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## **Correlation Description**

**Some of the charts herein illustrate the results of running regression analyses to determine the behavior of which past spreads most closely resembles that of the current spread. Pattern correlation is simply a comparison of the price pattern exhibited by the current spread to price patterns exhibited to date by that spread in previous years.**

**The theory underlying this analysis of analogous years, or analogous spreads, is that a market which closely follows the trading pattern of a previous year(s) may continue to do so (to one degree or another) because similar fundamental conditions may exist. Thus, the analysis, which is a refinement of seasonal analysis, becomes a search for results with a predictive quality.**

**This type of analysis lends itself to various applications. For instance, one can compare previous years in which crops were short or those in which the stock market was lower in February than in January.**

**For each study, those past spreads whose trading patterns correlate at a minimum of 83% with the current spread are listed in the title with their respective rates of correlation. The chart itself consists of the current market (solid line) overlaid on the composite (dotted line) of past years listed. The n-day correlation window is the time segment compared.**

**Can spreads with similar supply/demand fundamentals exhibit similar price behavior? If so, can that pattern project future direction?**

**Correlation studies rarely change day to day, especially when multi-year, multi-contract, and all with relatively high correlation numbers.**

**In addition, analyzing correlation studies is subjective, and one must use them as a tool rather than as a trading system. You must realize that even high correlation studies can follow a market pattern for an extended period of time and then suddenly deviate unexpectedly. We like to look at correlation studies as possible roadmaps for prices but use other shorter-term trading tools for navigating the markets on a daily basis.**

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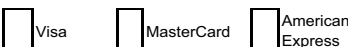
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