

WEEKLY OPTIONS TRADING REPORT - Paul Forchione, CTA

Paul offers option traders of all levels instructional webinars, seminars, books, CDs, and full service as a Commodity Trading Advisor and Commodity Broker. The current issue of the Weekly Options Trading Report begins on page 2.

Trading Ratio Spreads and “Tree” Spreads

Sunday, April 25, 2010, 3:00p.m. to 4:15p.m. PT (ET 6:00 p.m.- 7:15 p.m.)

Ratio Spreads consist of a long option along with two or more short further out-of-the-money options having the same strike price. “Tree” Spreads are a subset of Ratio Spreads. They consist of a long option with two or more short further out-of-the-money options having different strikes. They generate positive time decay, they can be delta neutral, delta long or delta short, and they benefit if implied volatility decreases. Ratio Spreads and “Tree” Spreads can be high probability strategies given the proper market environment.

In this webinar, Paul shows you what that market environment should be. He also shows you how to choose the strikes to use, evaluate the potential profits as compared to possible losses, analyze the Greeks (delta, gamma, theta, and vega), and determine in advance when to adjust and what type of adjustment to make.

The serious trader should learn these strategies and have them in his trading arsenal.

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Paul teaches you how to use options spreads that benefit from market turbulence. Gone will be the days when you fret over the market . . . because the greater the volatility, the better. Of course, there are no free lunches, so he also teaches you how to balance negative time decay versus market movement and changes in implied volatility.

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Each recommended position ---

(A) Is identified by type of position

Speculative Directional – options position designed to take advantage of a trend or seasonal expectation.

Speculative Implied Volatility – options position designed to take advantage of high or low implied volatility.

Speculative Statistical Volatility – options position designed to take advantage of high or low statistical volatility.

Systematic – options positions that generally begin delta neutral and which evolve over time as adjustments are made in response to moves in the underlying commodity and to changes in implied volatility.

(B) Has a trading plan

The trading plan for **Speculative** Positions will state when to close positions. The exit will be triggered when the underlying commodity moves to a specified level, when the position earns or loses a predetermined amount, or when a specific date has been reached.

The trading plan for **Systematic** Positions, on the other hand, will specify adjustment points. Adjustments will be made to reduce exposure to market direction, to changes in implied volatility, or to negative time decay. An adjustment may close some options and add new options in their place, or an adjustment may leave existing positions in place and add new options to them.

(C) Shows current Greeks and projected performance curves

The current Greeks show how a position will respond to rallies and declines (delta and gamma), to expanding and contracting implied volatility (vega), and to the passage of time (theta). OptionVue's Graphic Analysis shows projected results over a range of underlying prices and over the passage of time.

(D) Shows a Volatility Chart with a Price Chart superimposed

The Volatility Chart shows how implied and statistical volatility have fluctuated in the past and it shows their percentile ranking over the past 6 years. The Price Chart shows how the underlying commodity has behaved in the past. It's a chart for a continuous contract.

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This issue presents two bullish positions and one bearish position using Coffee (KC) options

1. Coffee (KC) – Jul Call Butterfly – Speculative Directional -- bullish
2. Coffee (KC) – Jul Credit Put spread – Speculative Directional -- bullish
3. Coffee (KC) – Jul Credit Call spread – Speculative Directional -- bearish

Weekly Option Implied Volatility Survey --- Data through last week's close.

