

The Japan Rubber Futures Weekly Report:

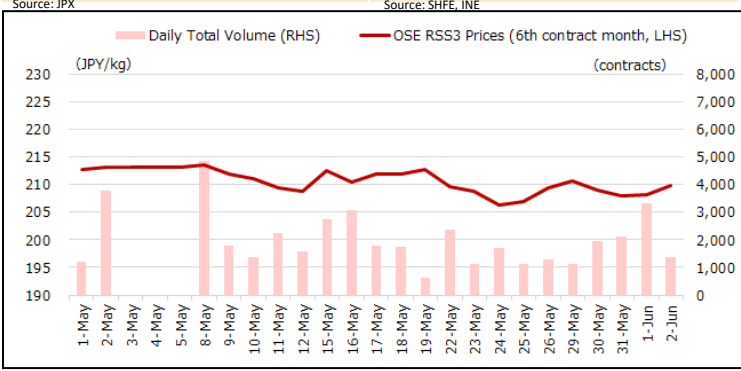
29 May 2023 – 02 June 2023

Japan's Unemployment Rate lower at 2.6% in Apr, PMI Manufacturing Index at 50.6 in May, Retail Sales lower at 5.0% in Apr

Rubber Futures Report:

World rubber futures closed the week mixed amid generally quiet trading activities. Trading volume fell in all major exchanges except for OSE. OSE rubber futures closed marginally higher, and SHFE and INE futures gained 1.2% and 1.5% under short-covering transactions. SICOM futures dropped 1.4% due to a few buying trading flows from physical market players. The rubber demand trend is still uncertain as there are no clear signals of China's economic recovery. On the supply side, dry weather conditions and drought have recently affected rubber yields in some producing countries. ANRPC states that the recent heatwave had impacted rubber production and expected 2023 global production would become near the 15m tonnes level. The Thai government has provided THB 2 billion (USD 57.5m) to support smaller holders struggling with the recent lower rubber prices. In world news, the US Congress finally approved lifting the debt ceiling, and the positive news to avert an economic crisis sparked a rally in the US stock market. The US unemployment rate rose by 0.3 percentage points to 3.7% in May, while the non-farm payroll increased by 339,000, beating the market expectations and boosting the stock market. OPEC+ will meet on Sunday in Vienna to shore up crude oil prices with a possible 1m barrel per day cut.

OSE RSS3	Last (JPY)	Net	SHFE/INE	Last (CNY)	Net	SICOM TSR20	Last (USC)	Net	TFEX	Last (THB)	Net
Jun 23	205.2	+0.7	SCR/RSS Sep 23	11,935	+145	Jun 23	131.9	Expired	RSS3 Oct 23	56.45	+1.85
Jul 23	205.5	+0.5	SCR/RSS Jan 24	13,255	+150	Jul 23	131.6	-2.0	RSS3 Nov 23	56.70	+1.95
Aug 23	207.1	+0.8	Total Vol.	1,698,259	-423,401	Aug 23	131.0	-1.6	JRF Oct 23	208.3	+0.4
Sep 23	206.1	+0.3	Total OI	314,460	-4,015	Sep 23	130.8	-1.9	JRF Nov 23	209.9	+0.5
Oct 23	208.3	+0.6	INE TSR Jul 23	9,570	+135	Oct 23	131.3	-1.8	ICEX	Last (INR)	Net
Nov 23	209.8	+0.3	INE TSR Aug 23	9,560	+120	Nov 23	131.8	-1.5	RSS4 Jul 23	Untraded	0
Total Vol.	9,880	+2,252	Total Vol.	361,938	-81,147	Total Vol.	28,303	-25,892	MCX	Last (INR)	Net
Total OI	14,531	+173	Total OI	106,638	-2,846	Total OI	57,602	+349	RSS4 Jul 23	Untraded	0



