



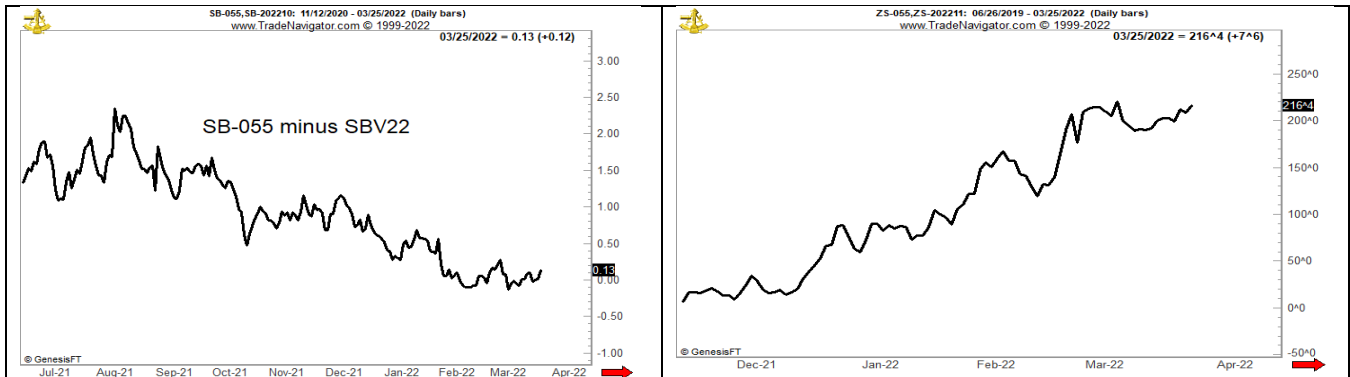
March 27, 2022

**Note:**

Effective with this edition I am adopting a new format of featuring markets being considered for a trade in the first section followed by markets in which I am carrying a position into the weekend.

Trading commentary

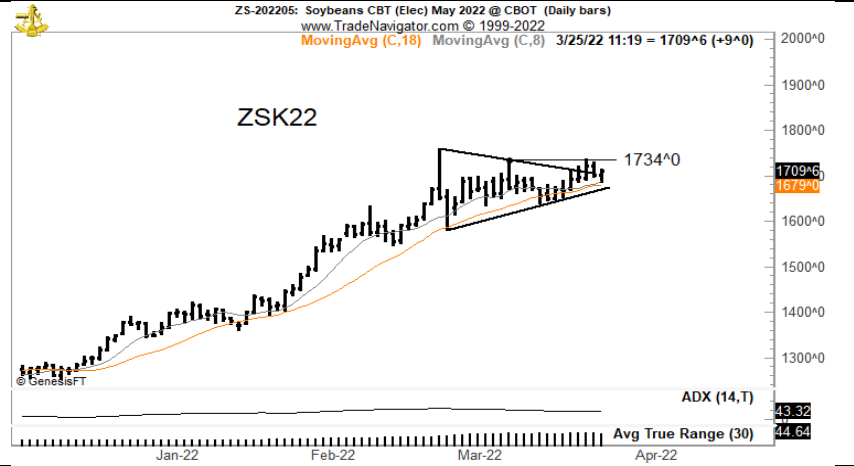
Inter-delivery spreads are an important indication of the underlying strength in raw material futures markets. A general rule is that the nearby contract tells the real story. A dramatic bull trend has occurred in many raw material markets. While I have no desire to fight a trend, the inter-delivery spreads are indicating some internal signs of weakness in a few markets. It is always worthwhile to check the spread behavior in a raw material market before assuming too much risk. The charts below contrast Sugar (nearby contracts losing substantially to deferred contracts) with Soybeans (which shows strength in the old crop compared to new crop November).