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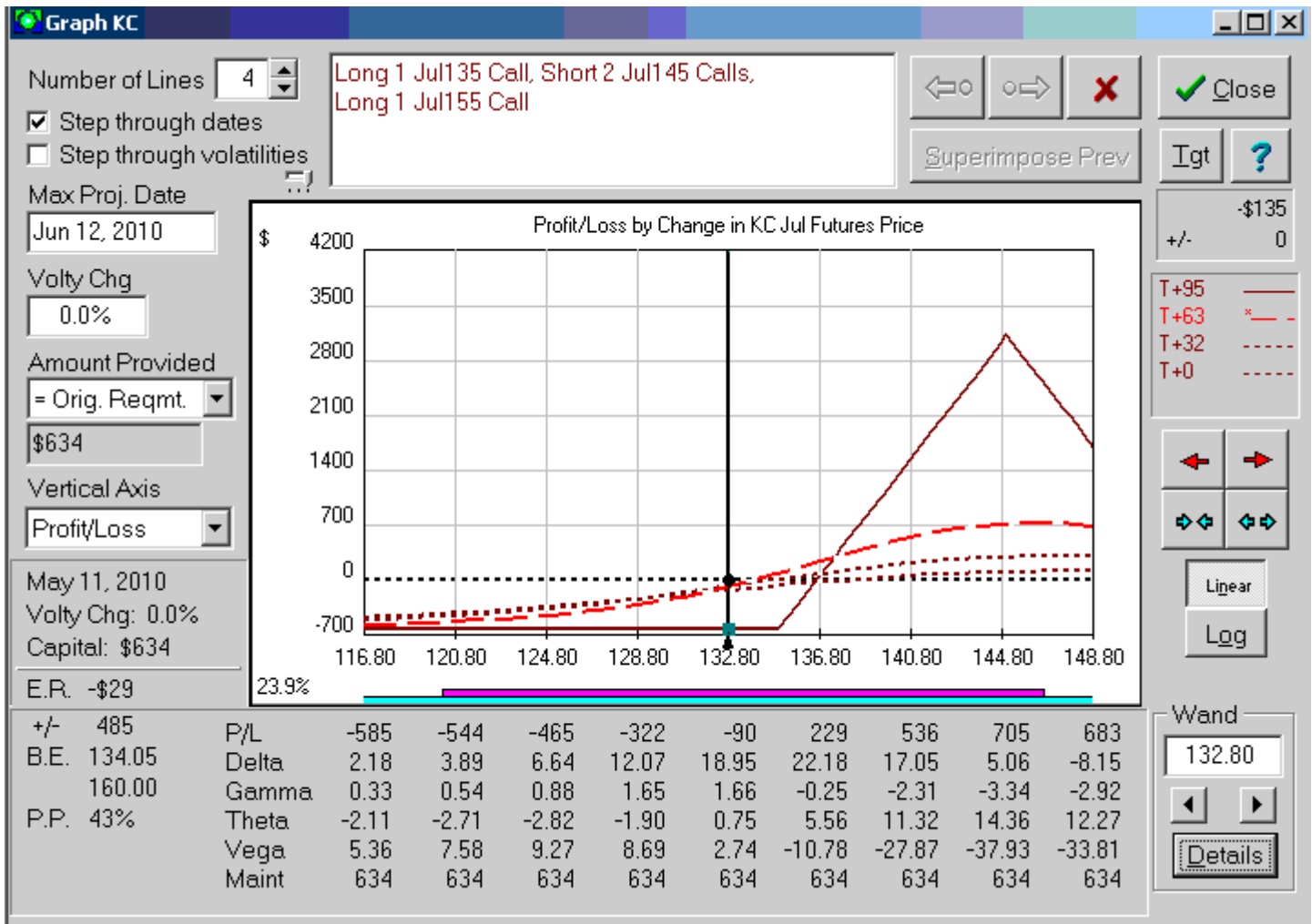
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