

This Month in Futures Markets – November 2012

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For each commodity, the COT reports provide information on the size and the direction of the positions taken, across all maturities, by three categories of futures traders. These three trader categories are called “commercials”, “non-commercials”, and “non-reportable”. **Commercial traders** are those who use futures or option contracts in a given commodity for hedging purposes, as defined in CFTC regulations. Commercial traders hold positions in both the underlying commodity and in the futures (or options) contracts on that commodity. By contrast, **non-commercial traders** do not own the underlying asset or its financial equivalent; they hold only positions in futures (or options) contracts. Finally, **non-reportable positions** are those held by traders who do not meet the reporting thresholds set by the CFTC (usually small traders).

Futures Markets:

Energy

NYMEX WTI Crude Oil futures open interest fell 4.7 percent in November. *Commercial* participants, who accounted for 46.2 percent of open interest, held net short positions; they decreased their long positions by 10.5 percent and decreased their short positions by 12.0 percent. *Non-commercial* participants, who accounted for 48.9 percent of open interest, held net long positions. They decreased their long positions by 0.3 percent and increased their short positions by 4.6 percent. *Non-reportable* participants, who accounted for 4.9 percent of total open interest, held net long positions; they increased their long positions by 1.6 percent and increased their short positions by 1.1 percent.

NYMEX Henry Hub Natural Gas futures open interest fell 1.6 percent in November. *Commercial* participants, who accounted for 31.5 percent of open interest, held net long positions; they decreased their long positions by 6.7 percent and decreased their short positions by 18.0 percent. *Non-commercial* participants, who accounted for 63.6 percent of open interest, held net short positions. They increased their long positions by 1.5 percent and increased their short positions by 7.4 percent. *Non-reportable* participants, who accounted for 4.9 percent of total open interest, held net long positions; they decreased their long positions by 1.9 percent and increased their short positions by 4.6 percent.

NYMEX Heating Oil futures open interest increased 1.2 percent in November. *Commercial* participants, who accounted for 60.0 percent of open interest, held net short positions; they increased their long positions by 5.9 percent and decreased their short positions by 1.9 percent. *Non-commercial* participants, who accounted for 29.2 percent of open interest, held net long positions. They decreased their long positions by 0.7 percent and increased their short positions by 8.0 percent. *Non-reportable* participants, who accounted for 10.8 percent of total open interest, held net long positions; they decreased their long positions by 10.5 percent and

increased their short positions by 7.3 percent.

NYMEX RBOB Gasoline futures open interest increased 1.0 percent in November. *Commercial* participants, who accounted for 54.7 percent of open interest, held net short positions; they decreased their long positions by 13.1 percent and decreased their short positions by 2.0 percent. *Non-commercial* participants, who accounted for 38.8 percent of open interest, held net long positions. They increased their long positions by 12.9 percent and increased their short positions by 10.2 percent. *Non-reportable* participants, who accounted for 6.5 percent of total open interest, held net long positions; they increased their long positions by 13.5 percent and increased their short positions by 1.2 percent.

Agriculture

CBOT Corn futures open interest fell 3.0 percent in November. *Commercial* participants, who accounted for 53.0 percent of open interest, held net short positions; they decreased their long positions by 0.5 percent and increased their short positions by 4.1 percent. *Non-commercial* participants, who accounted for 31.6 percent of open interest, held net long positions. They decreased their long positions by 7.0 percent and decreased their short positions by 22.1 percent. *Non-reportable* participants, who accounted for 15.3 percent of total open interest, held net short positions; they increased their long positions by 4.2 percent and decreased their short positions by 2.2 percent.

CBOT Wheat futures open interest fell 0.7 percent in November. *Commercial* participants, who accounted for 47.5 percent of open interest, held net short positions; they increased their long positions by 5.6 percent and increased their short positions by 0.4 percent. *Non-commercial* participants, who accounted for 42.5 percent of open interest, held net long positions. They decreased their long positions by 7.5 percent and decreased their short positions by 3.6 percent. *Non-reportable* participants, who accounted for 10.1 percent of total open interest, held net short positions; they increased their long positions by 7.1 percent and increased their short positions by 5.2 percent.

CBOT Soybeans futures open interest fell 5.7 percent in November. *Commercial* participants, who accounted for 53.4 percent of open interest, held net short positions; they increased their long positions by 1.0 percent and decreased their short positions by 12.6 percent. *Non-commercial* participants, who accounted for 35.9 percent of open interest, held net long positions. They decreased their long positions by 11.3 percent and increased their short positions by 20.6 percent. *Non-reportable* participants, who accounted for 10.7 percent of total open interest, held net short positions; they decreased their long positions by 5.8 percent and decreased their short positions by 11.1 percent.

CBOT Soybean Oil futures open interest fell 2.5 percent in November. *Commercial* participants, who accounted for 48.1 percent of open interest, held net long positions; they decreased their long positions by 1.8 percent and decreased their short positions by 12.9 percent. *Non-commercial* participants, who accounted for 40.3 percent of open interest, held net short positions. They decreased their long positions by 4.8 percent and increased their short positions by 5.8 percent. *Non-reportable* participants, who accounted for 11.6 percent of total open interest, held net short positions; they increased their long positions by 1.4 percent and increased their short positions by 9.4 percent.

Soft Commodities

ICE Futures U.S. Sugar futures open interest increased 2.3 percent in November. *Commercial* participants, who accounted for 61.5 percent of open interest, held net short positions; they

increased their long positions by 6.0 percent and increased their short positions by 0.6 percent. *Non-commercial* participants, who accounted for 28.8 percent of open interest, held net long positions. They decreased their long positions by 3.2 percent and increased their short positions by 7.3 percent. *Non-reportable* participants, who accounted for 9.7 percent of total open interest, held net short positions; they decreased their long positions by 1.5 percent and increased their short positions by 0.5 percent.

ICE Futures U.S. Coffee futures open interest fell 11.5 percent in November. *Commercial* participants, who accounted for 46.9 percent of open interest, held net long positions; they decreased their long positions by 11.0 percent and decreased their short positions by 15.0 percent. *Non-commercial* participants, who accounted for 46.7 percent of open interest, held net short positions. They decreased their long positions by 10.5 percent and decreased their short positions by 8.5 percent. *Non-reportable* participants, who accounted for 6.4 percent of total open interest, held net short positions; they decreased their long positions by 21.1 percent and decreased their short positions by 12.4 percent.

ICE Futures U.S. Cocoa futures open interest fell 5.5 percent in November. *Commercial* participants, who accounted for 59.5 percent of open interest, held net short positions; they decreased their long positions by 7.6 percent and increased their short positions by 2.6 percent. *Non-commercial* participants, who accounted for 35.2 percent of open interest, held net long positions. They decreased their long positions by 5.1 percent and decreased their short positions by 22.8 percent. *Non-reportable* participants, who accounted for 5.4 percent of total open interest, held net long positions; they increased their long positions by 7.6 percent and decreased their short positions by 13.8 percent.

