



The Japan Rubber Futures Weekly Report:

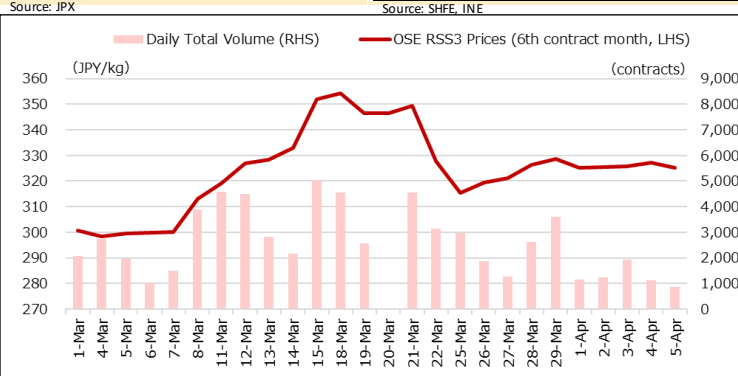
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Japan: Q1 Tankan for Large Manufacturing +11, Household Spending -0.5% y/y in Feb, Forex Reserves USD 1.2906T in Mar

Rubber Futures Report:

Global rubber futures closed the week with a mostly mixed across major rubber exchanges. RSS3 prices weakened on OSE and SHFE, while TSR20 prices remained steadier on INE and SICOM. Rubber prices traded within narrow ranges throughout the week, with a two-day holiday in China resulting in subdued trading activity. Trading volume fell significantly, with some exchanges experiencing over a 50% decline compared to the previous week. Open interest also dropped sharply on SHFE and INE as a result of long liquidation and profit-taking. While concerns over supply and the impact of El Niño provided some support to prices, market sentiment was dampened by the weakness in the Chinese economy, particularly after a decrease in recent speculative buying. In rubber news, Rubberway, a platform for dealing with sustainability, has partnered with Farmforce to ensure compliance with the EUDR regulations. Halcyon Agri has appointed Hainan Group CFO Sun Weiliang as its new CEO, replacing David Li Xuetao. China's Aeolus Tire announced a €185 mil (RMB 1.47 bil) investment to upgrade its production in Jiaozuo and expand its capacity for giant OTR tires. Malaysia's rubber production dropped 2% to 29,691 tons in February. In financial news, Japan's Tankan report for Q1 recorded +11 for large manufacturing. The US unemployment rate for March fell by 0.1 percentage points to 3.8%, aligned with a strong non-farm payroll of 303,000 new jobs. These positive indicators make it unlikely that the Fed will cut rates anytime soon. WTI crude oil prices surged to a high of \$87.63, and spot gold reached a new record high of \$2,330.

OSE RSS3	Last (JPY)	Net	SHFE/INE	Last (CNY)	Net	SICOM TSR20	Last (US¢)	Net	TFEX JRF	Last (THB)	Net
Apr 24	337.3	-1.0	SCR/RSS May 24	14,355	-35	May 24	162.6	-0.1	Aug 24	328.0	-3.4
May 24	337.0	-0.5	SCR/RSS Sep 24	14,590	-15	Jun 24	164.0	-0.3	Sep 24	325.3	-3.7
Jun 24	334.0	+0.3	Total Vol.	1,320,066	-1,726,067	Jul 24	165.1	+0.3	SHFE BR	Last (CNY)	Net
Jul 24	330.8	+2.0	Total OI	291,109	-23,213	Aug 24	165.9	+0.7	May 24	13,430	+135
Aug 24	327.5	-2.3	INE TSR May 24	11,850	+15	Sep 24	166.7	+1.0	Jun 24	13,405	+100
Sep 24	325.2	-3.4	INE TSR Jun 24	11,985	+35	Oct 24	167.3	+1.1	Jul 24	13,555	+20
Total Vol.	6,306	-6,028	Total Vol.	264,990	-347,063	Total Vol.	48,857	-13,507	Total Vol.	70,489	-47,332
Total OI	8,531	+377	Total OI	109,764	-4,070	Total OI	80,781	+312	Total OI	24,535	-1,672