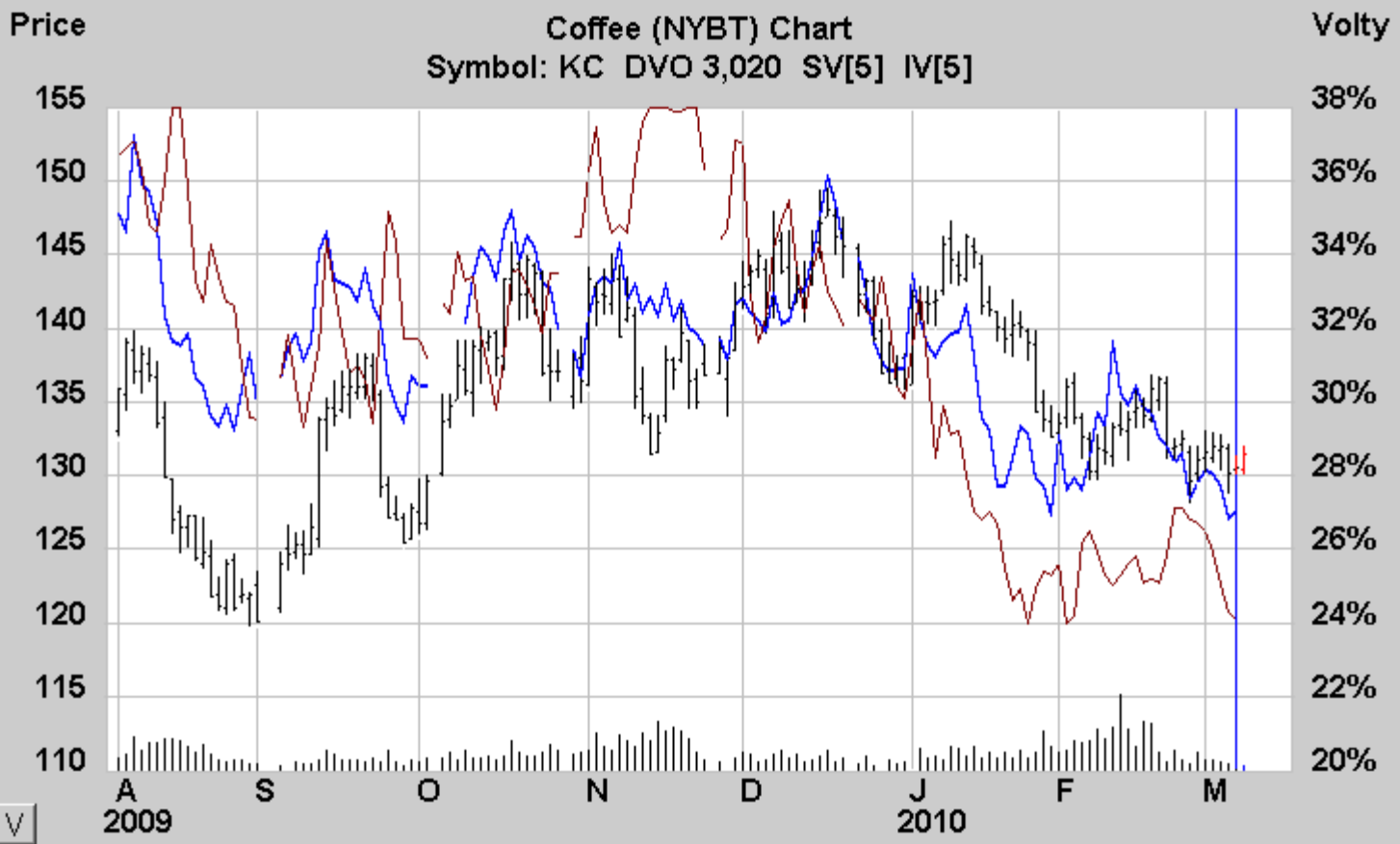
The weekly option implied volatility survey can be found on the last page

