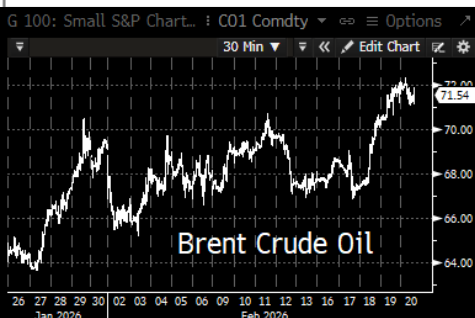
February 2026 Price Performance



Market Close January 31, 2026 to Market Close February 18, 2026



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12-Week Price Trends

(% Gain, Roll Adjusted)

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Market	5-Dec	12-Dec	19-Dec	26-Dec	2-Jan	9-Jan	16-Jan	23-Jan	30-Jan	6-Feb	13-Feb	20-Feb
Brent Crude	0.8%	-4.3%	-1.8%	2.3%	0.9%	1.1%	3.5%	2.7%	7.4%	1.5%	-0.8%	5.5%
Crude Oil	2.6%	-4.4%	-1.4%	0.4%	1.0%	0.8%	2.9%	2.9%	6.8%	-2.5%	-1.0%	5.6%
Heating Oil	2.6%	-7.0%	-3.5%	-0.7%	0.4%	0.2%	5.6%	8.5%	8.2%	-4.7%	-1.1%	8.3%
Natural Gas	9.1%	-22.2%	-3.1%	9.6%	-6.7%	-5.8%	-8.9%	70.0%	20.6%	-21.4%	-5.2%	-6.0%
RBOB Gasoline	0.7%	-4.5%	-2.5%	-0.6%	-0.5%	3.7%	1.4%	3.7%	3.9%	0.6%	-2.2%	4.5%
Gas Oil	-0.4%	-6.3%	-3.5%	2.0%	-1.4%	-0.4%	3.6%	3.2%	9.9%	-5.8%	-3.1%	9.0%
Corn	0.3%	-1.2%	0.7%	1.4%	-2.8%	1.9%	-4.8%	1.4%	-0.5%	0.5%	0.3%	-1.0%
Soybeans	-2.9%	-2.6%	-2.6%	0.9%	-2.8%	1.7%	-0.4%	0.9%	-0.3%	4.8%	1.6%	0.4%
Soybean Oil	-0.8%	-3.2%	-4.3%	1.7%	0.3%	0.3%	5.9%	2.6%	-0.9%	3.4%	3.2%	3.2%
Soybean Meal	-3.1%	-1.3%	-1.6%	2.0%	-4.2%	3.2%	-4.5%	3.4%	-2.1%	3.4%	1.8%	0.2%
Kansas Wheat	1.1%	-4.7%	-0.5%	3.5%	-3.5%	3.0%	-0.6%	2.6%	0.7%	-2.5%	2.1%	5.5%
Chicago Wheat	1.2%	-0.6%	-3.7%	1.8%	-2.4%	2.3%	0.0%	2.2%	1.6%	-1.5%	3.6%	4.5%
Live Cattle	5.4%	1.2%	0.3%	-0.2%	2.8%	-0.3%	-1.3%	1.2%	0.4%	0.8%	2.2%	1.4%
Lean Hogs	1.3%	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.5%	2.1%	2.8%	0.1%	-1.2%	0.1%	-0.5%	2.6%
Feeder Cattle	4.7%	0.0%	1.9%	0.2%	2.9%	1.8%	-0.2%	0.8%	0.0%	2.0%	-0.3%	0.5%
Cocoa	4.4%	10.3%	-6.8%	1.8%	-1.4%	3.5%	-16.5%	-17.2%	-0.9%	0.8%	-14.7%	-13.9%
Cotton	-1.2%	-0.2%	-0.1%	1.2%	-0.7%	0.7%	0.3%	-1.3%	-1.0%	-3.3%	1.7%	1.5%
Arabica Coffee	-1.6%	-2.2%	-7.6%	2.7%	2.0%	4.2%	-4.6%	-1.2%	-5.3%	-10.7%	1.2%	-3.9%
Robusta Coffee	-5.9%	-4.0%	-8.3%	6.2%	3.1%	-1.5%	2.9%	3.3%	-0.7%	-8.7%	2.8%	-6.3%
Sugar #11	-2.7%	2.0%	-1.9%	2.4%	-3.8%	2.5%	-0.1%	-1.5%	-3.1%	-1.1%	-2.3%	3.8%
White Sugar	-2.3%	0.9%	-0.9%	2.3%	-3.8%	1.7%	0.6%	-2.2%	-3.3%	-0.2%	-1.8%	2.4%
Copper	3.8%	-1.8%	3.0%	6.0%	-2.4%	1.9%	0.7%	2.1%	-0.4%	-0.6%	-1.2%	0.7%
Gold	-0.1%	2.1%	1.4%	3.8%	-4.9%	3.1%	3.1%	8.5%	-5.3%	5.0%	1.4%	0.7%
Silver	3.5%	5.0%	8.9%	14.4%	-8.0%	5.2%	17.9%	14.6%	-22.5%	-2.0%	1.5%	5.7%
Palladium	0.3%	2.8%	15.5%	13.5%	-16.7%	6.8%	1.4%	11.3%	-16.1%	2.6%	-2.0%	4.5%
Platinum	-1.4%	6.2%	14.6%	22.6%	-14.0%	5.9%	2.3%	18.2%	-22.8%	-0.5%	-1.1%	4.8%
Australian Dollar	1.3%	0.2%	-0.5%	1.4%	-0.3%	0.1%	0.0%	2.9%	1.2%	0.6%	0.7%	0.1%
British Pound	0.7%	0.2%	0.2%	0.8%	-0.3%	-0.2%	-0.2%	1.7%	0.5%	-0.6%	0.2%	-1.2%
Canadian Dollar	0.9%	0.5%	0.0%	0.8%	-0.5%	-1.0%	-0.4%	1.6%	0.8%	-0.5%	0.2%	-0.4%
Euro FX	0.3%	0.8%	0.0%	0.4%	-0.5%	-0.7%	-0.2%	1.7%	0.4%	-0.4%	0.4%	-0.7%
Japanese Yen	0.5%	-0.5%	-0.8%	0.6%	-0.3%	-0.1%	-0.6%	1.5%	0.8%	-1.7%	2.6%	-1.2%
Swiss Franc	-0.2%	1.0%	1.1%	0.6%	-0.5%	-1.0%	-1.6%	2.6%	1.3%	-0.5%	0.9%	-1.0%

