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### Daily Market Recap, Commentary and Analysis Summary

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The ICE Dec contract gave up 4 points on Tue, settling at 71.15. Mar also gave back 4 points, settling at 71.45, the net effect leaving the Dec – Mar spread unchanged at (30). Volume for Dec delivery was near unchanged at approximately 17.4K lots while Dec OI expanded at around 146K contracts.

CME grains finished mostly higher on Tue. Major stocks indices across the world finished higher while the energies and major metal finished mostly higher.

Fundamentally, little news was made known to the market on Tue, although the US harvest continues to move forward. Conversations with producers across the north MS River Delta earlier this evening continues to suggest that this season's harvest is somewhat variable with respect to yield.

Internationally, some experts expect China to off-load around 2.5M MTs (~11.5M bales) of cotton in 2017 from its strategic reserve stocks, which is a positive sign with respect to overall world demand.

The overall standard daily technical bias for the front remains supportive to bullish, although the market remains somewhat overbought on a daily basis. Money flow remains supportive as Dec trades near the top of the 60-day regression channel. Strong support is expected near 68.00 - 69.00 while formidable resistance is expected near 72.00 and 73.00 (a gap remains above the market at 72.90 - 73.05). Longer-term upward momentum was near unchanged on Tue.

Our proprietary models suggest that Dec futures will likely move somewhat lower over the near-term. Our proprietary index of technical indicators also favors a move lower for the next session. Odds favor breaks Vs rallies over a 5-day outlook We further expect volatility to period. increase over the same time horizon, with volatility to the downside expected to be greater than that to the upside. Our daily technical analysis suggests that overall risk to the downside is expected to be greater than that to the upside with the trading range expected to be nearly symmetrically distributed to somewhat negatively-skewed.

Odds for a sustained move lower over a 5day outlook period.

The balance of the fundamental and technical analysis suggests a lower settlement for Dec on Wed.

The following tables provide, respectively, our daily and weekly directional bias, as well as our overall trading range expectation and our statistically predicted day trading ranges.

Daily and Weekly Directional Bias and Expected Ranges				
Time Period	Low	High	Settle	
Daily Inside:	70.25	71.50	Near Unchgd - Lower	
Daily Outside:	69.50	72.20		
Weekly Inside:	68.50	71.00	Near Unchgd - Lower	
Weekly Outside:	67.00	73.00		

#### Day trades:

Statistical Day Trade Ranges			
Direction	Inside	Outside	
Short	71.92	72.11	
Long	70.12	70.04	

The table below provides settlements from various futures and spot markets across the globe.

Performance	of Selected Commod	ities and Indices
Instrument/Index	Close	Percent Change from Previous Settle
	CME Grains	
Dec 16 Corn	354	-0.07%
Nov 16 Soybeans	978 1/4	1.64%
Dec 16 Wheat	423 3/4	0.65%
Int	ernational Cotton Fu	tures
CZCE Jan 17 (China)	15,100	-0.74%
MCX Oct 16 (India)	18,770	-0.74%
Pure Terephthalic	4,794	0.67%
Acid (PTA)		
	sis, World Value and	Cert. Stock
US Avg Spot Price (41-3-34)	69.82	-0.04%
US Avg Spot Price (31-3-35)	73-74	-0.03%
ICE Futures Cert. Stocks	20,965	-28.09%
Cotton Outlook A- Index	79.95	7119.00%
A-Index ICE Nearby Futures Spread	8.76	7-75%
US Low Quote	80.00	1.59%
Adjusted World Price	60.67	1.59%
China Foreign Cotton Index	81.52	2.70%
Bremen CIF Index	83.65	0.00%
Brazil Cotton Index	77.96	-0.10%
	Energies	
Light, sweet crude	50.29	0.70%
Natural gas	3.26	0.59%
Gasoline	1.51	0.89%
	Indices	
Dollar Index	<u>97.90</u>	0.01%
S&P 500	2,140	0.62%
DJI (Dow Jones)	182	0.42%
NDX (NASDAQ 100)	4,840	0.91%
FTSE 100 (London)	7,000	0.76%
CAC 40 (France)	4,509	1.32%
DAX (Germany)	10,606	0.98%
SSMI (Switzerland)	8,075	0.92%
Nikkei 225	16,964	0.38%
HSI (Hong Kong)	<b>23,39</b> 4	1.55%
SSEC (Shanghai)	3,084	1.40%
KOPSI (S. Korea)	2,040	0.63%
JKSE (Jakarta)	<u>5,430</u>	0.36%
	Metals	
Platinum	943.00	0.73%
Gold	1,262.90	4.49%
Silver	17.64	0.94%
Copper	2.11	-0.07%

