

The Japan Rubber Futures Weekly Report:

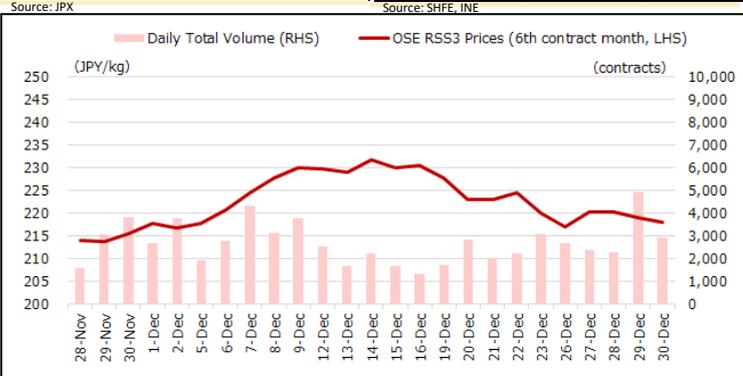
26 Dec 2022 – 30 Dec 2022

Note: Japan Nov Jobless rate -0.1% to 2.5%, Nov Retail Sales -1.1% on Month, Nov Ind. Production -0.1% on Month

Rubber Futures Report:

A Happy New Year! World rubber futures closed generally mixed the week with quiet trading activities. OSE rubber futures dropped 0.9% with small new buying flows, while SHFE and INE futures closed marginally higher. The trading volume and OI of SHFE and INE fell sharply, possibly due to year-end position adjustment and liquidation. SICOM futures increased 1.2% under quiet trading activities after the Christmas holiday. On a year/year basis, OSE rubber futures fell 8.4%, SHFE and INE futures lost 12.8% and 18%, respectively, and SICOM futures closed 24.2% lower. The downtrend of rubber futures prices will likely persist into the new year due to the pessimistic market outlook: bleak recession fears and higher borrowing costs reflecting interest rate hikes. From the supply side, ANRPC reported that global natural rubber production in November grew 2.7% to 1.426 mil tons. From the demand side, however, the world rubber demand only increased by 0.6% to 1.301 million tons, indicating further downside pressure on rubber prices. China reported a December Manufacturing PMI of 47, which decreased from 48 in November. Unless the Chinese economy recovers strongly and global vehicle sales surge, the physical rubber prices will likely move within a range of \$1.20-1.50 per kg in the first quarter of 2023.

OSE RSS3	Last (JPY)	Net	SHFE/INE	Last (CNY)	Net	SICOM TSR20	Last (USc)	Net	TFEX	Last (THB)	Net
Jan 23	203.8	-2.1	SCR/RSS May23	12,670	+25	Jan 23	130.2	Expired	RSS3 May 23	55.75	+1.45
Feb 23	204.9	-2.8	SCR/RSS Sep23	12,635	+5	Feb 23	129.6	+0.5	RSS3 Jun 23	56.60	+1.45
Mar 23	208.3	-4.5	Total Vol.	1,164,333	-292,697	Mar 23	132.6	+1.6	JRF May 23	217.4	-1.1
Apr 23	214.3	-2.4	Total OI	307,986	-6,217	Apr 23	134.0	+2.4	JRF Jun 23	217.5	-1.9
May 23	217.5	-1.8	INE TSR Mar 23	9,565	+50	May 23	135.0	+2.9	ICEX	Last (INR)	Net
Jun 23	218.0	-2.0	INE TSR Apr 23	9,635	+50	Jun 23	135.7	+3.2	RSS4 Jan 23	Untraded	0
Total Vol.	15,248	+3,348	Total Vol.	271,329	-108,900	Total Vol.	27,892	-31,324	MCX	Last (INR)	Net
Total OI	11,857	+897	Total OI	87,066	-11,353	Total OI	54,884	-913	RSS4 Jan 23	16,250	untraded