2-Leg Calendar Spreads

Market	Feb 22 - Feb 28	Mar 1 - Mar 7	Mar 8 - Mar 14	Mar 15 - Mar 21
Vix	-129	-46	-118	-133
Nat Gas	-119	-109	-108	-112
Feeder	-118	-114	-27	-94
Gold	-111			-156
Silver	-103	-84	-133	-135
Copper	-84	-85	-70	-58
Bean Oil	-62	-70		
Sugar #11	-60	-62	-76	
Cattle		-97	-54	
Ch Wheat		-107		-127
Corn		-143		-109
Cotton		-35		
Gas Oil		-46	-56	74
Gasoline				-38
Lean Hogs				-77
Robusta Coffee				-112
Soybeans		-82		

3,4-Leg Calendar Spreads

Market	Feb 22 - Feb 28	Mar 1 - Mar 7	Mar 8 - Mar 14	Mar 15 - Mar 21
Nat Gas	-126	-69	-71	
Corn	-109	-116		-115
Ks Wheat	41		67	
Bean Oil	64	-18	39	-53
Soybeans	105	103	85	-31
Arabica Coffee		81		97
Crude		73	73	-31
Gasoline		-18	-60	62
Heating Oil		-8	-43	
Lean Hogs			-60	
Sugar #11		-29		

Note that this data is sorted from smallest to largest because most spread trades involve selling the front month.

Note also that, beginning on January 30, the selection criteria were modified, which has produced fewer trade opportunities and ones I expected to be much better.

- Seasonality scores are determined using a formula that considers the average profit, average drawdown, and the win percentage (all based on the most recent 15-year period).
- Positive numbers indicate buy, negative equals sell, blanks indicate no significant seasonal trend.
- 2 Leg Calendar Spreads have a strong bias towards the front month and tend to be more profitable if the market direction is aligned with the front month contract.
- 3 and 4 Leg Butterfly Spreads are much more agnostic to the market direction. 3-4 leg butterfly's are preferable when future market direction is uncertain.
 - All butterfly's presented have an equal gap between the legs of the spread.
 - Butterfly's that have a larger gap in front or in back are excluded from the summary to provide a more accurate assessment of historical seasonality.

