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Daily Wheat Brief – CME Contract

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Overview

The following analyses pertain to the CME wheat contract and are based on proprietary technical procedures developed by our firm. Many of these technical procedures involve the use of a multi-decade series of rolling front month futures data.

Executive Summary:

Dec wheat picked up ¹/₄ cent today to settle at 474¹/₄. Volume slowed dramatically while OI expanded D/D. For the week, the Dec contract finished very near unchanged W/W.

Fundamentally, the analysis for wheat remains bearish ahead of expected record world production. Weather remains favorable for both harvesting of spring wheat and sowing of winter wheat across most major US producing regions. The average trade estimate for the Sept 30 quarterly stocks report is 1.88B bu. Demand has recently surfaced in commercial purchasing and in tender to Egypt. Wheat is believed to offer significant economic value near its current futures price level.

For the week ending Sept 23, the aggregate non-commercial sector increased it net short futures position 10K contracts W/W to approximately 74K. Managed money firms their net increased short position approximately 12K contracts to 63K, but considerably when may be shorter accounting for the likely distribution of spreading activity.

The standard technical analysis remains bearish, although momentum indicators continue to register oversold. Money flow into the front month remains bearish, as well, with relative money flow indicators remaining in much oversold condition. The latest settlement is below all most referenced SMA periods. Continued strength in US currency will likely keep the Dec contract under pressure. Our proprietary analysis suggests that further medium- to longer-term downside movement is likely, although the market's oversold condition could spark either a rally or consolidation over the near-term. Odds favor breaks vs rallies over a 5-day outlook period. Further, per our daily analysis:

- Prob. Higher Settle D/D: 50%
- Risk Downside > Risk Upside
- Volatility: Near unchanged

We see an opportunity for Dec to trade lower to near 465 and upward to near 483 without fresh fundamental news being made know to the market or in the absence the development/flaring of political unrest.

The following table provides the conditional probabilities and odds ratios for 50 and 100 cent moves over a 5-day period forward.

Wheat Conditional Odds of Breaks/Rallies - 5-D Outlook								
Magnitue of Move Prob Odds Break Odds Rally								
50 Cents 63% 1.5:1 -								
100 Cents 17% 3:1 -								

Buy/Sell Recommendation:

Day trades:

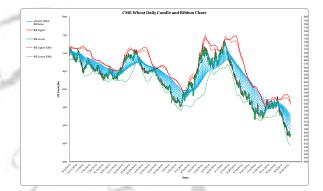
- Short: 480 490
- Long: None

Producer selling:

Any rallies near 500 should be considered selling opportunities, especially if strength in US currency persists

Charts:





Moving Averages and Pivot Points:

CME Wheat Simple and Exponential Moving						
Period	SMAs	EMAs				
5D	476 1/4	477 1/2				
10D	484	486				
20D	507 3/4	502				
50D	531	529 1/2				
100D	570	559 1/2				
200D	602 1/4	593 3/4				

CME Wheat Daily and Weekly Pivot Points								
	Daily Weekly							
Pivot Po	int(D):	473		473 Pivot Point(W): 473 3/4				
PPD-S1:	469 3/4	PPD-R1:	477 1/2	PPW-S1:	466 3/4	PPW-R1:	481 1/4	
PPD-S2:	4651/4	PPD-R2:	480 3/4	PPW-S2:	PPW-R2:	488 1/4		
PPD-S3:	PPD-S3: 462 PPD-R3: 4851/4 PPW-S3: 4521/4 PPW-R3: 4953/4							
S = Support Level, R = Resistance Level								

Support and Resistance:

The table below shows levels of support and resistance $(S_1 - S_6, R_1 - R_6)$ per levels of recent historic daily high and low values, as well as the latest settlement and subsequent session limits in relation to these values.