**Markets of interest for a new position**

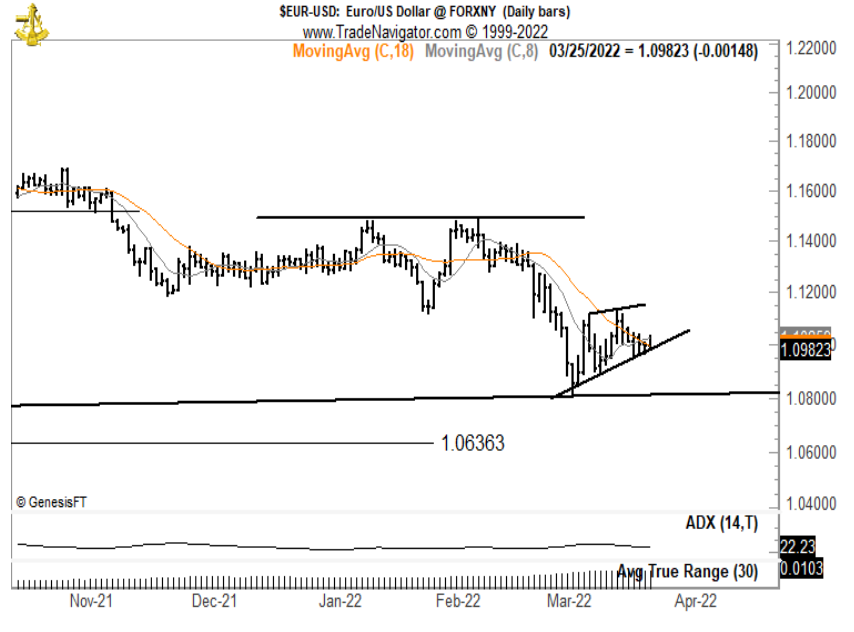
**May Soybeans.** Flat. There is an important prospective plantings report at 11 AM Central on Mar 31, so I would not want to be carrying a position into the report unless it had a profit cushion.

Pattern: Possible symmetrical triangle morphing into a flat correction.



**Eurocurrency futures.** Flat. The chart construction I am paying attention to is a possible 5-year symmetrical triangle. A continuation pennant could be forming on the daily graph. Caution must prevail if trading this market.

Pattern: 50-yr trendline, 5-year triangle



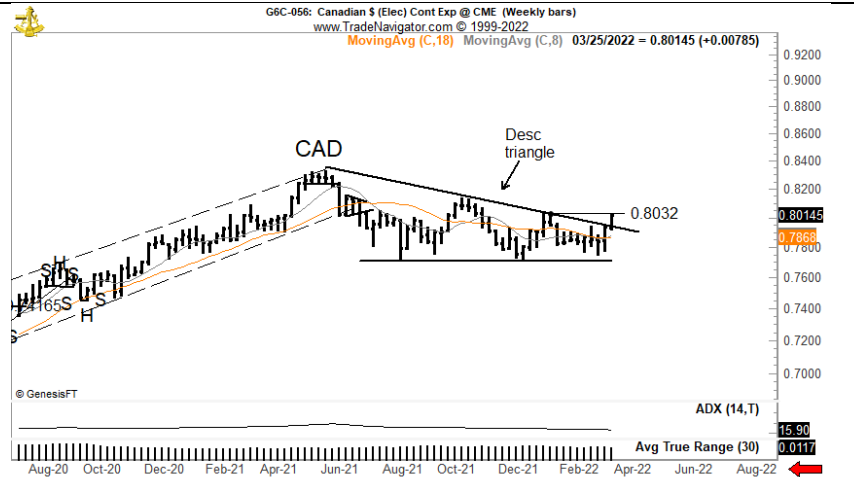
**European Milling Wheat.** Flat. The May contract appears poised for another upward thrust. This market is subject to volatility due to Ukraine.