Agriculture

Momentum and RSI (Relative Strength Index)

	Market	Momentum	Mo CHg	RSI	RSI Chg
Grains	Corn	(10)	(10)	47	(6)
	Chicago Wheat	10	1	65	-
	Kansas Wheat	10	-	64	1
	Soybeans	10	-	73	(2)
	Soybean Meal	5	(4)	57	(6)
	Soybean Oil	10	-	76	3
Meats	Live Cattle	10	2	63	4
	Lean Hogs	4	6	48	9
	Feeder Cattle	7	3	62	5
Scale	Maximum	10	10	76	9
	Minimum	(10)	(10)	18	(9)

	Market	Momentum	Mo CHg	RSI	RSI Chg
Softs	Cotton	(4)	-	47	1
	Sugar #11	(6)	4	43	7
	White Sugar	(9)	1	43	7
	Arabica Coffee	(7)	(2)	30	(4)
	Robusta Coffee	(10)	(5)	39	(5)
	Cocoa	(10)	-	18	(7)
Summary	Grains	6	(2)	64	(2)
	Meats	7	4	58	6
	Softs	(8)	(0)	37	(0)

Energy and Metals

	Market	Momentum	Mo CHg	RSI	RSI Chg
Energy	Brent Crude	10	7	65	11
	Crude Oil	10	7	64	11
	Heating Oil	10	7	67	14
	Gas Oil	10	8	67	17
	RBOB Gasoline	10	7	65	13
	Natural Gas	(7)	-	41	(3)
	TOTAL ENERGY	7	6	62	11
Scale	Maximum	10	8	67	17
	Minimum	(10)	(8)	41	(17)

	Market	Momentum	Mo CHg	RSI	RSI Chg
Metals	Gold	5	2	55	-
	Silver	2	4	46	1
	Platinum	(1)	2	44	2
	Palladium	(3)	1	46	2
	Copper	(1)	-	47	(2)
	TOTAL METAL	0	2	48	1

Momentum is estimate of CTA Positioning with (10) - +10 scale
 RSI is a momentum strength indicator reading from 0 to 100

Market	Front Month	Expiration Date	20D Avg Volume	Open Interest	9D Hist Volatility	20D Hist Volatility	50D Hist Volatility
Crude Oil Brent	J26	2/27	358,789	337,562	30%	34%	30%
Crude Oil WTI	H26	2/20	324,374	14,686	30%	36%	32%
ULSD NY Harbor	H26	2/27	75,512	49,759	35%	41%	35%
Natural Gas	H26	2/25	226,111	37,786	55%	125%	102%
Gasoline RBOB	H26	2/27	57,421	36,913	27%	33%	28%
Gasoil Low Sulphur	H26	3/12	98,468	156,376	36%	41%	34%
Corn	H26	3/13	208,093	286,576	9%	11%	17%
Soybean	H26	3/13	160,454	153,972	9%	13%	13%
Soybean Oil	H26	3/13	94,516	76,093	19%	19%	20%
Soybean Meal	H26	3/13	84,162	63,525	23%	19%	17%
Hard Red Winter Wheat	H26	3/13	41,406	35,422	24%	25%	20%
Wheat	H26	3/13	91,026	53,098	25%	24%	20%
Live Cattle	G26	10/31	7,897	4,964	17%	13%	12%
Lean Hogs	J26	10/14	23,501	131,363	17%	17%	17%
Feeder Cattle	H26	3/26	10,049	19,851	14%	13%	14%
Cocoa	H26	3/16	10,043	2,953	48%	59%	61%
Cotton #2	H26	3/9	25,787	5,182	11%	13%	10%
Coffee	H26	3/19	12,471	977	32%	38%	32%
Robusta Coffee 10-T	H26	3/25	7,188	5,423	31%	34%	30%
Sugar #11	H26	2/27	77,282	94,165	22%	23%	22%
White Sugar #5	K26	4/15	12,462	81,158	19%	20%	18%
High Grade Copper	G26	2/25	1,281	2,488	30%	41%	37%
Gold	G26	2/25	59,779	4,403	31%	56%	40%
Silver	G26	2/25	568	190	88%	165%	122%
Palladium	G26	2/25	52	-	51%	100%	91%
Platinum	G26	2/25	301	-	55%	102%	92%
Australian Dollar	H26	3/16	149,716	249,857	11%	9%	7%
British Pound	H26	3/16	108,296	222,943	6%	8%	6%
Canadian Dollar	H26	3/17	84,687	210,646	7%	6%	5%
Euro FX	H26	3/16	205,863	883,546	6%	7%	6%
Japanese Yen	H26	3/16	210,880	348,004	10%	11%	9%
Swiss Franc	H26	3/16	28,557	94,047	8%	10%	8%

