Market Price Considerations Week Beginning

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NEAR TERM MARKET CONSIDERATIONS WEEK BEGINNING FEBRUARY 20, 2017

Near Term Summary Considerations:

- * 10-Year US Treasury Yield: Potentially slightly bullish with a lower yield
- **<u>Solution</u>** <u>Weakness</u> <u>Solution</u> <u>Solution</u>
- <u>CRB Index</u>: This indicator struggled this past week. Global macro forces in general still supportive as global growth and reflationary forces bear fruit
- * <u>\$WTIC Light Crude Oil</u>: A very important indicator for a confirmed commodity breakout would be Light Crude Oil closing and holding above \$55 per barrel. Geo-economic and geopolitical issues seem to dominate price action. Technically this market appears in search of higher highs, fundamentals suggest some corrective price action should be anticipated.
- Soybeans: Corrective price action appears to be underway. We still need confirmation of near term bullish price potential. Confirmation would provide a potential price move toward the previous June 2016 \$12.08 per bushel high or higher
- Corn: Corrective price action underway. The potential of achieving a price level of \$4.11- plus per bushel remains in play

NEAR TERM MARKET CONSIDERATIONS WEEK BEGINNING FEBRUARY 20, 2017

Near Term Summary Considerations:

- * Rice: Price will move in sympathy with grain prices and global strength and economic momentum. Lagging demand and global food security concerns are problematic. Overplanting in 2017 given present fundamentals would provide added market challenges. Producers overriding consideration for 2017 should be managing for a quality grain kernel.
- Cotton: Corrective price action underway with a bullish price objective into the 84-cent area stills remains in play
- * Wheat: Corrective price action underway with a bullish price potential to \$4.95 still a possibility
- <u>SPY SPDR S&P 500 ETF:</u> Bullish price action and positive trend, prices can always correct or consolidate and give back some of their gains
- × QQQ NASDAQ Power Shares: Another record week, corrective price action needed, but not required
- **EFA iShares ETF Global Equities Excluding U.S. and Canada:** Building momentum and price strength
- **EEM iShares ETF, Emerging Market Equities:** Broke out above the previous September high
- MCHI iShares ETF China Equities Available International Investors: This market appears to be building economic momentum to move higher

CONFIRMATION INDICATORS NEEDED FOR COMMODITY MARKET BREAKOUT

Confirmation Indicators Needed for Commodity Market Breakout

Looking beyond the fundamentals near term these confirmation indicators are needed for a commodity market breakout.

Presently, these domestic and global market indicators are influenced largely by domestic and global government and Central Bank intervention, required to maintain targeted economic growth and stability goals around the world.

- * First, global market participants' belief in an orchestrated effort by U.S. and global fiscal, monetary, trade and regulatory policymakers to achieve reflationary objectives.
 - + Presently, market participants mostly believe that the ongoing reflation effort is paying positive dividends and supportive of global markets.
- Second, Fed leadership must provide responsible verbal guidance. No Fed rate hike until June 13-14, 2017 FOMC meeting presently appears to be preferable.
 - + Fed leadership testimony and verbal guidance this past week added to market uncertainties. This is discussed further below.
- * Third, domestic and global equity markets showing signs of building strength.
 - + Interestingly we are seeing signs of building global economic momentum as measured by domestic and global markets in general.

