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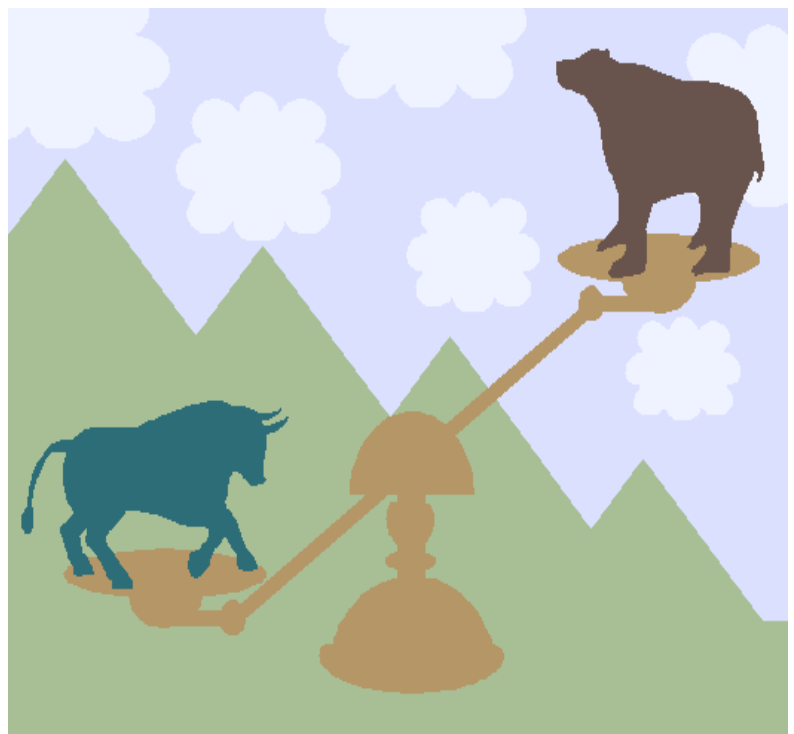
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WHEAT



ANALYSIS

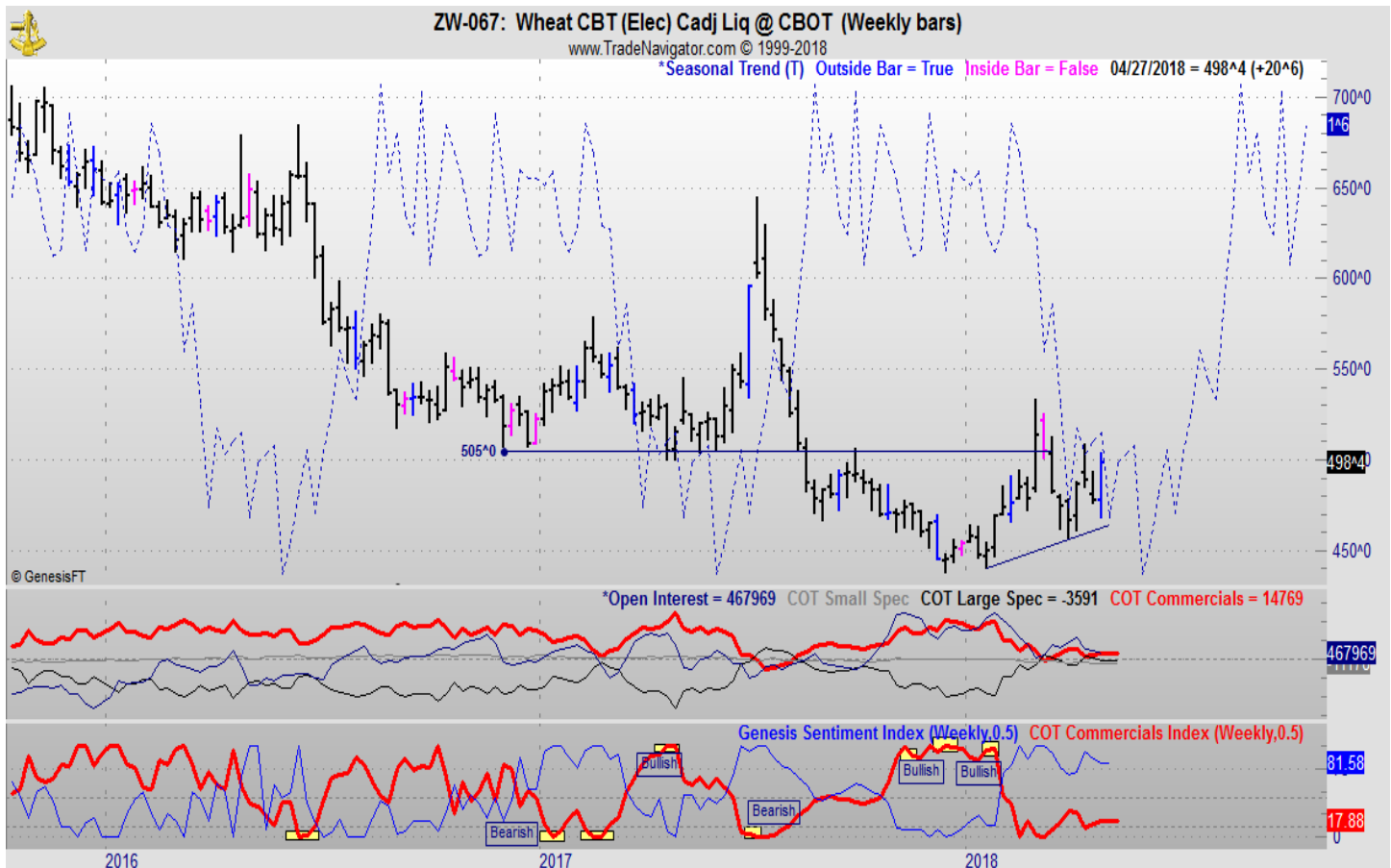
For the week, Chicago wheat closed \$.20 3/4 higher; Kansas City wheat closed \$.28 1/2 higher and Minneapolis wheat \$.02 1/4 higher. Last week, private exporters did not report any private sales.