Important Data / Stock levels	Last	Net
Japan OSE Rubber Stocks (ton, 20 Dec)	5,004	+381
Shanghai SHFE Rubber Stocks (ton, 30 Dec)	186,702	+6,089
Shanghai INE Rubber Stocks (ton, 30 Dec)	33,698	-403
China Vehicle Total Sales (unit, 30 Nov 22)	2,327,721	-176,962
China Passenger Car Sales (unit, 30 Nov 22)	2,074,816	-156,381
China Commercial Car Sales (unit, 30 Nov 22)	252,905	-20,581
US Unemployment Rate (% , Nov)	3.7	0
US Non-Farm Payroll (Nov)	263,000	-21,000
Japan Unemployment Rate (% , Nov)	2.5	-0.1
Japan Manufacturing PMI (Nov)	49.4	-1.3
Japan Tankan Large Manufacturing (4Q)	7	-1
China Manufacturing PMI (Nov)	50.1	+0.9
China GDP 3Q (%)	+3.9	+3.5

FOREX	Last	Net
USD/JPY	131.12	-1.79
EUR/USD	1.0705	+0.0088
GBP/USD	1.2083	+0.0030
USD/CHF	0.9245	-0.0087
AUD/USD	0.6813	+0.0092
USD/CNY	6.8986	-0.0914
USD/INR	82.735	-0.13
USD/SGD	1.3395	-0.0115
USD/MYR	4.4045	-0.0198
USD/THB	34.608	-0.205
USD/IDR	15,573	-20
USD/VND	23,633	+43

Stock Index	Last	Net
NK225 Japan	26,094.50	-140.75
TOPIX Japan	1,891.71	-6.23
Dow Jones US	33,147.25	-56.68
S&P 500 US	3,839.50	-5.32
Nasdaq US	10,466.48	-31.38
CSI 300 China	3,871.63	+43.41
Shanghai China	3,089.26	+43.39
HSI Hong Kong	19,781.41	+188.35
STI Singapore	3,251.32	-6.38
KLCI Malaysia	1,495.49	+20.81
SET Thailand	1,668.66	+51.11
IDX Indonesia	6,850.62	+49.95
VSE Vietnam	1,007.09	-13.25

JPX Derivatives	Last	Net
JPX NK225 Mar 23	26,080	-70
JPX TOPIX Mar 23	1,891.5	+0.0
JPX NK 400 Mar 23	17,035	-55
JPX TSE REIT Mar 23	1,875.0	+26.5
JPX NK 225 VI Jan 23	21.0	-0.30
JPX JGB 10 Year Mar 23	145.46	-0.63
JPX Gold 1 Kg Oct 23	7,746	+93
JPX Platinum Oct 23	4,380	+239
JPX Silver Oct 23	97.5	+0.3
JPX Palladium Oct 23	7,700	+200
JPX TSR20 Mar 23	174.0	+1.0
JPX Corn Jan 23	44,850	+490
JPX Dubai Crude May 23	63,170	+1,080

Technical Analysis on the OSE June 2023 Contracts:
 June-2023 contracts dropped JPY2.0 to 218.0 from the previous week with active transactions. In response to new buying transactions, the trading volume increased by 3,348 contracts, while the OI grew by 897 contracts. The price fell 8.4% from the previous year, and continuous bearish market sentiment is likely to spill into the New Year. The support level for the next week will be 216.5 and 212.0, and the resistance level will be 224.5 and then 229.0. The 14-day RSI is at the neutral level of 43.2%, indicating no clear price direction. Trading activities would remain range-bound and quiet after the New Year begins.

Technical Analysis on the SGX SICOM March 2023 Contracts:
 Active March-2023 contracts closed 1.6 cents higher at 132.6 under quiet trading activities. The trading volume dropped sharply during the year-end holidays as traders squared their positions. The rubber futures prices fell 24.2% from the previous year though no material news existed. The support level will be 131.0-130.5, and new buying flows will come into the market at that level. The resistance level will be 134.5 to 135.0. The contracts will be traded within a tight range in the first week of the New Year. December-2022 contracts expired at 130.2 for TSR20 and at 152.0 for RSS3.



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