

NEW YORK COTTON STOCK EXCHANGE

Over the past week, the December position has slowly climbed from 77.31 cents/lb on Monday to 78.92 on Friday.

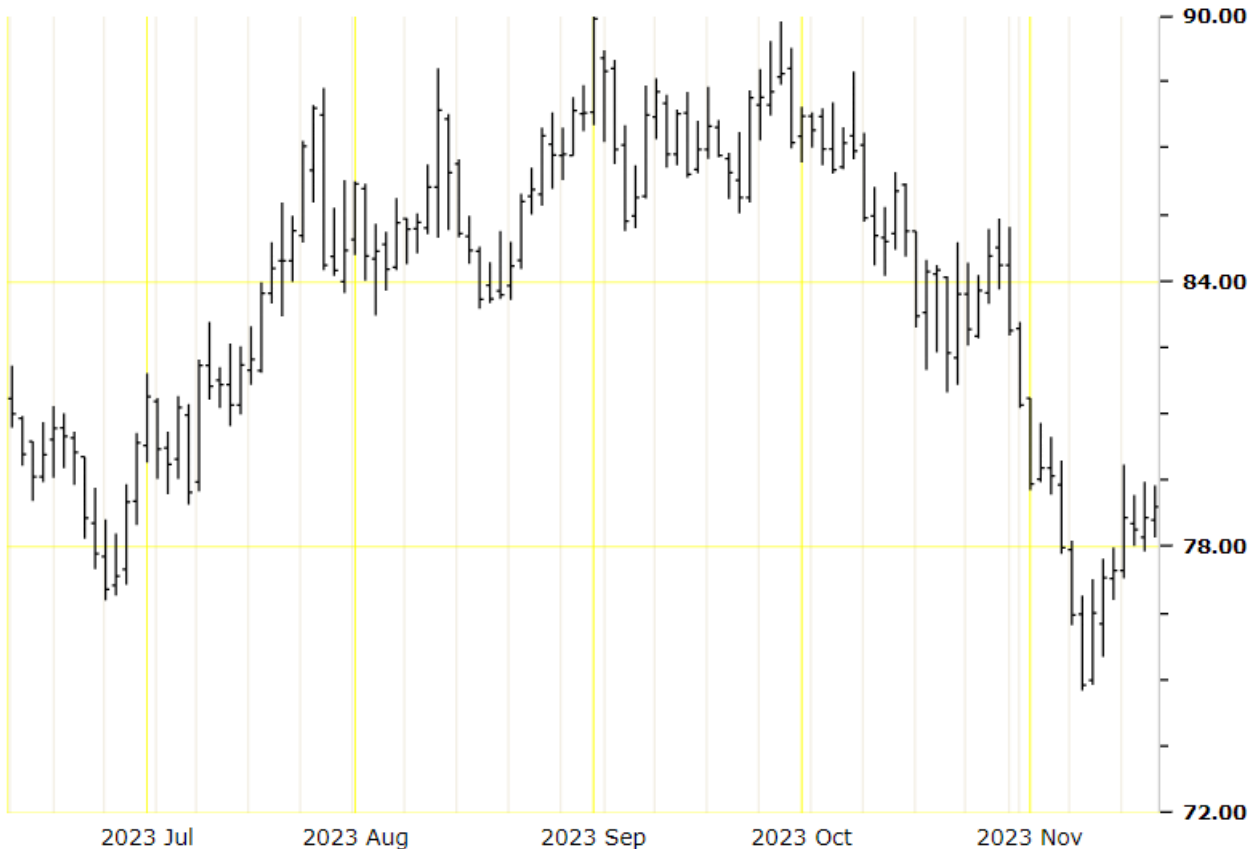
USDA export sales data indicated 328,347 bales of cotton sold during the week ending 9/11. The figure was down from 395,000 the previous week but is well above the 25,000 bales sold during the same week last year. China was the week's biggest buyer with 176,000 bales. The weekly report listed commitments at 7.26 million bales, down from 8.8 million last year.

The USDA Weekly Harvest Progress Report notes that the cotton harvest was 67% complete as of 12/11. This is an increase of 10% compared to the previous week, and 63% compared to the average.

Please note that the first notice day for the December contract is November 23, which means delivery notices will be issued and price limits will be removed on December futures. The daily ranking reports and the weekly export sales report will continue to be a focal point for traders.

It should be noted that the March 2024 position, which will be the next base to be examined after the December settlement, is quoted at 81.51 cents/lb, +2.59 points difference and this is also the premium they will have to pay traders and spinning mills, to postpone open positions from December to March.

NEW YORK COTTON STOCK EXCHANGE – Closure of NOVEMBER 17, 2023 – DECEMBER 2023 position



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ECONOMY/FINANCE

In the **USA**, the American inflation figure in October remained stable at 3.2% monthly, but on an annual basis it fell more than estimates.

In **EUROPE**, in October, inflation in the euro zone was settled at 2.9%, compared to 4.3% in September. This is the lowest level in the last two years.

The October inflation data in **ITALY** is surprising and stood at 1.8% from 5.6% in September. The American rating agency Moody's in its rating assessment of Italy brings its rating from negative to stable, thus removing the specter of a downgrading that would have brought the country into the "Junk" category, i.e. speculative investments. The rating therefore remains unchanged at Baa3. Italy's short-term economic outlook is supported by recent improvements in the banking sector. This judgment reduced the spread between BTp and Bund to 177 points.