1. Coffee (KC) – Jul Call Butterfly

Position / Closing Price @ 3/8	Entry Cost	Time	Comments/ Trading Plan
<p>Buy 1 Jul 135 call @ 695 Sell 2 Jul 145 calls @ 421 Buy 1 Jul 155 call @ 252</p> <p>1 point = \$3.75</p> <p>Jul KC @ 132.80</p> <p>Greeks: Delta +7 Gamma +0.22 Theta +\$2 Vega \$(8)</p> <p>Margin: \$ 634</p>	<p>Approx. 105 or less points debit</p> <p>\$ 393.75</p>	<p>Jul options expire on 6/11 in 94 days</p>	<p>Jul Coffee (KC) declined from a high on Dec 16 at 152.10 to a low at 130.00 on Feb 25.</p> <p>This was a 14.5% decline over about two months.</p> <p>Coffee prices have been pressured by an anticipated large Brazilian crop and by a Vietnamese government plan to stockpile 200,000 metric tons of coffee it would buy from Vietnamese farmers, who have delayed selling their crop hoping for higher prices.</p> <p>This Jul call butterfly anticipates prices will rise over the next two months. It consists of a Jul 135 / 145 bull call spread along with a Jul 145 / 155 bear call spread.</p> <p>Trading Plan/Suggested Risk:</p> <p>Establish the spread for a debit of approximately 105 points with an objective of closing the spread when it widens to a debit of 312 points (207 points better).</p> <p>This objective could be potentially achievable in 63 days (by May 11) provided the Jul KC futures contract rallies at least 8.00 points to 140.80.</p> <p>If the Jul KC contract declines 4.00 points to 128.80, then close the spread.</p> <p>In any event, close the spread no later than May 11 in 63 days.</p>

Entry Cost is the recommended option premium paid (debit) to enter a trade. If premium is collected (credit) it will be designated in brackets (). Cost is not necessarily the margin required to hold the trade. The margin includes \$60 / RT per option. Projected results are estimates. **ACTUAL PROFITS MAY BE LESS AND ACTUAL LOSSES MAY BE MORE. PAST RESULTS ARE NOT NECESSARILY INDICATIVE OF FUTURE RESULTS. TRADES ARE BASED ON THE PREVIOUS DAY'S SETTLEMENT PRICES. FUTURES MARKETS MOVE QUICKLY SO EVALUATE THE MARKET BEFORE ENTRY.**





