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Conditioned Seasonal Study - December Corn

December corn futures have advanced more than declined from mid-February into the March/December period in 9 of 11 years in which new crop U.S corn carryout (USDA's December est) was less than 1.0 billion bushels. The current estimate is 752 million bushels. The baseline projection for next year is 477 million bushels.

	Date						
Year	14-Feb	High	Chg	Low	Chg	Net	
1973	\$1.37	\$3.33	143.1%	\$1.43	4.4%	143%	
1974	\$2.80	\$4.00	42.9%	\$2.26	-19.3%	23.6%	
1975	\$2.81	\$3.30	17.4%	\$2.33	-17.1%	0.4%	
1976	\$2.75	\$3.00	9.1%	\$2.31	-16.0%		-6.9%
1980	\$3.13	\$3.96	26.5%	\$2.87	-8.3%	18.2%	
1983	\$2.93	\$3.77	28.7%	\$2.71	-7.5%	21.2%	
1993	\$2.40	\$2.92	21.7%	\$2.25	-6.3%	15.4%	
1995	\$2.58	\$3.44	33.3%	\$2.54	-1.6%	31.8%	
1997	\$2.68	\$2.98	11.2%	\$2.28	-14.9%		-3.7%
2002	\$2.35	\$2.96	26.0%	\$2.15	-8.5%	17.4%	
2006	\$2.56	\$3.78	47.7%	\$2.34	-8.6%	39.1%	
2007	\$4.05	??	??	??	??	??	
AVG*	\$2.70	\$3.41	26.4%	\$2.40	-11%	20.9%	-5.3%
* excludes 1973							

A price change equivalent to the average posted in the above history would provide a December corn futures low of \$3.60 with a potential high at \$5.12. The two years that posted a net decline the average was 5.3%, equivalent to \$3.84 December corn.

Point: There appears to be significantly more upside potential than downside price risk for the December corn futures from yesterday's high of \$4.05.

Source: David Tedrow

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