Agriculture

Managed Money Hedge Fund Positions



	COT Report Fund Position (contracts)	Estimated Change Last Trading Day	Estimated Change Since Last COT	Est. Fund Position Today (contracts)	Net Position Percentile (10 Years)	Long / Short Ratio	Positioning Z-Score (24 Months)
	10-Feb-26	(1 session)	(6 sessions)	20-Feb-26	20-Feb-26	20-Feb-26	20-Feb-26
Corn	(48,210)	-7,160	-11,673	(59,883)	38	-1.2x	+0.06
Chicago Wheat	(85,655)	+19,317	+34,936	(50,719)	26	-2.0x	+0.88
Kansas Wheat	(19,496)	+10,375	+18,897	(599)	39	-1.3x	+2.07
Spring Wheat	(18,991)	+1,459	+2,223	(16,768)	35	-3.5x	+0.33
Soybeans	123,148	+9,926	+17,188	140,336	76	3.8x	+1.77
Soybean Meal	(14,325)	+2,181	+6,808	(7,517)	29	-1.2x	+0.33
Soybean Oil	33,093	+10,948	+20,606	53,699	47	1.5x	+1.31
Canola Seeds	145	+2,520	+7,036	7,181	78	1.0x	+0.59
Cattle	108,634	+3,500	+13,287	121,921	78	8.9x	+0.70
Hogs	133,281	+5,942	-10,121	123,160	97	11.9x	+1.09
Feeder Cattle	16,162	-296	+2,254	18,416	75	2.8x	+0.04
Cotton	(75,602)	+3,699	+3,709	(71,893)	2	-2.8x	-0.94
Sugar No. 11	(211,789)	-8,032	-9,225	(221,014)	0	-2.7x	-2.07
White Sugar	29,565	-2,052	-2,742	26,823	81	1.9x	+0.37
Arabica Coffee	16,824	+857	-4,367	12,457	19	1.9x	-2.52
Robusta Coffee	3,556	-2,133	-2,319	1,237	15	1.2x	-1.44
NY Cocoa	(15,092)	-13,390	-34,084	(49,176)	11	-1.8x	-4.42
London Cocoa	(24,468)	-7,224	-21,326	(45,794)	3	-4.9x	-3.01

Source: Peak Research Green = funds extended short. Red = extended long.

Energy and Metals

Managed Money Hedge Fund Positions



	COT Report Fund Position (contracts)	Estimated Change Last Trading Day	Estimated Change Since Last COT	Est. Fund Position Today (contracts)	Net Position Percentile (10 Years)	Long / Short Ratio	Positioning Z-Score (24 Months)
	10-Feb-26	(1 session)	(6 sessions)	20-Feb-26	20-Feb-26	20-Feb-26	20-Feb-26
Brent Crude Oil	281,062	+19,949	+32,316	313,378	82	3.7x	+1.71
WTI Crude Oil	86,314	+13,648	+18,894	105,208	13	1.9x	-0.22
Heating Oil	20,315	+7,041	+12,016	32,331	60	1.8x	+1.41
Gas Oil	75,845	+15,116	+16,188	92,033	59	2.9x	+1.18
RBOB Gasoline	80,056	+5,101	+6,252	86,308	96	6.5x	+1.90
Nat Gas	(8,128)	-7,169	-20,490	(28,618)	63	-1.0x	+0.17
Ethanol	5,845	+391	+479	6,324	78	8.5x	+0.93
Gold	93,038	-4,636	-9,251	83,787	36	5.0x	-1.79
Silver	4,585	+1,442	-9,136	(4,551)	16	1.6x	-3.09
Copper	54,270	-5,574	-11,089	43,181	87	5.0x	+0.45
Platinum	1,536	-4,311	-2,946	(1,410)	37	1.2x	-0.97
Palladium	724	-1,234	-792	(68)	87	1.1x	+1.61

Source: Peak Research Green = funds extended short. Red = extended long.

Agriculture

Market	Hedge Fund Position Estimates				Absolute Change			52-Week Moving		
	1/30	2/6	2/13	2/20	3-Week	2-Week	1-Week	Min	Max	Avg
Corn	(66,960)	(43,664)	(46,030)	(59,883)	7,077	(16,219)	(13,853)	(229,667)	293,901	(53,326)
Chicago Wheat	(89,458)	(80,579)	(58,683)	(50,719)	38,739	29,860	7,964	(118,902)	(3,818)	(86,454)
Kansas Wheat	(5,582)	(6,379)	1,871	(599)	4,983	5,780	(2,470)	(82,010)	1,871	(45,517)
Soybeans	20,128	45,555	70,726	140,336	120,208	94,781	69,610	(45,195)	173,791	21,784
Soybean Meal	(30,993)	(16,632)	2,813	(7,517)	23,476	9,115	(10,330)	(144,383)	41,343	(71,167)
Soybean Oil	(14,360)	23,198	29,378	53,699	68,059	30,501	24,321	(68,213)	62,530	16,391
Live Cattle	105,119	101,112	110,945	121,921	16,802	20,809	10,976	87,762	142,388	121,069
Lean Hogs	97,401	119,915	108,637	123,160	25,759	3,245	14,523	46,610	144,095	98,723
Feeder Cattle	17,394	17,516	15,788	18,416	1,022	900	2,628	14,403	39,343	27,100
Cotton	(55,313)	(78,063)	(68,604)	(71,893)	(16,580)	6,170	(3,289)	(87,387)	(26,327)	(58,412)
Sugar #11	(149,610)	(169,120)	(232,068)	(221,014)	(71,404)	(51,894)	11,054	(232,068)	87,112	(92,168)
Arabica Coffee	34,307	12,080	21,335	12,457	(21,850)	377	(8,878)	12,080	68,008	36,707
Cocoa	(20,546)	(19,070)	(32,327)	(49,176)	(28,630)	(30,106)	(16,849)	(49,176)	22,052	4,007

