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*[Note: Charts current through June 2008.]*

**Note:** Monetary values for International Strategies are in local currencies. See contract size in upper right corner of strategy details.

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**K**nowledge is the foundation essential to making successful decisions more consistently. Does a prudent investor allocate his financial resources without first researching his timing and his profit/cost potential? Does a successful trader/investor immediately jump at a “hot tip” or the lead story on the front page of *The Wall St. Journal*? Or would he more closely examine his targeted market(s)?

The purpose of this publication is to quantify price history for interest rate futures instruments all along the yield curve. The results are offered from a variety of relevant perspectives and presented in a format useful to those whose business, trading, and/or investment portfolios are directly affected by fluctuations in interest rates. Business executives, investors, and traders alike are encouraged to examine the following, for seasonality can be a primary component in price movement.

### Seasonal Patterns

Nearly all markets — real estate, stocks, bonds — are affected by various fundamental forces, many of which are seasonal in nature. Such forces as fiscal calendars, Treasury refundings, tax collections, and the specific characteristics of futures contracts (such as delivery and expiration) tend to recur and influence, to one degree or another, certain markets every year. As any market responds to a series of annually recurring factors, price patterns tend to evolve.

Daily *seasonal patterns*, both the 15- and most recent 5-year, are derived from and a composite of historical daily price activity in the specific contract or spread relationship under consideration. The numerical index to the right reflects the observed historical tendency for prices most consistently to be highest, at the seasonal high (100), or lowest, at the seasonal low (0), at a given time during the year.

Weekly continuation charts are also contract-specific. They are intended to better illustrate historical relative value, turning points, and long-term trends for particular trading and spread strategies.

### Windows of Opportunity

From these seasonal patterns, one can derive a seasonal approach to futures designed to anticipate, enter, and capture recurrent price trends as they emerge and exit before they are “realized.” Within such patterns may exist seasonal tops, bottoms, and trends.

**Moore Research Center, Inc. (MRCI)** computer programs have analyzed trends that have recurred in the same direction during a similar period of time in at least 80% of the last 15 years. The underlying theory assumes that causal fundamental factors specific to that time period must have existed and may be influential again, thus making each historically 80%-or-more reliable strategy valid as a *potential trading idea*. Remember, however, that past performance is *not necessarily* indicative of future results.

*These strategies are not recommendations*, but rather presentations of quantified historical fact. Seasonal strategies identify computer-optimized dates on which prices have with a great degree of consistency been higher (lower) than on a previous date. Both traders and investors may find that consistency implied by seasonal analysis to be vital in managing cost/profit risks, thus affording greater confidence in seeking greater returns into the future.

### Conversions, "Red" & "Green"

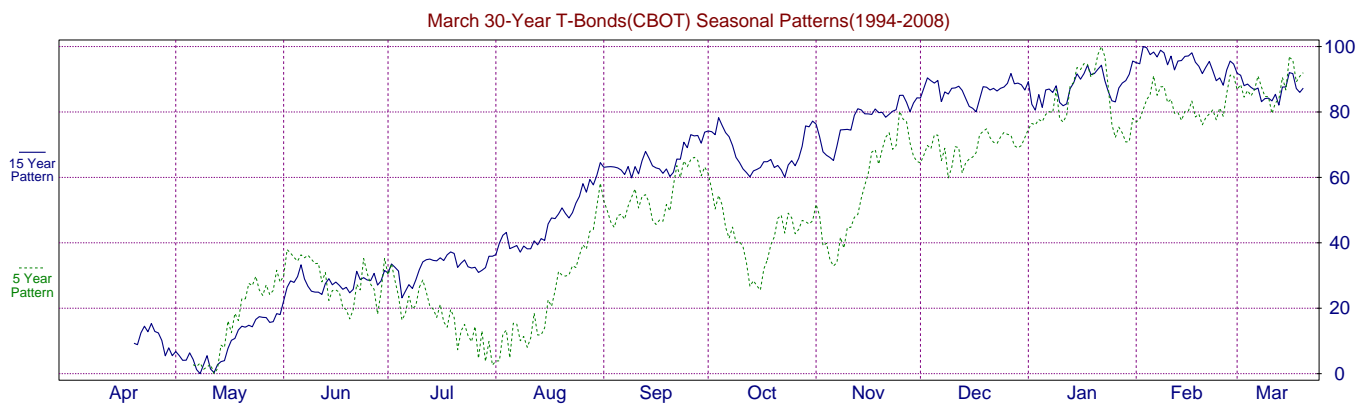
\*\*\* *Of special note*, beginning with March 2000 contracts, the notional coupons of CBOT Treasury bonds and 2-, 5-, and 10-year Treasury notes changed from 8% to 6%. *All historical prices, for both charts and calculations, have been converted to reflect the current 6% rate*. All converted prices are rounded to the nearest minimum increment *currently* applicable.