ICE Futures U.S. Cotton futures open interest fell 21.7 percent in November. *Commercial* participants, who accounted for 48.8 percent of open interest, held net short positions; they decreased their long positions by 25.0 percent and decreased their short positions by 29.3 percent. *Non-commercial* participants, who accounted for 42.4 percent of open interest, held net short positions. They decreased their long positions by 16.3 percent and decreased their short positions by 15.9 percent. *Non-reportable* participants, who accounted for 8.9 percent of total open interest, held net long positions; they decreased their long positions by 26.3 percent and increased their short positions by 7.5 percent.

Financials

CME 3-month Eurodollars futures open interest increased 2.2 percent in November. *Commercial* participants, who accounted for 59.7 percent of open interest, held net short positions; they increased their long positions by 1.9 percent and decreased their short positions by 2.0 percent. *Non-commercial* participants, who accounted for 29.1 percent of open interest, held net long positions. They increased their long positions by 4.0 percent and increased their short positions by 13.3 percent. *Non-reportable* participants, who accounted for 11.1 percent of total open interest, held net short positions; they decreased their long positions by 1.8 percent and increased their short positions by 3.5 percent.

CME Euro-FX futures open interest fell 5.1 percent in November. *Commercial* participants, who accounted for 43.0 percent of open interest, held net long positions; they decreased their long positions by 6.5 percent and decreased their short positions by 21.1 percent. *Non-commercial* participants, who accounted for 34.7 percent of open interest, held net short positions. They decreased their long positions by 3.7 percent and increased their short positions by 7.0 percent. *Non-reportable* participants, who accounted for 22.3 percent of total open interest, held net short positions; they decreased their long positions by 1.6 percent and decreased their short positions by 8.2 percent.

CBOT 10-year Treasury Notes futures open interest increased 8.6 percent in November. *Commercial* participants, who accounted for 61.1 percent of open interest, held net short positions; they increased their long positions by 3.2 percent and increased their short positions by 4.0 percent. *Non-commercial* participants, who accounted for 20.6 percent of open interest, held net long positions. They increased their long positions by 16.7 percent and increased their short positions by 20.9 percent. *Non-reportable* participants, who accounted for 18.3 percent of total open interest, held net short positions; they increased their long positions by 17.5 percent and increased their short positions by 16.3 percent.

CME S&P 500 futures open interest increased 8.8 percent in November. *Commercial* participants, who accounted for 67.5 percent of open interest, held net short positions; they increased their long positions by 10.3 percent and decreased their short positions by 4.5 percent. *Non-commercial* participants, who accounted for 5.0 percent of open interest, held net long positions. They increased their long positions by 41.1 percent and decreased their short positions by 16.3 percent. *Non-reportable* participants, who accounted for 27.5 percent of total open interest, held net short positions; they changed their long positions by less than 0.1 percent and increased their short positions by 73.8 percent.

Metals

NYMEX Gold futures open interest increased 5.4 percent in November. *Commercial* participants, who accounted for 55.7 percent of open interest, held net short positions; they decreased their long positions by 2.4 percent and increased their short positions by 7.1 percent. *Non-commercial* participants, who accounted for 33.7 percent of open interest, held net long positions. They increased their long positions by 9.2 percent and decreased their short positions by 2.6 percent. *Non-reportable* participants, who accounted for 10.6 percent of total open interest, held net long positions; they increased their long positions by 8.5 percent and increased their short positions by 2.4 percent.

NYMEX Silver futures open interest increased 9.6 percent in November. *Commercial* participants, who accounted for 47.1 percent of open interest, held net short positions; they increased their long positions by 15.1 percent and increased their short positions by 9.5 percent. *Non-commercial* participants, who accounted for 38.8 percent of open interest, held net long positions. They increased their long positions by 5.4 percent and increased their short positions by 4.0 percent. *Non-reportable* participants, who accounted for 14.2 percent of total open interest, held net long positions; they increased their long positions by 13.2 percent and increased their short positions by 32.3 percent.

NYMEX Copper futures open interest fell 7.2 percent in November. *Commercial* participants, who accounted for 48.1 percent of open interest, held net long positions; they decreased their long positions by 0.1 percent and decreased their short positions by 7.7 percent. *Non-commercial* participants, who accounted for 40.9 percent of open interest, held net short positions. They decreased their long positions by 12.3 percent and decreased their short positions by 10.9 percent. *Non-reportable* participants, who accounted for 10.9 percent of total open interest, held net short positions; they decreased their long positions by 17.8 percent and increased their short positions by 10.8 percent.

NYMEX Platinum futures open interest fell 0.3 percent in November. *Commercial* participants, who accounted for 49.4 percent of open interest, held net short positions; they increased their long positions by 43.2 percent and decreased their short positions by 1.0 percent. *Non-commercial* participants, who accounted for 43.3 percent of open interest, held net long positions. They decreased their long positions by 8.9 percent and increased their short positions by 13.2 percent. *Non-reportable* participants, who accounted for 7.3 percent of total open interest, held net long positions; they increased their long positions by 21.9 percent and

decreased their short positions by 36.7 percent.

Livestock

CME Lean Hogs futures open interest increased 13.3 percent in November. *Commercial* participants, who accounted for 35.5 percent of open interest, held net short positions; they decreased their long positions by 2.3 percent and increased their short positions by 14.7 percent. *Non-commercial* participants, who accounted for 50.2 percent of open interest, held net long positions. They increased their long positions by 20.3 percent and increased their short positions by 14.1 percent. *Non-reportable* participants, who accounted for 14.3 percent of total open interest, held net short positions; they increased their long positions by 28.6 percent and increased their short positions by 8.4 percent.

CME Live Cattle futures open interest increased 9.2 percent in November. *Commercial* participants, who accounted for 42.8 percent of open interest, held net short positions; they increased their long positions by 8.1 percent and increased their short positions by 16.9 percent. *Non-commercial* participants, who accounted for 43.7 percent of open interest, held net long positions. They increased their long positions by 9.3 percent and decreased their short positions by 0.4 percent. *Non-reportable* participants, who accounted for 13.5 percent of total open interest, held net short positions; they increased their long positions by 12.7 percent and increased their short positions by 15.0 percent.

Futures and Options Combined Markets:

Energy

NYMEX WTI Crude Oil futures and options (thereafter combined) open interest fell 14.3 percent in November. *Commercial* participants, who accounted for 49.0 percent of open interest, held net short positions; their long exposure was decreased by 19.7 percent and their short exposure was decreased by 20.7 percent. *Non-commercial* participants, who accounted for 47.1 percent of open interest, held net long positions. Their long exposure was decreased by 10.0 percent and their short exposure was decreased by 6.3 percent. *Non-reportable* participants, who accounted for 3.9 percent of total open interest, held net long positions; their long exposure was decreased by 0.1 percent and their short exposure was increased by 4.7 percent.

NYMEX Henry Hub Natural Gas combined open interest fell 1.9 percent in November. *Commercial* participants, who accounted for 31.0 percent of open interest, held net long positions; their long exposure was decreased by 6.9 percent and their short exposure was decreased by 18.2 percent. *Non-commercial* participants, who accounted for 64.0 percent of open interest, held net short positions. Their long exposure was increased by 1.4 percent and their short exposure was increased by 6.9 percent. *Non-reportable* participants, who accounted for 5.0 percent of total open interest, held net long positions; their long exposure was decreased by 4.2 percent and their short exposure was increased by 0.8 percent.