Source: Peak Trading Research

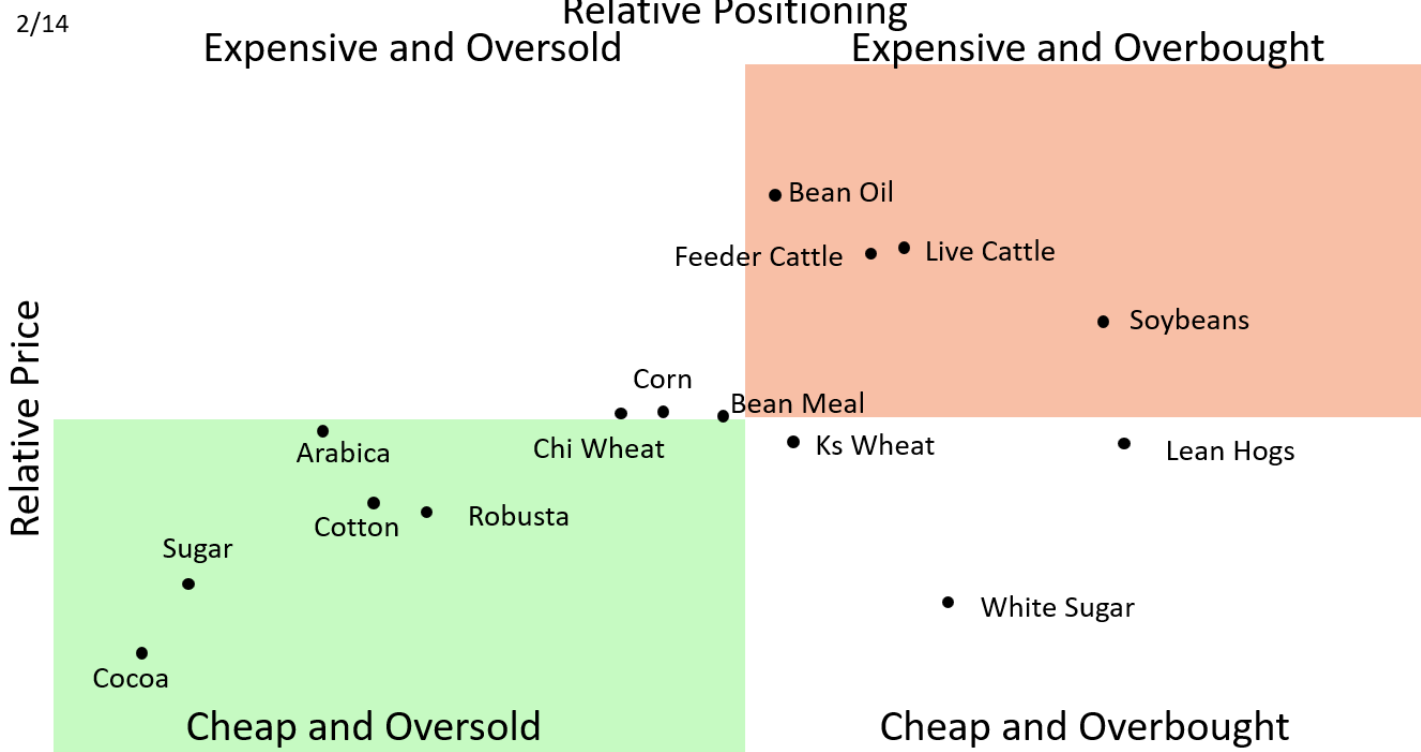
Energy and Metals

Market	Hedge Fund Position Estimates				Absolute Change			52-Week Moving		
	1/30	2/6	2/13	2/20	3-Week	2-Week	1-Week	Min	Max	Avg
Brent Crude	237,150	264,164	295,198	313,378	76,228	49,214	18,180	45,614	313,378	181,632
Crude Oil	77,032	79,043	70,140	105,208	28,176	26,165	35,068	(41,199)	201,679	70,522
Heating Oil	2,944	6,677	22,425	32,331	29,387	25,654	9,906	(17,955)	40,787	15,053
Gas Oil	72,164	84,435	92,556	92,033	19,869	7,598	(523)	(43,911)	122,004	49,078
RBOB Gasoline	64,947	70,145	70,645	86,308	21,361	16,163	15,663	10,496	90,627	40,966
Natural Gas	13,984	(3,596)	(12,398)	(28,618)	(42,602)	(25,022)	(16,220)	(106,282)	119,372	(29,393)
