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MRCI Market Seasonal Patterns Report

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Market Seasonal Pattern Explanation

The following charts reflect seasonal patterns for individual futures markets over the period of a calendar year. Each market is represented by its nearby contract (until rollover).

The MRCI charting algorithm tracks the nearest contract either until First Notice Day (FND), if settled by delivery prior to expiry, or until five days before expiration, if settled to cash or by delivery only after expiry (for example, S&P 500 or sugar). The contract month plotted in each segment of the pattern is designated at the top of the chart immediately below its title, with rollover designated by a small vertical line. Thus, sharp declines or inclines at rollover may reflect consistent discounts/premiums in contract and/or market behavior a twelve months of the year are displayed at the bottom of the chart, with calendar dates to affix dates for FND and expiry

Each of the following charts exhibits two seasonal patterns: the most recent 15 years (dotted line) and up to the last 40 years (solid line), depending on how long the contract has actually traded. A market which has traded for 15 or fewer years will show only one pattern.

Presenting two different time frames helps depict if/how the pattern for that market has evolved over time. Has the seasonal high or low shifted over time? Which seasonal trends, and segments thereof, have remained consistent?

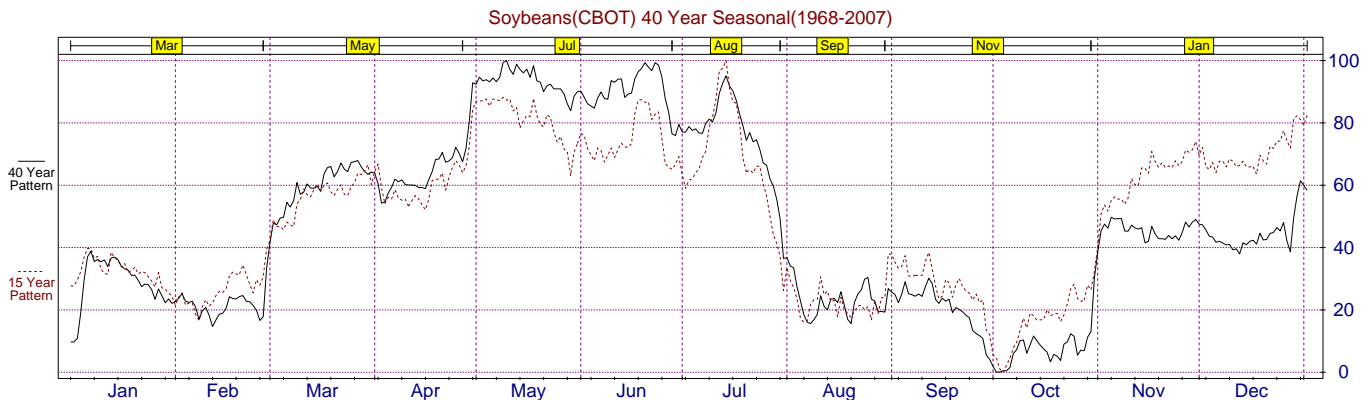
Seasonal patterns are displayed against a numerical index from 0 to 100 (the right-hand vertical scale). The graph reaching 0 represents the seasonal low (the time of the year when prices are most consistently low); the graph at 100 represents the seasonal high (when prices are most consistently high). The graph at 20 represents when prices have tended to be in the lower 20% of the year's eventual price range.

MRCI seasonal patterns are constructed by plotting daily data against calendar days rather than simply averaging weekly and/or monthly data. Such daily data registered to the calendar has proven to be far more valuable when looking for entry and exit dates.

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Seasonal Pattern

Segments of a seasonal pattern represent the seasonal low, and seasonal trends in between. Traders may look further for consistent behavior associated with annual events, whether futures-related such as, a preceding contract's First Notice Day or expiration or otherwise such as holidays. Does a market tend to run into or out of it? Are there other identifiable conditions or events, such as harvest, which occur at about the same time as a peak or valley in the seasonal pattern? Do certain market axioms begin to make sense, such as "Peaks precede consumption?"