NYMEX Heating Oil combined open interest fell 3.1 percent in November. *Commercial* participants, who accounted for 59.0 percent of open interest, held net short positions; their long exposure was increased by 2.5 percent and their short exposure was decreased by 4.6 percent. *Non-commercial* participants, who accounted for 30.3 percent of open interest, held net long positions. Their long exposure was decreased by 8.0 percent and their short exposure was decreased by 2.0 percent. *Non-reportable* participants, who accounted for 10.7 percent of total open interest, held net long positions; their long exposure was decreased by 10.8 percent and their short exposure was increased by 6.4 percent.

NYMEX RBOB Gasoline combined open interest fell 0.6 percent in November. *Commercial* participants, who accounted for 54.2 percent of open interest, held net short positions; their long exposure was decreased by 14.3 percent and their short exposure was decreased by 2.8 percent. *Non-commercial* participants, who accounted for 39.3 percent of open interest, held net long positions. Their long exposure was increased by 10.5 percent and their short exposure was increased by 5.2 percent. *Non-reportable* participants, who accounted for 6.5 percent of total open interest, held net long positions; their long exposure was increased by 12.3 percent and their short exposure was increased by 0.6 percent.

Agriculture

CBOT Corn combined open interest fell 17.8 percent in November. *Commercial* participants, who accounted for 47.8 percent of open interest, held net short positions; their long exposure was decreased by 9.3 percent and their short exposure was decreased by 4.2 percent. *Non-commercial* participants, who accounted for 38.1 percent of open interest, held net long positions. Their long exposure was decreased by 26.5 percent and their short exposure was decreased by 38.8 percent. *Non-reportable* participants, who accounted for 14.1 percent of total open interest, held net short positions; their long exposure was decreased by 1.8 percent and their short exposure was decreased by 6.8 percent.

CBOT Wheat combined open interest fell 13.4 percent in November. *Commercial* participants, who accounted for 45.4 percent of open interest, held net short positions; their long exposure was decreased by 7.9 percent and their short exposure was decreased by 8.5 percent. *Non-commercial* participants, who accounted for 45.1 percent of open interest, held net long positions. Their long exposure was decreased by 20.1 percent and their short exposure was decreased by 21.5 percent. *Non-reportable* participants, who accounted for 9.5 percent of total open interest, held net short positions; their long exposure was increased by 4.4 percent and their short exposure was increased by 4.1 percent.

CBOT Soybeans combined open interest increased 0.2 percent in November. *Commercial* participants, who accounted for 43.9 percent of open interest, held net short positions; their long exposure was increased by 3.9 percent and their short exposure was decreased by 10.5 percent. *Non-commercial* participants, who accounted for 47.6 percent of open interest, held net long positions. Their long exposure was decreased by 1.5 percent and their short exposure was increased by 21.2 percent. *Non-reportable* participants, who accounted for 8.5 percent of total open interest, held net short positions; their long exposure was decreased by 4.4 percent and their short exposure was decreased by 9.2 percent.

CBOT Soybean Oil combined open interest fell 4.5 percent in November. *Commercial* participants, who accounted for 46.7 percent of open interest, held net long positions; their long exposure was decreased by 1.7 percent and their short exposure was decreased by 17.3 percent. *Non-commercial* participants, who accounted for 42.9 percent of open interest, held net short positions. Their long exposure was decreased by 10.0 percent and their short exposure was increased by 4.8 percent. *Non-reportable* participants, who accounted for 10.4 percent of total open interest, held net short positions; their long exposure was increased by 1.9 percent and their short exposure was increased by 11.1 percent.

Soft Commodities

ICE Futures U.S. Sugar combined open interest increased 3.0 percent in November. *Commercial* participants, who accounted for 58.9 percent of open interest, held net short positions; their long exposure was increased by 7.0 percent and their short exposure was increased by 0.7 percent. *Non-commercial* participants, who accounted for 32.1 percent of open

interest, held net long positions. Their long exposure was decreased by 2.3 percent and their short exposure was increased by 8.4 percent. *Non-reportable* participants, who accounted for 9.0 percent of total open interest, held net short positions; their long exposure was decreased by 1.2 percent and their short exposure was increased by 0.9 percent.

ICE Futures U.S. Coffee combined open interest fell 12.0 percent in November. *Commercial* participants, who accounted for 40.0 percent of open interest, held net long positions; their long exposure was decreased by 7.6 percent and their short exposure was decreased by 17.7 percent. *Non-commercial* participants, who accounted for 55.0 percent of open interest, held net short positions. Their long exposure was decreased by 15.1 percent and their short exposure was decreased by 8.6 percent. *Non-reportable* participants, who accounted for 4.9 percent of total open interest, held net long positions; their long exposure was decreased by 18.5 percent and their short exposure was decreased by 10.1 percent.

ICE Futures U.S. Cocoa combined open interest fell 6.1 percent in November. *Commercial* participants, who accounted for 54.9 percent of open interest, held net short positions; their long exposure was decreased by 8.7 percent and their short exposure was increased by 2.4 percent. *Non-commercial* participants, who accounted for 40.2 percent of open interest, held net long positions. Their long exposure was decreased by 5.4 percent and their short exposure was decreased by 19.8 percent. *Non-reportable* participants, who accounted for 4.9 percent of total open interest, held net long positions; their long exposure was increased by 8.2 percent and their short exposure was decreased by 11.9 percent.

ICE Futures U.S. Cotton combined open interest fell 33.7 percent in November. *Commercial* participants, who accounted for 47.9 percent of open interest, held net short positions; their long exposure was decreased by 32.8 percent and their short exposure was decreased by 40.7 percent. *Non-commercial* participants, who accounted for 44.9 percent of open interest, held net long positions. Their long exposure was decreased by 35.8 percent and their short exposure was decreased by 28.3 percent. *Non-reportable* participants, who accounted for 7.2 percent of total open interest, held net long positions; their long exposure was decreased by 24.3 percent and their short exposure was increased by 4.6 percent.

Financials

CME 3-month Eurodollars combined open interest increased 1.4 percent in November. *Commercial* participants, who accounted for 50.2 percent of open interest, held net short positions; their long exposure was increased by 0.3 percent and their short exposure was decreased by 3.1 percent. *Non-commercial* participants, who accounted for 41.6 percent of open interest, held net long positions. Their long exposure was increased by 3.1 percent and their short exposure was increased by 7.6 percent. *Non-reportable* participants, who accounted for 8.2 percent of total open interest, held net short positions; their long exposure was decreased by 1.0 percent and their short exposure was increased by 4.2 percent.

CME Euro-FX combined open interest fell 2.8 percent in November. *Commercial* participants, who accounted for 41.5 percent of open interest, held net long positions; their long exposure was decreased by 3.5 percent and their short exposure was decreased by 16.7 percent. *Non-commercial* participants, who accounted for 38.1 percent of open interest, held net short positions. Their long exposure was decreased by 2.6 percent and their short exposure was increased by 6.9 percent. *Non-reportable* participants, who accounted for 20.4 percent of total open interest, held net short positions; their long exposure was decreased by 1.0 percent and their short exposure was decreased by 5.6 percent.