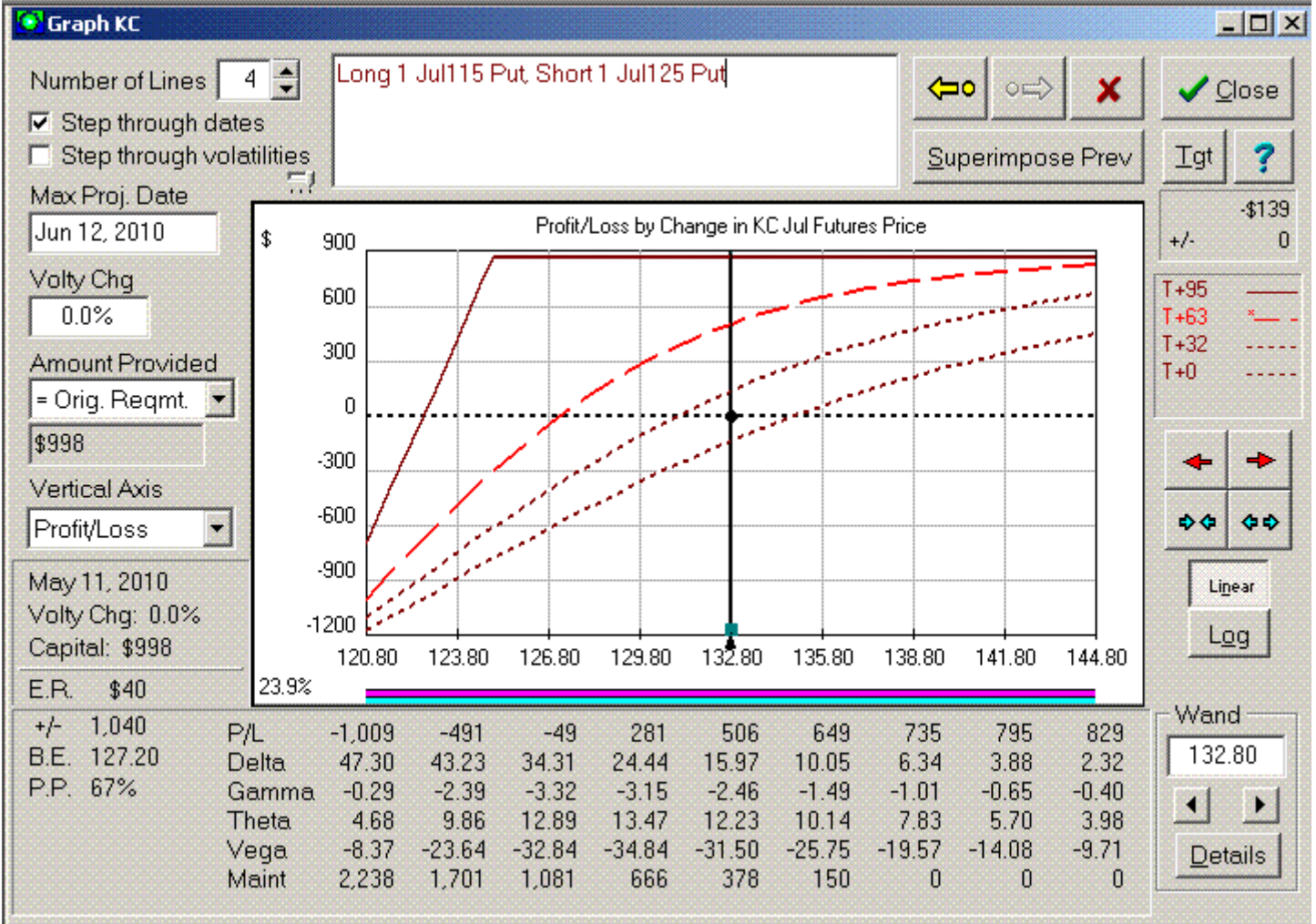
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03/05/10 Open: 130.43 High: 131.28 Low: 130.03 Close: 130.48 Volume: 13875 SV: 24.1%[5] IV: 27.0%[5]

2. Coffee (KC) – Jul Credit Put spread

Position / Closing Price @ 3/8	Entry Cost	Time	Comments/ Trading Plan
<p>Sell 1 Jul 125 put @ 390 Buy 1 Jul 115 put @ 126</p> <p>1 point = \$3.75</p> <p>Jul KC @ 132.80</p> <p>Greeks: Delta +18 Gamma (1.00) Theta +\$5 Vega \$(35)</p> <p>Margin: \$ 998</p>	<p>Approx 264 or more points credit</p> <p>\$ (990)</p>	<p>Jul options expire on 6/11 in 94 days</p>	<p>This Jul KC credit put spread assumes that bearish fundamental factors are fully priced into Coffee prices and that Jul KC futures will reverse to the upside over the next two months.</p> <p>It consists of a short out-of-the-money Jul 125 put that's hedged by a long further out-of-the-money Jul 115 put.</p> <p>This spread begins about 18 deltas long and it earns positive time decay.</p> <p>Trading Plan/Suggested Risk:</p> <p>Establish the spread for a credit of approximately 264 points with an objective of closing the spread when it narrows to a credit of 98 points (166 points better).</p> <p>This objective could be potentially achievable in 63 days (by May 11) provided the Jul KC futures contract rallies at least 3.00 points to 135.80.</p> <p>If the Jul KC contract declines 3.00 points to 129.80, then close the spread.</p> <p>In any event, close the spread no later than May 11 in 63 days.</p>