Weekly export sales for all wheat showed a total of 21.2 mb (577,900 mt) with 10.9 mb (297,200 mt) for the 2017-2018 marketing year. This puts total marketing year sales at 855 mb, 16% below the previous marketing year. In the weekly crop progress and conditions report, US winter wheat conditions were unchanged from last week at 31% good/excellent vs 32% expected 31% g/e last week and remain below the 54% rating of last year. HRW conditions declined due to South Dakota and Colorado, while Kansas and Oklahoma were unchanged and SRW & white wheat conditions improved. US spring wheat planting was unchanged from last week at 3% complete vs 7% expected, well behind 21% last year and 25% average. May is the key reproductive month for winter wheat. Winter wheat is now in need of light rain followed by warm and sunny conditions. A hot and dry weather pattern early in the month will send prices sharply higher. By the middle of the month and into the end of the month should produce lower prices as the market prepares for harvest and the key reproductive time-frame for wheat will be past. Of course, adverse weather during May will send prices soaring.

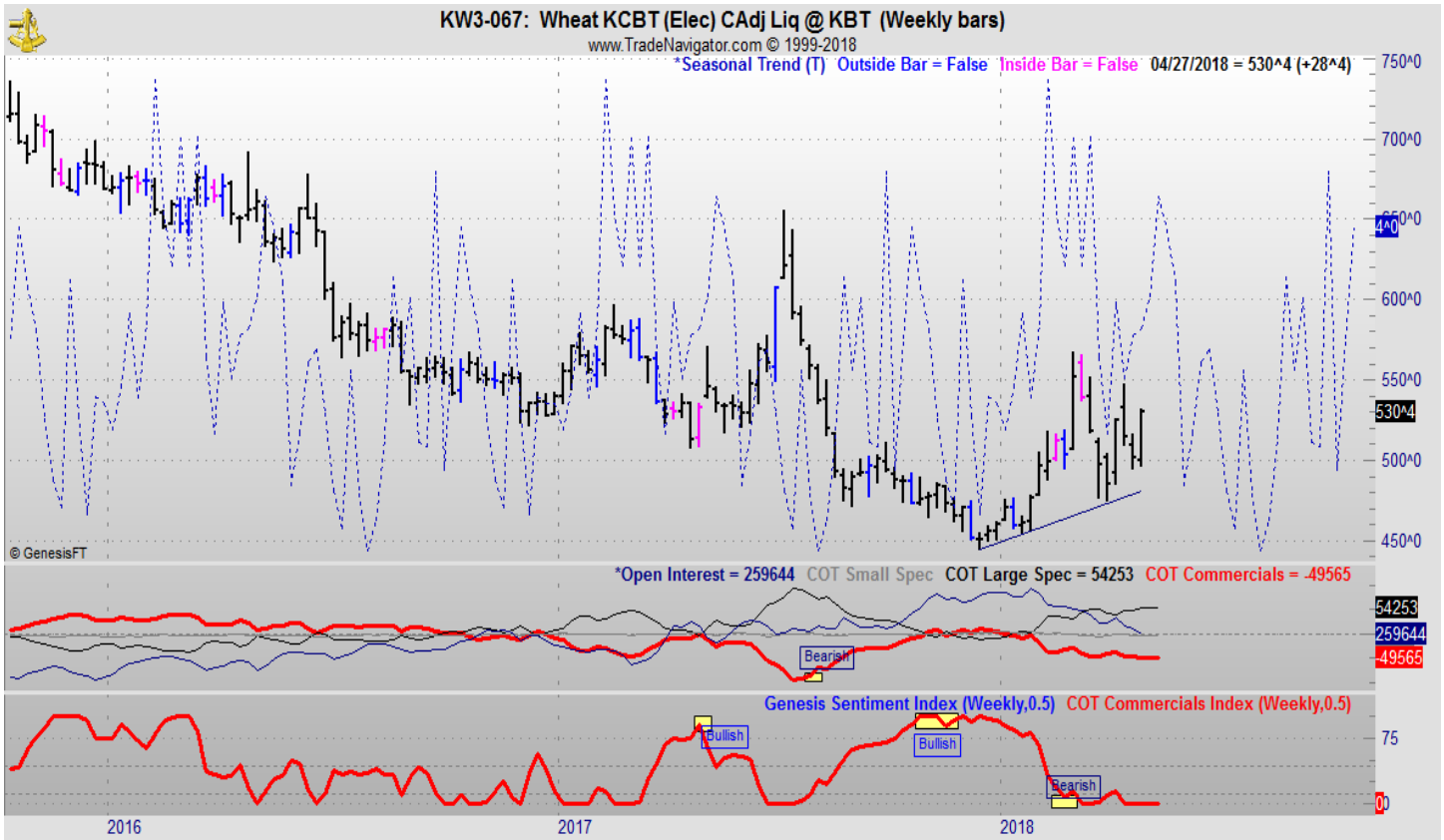
STRATEGY & OUTLOOK

The increased spring wheat acreage forecast will make it difficult for spring wheat to sustain rally attempts. Look to sell out inventory and use options to manage risks on sharp rally attempts.

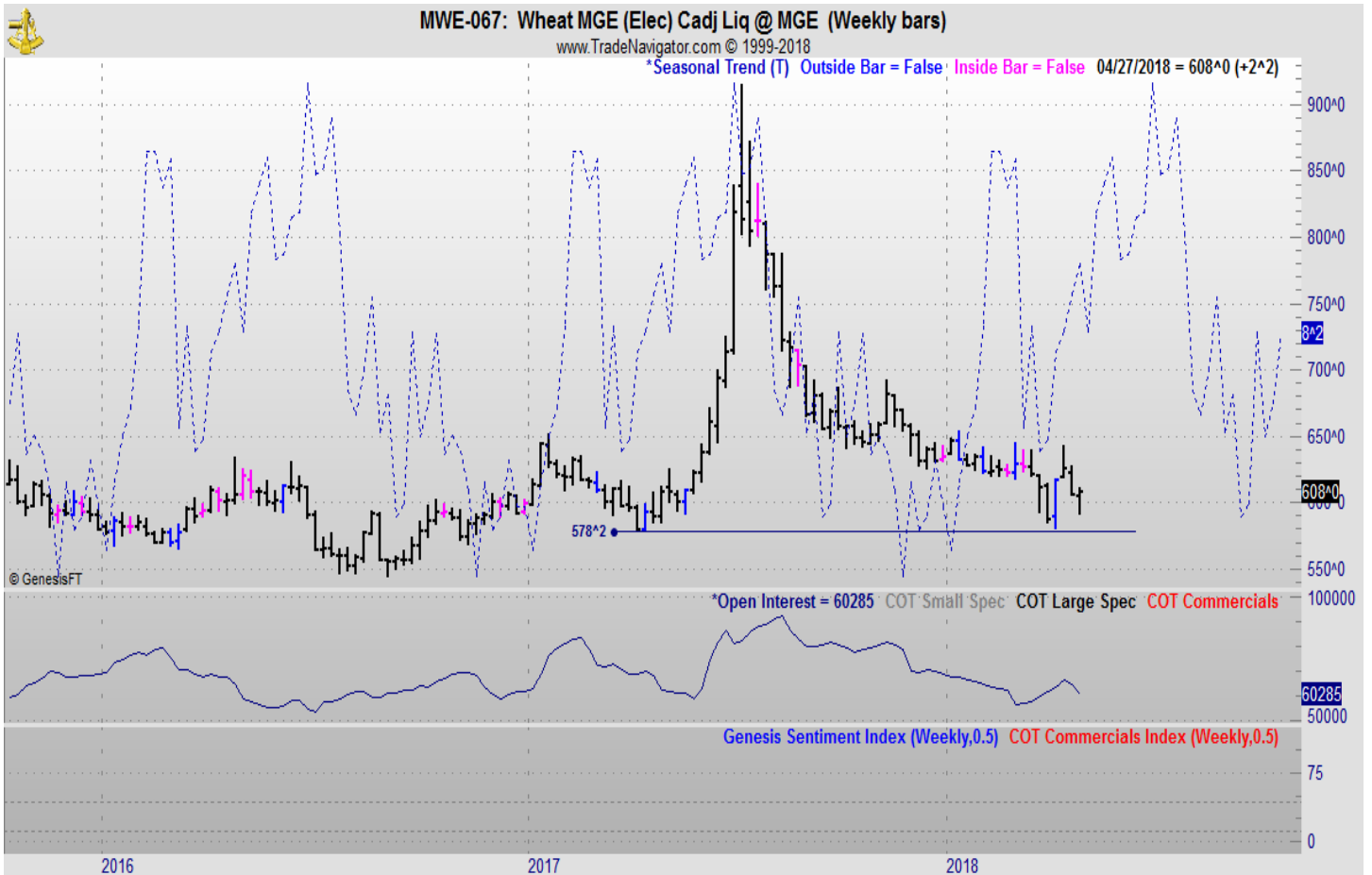
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