

The Japan Rubber Futures Weekly Report:

26 Apr. 2021 – 30 Apr. 2021

JPX and China's SHFE & INE Rubber markets will be closed for the national holidays from Mon 3 to Wed 5 May.

Rubber Futures Report:

Rubber Futures prices closed the week generally mixed in quiet trading. The OSE market closed higher on light short covering as Oct futures came in as the new active month. SGX SICOM rubber futures rose slightly on some position adjustments as the May futures contract expired on Friday. On the Chinese exchanges, SHFE and INE prices closed lower on mostly long liquidation ahead of the national holidays. It was generally a quiet and tight trading range market all week without any fresh news and clear direction although market sentiment is beginning to remain steady and stay firmer in the short term. On the global and economic news, US reported 1Q GDP at +6.4% was on the lower end of expectation and the Federal Reserve FOMC meeting kept key interest rate unchanged at 0.00-0.25% and affirmed to continue buying bonds and keep the recovery going. The 10 Year note yield closed higher at 1.625% after dipping to a low of 1.529%. Japan April PMI was stronger at 53.3 and Mar Unemployment rate dipped to 11 month low at 2.6%. Equity markets were mostly lower as India was badly hit with new daily infections of around 300,000 cases.

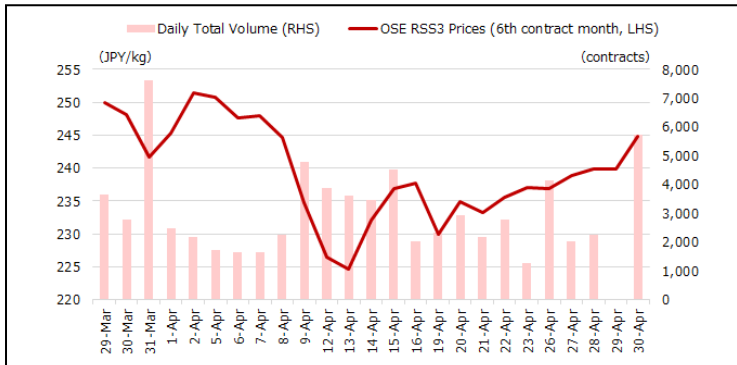
| OSE RSS3 | Last (JPY) | Net | SHFE/INE | Last (CNY) | Net | SICOM TSR20 | Last (USC) | Net | TFEX | Last (THB) | Net |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------|------------|-------|
| May 21 | 237.5 | +10.7 | SCR/RSS Sep 21 | 13,925 | -110 | May 21 | 169.5 | Expired | RSS3 Aug 21 | 69.35 | +2.7 |
| Jun 21 | 241.6 | +9.3 | SCR/RSS Jan 22 | 15,005 | -80 | Jun 21 | 167.1 | +0.4 | RSS3 Sep 21 | 69.35 | +2.7 |
| Jul 21 | 244.0 | +9.5 | Total Vol. | 2,537,062 | +30,861 | Jul 21 | 168.0 | +0.7 | JRF Sep 21 | 246.4 | +11.6 |
| Aug 21 | 245.6 | +10.0 | Total OI | 260,742 | -20,879 | Aug 21 | 169.1 | +1.2 | JRF Oct 21 | 246.5 | New |
| Sep 21 | 244.0 | +6.9 | INE TSR Jun 21 | 11,105 | -40 | Sep 21 | 169.8 | +1.3 | ICEX Last (INR) | Net | |
| Oct 21 | 244.9 | New | INE TSR Jul 21 | 11,220 | -50 | Oct 21 | 170.4 | +1.4 | RSS4 May 21 | 16,630 | +82 |
| Total Vol. | 14,131 | +2,640 | Total Vol. | 173,972 | +30,413 | Total Vol. | 29,110 | -2,822 | MCX Last (INR) | Net | |
| Total OI | 11,127 | -288 | Total OI | 47,183 | -7,347 | Total OI | 42,120 | -44 | RSS4 May 21 | 16,766 | +365 |

Source: JPX

Source: SHFE, INE

Source: SGX

Source: TFEX, ICEX, MCX



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| Important Data / Stock levels | Last | Net |
|---|-----------|------------|
| Japan OSE Rubber Stocks (ton, 20 Apr) | 8,206 | +328 |
| Shanghai SHFE Rubber Stocks (ton, 30 Apr) | 178,192 | +650 |
| Shanghai INE Rubber Stocks (ton, 30 Apr) | 58,422 | +180 |
| China Vehicle Total Sales (unit, 31 Mar) | 2,525,000 | +1,070,194 |
| China Passenger Car Sales (unit, 31 Mar) | 1,874,000 | +718,113 |
| China Commercial Car Sales (unit, 31 Mar) | 651,000 | +352,081 |
| US Unemployment Rate (% Mar) | 6.0 | -0.2 |
| US Non-Farm Payroll (Mar) | +916,000 | +448,000 |
| Japan Unemployment Rate (% Mar) | 2.6 | -0.3 |
| Japan PMI (Apr) | 53.3 | +0.6 |
| Japan Tankan Large Manufacturing (31/3) | +5 | +15 |
| China PMI (Apr) | 51.1 | -0.8 |
| China GDP 1Q (%) | +18.3 | +11.8 |