# **Technical Analysis**

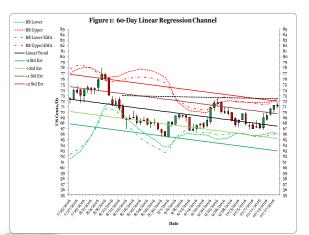
The tables below provide, respectively, simple and exponential moving average (SMA and EMA) for the front month, daily and weekly pivot points and daily technical signals from a suite of base technical indicators.

Simple and Exponential Moving Averages				
Period	SMAs	EMAs		
5D	70.24	70.26		
9D	68.91	-		
10D	68.80	69.55		
20D	69.18	69.15		
21D	69.26	-		
40D	68.58	-		
50D	<b>68.8</b> 4	68.96		
100D	68.64	67.95		
200D	64.41	74.05		

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	Daily and Weekly Pivot Points						
Daily		Weekly					
Pivot Poi	int(D):	71.1	7	Pivot Poi	nt(W):	69.3	6
PPD-S1:	70.65	PPD-R1:	71.68	PPW-S1:	67.97	PPW-R1:	71.95
PPD-S2:	70.14	PPD-R2:	72.20	PPW-S2:	65.38	PPW-R2:	73.34
PPD-S3:	69.62	PPD-R3:	72.71	PPW-S3:	63.99	PPW-R3:	75.93
	S = Support Level, R = Resistance Level						

Base Technical Indicators		
Indicator	Signal	
RSI (14):	Виу	
Stoch. (9,6):	Виу	
Stoch. RSI (14):	Overbought	
MACD:	Виу	
ADX:	Виу	
Williams %R	Overbought	
CCI (14):	Виу	
ATR:	Виу	
Hi/Lo:	Виу	
Ult. Osc.:	Виу	
ROC:	Виу	
Bull/Bear:	Виу	
Volatility	Less volatility	

### Charts:



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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.

Comprehensive Linear Supp		
Support/Resistance Metric	Market Level	
Hi-Lo R3	77.98	
Weekly Pivot Point-R3	75.93	
Hi-Lo R1	75.00	
Hi-Lo R2	75.00	
Lmt. Up	74.15	
200D EMA	74.05	
Weekly Pivot Point-R2	73.34	
Pivot Point-R3	72.71	
Hi-Lo R5	72.36	
Bol Band Upper	72.21	
Pivot Point-R2	72.20	_
Weekly Pivot Point-R1	71.95	
Daily High	71.70	
Pivot Point-R1	71.68	
Pivot Point	71.17	
Settlement	71.15	- C. C. C.
Previous Weekly High	70.74	
Daily Low	70.67	
Pivot Point -S1	70.65	1
Previous Weekly Settlement	70.57	100
5D EMA	70.26	
5D SMA	70.24	
Pivot Point -S2	70.14	_
Hi-Lo R6	70.00	
Pivot Point -S3 Hi-Lo R4	69.62	-
10D EMA	<u>69.59</u> 69.55	100
Weekly Pivot Point	69.36	- C.
21D SMA	69.26	
20D SMA	69.18	1.00
20D EMA	69.15	
50D EMA	68.96	
9D SMA	68.91	
50D SMA	68.84	10
10D SMA	68.80	
100D SMA	68.64	1.0
40D SMA	68.58	
İmt. Down	68.15	
Weekly Pivot Point-S1	67.97	C allow
100D EMA	67.95	the second se
Hi-Lo S3	67.12	100
Hi-Lo S6	66.88	11-
Hi-Lo S2	66.85	
Hi-Lo S1	66.76	
Previous Weekly Low	66.76	
Hi-Lo S4	66.44	
Bol Band Lower	66.16	10 C
Hi-Lo S5	65.41	
Weekly Pivot Point-S2	65.38	
200D SMA	64.41	
Weekly Pivot Point-S3	63.99	