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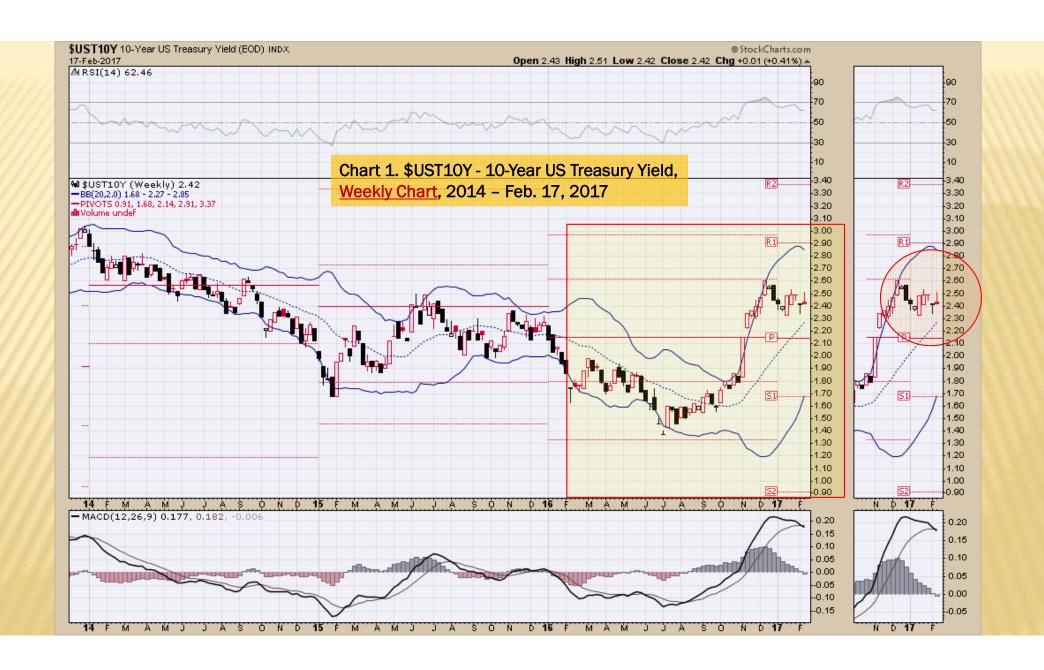
- * Fourth, \$WTIC Light Crude Oil closing and holding above \$55 per barrel.
 - + Light crude oil prices continue to move sideways in a \$50 to \$55 trading range.
- **×** Fifth, U.S. 10-Year Treasury Yield sideways to down.
 - + Presently, this is my expectation.
- × Sixth, U.S. Dollar weakness near term would be positive for U.S. commodity prices in general.
 - + Presently, dollar weakness has a reasonable probability of unfolding.
- × Seventh, currency strength in resource based economies like Australia, Canada, Russia and Brazil.
 - + As seen in the charts accompanying this article there is interesting currency strength in a number of the resource based economies.
- **x** Eighth, china's renewed economic growth.
 - + China has an array of challenges but economic momentum appears to be throttling-up.

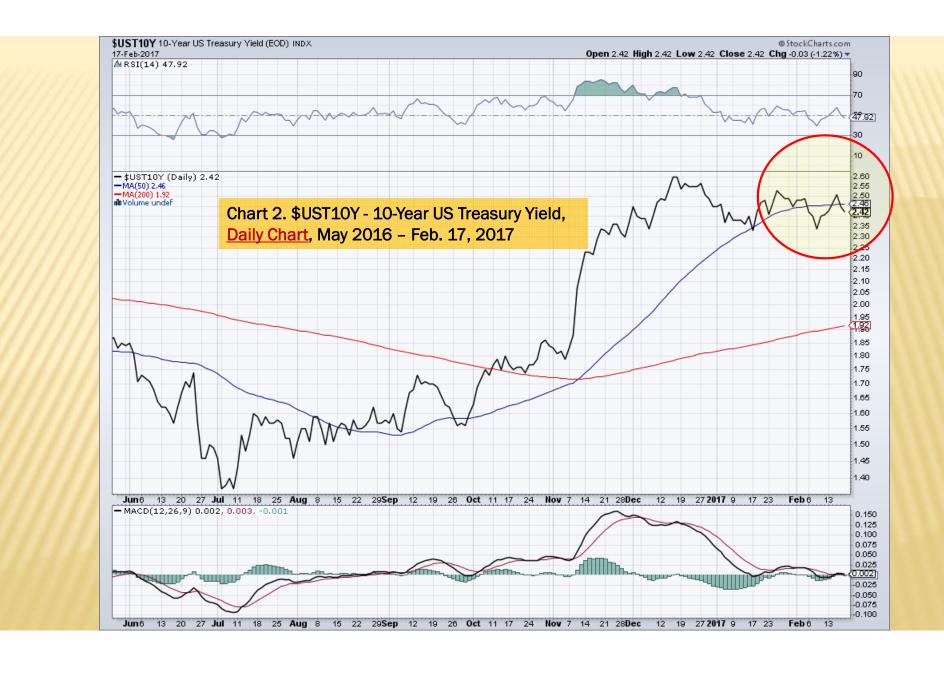
\$UST10Y - 10-Year US Treasury Yield Weekly, Daily and Monthly Charts

Near Term

Primary Consideration:

- Near term potentially slightly bullish with a lower yield
- This is a market that likely builds a trading range for the next one to two years with the Federal Reserve and unfolding global events defining potential upside with a potential top at 3-possibly higher
- We simply need to allow chart activity to provide guidance
- Present market structure suggests financial institutions and borrowers are winners at these levels
- Some suggest the 35 year bull bond market will be over with a yield that holds above 2.6, others at 3.0; Actually, global fiscal and monetary policy market intervention likely make picking these points premature
- This is a market that could simply move sideways for a few years and even revisit the previous low or make a new low