*Minimum increments* for 30-year bonds and 10-year notes are one half of one thirty-second, quoted as “~005.” Those for 2- and 5-year notes are one quarter of one thirty-second, quoted in order as “~002, ~005, ~007,” respectively. Values for all *spreads* involving notes and bonds have been converted to one quarter of one thirty-second except for those between the \$200,000 contract for 2-year notes and the \$100,000 contracts for other notes or bonds, which reflect a difference in futures contract equity.

“*Red*” denotes a contract one year deferred and “*Green*” two years deferred from the nearby of the same delivery month.

**E**ach chart consists of two aspects of a market's seasonal pattern—the most recent 15-year (solid line) and its most recent 5-year (dotted line), June 2008 contracts inclusive. Thus, any evolution in the pattern may be perceived, as well as trends, tops, and bottoms coincident to both. The numerical index to the right measures the greatest historical tendency for the market to make a seasonal high (100) or low (0) at a given time.

Besides illustrating the more obvious seasonal tops, seasonal bottoms, and seasonal trends, these patterns also suggest certain cause/effect phenomena which may present secondary opportunities. For instance, do smaller but well-defined breaks/rallies typically precede certain events, such as Treasury auctions, fiscal years, or income taxes?

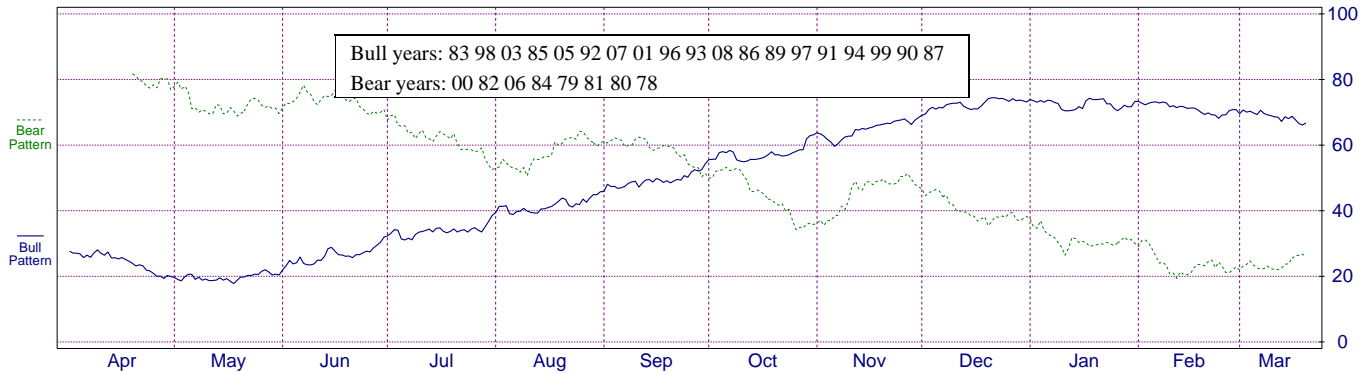


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MONTH	SYMBOL	MONTH	SYMBOL
January	F	July	N
February	G	August	Q
March	H	September	U
April	J	October	V
May	K	November	X
June	M	December	Z

Each bull/bear chart consists of one composite pattern for bull years (solid line) and one for bear years (dotted line), with component contract years for each indicated in the box (“83” denotes 1983) for reference. Rather than chronologically, the order of contract years listed is determined by the degree of inclination/declination of the line best describing its scatterplot. In other words, the **most bullish (as defined by comparing slopes) of the bull years is listed first, but the most bearish of the bear years is listed last.**

That neither bull nor bear pattern reaches either 0 or 100 reflects a conscious decision made to better reproduce the vigor of dynamic trends. When MRCI constructs a 15-year pattern, averaged raw percentage values for each calendar day typically lie between 35 and 65—and are then blown out to between 0 and 100 to reflect greatest **tendency**. That final step is not taken when constructing these bull/bear patterns, and thus each better represents the extent of the typical bull or bear move.