## **Market Bias**

### **Bullish Factors:**

#### **Fundamental:**

- 2016/17 US C/O projected at 600K bales lower Vs Sept 4.3M bales
- Aggregate world C/O projected nearly 2.5M bales lower Vs Sept
- Hurricane Matthew likely damaged crops in E GA, NC, SC & VA
- CNCRC (China) has stated 2017 reserve auctions likely to commence 2 months earlier (Mar) Vs 2016
- 2016/17 world aggregate projected demand 800K bales higher Vs Sept
- World less China C/O relatively tight, off 500K bales Vs Sept
- Mill on-call commitments outnumber producer commitments by ~ 3.2:1 (all active months); !1.9:1 Dec 16
- On-call sales commitments trending higher (all active months)
- US share of world trade expected to increase to ~ 34% in 2016/17 Vs ~ 27% in 2015/16
- US exports nearly 50% committed Vs revised USDA export target
- ICE cert stock maintenance at low level (~29K bales)
- Dec Mar spread strengthening W/W

#### **Technical:**

- Standard daily technical analysis
- Standard weekly technical analysis

- Settlement above all most-referenced SMAs
- Daily money flow
- Weekly money flow
- Longer-term momentum is positive
- Bullish engulfing pattern on weekly candle charts

### **Bearish Factors:**

#### Fundamental:

- US harvest progress slightly ahead of rolling 5-year average pace
- CNCRC (China) has stated it will likely forego stated intentions in spring 2016 of purchasing high quality stocks for its reserve
- USDA projects 2016/17 Australian production 500K bales higher M/M at 4M bales
- US currency value very strong (and strengthening W/W
- Seasonality/harvest pressure
- Commercial short covering
- Spec liquidation
- Index fund rolls are imminent
- Lenders in Xinjiang, China have capped processor loans

#### Technical:

- Proprietary daily technical analysis
- Proprietary weekly technical analysis
- OI contraction (Dec) with higher futures prices
- Market is overbought (daily)

### **Overall Bias:**

Near unchanged to lower.

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# Appendix A

### Appendix A – Abbreviations:

ADP:	Automated Data Processing		
BLS:	Bureau of Labor Statistics (US)		
CAB:	Cotton Advisory Board (India)		
CCI:	Cotton Corporation of India		
CFTC:	Commodity Futures Trading Commission		
<b>CNCRC:</b>	China National Cotton Reserves Corporation		
CZE:	Zhengzhou Commodity Exchange		
<b>D/D:</b>	Day-over-Day		
ECB:	European Central Bank		
ELS:	Extra Long Staple		
EMS:	Exponential Moving Average		
EU:	European Union		
FSU:	Former Soviet Union		
GDP:	Gross Domestic Product		
ICE:	International Commodities Exchange		
IMF:	International Monetary Fund		
ISM:	Institute for Supply Management		
<b>M/M:</b>	Month-over-Month		
MT:	Metric Ton (1MT equals approximately 4.59 US 480 bales)		
MY:	Marketing Year		
NBS:	National Bureau of Statistics (China)		
NCC:	National Cotton Council		
NRF:	National Retail Federation		
OI:	Open Interest		
PPI:	Producer Price Index		
PTA:	Pure Teraphthalic Acid		
QOQ:	Quarter-over-Quarter		
RB:	Running Bales (1 RB equals approximately 1.025 US 480 bale)		
S&D:	Supply and Demand		
SMA:	Simple Moving Average		
USDA-AMS			
USDA-ERS:	I B		
USDA-FAS:	United States Department of Agriculture – Foreign Agricultural Service		
USDA – FSA			
USDA-NASS	S: United States Department of Agriculture – National Agricultural Statistics Service		
USDA-RMA	: United States Department of Agriculture – Risk Management Agency		
USDA-WAO	<b>DB:</b> United States Department of Agriculture – World Agricultural Outlook		
	Board		
W/W: Week-over-Week			
<b>Y/Y:</b>	Year-over-Year		