Market	Exchange	Seasonal High	Seasonal Low	Page
Soybeans	CBOT	May-Jul	Sep/Oct	5
Soybean Meal	CBOT	Jun-Jul	Feb or Aug or Oct	5
Soybean Oil	CBOT	Apr-May	Jul-Oct or Jan-Feb	5
Corn	CBOT	Mar-Jun	Jul-Oct	6
Oats	CBOT	Dec-Mar	Aug	6
Cotton	ICE	Mar-May or Dec	Aug-Nov	6
Wheat	CBOT	Oct-Jan	Jun-Aug	7
Wheat	KCBT	Oct-Jan	Jun-Aug	7
Wheat	MGE	Oct-Apr	Aug	7
Live Cattle	CME	Mar-Apr	May-Jun	8
Feeder Cattle	CME	Aug	Apr	8
Lumber	CME	Feb-Mar	Sep-Oct	8
Lean Hogs	SAMPLE		Feb-Mar or Aug-Dec	9
Pork Bellies			Jul or Jan	9
Orange Juice			Feb or Apr or Jun-Jul	9
Coffee "C"	ICE	May or Dec-Jan	Jun-Aug	10
Sugar #11	ICE	Dec-Jan	Aug-Sep or May	10
Cocoa	ICE	Sep or Dec	Jun or Feb or Apr	10
Crude Oil	NYM	Sep-Oct	Dec-Feb	11
Brent Crude Oil	IPE	Sep-Oct	Jan-Mar	11
Natural Gas	NYM	Oct or Dec	Jan-Mar or Jul-Sep	11
Heating Oil	NYM	Oct-Nov	Feb-Mar	12
Gasoline	NYM	May	Dec-Feb	12
Gas Oil	IPE	Oct	Jan-Mar	12
S & P 500	CME	Dec	Jan-Apr	13
Russell 2000	CME	Dec	Jan or Apr or Aug	13
NASDAQ 100	CME	Dec-Jan	Apr or Aug	13
Nikkei 225	SGX	Apr-May	Sep or Nov-Jan	14
FT-SE 100	LIFFE	Dec	Jan or Jul	14
SPI 200	SFE	Dec	Jan-Feb	14

