



The Japan Rubber Futures Weekly Report:

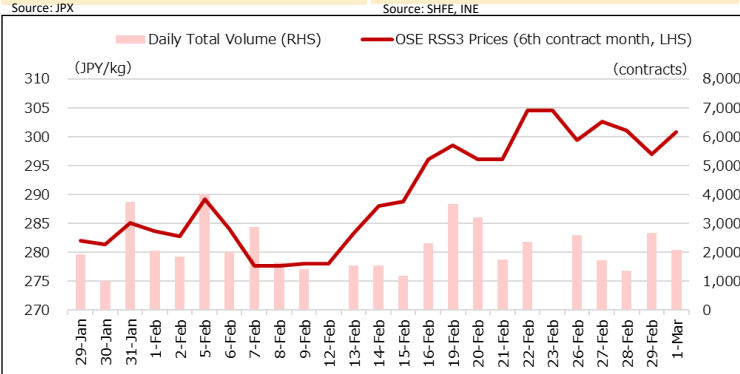
26 Feb – 01 Mar 2024

Japan: Core CPI +2.0% y/y, Retail Sales higher 2.3% y/y, Industrial Production lower -7.5% y/y, Jobless Rate 2.4% in January

Rubber Futures Report:

Global rubber futures closed the week with mixed results across major rubber exchanges. The recent uptrend has prompted position adjustments and profit-taking. OSE rubber futures fell by nearly 1%. SHFE futures closed higher by 0.9%, while INE futures saw marginal gains. SHFE and INE markets attracted speculative fund buying interest, leading to increased long positions. SICOM futures remained steady and recorded marginal gains, driven by short-covering activities. Traders anticipated prices would consolidate and were likely to trade sideways until a clearer direction emerged. In other news, China vehicle sales at the end of January dropped 717,023 units, totalling 2,439,344 units. Bridgestone announced plans to exit its truck and bus tire business in China, opting instead to concentrate on its premium passenger car tire segment. Apple has announced the cancellation of its multi-billion-dollar EV project. In financial news, Japan's January unemployment rate remained unchanged at 2.4%, while the core inflation rate CPI in January fell to 2.0% from 2.3%. These figures would suggest a potential shift in the BOJ to curve the negative interest rate policy. The Japan Nikkei 225 index reached another record high, touching 39,940.00. In the US, the ISM Manufacturing PMI data for February came in lower at 47.8, causing the 10-year treasury yield to decrease and boosting speculation that the Fed may consider lowering interest rates. Fed governor Chris Waller stated that upcoming balance sheet decisions are unrelated to monetary policy, which rekindles hope that the Fed is to lower interest rates later in the year.

OSE RSS3	Last (JPY)	Net	SHFE/INE	Last (CNY)	Net	SICOM TSR20	Last (USc)	Net	TFEX JRF	Last (THB)	Net
Mar 24	300.0	-2.0	SCR/RSS May 24	13,895	+130	Mar 24	162.8	expired	Jun 24	302.3	+1.4
Apr 24	301.4	-1.7	SCR/RSS Sep 24	14,010	+90	Apr 24	162.0	+0.7	Jul 24	300.2	-0.4
May 24	300.0	-4.1	Total Vol.	1,126,477	+72,077	May 24	162.0	+0.2	SHFE BR	Last (CNY)	Net
Jun 24	301.1	-3.1	Total OI	219,383	+6,032	Jun 24	161.9	+0.6	Mar 24	13,190	+110
Jul 24	300.6	-3.9	INE TSR Apr 24	11,685	-5	Jul 24	162.0	+0.7	Apr 24	13,250	+120
Aug 24	300.8	-2.8	INE TSR May 24	11,745	+15	Aug 24	162.2	+0.7	May 24	13,255	+180
Total Vol.	10,361	-602	Total Vol.	505,963	+151,921	Total Vol.	76,286	-15,605	Total Vol.	232,400	+97,933
Total OI	9,809	+980	Total OI	127,542	+8,624	Total OI	80,156	-2,036	Total OI	33,036	+2,146