Power Shares US Dollar Index Weekly, Daily and Monthly Charts

Near Term

Primary Considerations:

- More weakness than strength with sideways consolidation near term
- The following determines sideways consolidation for a period or a resumption of the dollar's move to the upside:
 - 2017 European Union management/mismanagement a key factor in dollar strength or weakness in the year ahead
 - Bigger Picture: Global interventionist government and Central Bank activities will define dollar strength or weakness over the next 3 to 12 months, including President Trump's currency and trade policy objectives







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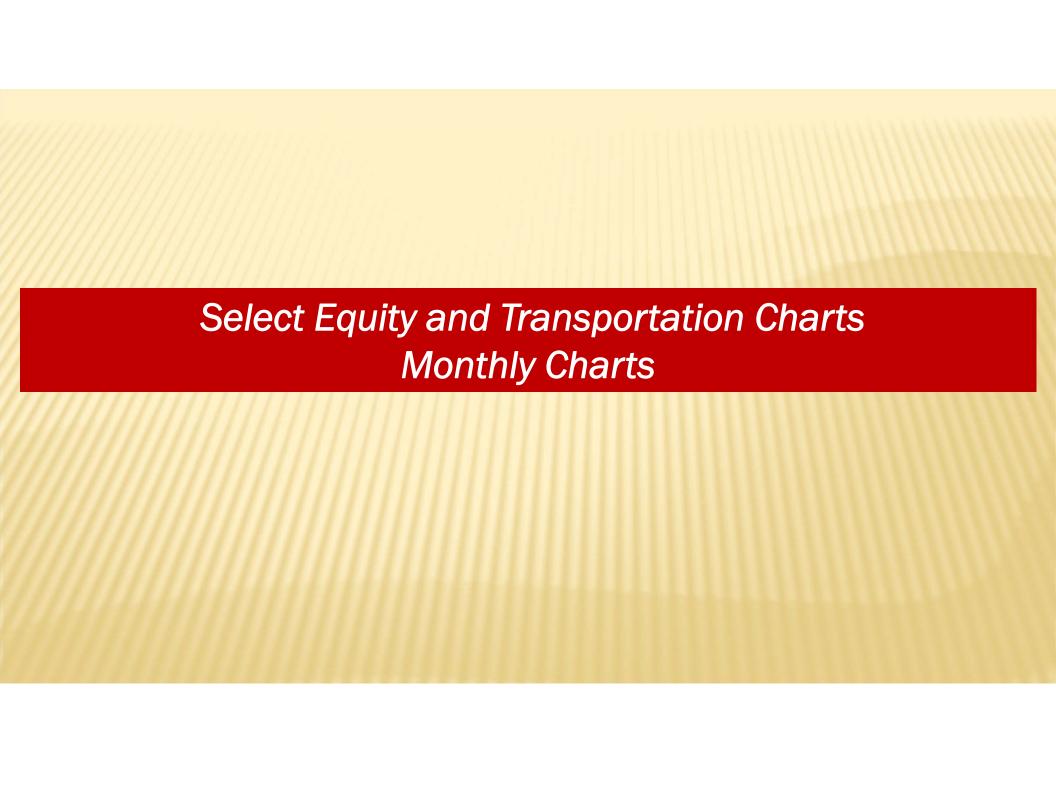










































CRB Commodity Index Weekly, Daily and Monthly Charts

Near Term Primary consideration:

- This indicator struggled the week of February 13, 2017 due Fed verbal guidance.
- Global macro forces in general remain supportive as global growth and reflationary forces bear fruit
- That said, for the CRB Commodity Index to move higher will likely be a function of oil
 price leadership and/or broad commodity support, a reasonably stable to weaker dollar
 and belief and confidence in global fiscal/monetary policy leadership.