Important Data / Stock levels	Last	Net
Japan OSE Rubber Stocks (ton, 20 Mar)	8,753	+235
Shanghai SHFE Rubber Stocks (ton, 5 April)	218,081	+1,140
Shanghai INE Rubber Stocks (ton, 5 April)	130,053	-383
China Vehicle Total Sales (unit, 29 Feb 2024)	1,583,518	-855,826
China Passenger Car Sales (unit, 29 Feb 2024)	1,332,815	-782,620
China Commercial Car Sales (unit, 29 Feb 2024)	250,703	-73,206
US Unemployment Rate (% Mar 24)	3.8	-0.1
US Non-Farm Payroll (Mar 24)	303,000	+33,000
Japan Unemployment Rate (% Feb 24)	2.6	+0.2
Japan Manufacturing PMI (Feb)	47.2	-0.8
Japan Tankan Large Manufacturing (1Q 2024)	+11.0	-0.1
China Manufacturing PMI (Dec)	49.0	-0.4
China GDP 4Q 2023 (%)	5.2	+0.3

FOREX	Last	Net
USD/JPY	151.62	+0.27
EUR/USD	1.0837	+0.0047
GBP/USD	1.2638	+0.0015
USD/CHF	0.9018	+0.0004
AUD/USD	0.6579	+0.0058
USD/CNY	7.2332	+0.0108
USD/INR	83.2937	-0.1113
USD/SGD	1.3487	-0.0006
USD/MYR	4.7475	+0.0225
USD/THB	36.602	+0.254
USD/IDR	15,848	-8.5
USD/VND	24,962	+171

Stock Index	Last	Net
NK225 Japan	38,992.08	-1,377.36
TOPIX Japan	2,702.62	-66.00
Dow Jones US	38,904.04	-903.33
S&P 500 US	5,204.34	-50.01
Nasdaq US	16,248.52	-130.94
CSI 300 China	3,567.80	+30.32
Shanghai China	3,069.30	+28.13
HSI Hong Kong	16,723.92	+182.5
STI Singapore	3,218.26	-5.75
KLCI Malaysia	1,555.25	+19.18
SET Thailand	1,375.58	-2.36
IDX Indonesia	7,286.88	-1.93
VSE Vietnam	1,255.11	-28.98

JPX Derivatives	Last	Net
JPX NK225 Jun 24	38,980	-1,410
JPX TOPIX Jun 24	2,706.0	-64.0
JPX NK 400 Jun 24	24,495	-565
JPX TSE REIT Jun 24	1,744.5	-41.5
JPX NK 225 VI April 24	21.65	+1.95
JPX JGB 10 Year Jun 24	145.38	-0.29
JPX Gold 1 Kg Feb 25	11,079	+120
JPX Platinum Feb 25	4,484	+66
JPX Silver Feb 25	130.0	+6.5
JPX Palladium Feb 25	4,990	+190
JPX TSR20 July 24	248.0	-1.0
JPX Corn Mar 25	40,070	-240
JPX Dubai Crude Aug 24	81,290	+3,730

Technical Analysis of the OSE Sept-2024 Contract:

OSE's active Sep-2024 contract dropped JPY 3.4, closing at 325.2 in quiet trading. Trading volume decreased by nearly 50% compared to the previous week, which was affected by the Ching Ming holidays in China. There was light, fresh selling, resulting in an increase in open interest by 377 lots. Prices are expected to trade sideways and consolidate within the range of 305-355 in the near term. Anticipated support levels are at 300-305, while resistance levels are at 350-355 in the next couple of weeks. The 14-day RSI stands at a neutral level of 54.4%, indicating that neither direction is indicated at this point.



Technical Analysis of the SGX SICOM July-2024 Contract:

SICOM's active July-2024 contracts marginally increased by 0.3 cents, closing at 165.1 in quiet trading. Trading was subdued due to the two-day holidays in China, resulting in a 21% decrease in trading volume to 48,857 lots. However, open interest saw a slight increase of 312 lots, indicating light buying interest. Market sentiment remains steady following recent profit-taking from its high prices. The 14-day RSI remains balanced at 51.2%. Anticipated support levels are at 162.5 and 160.0, while resistance levels are at 166.5 and 169.5.



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