Pattern: Strong bull trend, pennant (shaped like inverted H&S)



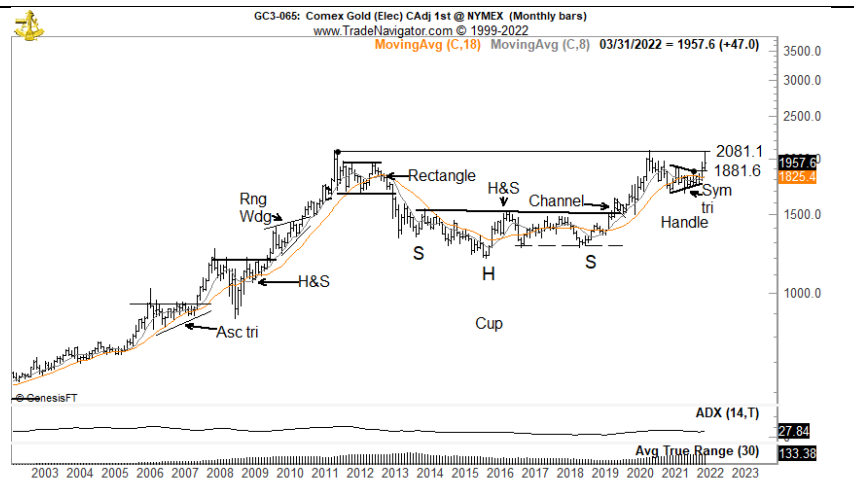
**Canadian Dollar futures.** Flat. An advance and close above the Jan high would be a H&S failure buy signal.

Pattern: Possible descending triangle



**Gold.** Flat. I am interested in buying a retest of the underlying symmetrical triangle. The risk of a long position is the Feb 10 low.

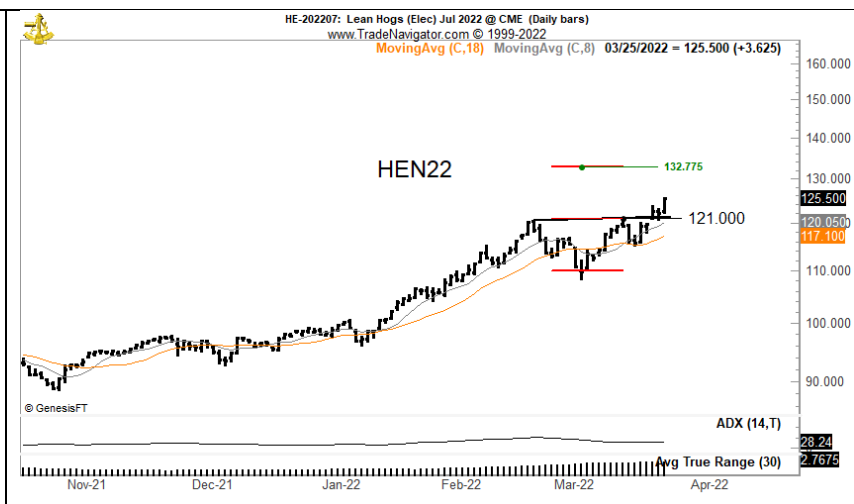
Patterns: Possible Cup and Handle on the monthly graph



**Current positions**

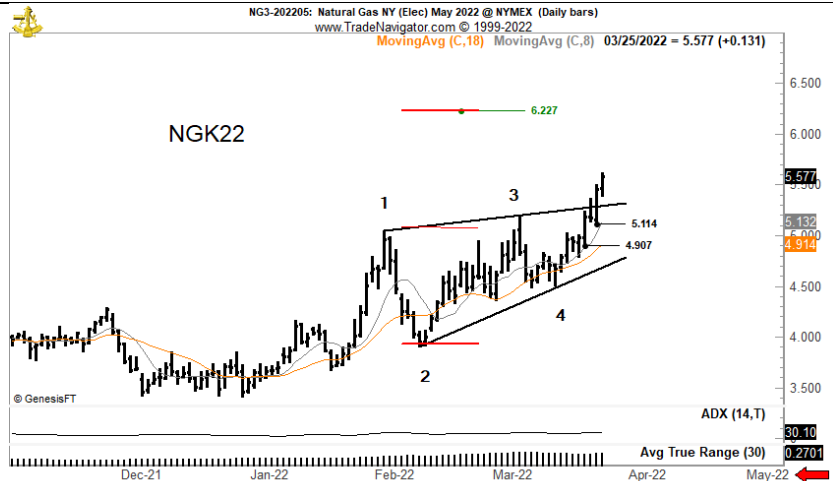
**Lean Hogs.** Long 100%. The advance on Wednesday completed a 4-week pennant.