CBOT 10-year Treasury Notes combined open interest fell 0.8 percent in November. *Commercial* participants, who accounted for 59.0 percent of open interest, held net short

positions; their long exposure was decreased by 3.9 percent and their short exposure was decreased by 5.0 percent. *Non-commercial* participants, who accounted for 23.5 percent of open interest, held net long positions. Their long exposure was decreased by 1.7 percent and their short exposure was decreased by 0.2 percent. *Non-reportable* participants, who accounted for 17.5 percent of total open interest, held net short positions; their long exposure was increased by 14.1 percent and their short exposure was increased by 15.1 percent.

CME S&P 500 combined open interest increased 5.1 percent in November. *Commercial* participants, who accounted for 66.0 percent of open interest, held net short positions; their long exposure was increased by 7.1 percent and their short exposure was decreased by 5.2 percent. *Non-commercial* participants, who accounted for 9.5 percent of open interest, held net long positions. Their long exposure was decreased by 0.2 percent and their short exposure was decreased by 17.4 percent. *Non-reportable* participants, who accounted for 24.5 percent of total open interest, held net short positions; their long exposure was increased by 2.3 percent and their short exposure was increased by 69.7 percent.

Metals

NYMEX Gold combined open interest fell 5.9 percent in November. *Commercial* participants, who accounted for 51.1 percent of open interest, held net short positions; their long exposure was decreased by 14.8 percent and their short exposure was decreased by 2.2 percent. *Non-commercial* participants, who accounted for 40.4 percent of open interest, held net long positions. Their long exposure was decreased by 3.1 percent and their short exposure was decreased by 16.1 percent. *Non-reportable* participants, who accounted for 8.5 percent of total open interest, held net long positions; their long exposure was increased by 6.8 percent and their short exposure was decreased by 0.7 percent.

NYMEX Silver combined open interest increased 0.5 percent in November. *Commercial* participants, who accounted for 45.2 percent of open interest, held net short positions; their long exposure was decreased by 1.1 percent and their short exposure was increased by 4.1 percent. *Non-commercial* participants, who accounted for 42.2 percent of open interest, held net long positions. Their long exposure was decreased by 1.8 percent and their short exposure was decreased by 10.4 percent. *Non-reportable* participants, who accounted for 12.6 percent of total open interest, held net long positions; their long exposure was increased by 11.2 percent and their short exposure was increased by 26.1 percent.

NYMEX Copper combined open interest fell 7.2 percent in November. *Commercial* participants, who accounted for 48.1 percent of open interest, held net long positions; their long exposure was decreased by 0.2 percent and their short exposure was decreased by 7.7 percent. *Non-commercial* participants, who accounted for 40.9 percent of open interest, held net short positions. Their long exposure was decreased by 12.3 percent and their short exposure was decreased by 10.9 percent. *Non-reportable* participants, who accounted for 11.0 percent of total open interest, held net short positions; their long exposure was decreased by 18.0 percent and their short exposure was increased by 10.7 percent.

NYMEX Platinum combined open interest fell 1.4 percent in November. *Commercial* participants, who accounted for 50.3 percent of open interest, held net short positions; their long exposure was increased by 14.0 percent and their short exposure was changed by less than 0.1 percent. *Non-commercial* participants, who accounted for 42.9 percent of open interest, held net long positions. Their long exposure was decreased by 7.4 percent and their short exposure was decreased by 2.9 percent. *Non-reportable* participants, who accounted for 6.9 percent of total open interest, held net long positions; their long exposure was increased by 21.9 percent and their short exposure was decreased by 36.9 percent.

Livestock

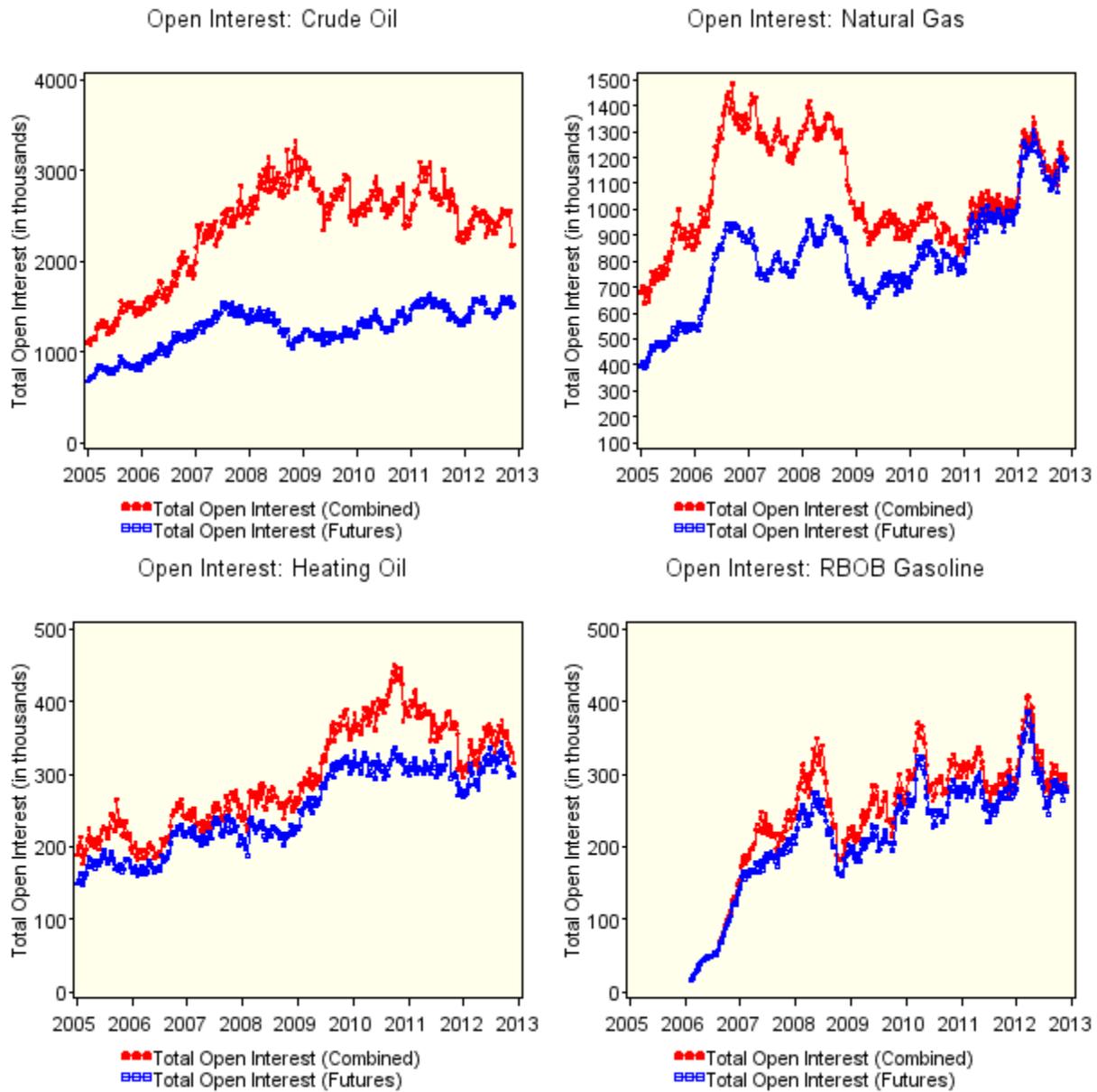
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CME Live Cattle combined open interest increased 8.7 percent in November. *Commercial* participants, who accounted for 41.8 percent of open interest, held net short positions; their long exposure was increased by 9.2 percent and their short exposure was increased by 14.3 percent. *Non-commercial* participants, who accounted for 45.9 percent of open interest, held net long positions. Their long exposure was increased by 8.0 percent and their short exposure was increased by 1.2 percent. *Non-reportable* participants, who accounted for 12.3 percent of total open interest, held net short positions; their long exposure was increased by 11.2 percent and their short exposure was increased by 14.1 percent.