\$WTIC Light Crude Oil Weekly, Daily and Monthly Charts

Near Term

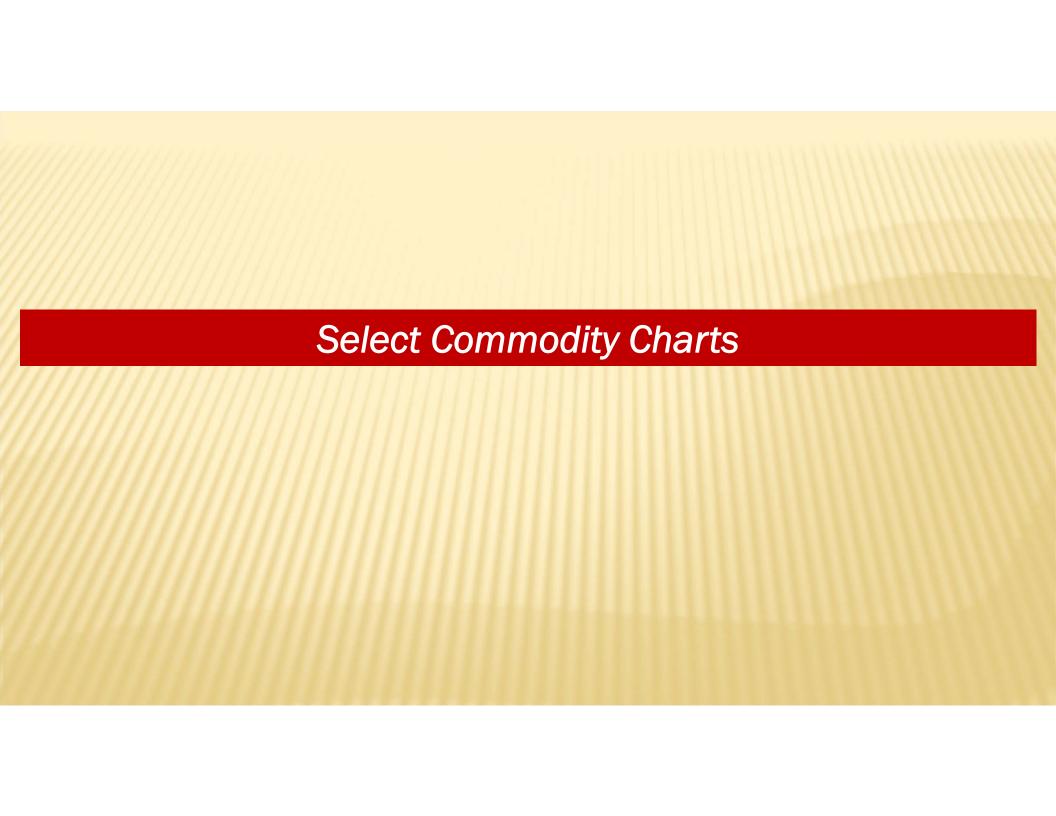
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- A very important indicator of a confirmed commodity breakout would be Light Crude Oil closing and holding above \$55 per barrel. Geo-economic and geopolitical issues seem to dominate price action. Technically this market appears in search of higher highs, fundamentals suggest some corrective price action should be anticipated
- 2017 Likely primary range \$40 to \$60 with possible high in \$72 area
- Washington Leadership likely bullish U.S. production
- OPEC and other oil producers have major role in defining 2017 price structure
- Global uncertainties supportive of prices









Soybeans Weekly, Daily and Monthly Charts

Near Term

Primary Consideration:

The week of February 13, 2017 produced a little more price weakness than expected.
 Corrective price action appears to be underway. We still need confirmation of near term bullish price potential. Confirmation would provide a potential price move toward the previous June 2016 \$12.08 per bushel high or higher

Additional Thought:

 Market participants appear to have a risk appetite. Being short means at least having close mental stops







Corn Weekly, Daily and Monthly Charts

Near Term

Primary consideration:

 Corrective price action underway. The potential of achieving a price level of \$4.11- plus per bushel remains in play