Pattern: Major bull trend, 4-week pennant



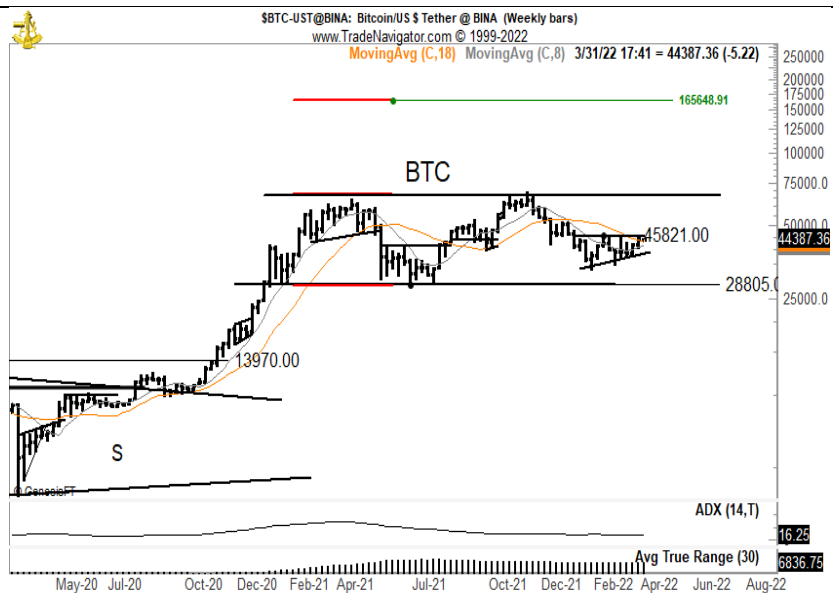
**Natural Gas.** Long 100%. The advance on Thursday completed a 7-week running wedge.

Pattern: Running wedge



**Bitcoin.** Long 50%. The current advance is challenging the upper boundary of a 9-week ascending triangle. I considered the advance on Wednesday to be a SOS and worthy of an exploratory long position.

Pattern: 9-week asc triangle and possible 12-month rectangle



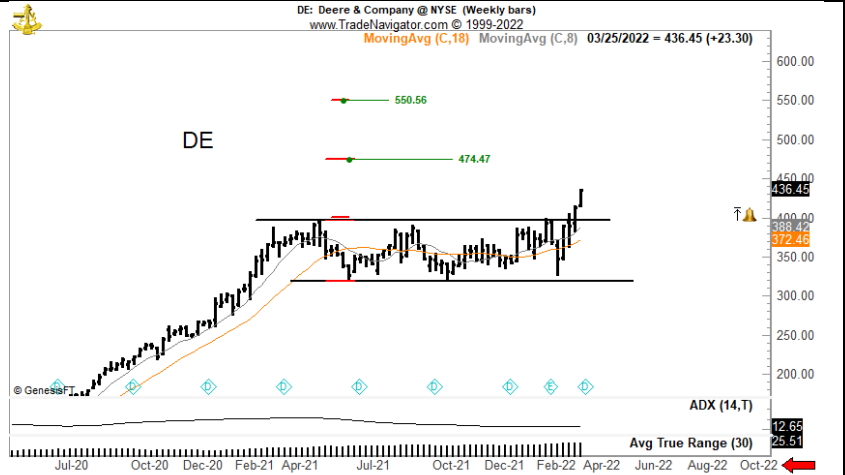
**Brazilian Real futures.** Long 100%. A breakout of a large possible base occurred this past week.