Wall Street and European indices are celebrating, following the positive inflation data.

As for **CHINA** however, this year around \$955 billion in market capitalization has evaporated from Chinese stocks listed in Hong Kong, Shanghai, Shenzhen and New York. China analysts at Wall Street investment banks have had to scale back their targets on economic growth, corporate profits and the yuan.

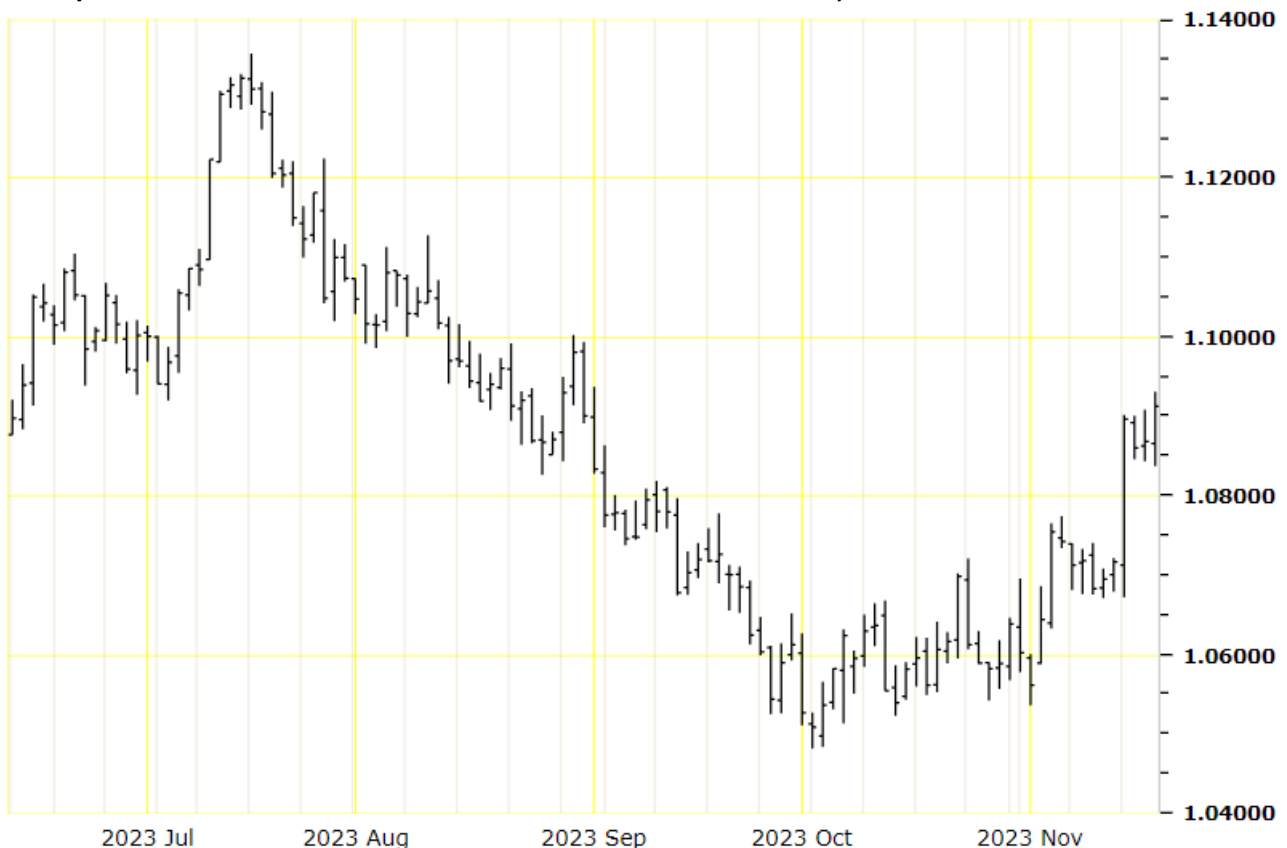
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EURO/US DOLLAR EXCHANGE

The dollar falls as US inflation slowed in October, raising odds that the Federal Reserve has reached the end of its interest rate hikes.

The EURO/DOLLAR exchange rate, which was 1.071 on Monday, moved above the 1.09 area on Friday.

EURO/US DOLLAR EXCHANGE RATE – CLOSURE OF NOVEMBER 17, 2023



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GAS and CRUDE OIL

Natural **GAS** prices on the Amsterdam market, the main reference point for Europe, are decreasing. The methane future for delivery in December closed at 45 euros per megawatt hour.

In recent weeks, **CRUDE OIL** has entered a bearish phase which has brought the prices of BRENT and WTI back to their lowest levels since this summer but the war between Hamas and Israel is worrying, therefore expectations are bullish.

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TREND OF FIBER AND YARN PRICES IN THE MAIN EXPORTING COUNTRIES

In **PAKISTAN**, the fiber and yarn markets have regained stability, driven by a recovery in exports of textile and clothing products.

In **CHINA** it is reported that prices of cotton fibers and yarn will decline less significantly after the end of sales of cotton from state reserves. While, although crude oil prices have fallen further in the past week, intermediate polyester prices have remained stable.

Data from **INDIA** not received.

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