Important Data / Stock levels	Last	Net
Japan OSE Rubber Stocks (ton, 20 Feb)	7,695	+186
Shanghai SHFE Rubber Stocks (ton, 01 Mar)	214,434	+1,426
Shanghai INE Rubber Stocks (ton, 01 Mar)	114,912	-5,745
China Vehicle Total Sales (unit, 31 Jan 2024)	2,439,344	-717,023
China Passenger Car Sales (unit, 31 Jan 2024)	2,115,435	-676,570
China Commercial Car Sales (unit, 31 Jan 2024)	323,909	-40,453
US Unemployment Rate (% Jan 24)	3.7	+0.0
US Non-Farm Payroll (Jan 24)	353,000	+20,000
Japan Unemployment Rate (% Jan 24)	2.4	+0.0
Japan Manufacturing PMI (Feb)	47.2	-0.8
Japan Tankan Large Manufacturing (4Q 2023)	+12.0	+0.3
China Manufacturing PMI (Dec)	49.0	-0.4
China GDP 4Q 2023 (%)	5.2	+0.3

FOREX	Last	Net
USD/JPY	150.12	-0.39
EUR/USD	1.0837	+0.0016
GBP/USD	1.2655	-0.0017
USD/CHF	0.8834	+0.0025
AUD/USD	0.6527	-0.0035
USD/CNY	7.1968	+0.0004
USD/INR	82.9088	-0.0399
USD/SGD	1.3439	+0.0008
USD/MYR	4.7460	-0.0313
USD/THB	35.852	-0.103
USD/IDR	15,704	+106.5
USD/VND	24,637	+15

Stock Index	Last	Net
NK225 Japan	39,910.82	+812.14
TOPIX Japan	2,709.42	+48.71
Dow Jones US	39,087.38	-44.15
S&P 500 US	5,137.08	+48.28
Nasdaq US	16,274.94	+278.12
CSI 300 China	3,537.80	+48.06
Shanghai China	3,027.02	+22.14
HSI Hong Kong	16,589.44	-136.42
STI Singapore	3,135.76	-47.12
KLCI Malaysia	1,538.02	-11.09
SET Thailand	1,367.42	-30.88
IDX Indonesia	7,311.91	+16.82
VSE Vietnam	1,258.28	+46.28

JPX Derivatives	Last	Net
JPX NK225 Mar 24	40,000	+880
JPX TOPIX Mar 24	2,712.0	+52.5
JPX NK 400 Mar 24	24,525	+480
JPX TSE REIT Mar 24	1,689.0	+1.5
JPX NK 225 VI Mar 24	20.60	-0.30
JPX JGB 10 Year Mar 24	146.32	+0.09
JPX Gold 1 Kg Dec 24	9,894	+89
JPX Platinum Dec 24	4,285	-28
JPX Silver Dec 24	109.6	-2.4
JPX Palladium Dec 24	4,500	-200
JPX TSR20 June 24	243.0	+6.0
JPX Corn Mar 25	36,890	-130
JPX Dubai Crude July 24	73,400	-30

Technical Analysis on the OSE August-2024 Contract:

OSE's Aug-2024 futures contract dropped JPY 2.8, closing at 300.8 in moderate trading. The market was driven by fresh selling and liquidation following the recent price surge. Open Interest added 980 lots, indicating some new interest in the market. While prices are expected to remain bullish overall, a correction is anticipated amid the earlier overbought condition. The 14-day RSI has eased to 63.4%, suggesting some consolidation in the next few sessions. Anticipated support levels are 298.0 and 295.0, while resistance levels are at 305.0 and 308.



Technical Analysis on the SGX SICOM June-2024 Contract:

SICOM's active June contracts rose 0.6 cents, closing at 161.9 in moderately active trading. Although trading volume decreased from the previous week, activity remained relatively robust. Open interest dropped nearly 2,000 lots, driven by position liquidation and short covering. Despite this, the overall market sentiment remains steady. Support levels are at 159.0-160.0, while resistance levels are at 164.0-165.0. The 14-day RSI is still high at 68.1%, signaling some congestion in the market in the next few sessions. It is anticipated that the trading range will persist between 160 and 164 until a further breakout occurs.



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