Pattern: Well-defined 10-month rectangle



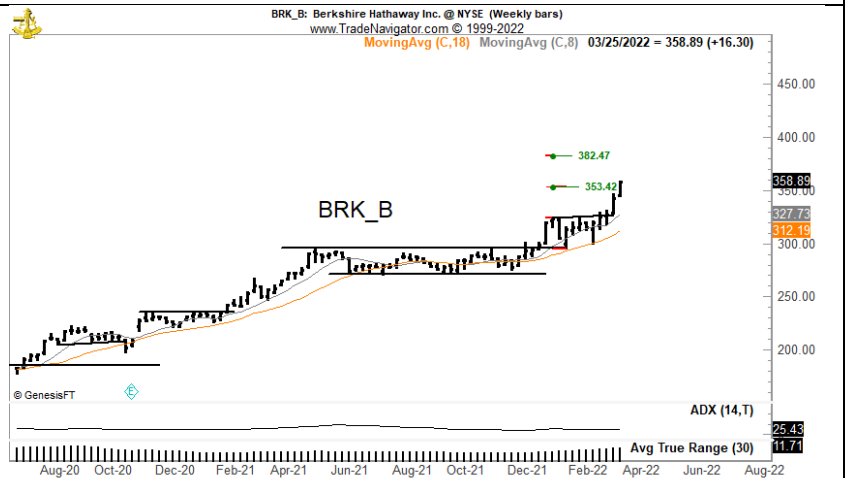
Deere & Co. Long 100%.

Pattern: Rectangle



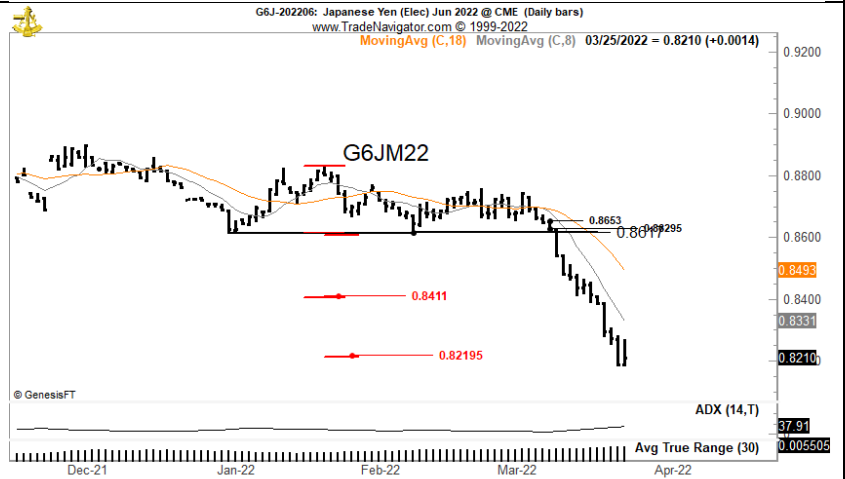
BRK.B. Long 50%, having taken profits on 50% this past week.

Pattern: 8-week ascending triangle on daily chart as retest of underlying rectangle



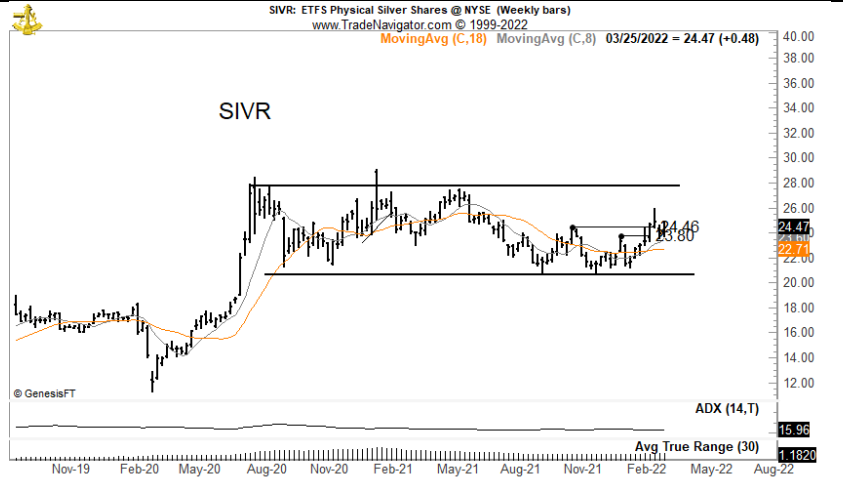
Japanese Yen. Short 25%, having covered 25% on Thursday at the 2X target. I do not have a target on the remaining position.