Source: JPX, SHFE, Bloomberg

| FOREX | Last | Net |
|---------|---------|---------|
| USD/JPY | 109.31 | +1.43 |
| EUR/USD | 1.2020 | -0.0077 |
| GBP/USD | 1.3822 | -0.0054 |
| USD/CHF | 0.9131 | -0.0009 |
| AUD/USD | 0.7716 | -0.0023 |
| USD/CNY | 6.4749 | -0.0214 |
| USD/INR | 74.0788 | -0.4462 |
| USD/SGD | 1.3308 | +0.0039 |
| USD/MYR | 4.0880 | -0.0205 |
| USD/THB | 31.160 | -0.237 |
| USD/IDR | 14,445 | -80 |
| USD/VND | 23,053 | -8 |

Source: Bloomberg

| Stock Index | Last | Net |
|----------------|-----------|---------|
| NK225 Japan | 28,812.63 | -208.00 |
| TOPIX Japan | 1,898.24 | -16.74 |
| Dow Jones US | 33,874.85 | -168.64 |
| S&P 500 US | 4,181.17 | -1.00 |
| Nasdaq US | 13,962.68 | -54.13 |
| CSI 300 China | 5,123.49 | -11.96 |
| Shanghai China | 3,446.86 | -27.31 |
| HSI Hong Kong | 28,724.88 | -353.87 |
| STI Singapore | 3,218.27 | +24.23 |
| KLCI Malaysia | 1,601.65 | -6.78 |
| SET Thailand | 1,583.13 | +29.54 |
| IDX Indonesia | 5,995.62 | -21.24 |
| VSE Vietnam | 1,239.39 | -9.14 |

Source: JPX, Bloomberg

| JPX Derivatives | Last | Net |
|---------------------------|---------|-------|
| JPX NK225 Jun 21 | 28,880 | -90 |
| JPX TOPIX Jun 21 | 1,901.5 | -10.0 |
| JPX NK 400 Jun 21 | 17,165 | -65 |
| JPX TSE REIT Jun 21 | 2,059.0 | +16.5 |
| JPX NK 225 VI May 21 | 19.75 | -0.55 |
| JPX JGB 10 Year Jun 21 | 151.34 | -0.22 |
| JPX Gold 1 Kg Feb 22 | 6,185 | -13 |
| JPX Mini Gold 100g Feb 22 | 6,185 | -13 |
| JPX Gold Rolling Spot | 6,199 | -2 |
| JPX Silver Feb 22 | 91.8 | +0.8 |
| JPX Platinum Feb 22 | 4,229 | +29 |
| JPX Palladium Apr 22 | 10,040 | New |
| JPX Corn May 22 | 33,700 | +200 |

Source: JPX

Rubber Trading – Technical Analysis (OSE Oct Rubber):

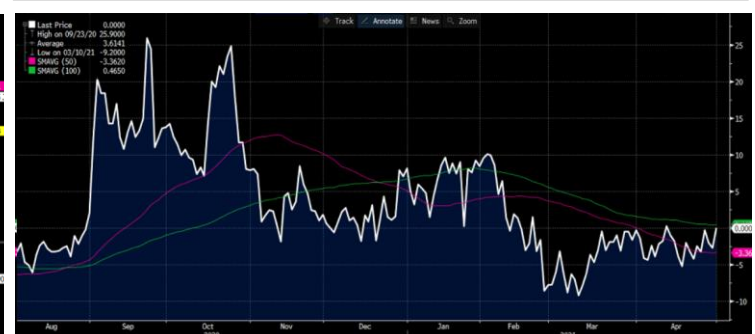
The new Oct futures contract was trading higher all week in quiet trading and broke through the first resistance at 239.5/240 on Friday and closed at the high at 244.9. Prices are likely to test next level at 247.5 and although the market is still in consolidation and trading sideways, a break and closed above 254.1 (50-day MA) will signal a bullish market. On the downside, prices should be supported at 225.0 (26 April low) and more crucial support at 221.4 (200 MA). RSI at 53%.



Source: Bloomberg

Rubber Trading – OSE July, Aug Sept Butterfly Spread:

Based on the closing July 244.0, Aug 245.6 & Sep 244.0, the butterfly spread closed at 0 (244.0-245.6) - (-245.6+244.0) or (-1.6) - (-1.6) after touching a low of -2.7 on Wed 28 April. As the spreader had initiated his short butterfly at -0.6 some 3 weeks ago, he was unable to close his spread position at -3.5/-3.0 level which he missed slightly. He will maintain his short butterfly for 1 more week and close his position with any small profit that is available. Buy stop order remains at +5.0



Source: Bloomberg

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