CME Wheat Recent Historical Hi- Lo Support and Resistance				
Hi-Lo R2	735			
Hi-Lo R1	711			
Hi-Lo S4	662 1/2			
Hi-Lo S5	656 1/4			
Hi-Lo S6	581 1/2			
Hi-Lo R6	579 1/4			
Hi-Lo S3	576 3/4			
Hi-Lo R4	57 ²			
Hi-Lo R5	571			
Hi-Lo R3	561 3/4			
Lmt. Up	519 1/4			
Hi-Lo S1	518 1/2			
Hi-Lo S2	516 1/4			
Settlement	474 1/4			
Lmt. Down	429 1/4			

The following table provides a linear series of shorter-term through longer-term support and resistance levels as well as major trading points for the most recent trading day and week for the front month.

CME Wheat Comprehensive Linear Support-Resistance Levels							
	Narket Level						
Support/Resistance Metric Hi-Lo R2							
Hi-Lo R2 Hi-Lo R1	735						
	711						
Hi-Lo S4	662 1/2						
Hi-Lo S5	656 1/4						
200D SMA	602 1/4						
200D EMA	593 3/4						
Hi-Lo S6	581 1/2						
Hi-Lo R6	579 1/4						
Hi-Lo S3	576 3/4						
Hi-Lo R4	572						
Hi-Lo R5	571						
100D SMA	570						
Bol Band Upper	563						
Hi-Lo R3	561 3/4						
100D EMA	559 1/2						
50D SMA	531						
50D EMA	529 1/2						
Lmt. Up	519 1/4						
Hi-Lo S1	518 1/2						
Hi-Lo S2	516 1/4						
20D SMA	507 3/4						
20D EMA	502						
Weekly Pivot Point-R3	495 3/4						
Weekly Pivot Point-R2	488 1/4						
10D EMA	486						
Pivot Point-R3	485 1/4						
10D SMA	484						
Weekly Pivot Point-R1	481 1/4						
Pivot Point-R2	480 3/4						
Previous Weekly Low	480 3/4						
Pivot Point-R1	477 1/2						
5D EMA	477 1/2						
Daily High	476 1/4						
5D SMA	476 1/4						
Settlement	474 1/4						
Previous Weekly Settlement	474 1/4						
Weekly Pivot Point	473 3/4						
Pivot Point	473						
Pivot Point -S1	469 3/4						
Daily Low	468 1/2						
Weekly Pivot Point-S1	466 3/4						
Previous Weekly High	466 1/4						
Pivot Point -S2	465 1/4						
Pivot Point -S3	462						
Weekly Pivot Point-S2	459 1/4						
Weekly Pivot Point-S3	459 1/4						
Bol Band Lower	452 1/4						
Lmt. Down	432 1/4 429 1/4						
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Directional and Range Distribution Analysis:

The table below shows the conditional probability of realizing either a close higher or lower than the latest settlement, as well as the conditional probabilities associated with varying magnitudes of D/D gains or losses. The table further shows the conditional probability of realizing intraday high and low values of varying magnitudes.

	CME Wheat Conditional Probabilities for Daily Hi – Lo - Settle								
Close .	Close Down Close Up		e Up	L	0	Hi			
Level	Prob.	Level	Prob.	Level	Prob.	Level	Prob.		
Clse. Dn	50.00%	Clse. Up	50.00%	<0,>(6)	100.00%	>0, < 6	100.00%		
<= (6)	33.33%	>= 6	25.00%	<= (6)	50.00%	>= 6	58.33%		
<= (11)	20.83%	>= 11	8.33%	<= (11)	29.17%	>= 11	37.50%		
<= (17)	12.50%	>= 17	8.33%	<= (17)	16.67%	>= 17	8.33%		
<= (22.5)	8.33%	>= 22.5	4.17%	<= (22.5)	8.33%	>= 22.5	4.17%		
<= (28)	4.17%	>= 28	4.17%	<= (28)	8.33%	>= 28	4.17%		
<= (34)	4.17%	>= 34	4.17%	<= (34)	8.33%	>= 34	4.17%		
<= (39)	0.00%	>= 39	4.17%	<= (39)	0.00%	>= 39	4.17%		
= (45)	0.00%	= 45	4.17%	= (45)	0.00%	= 45	4.17%		

The following table contains average, median, minimum and maximum gains, losses, and expected daily high, low and settlement values from the most recent settlement based on our proprietary analysis of current market structure.