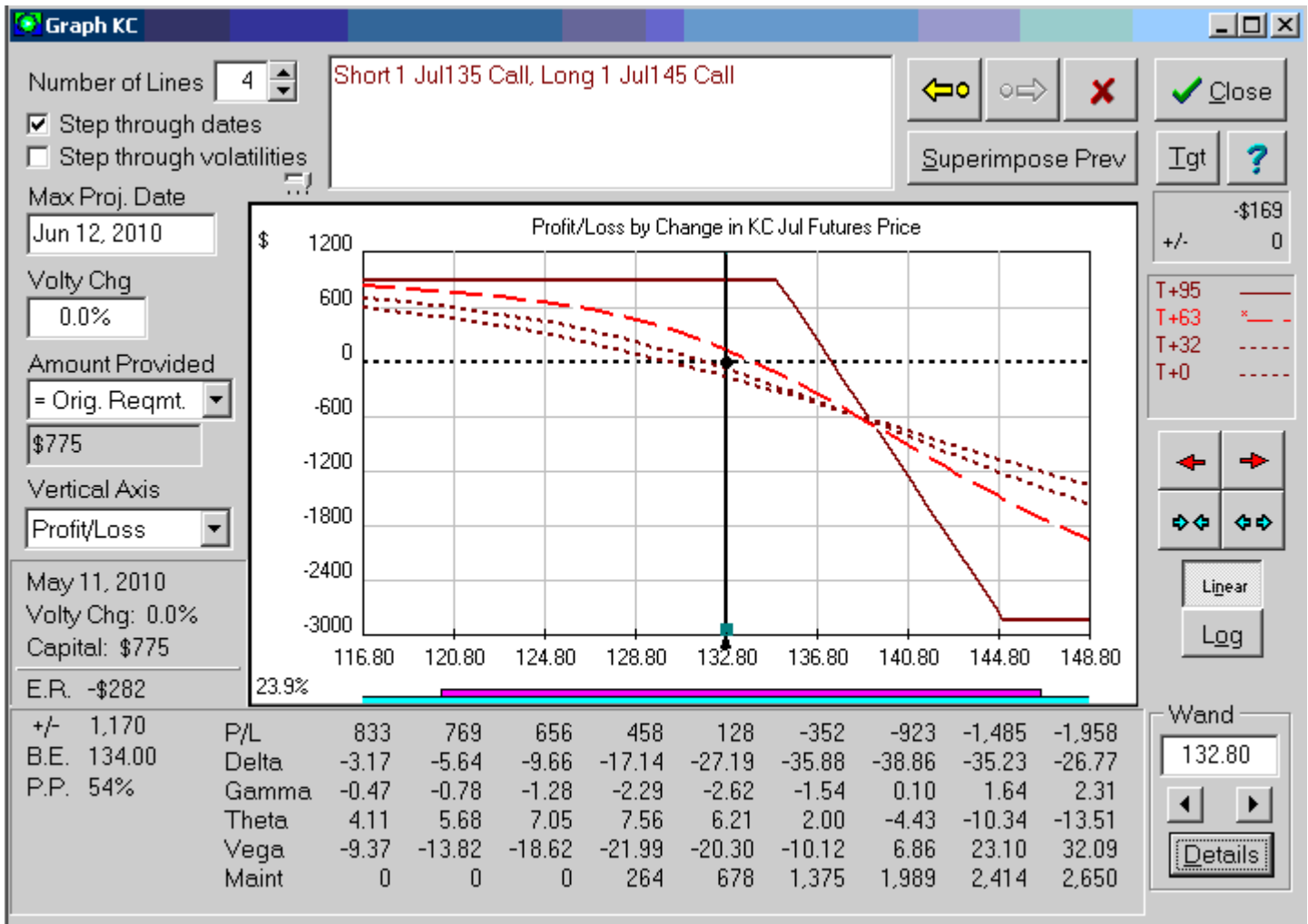
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3. Coffee (KC) – Jul Credit Call spread