Notes:

1. Percentage changes are calculated using data representing last Tuesday of the previous month and last Tuesday of the current month.
2. Percentages of open interest held by the commercial, non-commercial, and non-reportable traders reflect the averages of the percentages of long and short positions held by these groups of traders.
3. The share of Commercial, Non-Commercial, and Non-Reportable positions may not sum up to 100 due to rounding errors.

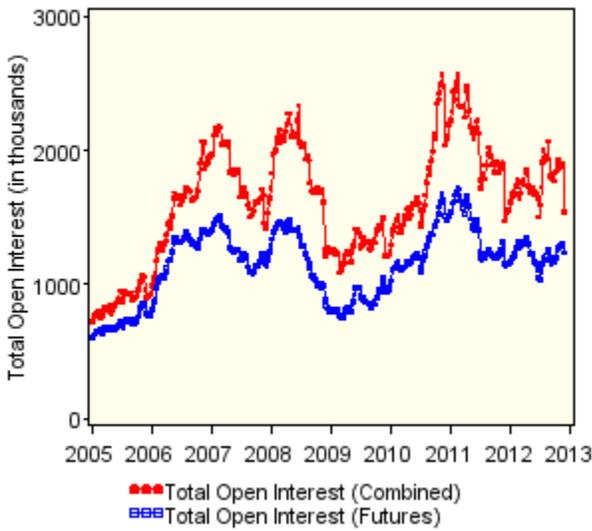
Figure 1: Energy



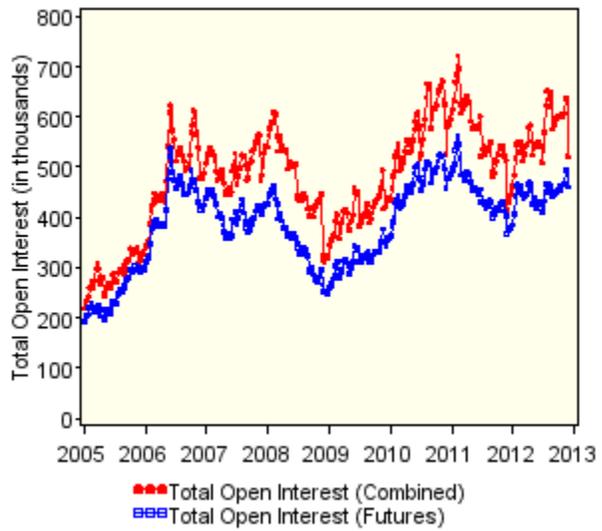
Energy: Open Interest (in thousands)					
Open Interest			Change from Last		
11/27/2012			Month	Year	
Crude Oil	Futures	1522.1	↓ -75.4	↑	219.6
	Futures & Options	2186.3	↓ -364.7	↓	-56.9
Natural Gas	Futures	1164.8	↓ -19.1	↑	209.7
	Futures & Options	1199.2	↓ -23.6	↑	217.6
Heating Oil	Futures	300.3	↑ 3.7	↑	29.1
	Futures & Options	315.3	↓ -10.0	↑	8.4
RBOB Gasoline	Futures	277.1	↑ 2.6	↑	10.8
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Figure 2: Agriculture

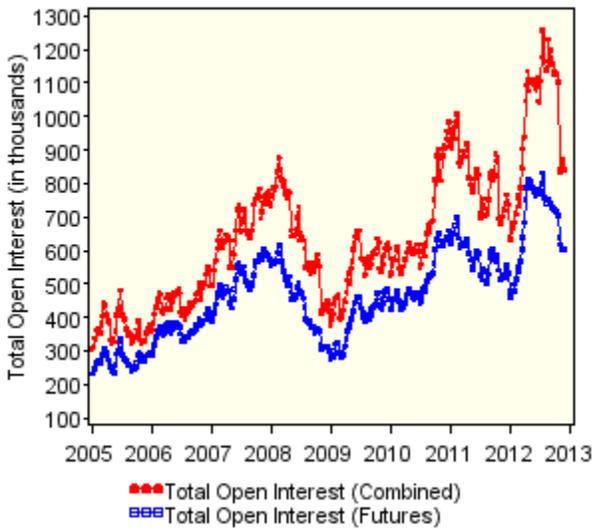
Open Interest: Corn



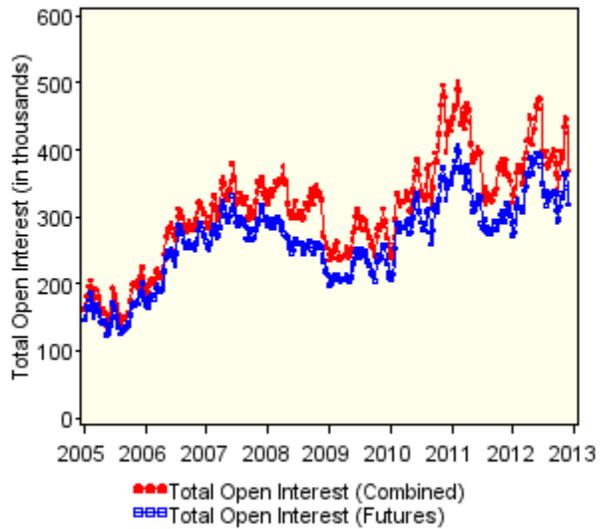
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Open Interest: Soybeans