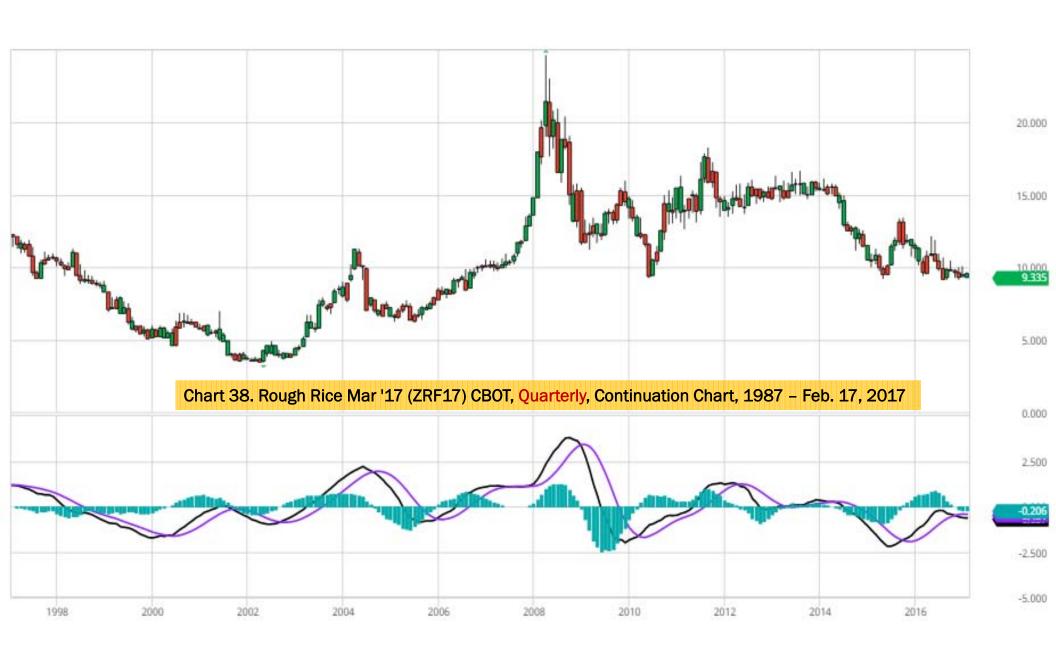


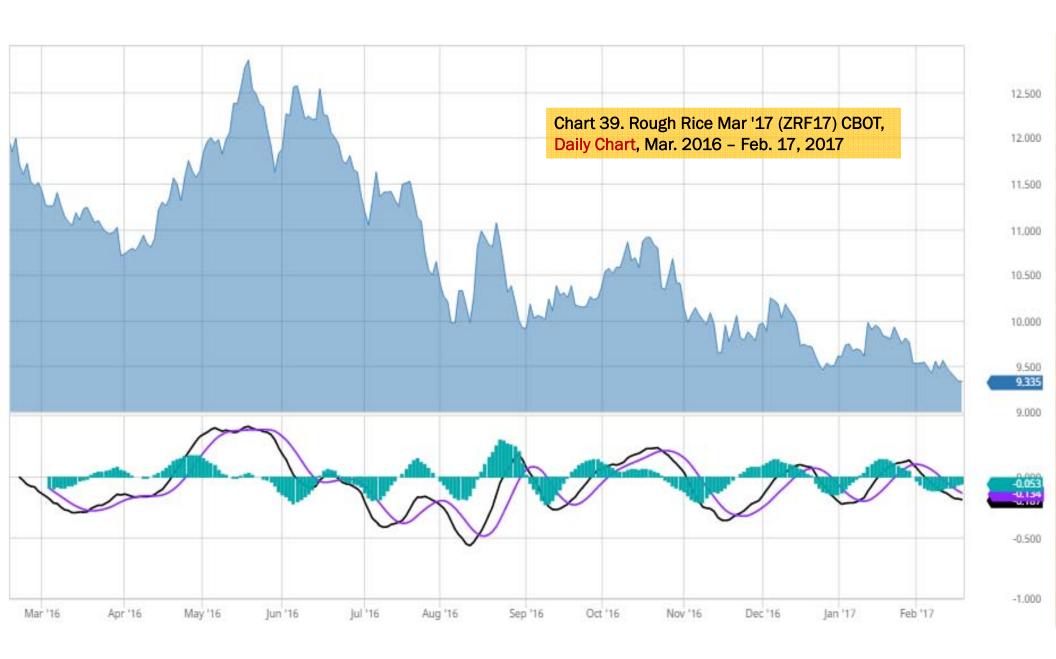
Rice Quarterly and Daily Charts

Near Term

Primary consideration:

 Price will move in sympathy with grain prices and global strength and economic momentum. Lagging demand and global food security concerns are problematic. I cannot emphasis more strongly that overplanting in 2017 given present fundamentals would provide added market challenges. Producers overriding consideration for 2017 should be managing for a quality grain kernel.





Cotton Weekly, Daily and Monthly Charts

Near Term

Primary Consideration:

- Fed verbal guidance and fiscal and trade policy considerations appear to have negatively impacted cotton market prices
- Corrective price action underway with a bullish price objective into the 84-cent area stills remains in play







Wheat Weekly, Daily and Monthly Charts

Near Term

Primary consideration:

Corrective price action underway with a bullish price potential to \$4.95 still a possibility