Gold	161,621	86,219	97,727	83,787	(77,834)	(2,432)	(13,940)	83,787	212,090	153,676
Silver	21,341	(32,220)	(7,025)	(4,551)	(25,892)	27,669	2,474	(32,220)	54,433	35,214
Copper	67,299	49,520	39,049	43,181	(24,118)	(6,339)	4,132	1,931	85,030	41,248
Platinum	10,146	(19,497)	(5,664)	(1,410)	(11,556)	18,087	4,254	(19,497)	28,432	11,795
Palladium	630	(1,899)	(715)	(68)	(698)	1,831	647	(13,652)	1,173	(5,243)

Source: Peak Trading Research

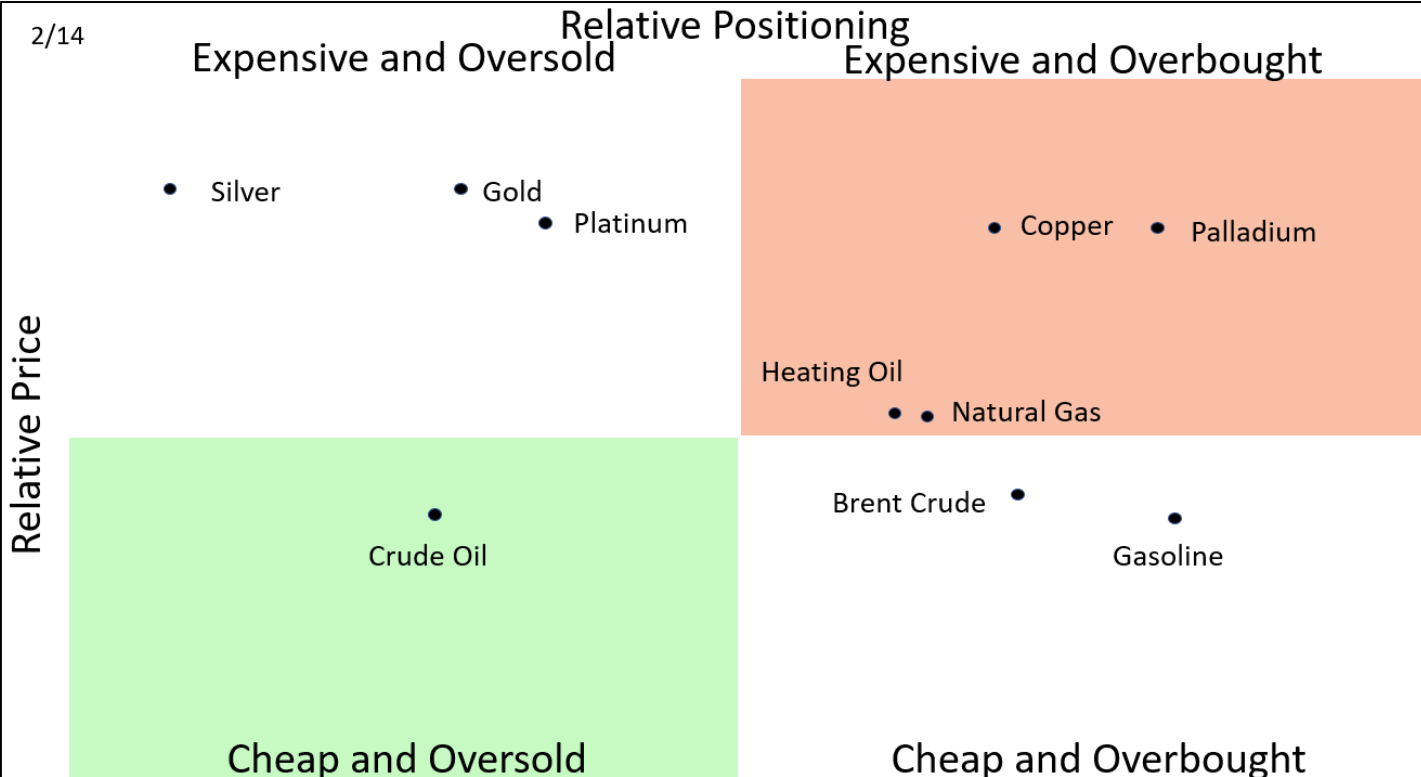
Green	Indicates market is currently at its 52-week low
Yellow	Indicates market is within 10% of the top or bottom of the range of its 52-week high or low
Red	Indicates market is currently at its 52-week high