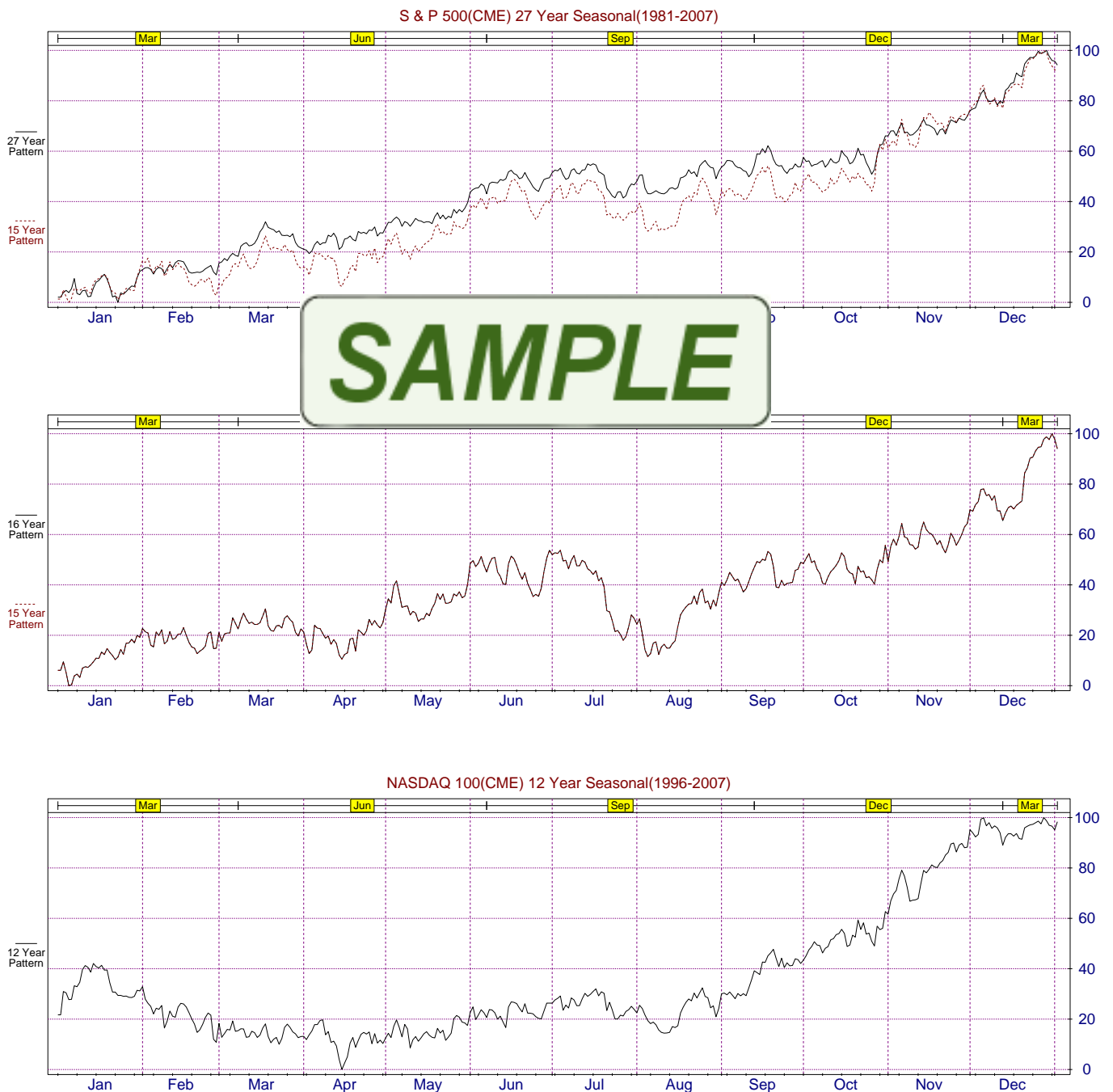
Market	Exchange	Seasonal High	Seasonal Low	Page
30-Year T-Bonds	CBOT	Oct-Feb	Apr-May	15
10-Year T-Notes	CBOT	Oct-Feb	May-Jun	15
5-Year T-Notes	CBOT	Oct-Nov	Mar-June	15
2-Year T-Notes	CBOT	Oct	Jun	16
Eurodollars	IMM	Dec-Feb	Mar or Jun or Sep	16
3-Mth Euro-Yen	SGX	May-Jun	Dec-Jan	16
10-Year Aus T-Bonds	SFE	Nov-Dec	Mar-May	17
3-Year Aus T-Bonds	SFE	Nov-Dec	Mar-Jun	17
3-Mth Aus T-bills	SFE	Jun-Oct	Mar-Apr or Dec	17
Swiss Franc	IMM	Dec-Jan	Feb-Jun	18
Australian Dollar	IMM	May or Nov	Mar or Sep	18
Japanese Yen	IMM	Sep or Dec	Feb-Mar	18
British Pound	IMM	Mar or Jun or Sep	Mar or Jun or Sep	19
Canadian Dollar	IMM	Mar or Apr	Mar or Apr	19
US Dollar Index	ICF	Mar or Apr	Mar or Apr	19
Gold	CMX	Oct or Dec-Feb	Mar-Jul	20
Silver	CMX	May or Dec	Jun or Aug or Jan	20
Copper	CMX	Mar-Apr or Dec	Jun	20

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Standard & Poor's 500 (CME): (High: Dec//Low: Jan-Apr) This pattern evolved as the effect of a long-term, mostly steady bull market in which prices are usually higher at the end of the year than at the beginning. Apparent weakness in futures from mid-March into April associated with shift of financial resources from private into public sector in the form of tax payments. October break reflects mutual fund year-end tax-loss selling.

Russell 2000 (CME): (High: Dec//Low: Jan or Apr or Aug) Market perks up after Labor Day as volume and vacationers return, looking for bargains.

NASDAQ 100 (CME): (High: Dec-Jan//Low: Apr or Aug) Tech stocks run higher into winter on expectation for heavier winter computer use and new capital expenditures.



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