Position / Closing Price @ 3/8	Entry Cost	Time	Comments/ Trading Plan
<p>Sell 1 Jul 135 call @ 695 Buy 1 Jul 145 call @ 421</p> <p>1 point = \$3.75</p> <p>Jul KC @ 132.80</p> <p>Greeks: Delta (18) Gamma (0.5) Theta +\$1 Vega \$(11)</p> <p>Margin: \$ 775</p>	<p>Approx 274 or more points credit</p> <p>\$ (1,027.50)</p>	<p>Jul options expire on 6/11 in 94 days</p>	<p>Traders who expect Coffee to continue to decline over the next two months can consider establishing this Jul KC credit call spread.</p> <p>The short out-of-the-money Jul 135 call is hedged by the long further out-of-the-money Jul 145 call.</p> <p>This spread begins about 18 deltas short and earns positive time decay since the short Jul 135 call decays more rapidly than the long Jul 145 call.</p> <p>Trading Plan/Suggested Risk:</p> <p>Establish the spread for a credit of approximately 274 points with an objective of closing the spread when it narrows to a credit of 120 points (154 points better).</p> <p>This objective could be potentially achievable in 63 days (by May 11) provided the Jul KC futures contract declines at least 4.00 points to 128.80.</p> <p>If the Jul KC contract rallies 4.00 points to 136.80, then close the spread.</p> <p>In any event, close the spread no later than May 11 in 63 days.</p>

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WEEKLY OPTION IMPLIED VOLATILITY SURVEY ----- DATA through Mar 5, 2010