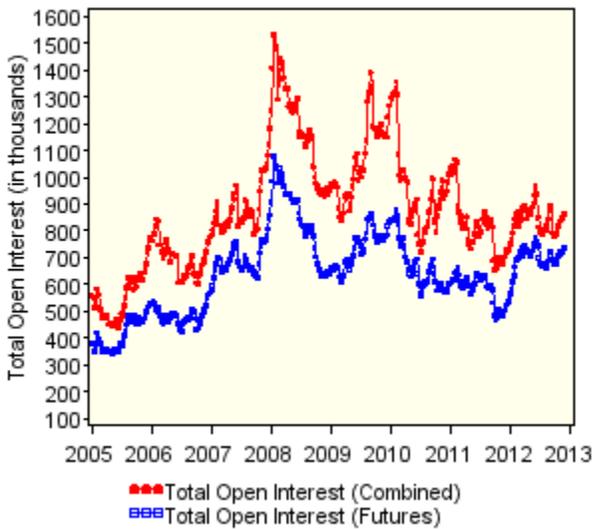
Open Interest: Soybean Oil



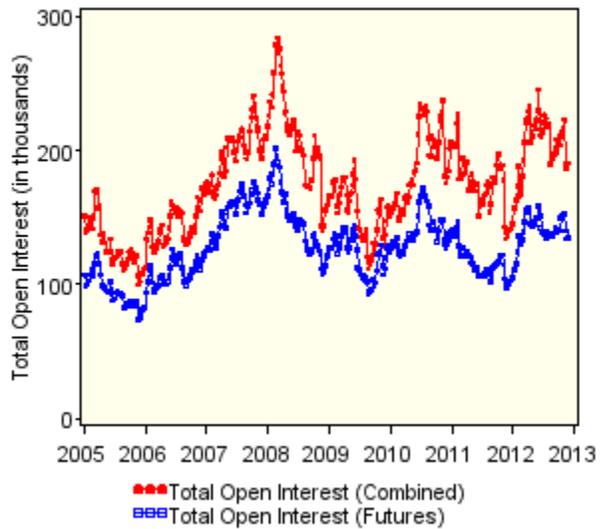
Agriculture: Open Interest (in thousands)					
Open Interest			Change from Last		
11/27/2012			Month	Year	
Corn	Futures	1240.6	↓ -38.6	↑ 83.7	
	Futures & Options	1541.8	↓ -332.9	↑ 62.5	
Wheat	Futures	461.6	↓ -3.4	↑ 92.5	
	Futures & Options	521.9	↓ -80.7	↑ 105.5	
Soybeans	Futures	603.4	↓ -36.4	↑ 80.6	
	Futures & Options	843.3	↑ 1.7	↑ 122.9	
Soybean Oil	Futures	319.6	↓ -8.2	↓ -0.8	
	Futures & Options	370.2	↓ -17.6	↑ 3.1	

Figure 3: Soft Commodities

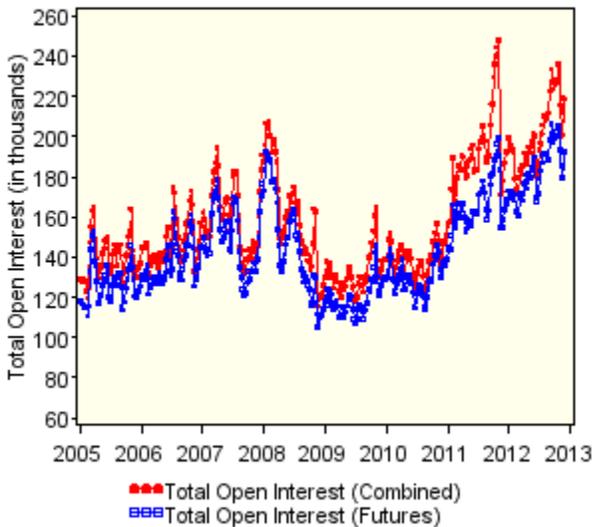
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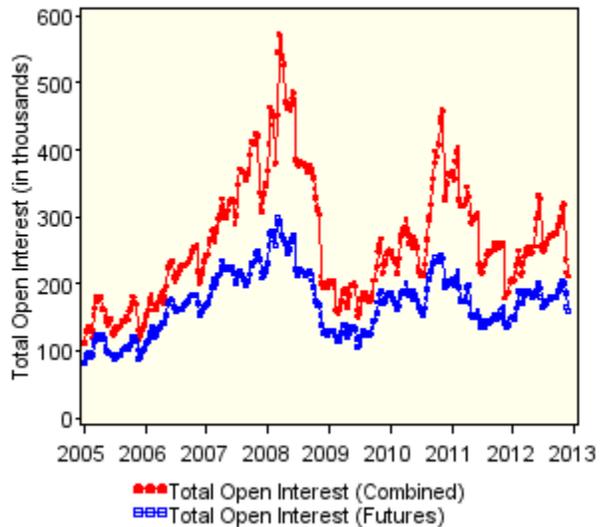
Open Interest: Coffee



Open Interest: Cocoa



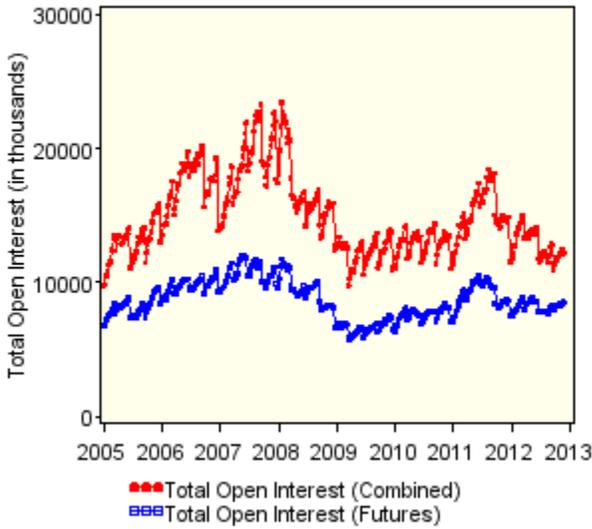
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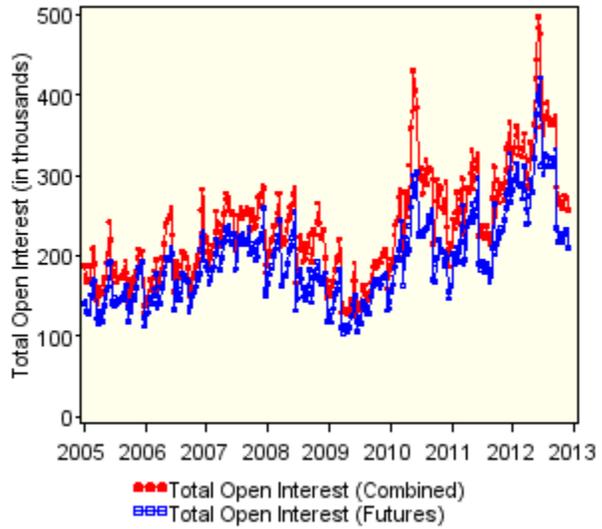
Soft Commodities: Open Interest (in thousands)						
Open Interest			Change from Last			
11/27/2012			Month		Year	
Sugar	Futures	737.9	↑	16.4	↑	233.1
	Futures & Options	864.1	↑	25.0	↑	158.6
Coffee	Futures	135.2	↓	-17.6	↑	35.7
	Futures & Options	190.6	↓	-26.0	↑	52.4
Cocoa	Futures	192.7	↓	-11.2	↑	33.9
	Futures & Options	219.1	↓	-14.4	↑	40.9
Cotton	Futures	161.2	↓	-44.6	↑	23.0
	Futures & Options	213.1	↓	-108.4	↑	27.8