Relative Positioning (Agriculture)



Source: Peak Trading Research

Relative Positioning (Energy and Metals)



Source: Peak Trading Research

Market	% Carry Yield				Absolute Change			52-Week Moving		
	26-Nov	24-Dec	21-Jan	18-Feb	4-Week	8-Week	12-Week	Min	Max	Avg
Corn	(8.4)	(8.3)	(9.4)	(9.8)	(0.4)	(1.5)	(1.4)	(15.6)	1.4	(7.4)
Chicago Wheat	(10.6)	(12.8)	(14.6)	(11.5)	3.1	1.3	(0.9)	(15.8)	(10.4)	(13.3)
Kansas Wheat	(13.0)	(15.3)	(14.5)	(13.6)	0.9	1.7	(0.6)	(17.7)	(4.5)	(14.1)
Soybeans	(0.3)	(1.8)	(2.3)	1.5	3.8	3.3	1.8	(6.8)	4.8	(2.4)
Soybean Meal	(6.4)	(6.1)	(7.3)	(3.5)	3.8	2.6	2.9	(12.5)	6.4	(7.3)
Soybean Oil	(0.2)	(1.3)	(0.2)	3.3	3.5	4.6	3.5	(3.6)	4.9	0.3
Live Cattle	3.6	5.6	1.5	3.6	2.1	(2.0)	-	(0.2)	7.4	4.6
Lean Hogs	3.8	6.2	6.1	6.7	0.6	0.5	2.9	0.1	18.0	7.8
Feeder Cattle	6.8	7.2	0.3	7.4	7.1	0.2	0.6	(0.7)	7.8	3.1
Cotton	(6.9)	(8.0)	(8.5)	(10.4)	(1.9)	(2.4)	(3.5)	(11.0)	5.2	(6.1)
Sugar #11	(3.4)	(4.6)	(4.1)	(6.8)	(2.7)	(2.2)	(3.4)	(6.8)	6.2	(1.3)
White Sugar	1.1	(0.1)	0.7	(0.3)	(1.0)	(0.2)	(1.4)	(1.5)	7.8	1.4
Arabica Coffee	14.6	13.0	10.7	5.5	(5.2)	(7.5)	(9.1)	5.5	19.0	12.4
Robusta Coffee	8.9	5.9	7.6	8.8	1.2	2.9	(0.1)	4.3	10.6	7.2
Cocoa	(0.4)	0.3	(5.2)	(10.5)	(5.3)	(10.8)	(10.1)	(10.5)	24.1	7.5
Brent Crude	0.4	(1.4)	2.3	4.1	1.8	5.5	3.7	(1.4)	6.5	2.3
Crude Oil	0.1	(1.4)	2.4	3.5	1.1	4.9	3.4	(1.7)	9.3	2.9
Heating Oil	7.7	3.8	6.0	5.2	(0.8)	1.4	(2.5)	0.3	14.5	5.4
Gas Oil	11.0	3.9	7.8	6.9	(0.9)	3.0	(4.1)	0.6	17.9	6.3
RBOB Gasoline	5.6	3.7	5.0	5.9	0.9	2.2	0.3	2.9	11.0	5.5
Natural Gas	(11.0)	(16.0)	(9.5)	(6.4)	3.1	9.6	4.6	(37.1)	12.9	(15.4)
Gold	(3.9)	(4.0)	(3.9)	(3.9)	-	0.1	-	(5.1)	(3.9)	(4.4)
Silver	(3.8)	(3.6)	(3.7)	(3.4)	0.3	0.2	0.4	(5.4)	(3.4)	(4.4)
Platinum	(3.2)	(2.6)	(1.8)	(1.7)	0.1	0.9	1.5	(4.3)	(0.6)	(2.4)
Palladium	(3.1)	(3.5)	(3.8)	(3.7)	0.1	(0.2)	(0.6)	(4.4)	(3.0)	(3.6)
Copper	(4.1)	(4.9)	(5.0)	(5.1)	(0.1)	(0.2)	(1.0)	(5.3)	(2.5)	(4.2)

% Carry Yield is determined by looking at the difference between the current front month contract price compared to the same month a year from then. The difference is then divided by the current front month notional value,

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Futures calendar curves have different shapes through time. Some are frequently inverted (when the front month contract price are higher than later contract prices) and offer positive carry. Other calendar curves are in a contango and offer a negative carry.