UNDERLYING MARKET	Symbol	Mar 5	Feb 26	Jan 29	Dec 31	Nov 27	Oct 30	(UP TO) 6YR I.V. RANGE	1.5-YEAR I.V. RANGE	6-YEAR % RANK	1.5 yr % RANK
Stocks, Int Rates											
S&P 500	SP	16.2	18.1	21.4	17.2	18.9	23.3	8.5 - 69.3	8.8 - 69.3	57	4
DOW JONES	DJ	15.7	15.7	15.7	17.5	16.2	20.6	8.3 - 66.5	8.3 - 66.5	59	1
EURODOLLAR	ED	94.2	99.3	107.0	106.3	110.7	112.7	7.7 - 168.7	7.7 - 168.7	90	62
TEN-YEAR Notes	TY	6.0	6.0	6.1	7.0	6.2	7.7	3.5 - 9.4	3.5 - 9.4	49	1
US 30-YR Bonds	US	9.4	10.0	10.7	11.1	11.7	13.0	5.2 - 21.7	5.2 - 21.7	56	1
CURRENCIES											
AUSTRALIAN \$	AD	12.9	13.4	14.0	13.0	14.5	16.0	6.2 - 46.7	6.2 - 46.7	64	1
BRITISH POUND	BP	13.3	11.9	10.7	11.2	11.7	13.1	4.9 - 29.5	4.9 - 29.5	86	45
CANADIAN \$	CD	10.8	10.5	11.9	11.5	13.8	15.6	5.8 - 26.9	5.8 - 26.9	65	1
EURO Currency	EC	11.0	11.2	10.9	10.4	10.5	10.7	4.7 - 28.7	4.7 - 28.7	77	29
JAPANESE YEN	JY	11.2	11.4	13.1	13.4	11.6	13.4	6.3 - 34.4	6.3 - 34.4	61	1
SWISS FRANC	SF	10.4	10.4	10.5	10.4	11.0	11.4	5.6 - 24.3	5.6 - 24.3	49	4
GRAINS											
CORN	C	30.2	30.3	28.4	33.3	33.6	39.5	15.6 - 50.2	25.3 - 50.2	46	6
WHEAT	W	34.1	34.1	31.8	40.0	37.6	38.4	20.1 - 61.1	29.1 - 61.1	58	13
SOYBEANS	S	24.2	24.5	24.4	30.2	29.2	29.8	16.4 - 50.0	20.0 - 50.0	29	1
SOYBEAN MEAL	SM	25.2	24.6	23.1	26.0	29.2	30.4	17.0 - 46.3	22.6 - 46.3	27	8
SOYBEAN OIL	BO	23.3	23.4	23.1	24.8	28.4	29.8	16.9 - 47.8	17.3 - 47.8	27	8
OATS	O	27.8	27.8	27.7	29.4	29.6	40.3	17.3 - 48.8	17.3 - 48.8	26	14
ROUGH RICE	RR/NR	22.0	22.1	22.1	25.8	24.7	27.8	12.7 - 47.0	12.7 - 47.0	33	6
FOODS, FIBER											
COFFEE	KC	27.5	28.2	28.2	30.9	31.5	31.8	23.2 - 62.5	23.2 - 62.5	13	1
COCOA	CO/CC	33.9	33.0	34.3	37.9	38.5	43.2	20.6 - 53.5	20.6 - 53.5	54	5
SUGAR	SB	43.9	43.2	49.7	48.5	42.9	48.1	18.6 - 52.0	18.6 - 52.0	88	52
ORANGE JUICE	OJ/JO	30.9	30.6	39.8	47.2	39.1	43.0	17.7 - 55.8	18.7 - 55.8	48	2
COTTON	CT	29.7	25.9	28.8	27.0	28.4	29.7	16.4 - 47.2	16.4 - 47.2	60	29
LUMBER	LB	29.9	29.9	29.9	29.5	29.4	28.6	18.6 - 53.5	21.2 - 53.5	64	41
METALS											
COPPER	HG	36.4	36.2	32.0	35.4	41.6	93.1	17.1 - 349	25.1 - 349	66	19
GOLD	GC	18.6	21.0	21.6	22.1	23.1	18.8	10.8 - 48.7	18.6 - 48.7	44	1
SILVER	SI	30.6	32.2	32.1	32.4	36.2	35.2	16.9 - 75.2	19.0 - 75.2	31	1
ENERGY											
CRUDE OIL	CL	30.8	30.5	32.9	33.0	37.4	40.6	24.8 - 99.9	24.8 - 99.9	29	1
GASOLINE	RB	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	26.2 - 69.9	29.3 - 62.6	n/a	n/a
HEATING OIL	HO	30.9	31.3	32.8	33.5	38.0	40.6	25.9 - 73.6	25.9 - 73.6	26	3
NATURAL GAS	NG	37.8	41.4	47.3	55.9	54.2	54.0	30.0 - 98.1	33.6 - 91.4	16	1
MEATS											
LIVE CATTLE	LC	13.4	13.7	15.9	14.6	12.6	14.6	11.6 - 37.9	11.6 - 37.9	12	6
FEEDER CATTLE	FC	12.5	11.4	12.4	12.0	13.0	12.6	9.0 - 35.0	11.9 - 35.0	26	17
LEAN HOGS	LH	21.5	22.3	23.0	25.7	24.3	26.1	17.5 - 48.5	17.5 - 48.5	27	1

Data is from **OptionVue**, using weekly option I.V. averages. **To contact OptionVue, call (800-733-6610).**

OPTION MARKET COMMENTS - Evaluated using computer and subjective analysis. In general, when volatility is low, option purchases are attractive; when high, option-selling strategies are appropriate.

Implied option volatility, statistical market volatility, and liquidity are important considerations.

LOW option implied volatility	HIGH option implied volatility	VOLATILITY NOTES
Consider for option buying strategies (option purchases, ratio backspreads long straddles or long strangles, and calendar spreads)	Consider for option selling strategies (option sales, ratio spreads, and reverse calendar spreads)	(Comments and observations).
SP, DJ, TY, US, AD, CD, JY, SF,C, S, SM, BO, RR, KC, CO, OJ, GC, SI, CL, HO, NG, LC and LH	NONE	Implied volatility is extremely low in virtually ALL markets.