

The Japan Rubber Futures Weekly Report: 15 May 2023 – 19 May 2023

Japan PPI in April higher at 5.8%, annualized 1Q GDP higher at 1.6%, Industrial Production om March higher at +1.1 m/m

Rubber Futures Report:

World rubber futures closed higher in most of the major rubber exchanges. Trading volume fell sharply across all the exchanges as the prices moved within a tight trading range without clear directions. OSE rubber futures rose 1.8% amid light new buying flows. In response to short-covering trading, SHFE and INE futures grew 1.7% and 2.3%, respectively, as their trading volume fell substantially. SICOM futures were unchanged from the previous week, with new buying flows amid lower trading activities. The physical rubber market remained tight, and consumers continued to pay premiums for nearby month deliveries, keeping futures prices stable. In some producing countries, short-term supplies have been impacted by lower latex yield and poorer harvests from drought and heatwaves. G7 leaders and non-G7 primes, including Ukraine President, had the G7 summit in Hiroshima, and expressed their commitment to strengthening a free and open international order and stressed the bloc's refusal to tolerate any attempt to change the status quo by force. In the US, there was no progress on the debt ceiling talks between the White House and the Republicans about raising the ceiling of USD 31.4 trillion. The USD/CNY broke through the critical resistance level at 7.0 and rallied to a high of 7.0705. The price closed at 7.0120 after the PBOC warned to curb speculation. Japan's NK225 rallied nearly 5%, a 33-year high backed by solid buying flows mainly led by overseas investors.

OSE RSS3	Last (JPY)	Net
May 23	207.9	+6.2
Jun 23	208.5	+4.5
Jul 23	210.0	+5.5
Aug 23	211.0	+4.5
Sep 23	211.7	+4.1
Oct 23	212.7	+3.8
Total Vol.	9,961	-1,931
Total OI	14,462	+261

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SHFE/INE	Last (CNY)	Net
SCR/RSS Sep 23	12,170	+200
SCR/RSS Jan 24	13,430	+115
Total Vol.	2,132,530	-761,857
Total OI	335,580	-11,248
INE TSR Jul 23	9,680	+220
INE TSR Aug 23	9,690	+210
Total Vol.	338,402	-209,050
Total OI	110,529	-3,803
Source: SHEE INF		

SICOM TSR20	Last (US¢)	Net
Jun 23	136.1	-0.7
Jul 23	135.9	+0.4
Aug 23	135.3	+0.0
Sep 23	135.4	+0.0
Oct 23	135.5	-0.3
Nov 23	135.9	-0.5
Total Vol.	45,123	-10,268
Total OI	52,679	+2,009

	TFEX	Last (THB)	Net			
	RSS3 Sep 23	54.80	+0.95			
	RSS3 Oct 23	54.90	+0.95			
	JRF Sep 23	212.0	+4.3			
	JRF Oct 23	213.0	+5.0			
	ICEX	Last (INR)	Net			
	RSS4 Jun 23	Untraded	0			
	MCX	Last (INR)	Net			
	RSS4 Jun 23	Untraded	0			
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Important Data / Stock levels	Last	Net			
Japan OSE Rubber Stocks (ton, 10 May)	12,110	+433			
Shanghai SHFE Rubber Stocks (ton, 19 May)	184,277	-2,735			
Shanghai INE Rubber Stocks (ton, 19 May)	65,318	+906			
China Vehicle Total Sales (unit, 31 Mar 23)	2,451,030	+474,857			
China Passenger Car Sales (unit, 31 Mar 23)	2,016,942	+364,278			
China Commercial Car Sales (unit, 31 Mar 23)	434,088	+110,579			
US Unemployment Rate (%, Apr 23)	3.4	-0.1			
US Non-Farm Payroll (Apr 23)	253,000	+88,000			
Japan Unemployment Rate (%, Mar)	2.8	+0.2			
Japan Manufacturing PMI (Apr)	49.5	+0.3			
Japan Tankan Large Manufacturing (1Q 23)	1	-6			
China Manufacturing PMI (Apr)	49.2	-2.7			
China GDP 3Q (%)	+3.9	+3.5			
Source: JPX, SHFE, Bloomberg					

Source: JPX					
FOREX	Last	Net			
USD/JPY	137.98	+2.28			
EUR/USD	1.0805	-0.0044			
GBP/USD	1.2445	-0.0013			
USD/CHF	0.8997	+0.0022			
AUD/USD	0.6651	+0.0005			
USD/CNY	7.0120	+0.0529			
USD/INR	82.6675	+0.5025			
USD/SGD	1.3444	+0.0061			
USD/MYR	4.5378	+0.0578			
USD/THB	34.375	+0.381			
USD/IDR	14,930	+179			
USD/VND	23,469	+8			
Source: Bloomberg					

Stock Index	Last	Net				
NK225 Japan	30,808.35	+1,420.05				
TOPIX Japan	2,161.89	+65.30				
Dow Jones US	33,426.63	+126.01				
S&P 500 US	4,191.98	+67.90				
Nasdaq US	12,657.90	+373.16				
CSI 300 China	3,944.54	+6.78				
Shanghai China	3,283.54	+11.18				
HSI Hong Kong	19,450.57	-176.67				
STI Singapore	3,202.59	-5.96				
KLCI Malaysia	1,428.54	+5.62				
SET Thailand	1,514.89	-46.46				
IDX Indonesia	6,700.56	-7.20				
VSE Vietnam	1,067.07	+0.17				
Source: JPX, Bloomberg						

JPX Derivatives	Last	Net		
JPX NK225 Jun 23	30,900	+1,480		
JPX TOPIX Jun 23	2,165.5	+68.5		
JPX NK 400 Jun 23	19,580	+710		
JPX TSE REIT Jun 23	1,865.5	+14.0		
JPX NK 225 VI Jun 23	19.10	+1.25		
JPX JGB 10 Year Jun 23	148.65	-0.31		
JPX Gold 1 Kg Apr 24	8,718	+24		
JPX Platinum Apr 24	4,591	+11		
JPX Silver Apr 24	104.5	-0.2		
JPX Palladium Apr 24	6,800	0		
JPX TSR20 Aug 23	187.0	+2.0		
JPX Corn May 24	38,490	-580		
JPX Dubai Crude Oct 23	62,420	+3,360		
Source: JPX				

Technical Analysis on the OSE Oct 2023 Contract:

OSE's active Oct-2023 contract rose JPY3.8 to 212.7 with new light buying flows. The trading volume recorded below 10,000 contracts in response to quiet transactions. The price moved within a tight range without clear directions and could continue seeing sideway markets. The support level will be 210.0 and 207.5, and the resistance level will be 217.9 and 220.9. The 14-day RSI is at 54.1%. A weaker JPY against the USD and Japan's stock market rally could support RSS futures prices in the short term.



Technical Analysis on the SGX SICOM Aug 2023 Contract:

Aug-2023 contract closed unchanged at 135.3 from the previous week. New light buying flows increased the OI by 2,009 contracts. The prices stayed in a tight trading range as a whole, but the premium in a physical market made the price of the front month remain high, keeping the forward curve flat. This curve structure indicates a supply shortage in the short term and a surplus in the longer term. The support level will be 135.0 and 132.5, and the resistance level will be 138.5 and 140.0. The 14-day RSI is at 45.9%. The price will likely move within a range of 132.0 and 140.0 in the near term.



Source: Bloomberg

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