15 of 25 markets currently have positive carry, inverted curves based on export and production concerns, weather problems, Indonesian export bans, strong spot demand, inflation hedging flows, and tight global balance sheets

Positive carry markets like Heating Oil, Cotton, and RBOB Gasoline are sometimes attractive buy and hold investment markets and give the trader the opportunity to buy low and sell high as futures contracts "roll up" to spot prices.

Negative carry markets like Live Cattle, Feeder Cattle, Gold and Silver are sometimes attractive to sell short and give the investor the opportunity to profit when futures prices "roll down" to spot cash prices.

Agriculture

	Price Chg	Seasonality	C.O.T	Relative Positioning		CTA Positioning		Technical (RSI)		Carry/Roll	
	Market	Weekly Price Change	Current Week	Extended Long / Short	Relative Positioning	Relative Price	Momentun Score	Momentum Change	RSI Points	RSI Weekly Change	% Carry Yeild
Grains	Corn	-1.0%	(109)	38	(2)	0	(10)	(10)	47	(6)	-9.8%
	Chicago Wheat	4.5%		26	(3)	0	10	1	65	-	-11.5%
	Kansas Wheat	5.5%		39	1	(1)	10	-	64	1	-13.6%
	Soybeans	0.4%	111	76	9	5	10	-	73	(2)	1.5%
	Soybean Meal	0.2%		29	(1)	0	5	(4)	57	(6)	-3.5%
	Soybean Oil	3.2%		47	1	11	10	-	76	3	3.3%
	TOTAL GRAINS	2.1%	1	43	1	3	6	(2)	64	(2)	-5.6%
Meats	Live Cattle	1.4%	-	78	4	4	10	2	63	4	3.6%
	Lean Hogs	2.6%	-	97	9	(1)	4	6	48	9	6.7%
	Feeder Cattle	0.5%	-	75	3	4	7	3	62	5	7.4%
	TOTAL MEATS	1.5%	-	83	5	3	7	4	58	6	5.9%
Softs	Cotton	1.5%	-	2	(9)	(4)	(4)	-	47	1	-10.4%
	Sugar #11	3.8%	(60)	-	(14)	(8)	(6)	4	43	7	-6.8%
	White Sugar	2.4%		81	5	(9)	(9)	1	43	7	-0.3%
	Arabica Coffee	-3.9%		19	(10)	(0)	(7)	(2)	30	(4)	5.5%
	Robusta Coffee	-6.3%		15	(8)	(4)	(10)	(5)	39	(5)	8.8%
	Cocoa	-13.9%		11	(15)	(11)	(10)	-	18	(7)	-10.5%
	TOTAL SOFTS	-2.8%	(30)	21	(8)	(6)	(8)	(0)	37	(0)	-2.3%
	Maximum	5.5%	111	100	16	16	10	10	76	9	8.8%
	Minimum	-13.9%	(111)	-	(16)	(16)	(10)	(10)	18	(9)	-13.6%

Energy and Metals

	Price Chg	Seasonality	C.O.T	Relative Positioning		CTA Positioning		Technical (RSI)		Carry/Roll	
	Market	Weekly Price Change	Current Week	Extended Long / Short	Relative Positioning	Relative Price	Momentun Score	Momentum Change	RSI Points	RSI Weekly Change	% Carry Yeild
Energy	Brent Crude	5.5%		82	7	(3)	10	7	65	11	4.1%
	Crude Oil	5.6%		13	(7)	(4)	10	7	64	11	3.5%
	Heating Oil	8.3%		60	4	1	10	7	67	14	5.2%
	Gas Oil	9.0%		59			10	8	67	17	6.9%
	RBOB Gasoline	4.5%		96	10	(4)	10	7	65	13	5.9%
	Natural Gas	-6.0%	(120)	63	5	1	(7)	-	41	(3)	-6.4%
	TOTAL ENERGY	4.5%	(120)	62	4	(2)	7	6	62	11	3.2%
Metals	Gold	0.7%	-	36	(7)	12	5	2	55	-	-3.9%
	Silver	5.7%	(103)	16	(14)	12	2	4	46	1	-3.4%
	Platinum	4.8%		37	(5)	10	(1)	2	44	2	-1.7%
	Palladium	4.5%		87	10	10	(3)	1	46	2	-3.7%
	Copper	0.7%	(84)	87	6	10	(1)	-	47	(2)	-5.1%
	TOTAL METAL	3.3%	(62)	53	(2)	11	0	2	48	1	-3.6%
	Maximum	9.0%	120	100	16	16	10	8	67	17	6.9%
	Minimum	-6.0%	(120)	-	(16)	(16)	(10)	(8)	41	(17)	-6.4%