Figure 4: Financials

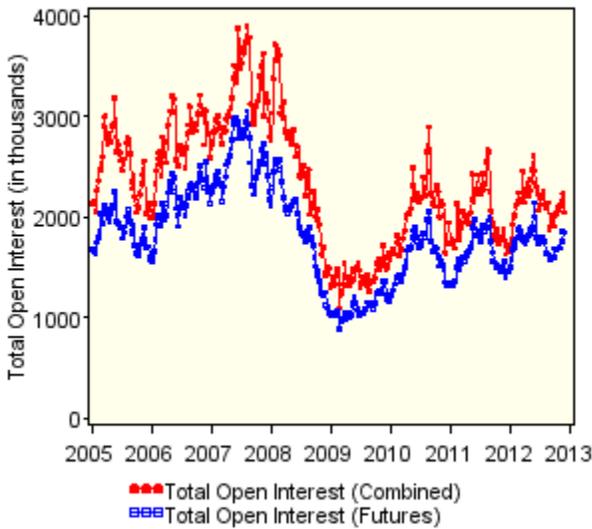
Open Interest: Three Month EuroDollars



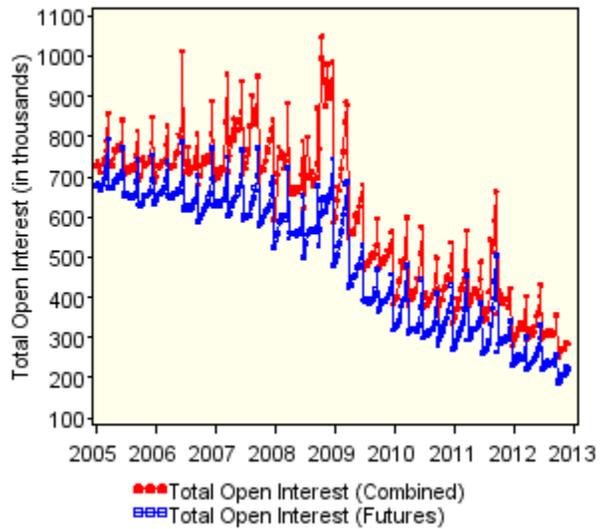
Open Interest: Euro FX



Open Interest: Ten Year Treasury Notes



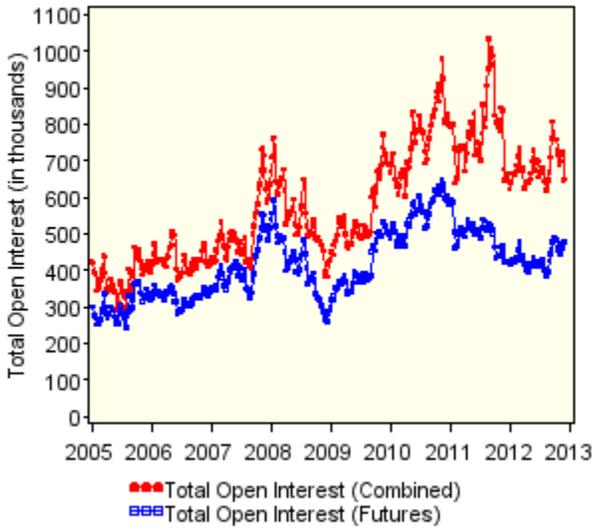
Open Interest: S&P 500 Stock Index



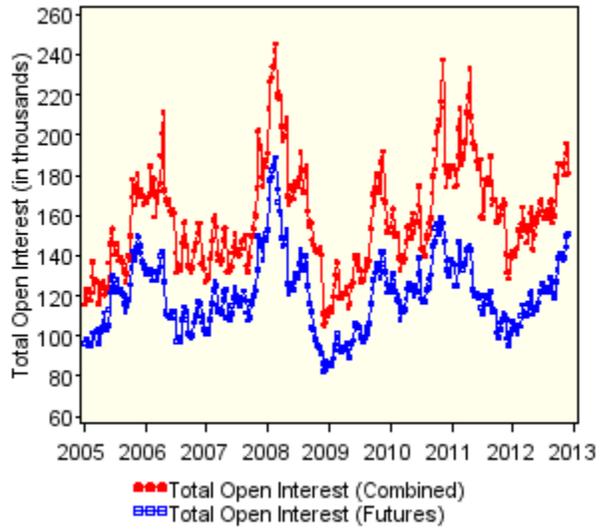
Financials: Open Interest (in thousands)					
Open Interest			Change from Last		
11/27/2012			Month	Year	
Three Month EuroDollars	Futures	8525.6	↑ 180.1	↓	-196.0
	Futures & Options	12221.4	↑ 170.4	↓	-2632.2
Euro FX	Futures	210.2	↓ -11.3	↓	-67.3
	Futures & Options	257.3	↓ -7.5	↓	-77.0
Ten Year Treasury Notes	Futures	1848.9	↑ 146.6	↑	292.4
	Futures & Options	2051.7	↓ -16.1	↑	282.1
S&P 500 Stock Index	Futures	224.1	↑ 18.2	↓	-75.0
	Futures & Options	286.5	↑ 13.9	↓	-93.3