Important Data / Stock levels	Last	Net
Japan OSE Rubber Stocks (ton, 20 May)	12,689	+579
Shanghai SHFE Rubber Stocks (ton, 02 June)	181,623	-924
Shanghai INE Rubber Stocks (ton, 02 June)	67,235	+1,009
China Vehicle Total Sales (unit, 30 Apr 23)	2,158,704	-292,326
China Passenger Car Sales (unit, 30 Apr 23)	1,811,079	-205,863
China Commercial Car Sales (unit, 30 Apr 23)	347,625	-86,463
US Unemployment Rate (% , May 23)	3.7	+0.3
US Non-Farm Payroll (May 23)	339,000	+45,000
Japan Unemployment Rate (% , Mar)	2.8	+0.2
Japan Manufacturing PMI (May)	50.8	+1.3
Japan Tankan Large Manufacturing (1Q 23)	1	-6
China Manufacturing PMI (May)	48.8	-0.4
China GDP 4Q (%)	+2.9	-1.0

FOREX	Last	Net
USD/JPY	139.92	-0.68
EUR/USD	1.0708	-0.0015
GBP/USD	1.2453	+0.0109
USD/CHF	0.9091	+0.0034
AUD/USD	0.6610	+0.0093
USD/CNY	7.0986	+0.0341
USD/INR	82.3075	-0.4438
USD/SGD	1.3503	-0.0019
USD/MYR	4.5765	-0.0238
USD/THB	34.802	+0.033
USD/IDR	14,994	+39
USD/VND	23,486	+5

Stock Index	Last	Net
NK225 Japan	31,524.22	+607.91
TOPIX Japan	2,182.70	+36.86
Dow Jones US	33,762.76	+669.42
S&P 500 US	4,282.37	+76.92
Nasdaq US	13,240.77	+265.08
CSI 300 China	3,861.83	+10.88
Shanghai China	3,230.09	+17.57
HSI Hong Kong	18,949.94	+203.02
STI Singapore	3,166.30	-41.09
KLCI Malaysia	1,381.26	-21.72
SET Thailand	1,531.20	+0.36
IDX Indonesia	6,633.26	-53.74
VSE Vietnam	1,090.84	+27.08

JPX Derivatives	Last	Net
JPX NK225 Jun 23	31,550	+590
JPX TOPIX Jun 23	2,183.5	+39.0
JPX NK 400 Jun 23	19,815	+395
JPX TSE REIT Jun 23	1,862.0	+18.0
JPX NK 225 VI Jun 23	18.65	-0.05
JPX JGB 10 Year Jun 23	148.82	+0.26
JPX Gold 1 Kg Apr 24	8,816	+75
JPX Platinum Apr 24	4,432	-88
JPX Silver Apr 24	107.0	+3.9
JPX Palladium Apr 24	6,400	-200
JPX TSR20 Sep 23	183.0	+1.0
JPX Corn May 24	40,260	+760
JPX Dubai Crude Oct 23	61,810	-820

Technical Analysis on the OSE Nov 2023 Contracts:
 OSE's Nov-2023 contract closed marginally higher at 209.8 amid quiet transactions. There was no clear market direction as the price moved within a tight range. The support level will be 206.5 and 201.9, and the resistance level will be 216.7 and 219.7. The 14-day RSI is at the neutral level of 50.0%. Breaking the 220.0 level and closing above it with relative trading volume could turn the current downside trend. The price has been close to the apex of a narrow symmetrical triangle, indicating a breakout possibility so that next week's trading range is expected between 208 and 219.



Technical Analysis on the SGX SICOM Sept 2023 Contracts:
 SICOM's active September-2023 contract dropped 1.9 cents at 130.8 in quiet trading. The trading volume fell sharply due to no impacted news and shorter trading days for the national holiday on Friday. The trade was made within a tight range all week, and the market sentiment remained bearish, with the crucial support level at 130.0-129.7. A break below 129.5 will likely see further downward prices to 126.0. The resistance level will be 135.5 and 138.5. The 14-day RSI was recorded lower at 35.5%.



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