Cocoa Report

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LONDON - Futures

	Close	Change	High	Low	O.I	Change	Volume
MAR9	1806	41	1807	1765	30,805	-392	1,549
MAY9	1758	45	1766	1712	71,083	766	4,445
JUL9	1718	48	1723	1670	45,017	1324	930
SEP9	1696	40	1699	1660	17,804	504	256
DEC9	1663	37	1664	1629	18,200	12	230
MAR0	1642	37	1619	1619	8,771	51	1
MAY0	1642	37	1630	1630	308	0	1
JUL0	1650	37			217	0	0
SEP0	1654	37			105	0	0
DEC0	1645	37			0	0	0
					192,310	2,265	7,412

Vol futures:	7,412	Switches:	
Switches :	1,562	H/K 36/49 * 834	
aa's :	1,202	K/N 40/48 * 621	
Vol options:	1,100		

Arb :	£ values
K/K	124/132
N/N	90/98
U/U	69/82

At NY's pit close:	1.2548
At NY's electronic close:	
At Ldn's open :	1.4064

ICE Futures

	Close	Change	High	Low	O.I.	Change
MAR9	2305	17	2365	2355	60	-43
MAY9	2282	69	2298	2224	56,613	1271
JUL9	2272	80	2280	2212	24,887	77
SEP9	2270	80	2279	2210	12,193	211
DEC9	2264	81	2271	2226	13,235	-206
MAR0	2255	86	2263	2232	7,953	482
MAY0	2256	86	2263	2256	1,903	0
JUL0	2265	84			217	0
SEP0	2264	83			524	0
					117,585	1,792

Electronic Switches

K/N 10/18 * 1164
K/Z 18/30 * 162
N/U 2/5 * 279
U/Z 5/10 * 163

CRB Index 215.35

Elect Vol futures = 8,927
Elect aa's =

NY Mar09 Notices

	today	total
12/03/2009	0	12

GRADING 23-Feb

FEBRUARY	SDU	LDU	BDU	Total lots
Tend	2,131	13	13	2,236
Non-Tend	180	6	1	160
Original	4	0	9	500
Re-grade	2,307	19	5	1,896
Total lots	2,311	190	1,400	144,211

Expiry	SDU	LDU	BDU	Total lots
Mar	1,593	119	1	2,883
May	4,461	215	18	8,411
July	2735	43	15	3,340
Total lots	8,789	377	34	14,634
20-Feb	480	6	0	428

LDN Dec08 Tenders

SDU	262
LDU	94
BDU	11
Total lots	2,302

EUROPEAN STOCKS

	SDU Valid	SDU Chnge	SDU Expired	SDU Chnge	LDU Valid	LDU Chnge	LDU Expired	LDU Chnge	BDU Valid	BDU Chnge	BDU Expired	BDU Chnge
26-Jan												
Cont	7,907	39	2,221	-117	439	-3	228	-2	28	1	0	-7
U.K	244	9	500	-10	37	0	42	0	0	0	0	0
Total	8,151	48	2,721	-127	476	-3	270	-2	28	1	0	-7
09-Feb												
Cont	7,630	-277	2,099	-122	338	-101	319	91	29	1	4	4
U.K	502	258	134	-366	37	0	42	0	0	0	0	0
Total	8,132	-19	2,233	-488	375	-101	361	91	29	1	4	4

U.S Stocks

Ports	03-Mar	02-Mar	Change
New York	416,358	416,599	3,358
Delaware	2,319,717	2,334,301	55,347
Hampton Roads	14,870	14,870	0
Albany	0	0	0
Baltimore	229,027	229,027	-1,184
Total	2,979,972	2,994,797	-14,825

TECHNICALS - Basis H08

		Support	Resistance		
Ldn	1	1803	1810	MA 10:	1763
	2	1795	1818	MA 20:	1840
	3	1783	1860	MA 40:	1858
				RSI 9:	42
				MA 10:	2376
Nyk	1	2284	2358	MA 20:	2543
	2	2279	2387	MA 40:	2577
	3	2223	2410	RSI 9:	32

London Calendar
27/02 Mar opt exp
16/03 Mar LTD
17/03 Mar ND

NYBOT Calendar
06/02 Mar opt exp
13/02 Mar fut FND
16/03 Mar fut LTD
03/04 May opt exp
17/04 May fut FND
13/05 May fut LTD

Cote D'Ivoire arrivals

	weekly	Cum.
22-Feb	25,994	797,214

		total	chge
Futures	24-Feb	23,176	-3,790
Futures & Options	24-Feb	24,070	-3,786
Index Funds	24-Feb	16,454	8

Market Commentary

Cocoa was to see a more subdued day's trading with values slowly working their way back higher following the heavy sell off seen in both markets & across the world during the first session of the week. Both markets saw themselves displaying a technical bounce initially aided by a stronger pound against the dollar. Come midday volumes remained light however with ~ 2,500 lots having traded on Liffe & just over 1,500 lots having traded on ICE these figures lifting by ~ 5,000 & 7,500 lots respectively come the close.

News out on the day included the announcement that the Spanish food group Natra and the world's largest chocolate maker Barry Callebaut have signed a memorandum of understanding that will see Barry Callebaut transferring its consumer chocolate division, Stollwerck, to Natra. Natra as a result of the transaction will become a significant private label chocolate maker whilst Barry Callebaut will focus on its core industrial and artisanal business.

After what was a quiet but positive morning both markets found further strength during the afternoon session despite the pound weakening a little. The upside move was cautious but saw values steadily increasing throughout the afternoon with London regaining more than 50% of Monday's losses & values on ICE likewise taking back some of that which was lost on Monday. Spreads continued to be well traded representing ~ 40% of the day's volume on Liffe with the h/k & k/n premiums slipping back a little & k/n on ICE holding little changed on the previous.

The final hour of the session was to see values continuing higher, the small fire to the upside stoked by short-covering into the close at it looks for the timebeing that the lows will remain.

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