CME Wheat A	CME Wheat Adjusted Historical Price Movement Based on Conditional Probability							
Parameter/Scenario	Average	Median	Min	Max				
Range	15 1/2	14	4 3/4	33 1/2				
Settlement	-1	1/2	-33 3/4	45				
Low	-8 3/4	-51/2	-38 3/4	0				
High	9	71/2	0	45				
Settlement (if lower)	-12 1/4	-10 3/4	-33 3/4	-1 1/4				
Settlement (if higher)	91/4	5 3/4	11/4	45				
I	Price movments are in relation to latest settlement value							

The following table provides the conditional probabilities of surpassing minimum low and maximum high values for a 5-day look back period with a 5-day period forward.

CME Wheat Conditional Probability of Surpassing Recent Highs and Lows							
Period Price Period Prob							
Min Low 5-D Lookback	466 1/4	5-D Forward Below	63%				
Max High 5-D Lookback	484 1/2	5-D Forward Above	13%				

The following table provides probabilities from our proprietary analyses for the 1through 5-day period beyond the current day, in which the conditional probabilities of realizing daily high, low and settlement values, relative to the most recent settlement (greater than or less than) are assayed.

CME Wheat Conditional Probability for High - Low - Settlement 1 -5 Days Forward							
Days Forward	Prob S < CS		Prob L < CL		Prob H < CH	Prob H > CH	
Day 1	50.00%	50.00%	50.00%	50.00%	33.33%	66.67%	
Day 2	50.00%	50.00%	45.83%	54.17%	45.83%	54.17%	
Day 3	66.67%	33.33%	66.67%	33.33%	54.17%	45.83%	
Day 4	58.33%	41.67%	66.67%	33.33%	50.00%	50.00%	
Day 5	50.00%	50.00%	54.17%	45.83%	45.83%	54.17%	
S = set	ttle, L = low, H =	= high, CS= cu	rrent settle, Cl	L = current lou	v, CH = currer	nt high	

The following tables relay conditional probabilities for a 5-day forward period in which daily high, low and settlement values are either lower or higher D/D as the 5-day period progresses.

CME	CME Wheat Conditional Probability New Trend Establishment - Down							
Days Forward	Prob S	Prob S Days Forward Prob L Days Forward						
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2D<1D, CS	33.33%	2D<1D, CL	58.33%	2D<1D, CH	87.50%			
3D<2D, 1D, CS	33.33%	3D<2D, 1D, CL	33.33%	3D<2D, 1D, CH	37.50%			
4D<3D, 2D, 1DS		4D<3D, 2D, 1D, CL		4D<3D, 2D, 1D, CH	12.50%			
5D<4D, 3D, 2D, 1D, CS	0.00%	5D<4D, 3D, 2D, 1D, CL	8.33%	5D<4D, 3D, 2D, 1D, CH	12.50%			
S = settle, L	S = settle, L = low, H = high, CS= current settle, CL = current low, CH = current high							

CME Wheat Conditional Probability New Trend Establishment - Up									
Days Forward	Days Forward Prob S Days Forward Prob L Days Forward Prob H								
1>CS	50.00%	1>CL	50.00%	1>CH	66.67%				
2D>1D, CS	25.00%	2D>1D, CL	58.33%	2D>1D, CH	43.75%				
3D>2D, 1D, CS	25.00%	3D>2D, 1D, CL	16.67%	3D>2D, 1D, CH	18.75%				
4D>3D, 2D, 1DS	0.00%	4D>3D, 2D, 1D, CL	8.33%	4D>3D, 2D, 1D, CH	6.25%				
5D>4D, 3D, 2D, 1D, CS	0.00%	5D>4D, 3D, 2D, 1D, CL	8.33%	5D>4D, 3D, 2D, 1D, CH	6.25%				
S = settle, L	= low, H =	high, CS= current settle,	CL = currer	nt low, CH = current high					

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