Pattern: 10-week descending triangle



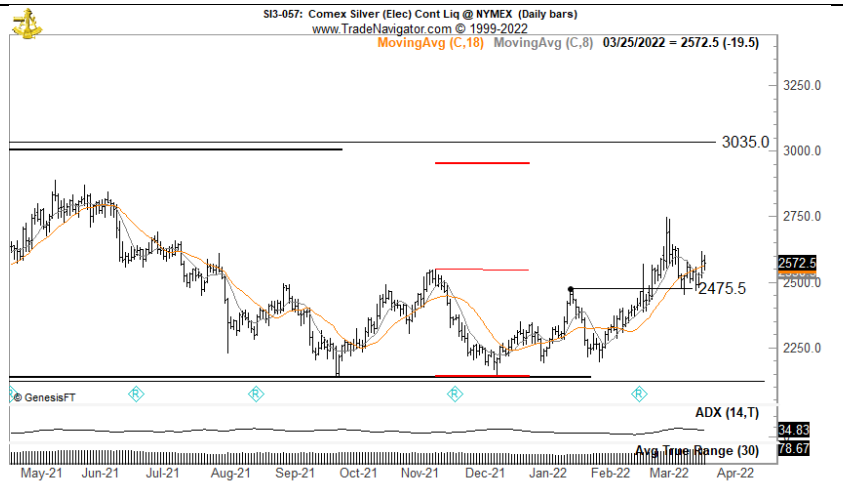
**SIVR.** Long 50% having been stopped out of 50% this past week.

Pattern: See Silver futures



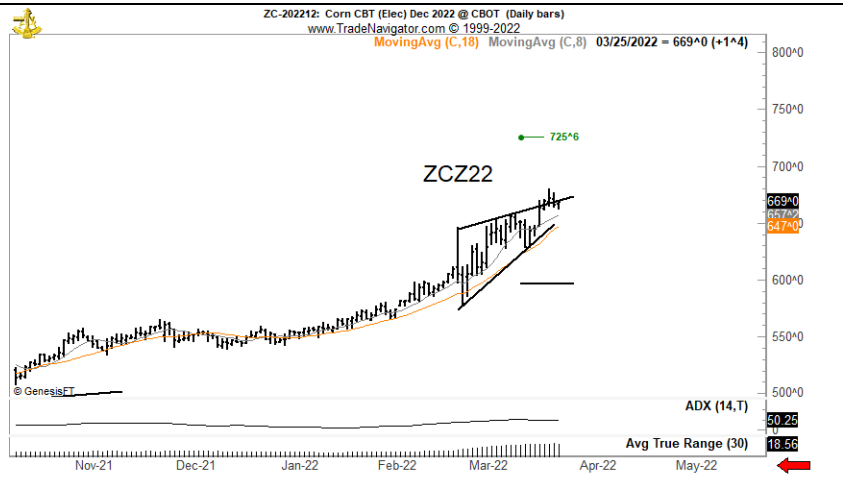
**Silver.** Long 100%, having extended my position on Thursday (the add-on was a loser on Friday, but I held onto it).