Figure 5: Metals

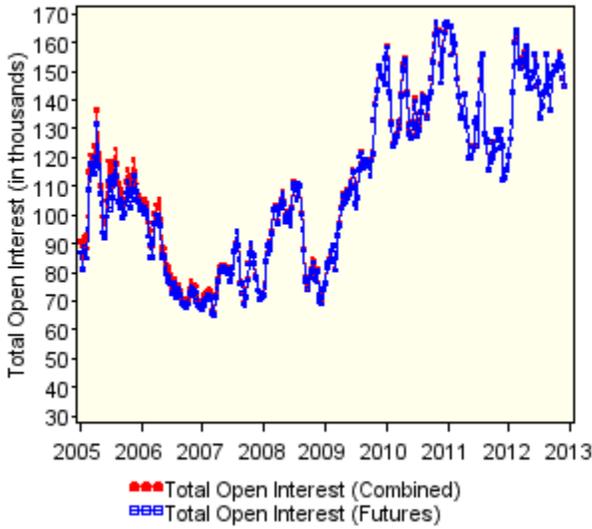
Open Interest: Gold



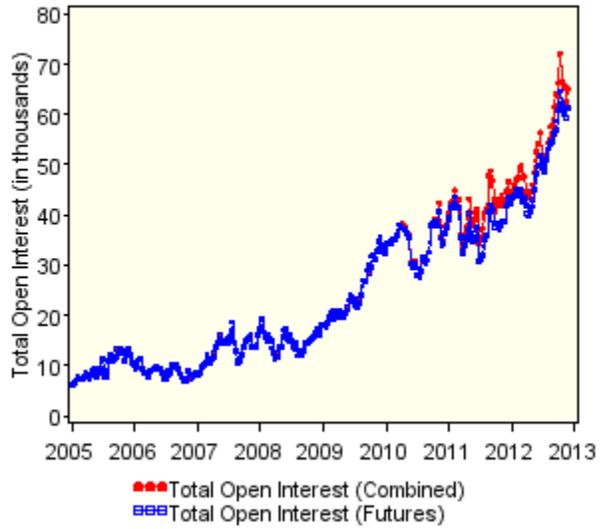
Open Interest: Silver



Open Interest: Copper



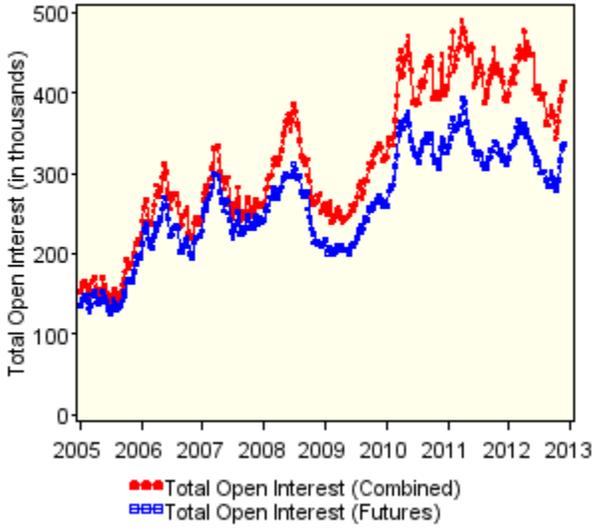
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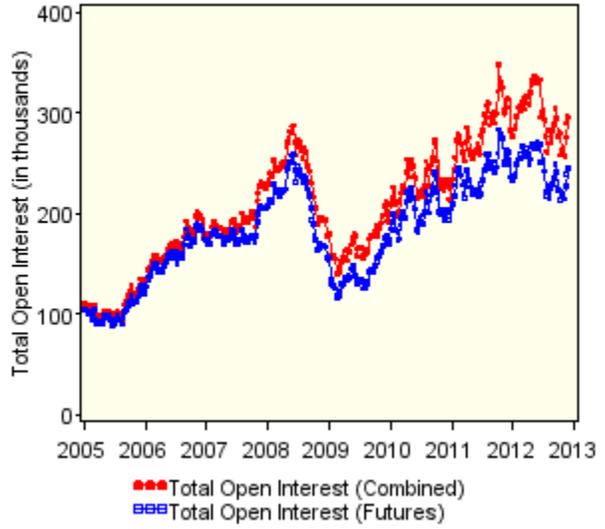
Metals: Open Interest (in thousands)					
Open Interest			Change from Last		
11/27/2012			Month		Year
Gold	Futures	479.4	↑	24.6	↑ 56.2
	Futures & Options	649.3	↓	-40.5	↑ 2.4
Silver	Futures	150.7	↑	13.1	↑ 51.8
	Futures & Options	181.1	↑	0.8	↑ 49.1
Copper	Futures	145.3	↓	-11.3	↑ 32.9
	Futures & Options	145.5	↓	-11.3	↑ 33.0
Platinum	Futures	61.3	↓	-0.2	↑ 22.4
	Futures & Options	65.3	↓	-1.0	↑ 23.6

Figure 6: Livestock

Open Interest: Live Cattle



Open Interest: Lean Hogs



Livestock: Open Interest (in thousands)						
Open Interest					Change from Last Year	
11/27/2012					Month	Year
Live Cattle	Futures	336.1	↑	28.3	↑	19.1
	Futures & Options	414.1	↑	33.2	↑	0.1
Lean Hogs	Futures	245.0	↑	28.8	↓	-19.2
	Futures & Options	296.7	↑	36.5	↓	-18.1

Net Position of Commercials, Non-commercials and Non-reportable (in thousands, net long:+, net short:-)

Futures-Only

	Commercials		Non-commercials		Non-reportable	
	November	Month Ago	November	Month Ago	November	Month Ago
Crude Oil	-143.0	-174.8	137.3	169.6	5.7	5.3
Natural Gas	54.5	7.8	-92.5	-49.0	38.0	41.2
Heating Oil	-35.3	-48.0	21.9	28.3	13.4	19.8
RBOB Gasoline	-83.8	-71.2	73.8	63.8	10.0	7.4
Corn	-260.0	-226.5	330.7	308.6	-70.7	-82.1
Wheat	-23.4	-33.5	32.7	43.0	-9.2	-9.5
Soybeans	-115.7	-172.9	120.9	182.7	-5.1	-9.7
Soybean Oil	40.5	24.0	-35.6	-21.9	-4.9	-2.0
Sugar	-17.2	-39.7	28.8	49.9	-11.5	-10.2
Coffee	16.1	15.2	-16.1	-16.3	0.0	1.1
Cocoa	-50.9	-40.0	43.4	34.6	7.5	5.5
Cotton	0.0	-6.5	-0.3	0.1	0.2	6.4
3-month Eurodollars	-484.4	-681.9	638.8	785.5	-154.4	-103.6
Euro-FX	79.5	75.1	-66.7	-58.2	-12.8	-16.9
10-year Treasury Notes	-130.9	-117.9	187.7	169.5	-56.8	-51.5
S&P 500	-4.0	-25.0	7.1	1.3	-3.1	23.7
Gold	-252.0	-222.8	193.7	170.2	58.3	52.5
Silver	-56.8	-53.7	38.7	36.2	18.1	17.5
Copper	7.1	1.6	-3.0	-2.3	-4.1	0.6
Platinum	-42.3	-45.6	35.7	41.0	6.6	4.6
Live Cattle	-10.6	0.5	31.3	16.9	-20.8	-17.5
Lean Hogs	-28.1	-13.4	41.6	30.1	-13.5	-16.6

Net Position of Commercials, Non-commercials and Non-reportable (in thousands, net long:+, net short:-)

Futures and Futures-Equivalent Options Contracts

	Commercials		Non-commercials		Non-reportable	
	November	Month Ago	November	Month Ago	November	Month Ago
Crude Oil	-186.0	-251.1	179.7	241.1	6.3	10.1
Natural Gas	55.3	8.5	-95.4	-52.4	40.1	43.9
Heating Oil	-35.8	-49.8	22.0	29.5	13.7	20.3
RBOB Gasoline	-84.5	-71.6	74.5	64.0	10.0	7.5
Corn	-225.3	-198.7	301.0	289.8	-75.7	-91.2
Wheat	-24.4	-28.4	34.2	37.9	-9.8	-9.5
Soybeans	-116.9	-179.1	120.9	187.4	-4.0	-8.3
Soybean Oil	55.8	29.1	-50.9	-27.6	-4.9	-1.5
Sugar	-17.8	-46.5	29.1	56.2	-11.3	-9.7
Coffee	21.6	14.7	-21.9	-16.1	0.3	1.4
Cocoa	-47.9	-35.3	40.4	29.8	7.5	5.5
Cotton	-9.6	-35.2	9.5	29.5	0.1	5.7
3-month Eurodollars	-525.5	-748.3	692.2	862.7	-166.7	-114.4
Euro-FX	87.9	80.8	-72.3	-62.1	-15.5	-18.7
10-year Treasury Notes	-129.2	-148.8	190.4	199.6	-61.2	-50.8
S&P 500	-1.5	-24.4	5.2	0.0	-3.6	24.4
Gold	-271.9	-248.2	211.5	193.4	60.4	54.8
Silver	-61.9	-56.9	43.1	38.6	18.8	18.3
Copper	7.1	1.6	-3.0	-2.3	-4.1	0.7
Platinum	-43.6	-45.0	37.0	40.4	6.7	4.6
Live Cattle	-29.0	-18.9	54.8	40.7	-25.8	-21.8
Lean Hogs	-32.6	-19.9	51.5	42.1	-19.0	-22.2