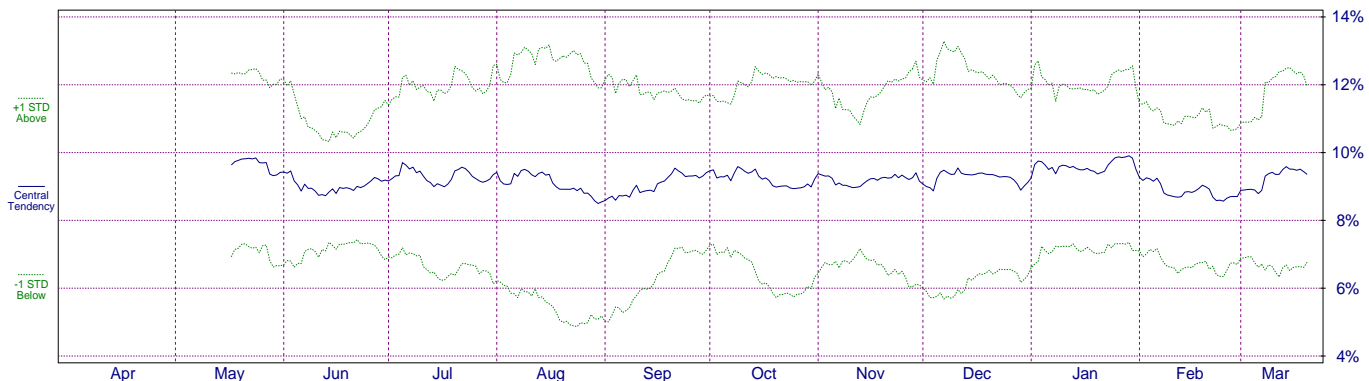
March 30-Year T-Bonds(CBOT) Bull/Bear Patterns(1978-2008)



Using options on futures to place or protect positions or hedges can provide tremendous advantages, including additional flexibility, leverage, income, and/or reduced cash-flow problems and performance requirements. However, one must understand the dynamics of option trading and the various components that create premium value to benefit from the opportunities they offer. The three primary variables that determine the value of an option premium are (1) the relationship of the underlying futures contract to the option’s strike price, (2) the time remaining until expiration, and (3) volatility.

Option volatility charts presented in this publication portray the 15-year average **historical** volatility (the central line) for the **futures** contract. The dotted lines above and below are each at 1 Standard Deviation (STD). Historical volatility remained between these two STD lines 68% of the time but was found above the upper one 16% of the time and below the lower one 16% of the time during the last 15 years.

Mar 30-Year T-Bonds(CBOT) 15 Year Ave Volatility(94-08)



	Seasonal Strategy	Entry Date	Exit Date	Win Pct	Win Years	Loss Years	Total Years	Average Profit	Ave PPD/ Days	Pg No
74	Buy 3-Yr Aus Bonds(SFE)—December	7/12		87	13	2	15	754	11/68	142
75	Buy Euro-Bund(EUREX)—December	7/15		100	15	0	15	581	53/11	142
76	Buy Dec 3-Mth Eurodollars(IMM) Sell Sep 3-Mth Eurodollars(IMM)	7/15		100	15	0	15	404	7/62	79
77	Buy 3-Mth Eurodollars(IMM)—March	7/15		93	14	1	15	805	13/63	28
78	Buy Euro-BOBL(Eurex)—September	7/17		90	9	1	10	740	21/35	143
79	Buy "Red" Dec 3-Mth Eurodollars(IMM) Sell Dec 3-Mth Eurodollars(IMM)	7/21		93	14	1	15	607	8/77	80
80	Buy 2-Year T-Notes(CBOT)—September	7/27		87	13	2	15	514	17/30	28
81	Buy Sep 30-Year T-Bonds(CBOT) Sell Sep 2-Year T-Notes(CBOT)	7/27		93	14	1	15	1109	34/33	80
82	Buy 3-Mth Eurodollars(IMM)—March	7/27		93	14	1	15	856	16/55	29
83	Buy 10-Year T-Notes(CBOT)—December	7/27		93	14	1	15	2261	38/60	29
84	Buy 5-Year T-Notes(CBOT)—December	7/27		93	14	1	15	1803	29/63	30
85	Buy Long Gilt(LIFFE)—December	7/27		93	14	1	15	2761	24/113	143
86	Buy 3-Yr Aus Bonds(SFE)—December	7/29		87	13	2	15	301	38/8	144
87	Buy 10-Year T-Notes(CBOT)—September	7/29		87	13	2	15	1084	35/31	30
88	Buy 30-Year T-Bonds(CBOT)—September	7/29		87	13	2	15	1608	52/31	31
89	Buy 3-Yr Aus Bonds(SFE)—December	7/29		87	13	2	15	553	12/45	144
90	Buy 30-Year T-Bonds(CBOT)—December	7/29		87	13	2	15	3277	30/108	31
91	Buy 10-Yr Aus Bonds(SFE)—September	7/30		87	13	2	15	357	51/7	145
92	Buy 10-Yr Aus Bonds(SFE)—December	7/31		87	13	2	15	907	19/49	145
93	Buy Euro-BOBL(Eurex)—December	7/31		100	10	0	10	1257	22/57	146

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