Pattern: Completed 7+ month compound fulcrum bottom on daily graph, massive 17-mo. rectangle on weekly graph



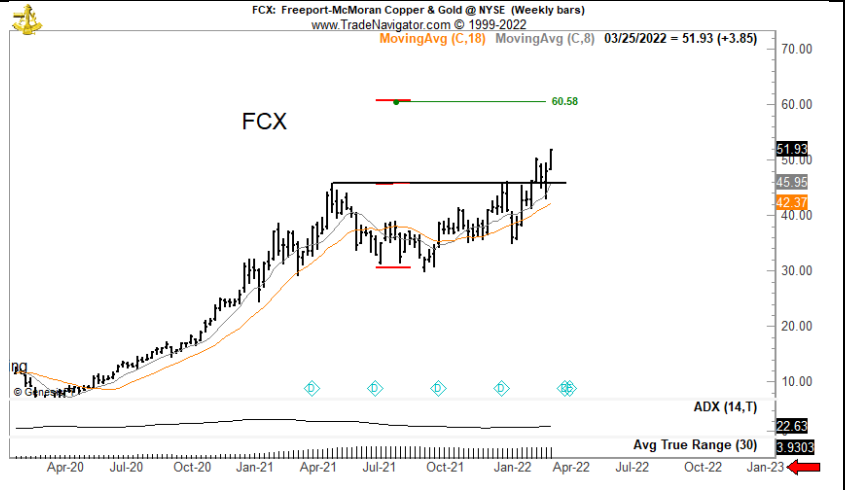
**Dec. Corn.** Long 50%. I bought a 100% position this past week, but bailed out of half. The major trend is up.

Pattern: Dec Corn displays a running wedge




FCX. Long 100%.

Pattern: 9-mo continuation saucer or flat correction on weekly graph



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**Tracking sheet for the week of Mar 20 ending Mar 25**

			Weekly position/symbol tracking - Prop ONLY		
W/O Mar 20					
Beginning Trades	Beginning Positions	Starting radar list for New Initial Positions	Symbols / orders added during week	Actions, End of week position	BP +/-
SIVR (etf)	L 50%			Hold	
BRK.B	L 100%			S 50% Tu 353.28, long 50%	63
G6JM22	S 50%			B 25% Th 82.31, short 25%	92
SIN22	L 50%			Hold, see below	
DE	L 100%			Hold	
FCX	L 100%			Hold	
		BTC	Spot	B 50% Th 43138.25, long 50%	
		GCN22	Gold	Unable	
		G6CM22	Canadian \$	Unable	
		BREK22	Brazilian Real	B 100% W .2017, long 100%	
		ZCZ22	Corn	B 100% W 6.72, S 50% Th 6.665, long 50%	-11
		G6EM22	EuroFX	Unable	
		ETH		Cxld	
		HEN22		B 100% W 121.90, long 100%	
		NGK22		B 100% Th 5.392, long 100%	
		SIN22		B 50% Th 2585, long 100% (see above)	
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Tracking sheet for the week of Mar 27, 2022

By way of information, as of the close on Friday the economics of the Factor Prop Account portfolio is as follows:

Per \$1 MM Nominal


Equity underlying value = \$265,244, no margin used

Futures (and BTC) underlying value = \$1,303,582 (inc. \$86,277 in BTC)

Total portfolio underlying value = \$1,568,826 (leveraged at 1.56X)

Futures margin used = \$69,070

Total assets used to hold all positions = \$420,591 (capital utilization at 42.1%)

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W/O Mar 27					
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BREK22	L 100%	Brazilian Real futures			
BRK.B	L 50%				
BTC	L 50%				
DE	L 100%				
FCX	L 100%				
G6JM22	S 25%	Yen futures			
HEN22	L 100%	Lean Hoggies futures			
HGK22	L 100%	Nat Gas futures			
SIN22	L 100%	Silver futures			
SIVR (etf)	L 50%				
ZCZ22	L 50%	Dec Corn futures			
		FWHK22	Mill Wheat		
		G6CM22	Canadian \$		
		G6EM22	EuroFX		
		GCN22	Gold		
		ZSK22	Beans		
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