

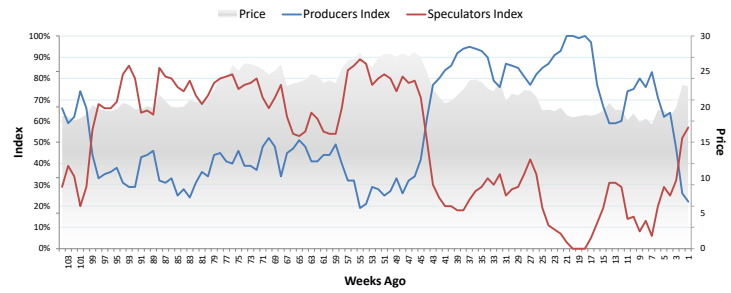


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Market Date	SB Zone	Producers			Speculators		
		Position	Index	Velocity	Position	Index	Velocity
1-Oct-24	Neutral	-175029	22%	Low	138294	57%	Low
24-Sep-24	Neutral	-164218	26%	Extreme	123393	52%	High
17-Sep-24	Neutral	-108583	47%	High	65945	32%	Medium
10-Sep-24	Neutral	-61679	64%	Low	46484	25%	Low
3-Sep-24	Neutral	-67451	62%	Medium	58105	29%	Medium
27-Aug-24	Bearish	-43937	71%	Medium	30439	20%	High
20-Aug-24	Bearish	-11847	83%	Medium	-9274	6%	Medium
13-Aug-24	Bearish	-30565	76%	Low	10959	13%	Low
6-Aug-24	Neutral	-19059	80%	Low	-2110	8%	Medium
30-Jul-24	Neutral	-31012	75%	Low	17154	15%	Low

Special note: COT data is split into Old and New years for grains and softs. We calculate indices for each year but here we display only one index where OI is higher. Thus, there can be a sudden shift in indices around old year expiration.



Disclaimer - Errors and Parabolic Moves

There is room for error in every analytical model. This model is not an exception.

You need to take into consideration that this model cannot predict and detect parabolic moves. We do not analyse prices here, we look at changes to the size of positions. Positions do not need to grow in size during parabolic moves because it is fear and greed that move the price not fundamentals. So, if you see parabolic price moves not supported by significant changes to positions - ignore this analysis, your market is not driven by fundamentals, wait for emotions to calm down.

Weekly Summary - Producers

Index Index of producers is 22%. Previous reading was 26%.

Direction of Trade During the week producers were selling at low speed. They sold 10811 contracts. Last 3 weeks show active selling pattern.

Extreme Positioning Producers index sits in the lower quartile. During last weeks index moved towards extreme values. Current market balance indicates limited bullish potential (and good potential for bears), however this indicator alone is not enough to make good decisions.

Understanding the Index This group of players is the most knowledgeable about actual supply/demand situation but they are always quiet. Unlike you they can wait and endure pain during long periods of adverse price trends as their positions are hedged with physical commodity. They do not come to speculate, they come to hedge the price of assets they deal with. Following producers (doing exactly what they do and when they do) is not wise because you are not hedged with physical asset and your pockets are not as deep as theirs.

Because they have first hand knowledge they begin building their positions in advance, often weeks or even months before market notices that.

Think of a bullish reversal when their index is around 100% and think of a bearish turn when the index is at 0%. However, the distance between index sitting at 100%/0% and price reversal may be in weeks or even months - do not jump in too soon! Guessing future price move is not enough, you also need to guess the right time or margin call will crash you.

Speculators Velocity Alert Current Speculators velocity level is Low. Velocity is a measure of how fast Speculators build their position.

When velocity level is **Extreme** a follow through action during next few weeks is highly possible. Same holds true if 2 weeks in a row had **High** velocity, meaning that during 2 weeks Speculators increased their long/short positions significantly.

Weekly Summary - Speculators

Index Index of speculators is 57%. Previous reading was 52%.

Direction of Trade During the week speculators were buying at low speed. They bought 14901 contracts. Last 3 weeks show active buying pattern.

Extreme Positioning Speculators index sits in a neutral zone. During last weeks index moved away from extreme values. Current market balance indicates enough potential for both bulls and bears, however this indicator alone is not enough to make good decisions.

Understanding the Index Always remember that this group is vocal in media about their moves. They love making noise. Thus, their buying/selling can move markets strongly. HOWEVER, speculators become vocal only after they have established substantial positions. Be critical when listening to them if they have been bullish (or bearish) for an extended period of time - this can be weeks, sometimes months, we need to watch index and other indicators. Following speculators can be profitable until they stop their accumulation.

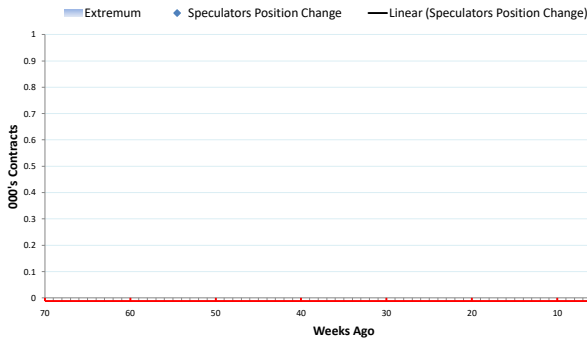
Following them you go with the flow, important is not to join too late.

Market Estimated Exposure Current market exposure, \$B 25.3
Highest market exposure, \$B 38.7

This is another gauge of how hot is the market at the moment.

Bullish (Euphoria) and Bearish (Depression) Zones - Discussion

Bullish and Bearish Zones - Chart is not available, market is in Neutral zone



Regression Analysis Market is in Neutral Zone, no further analysis

Confidence Market is in Neutral Zone, no further analysis

Accumulation Distribution Market is in Neutral Zone, no further analysis

Extremum Market is in Neutral Zone, no further analysis