

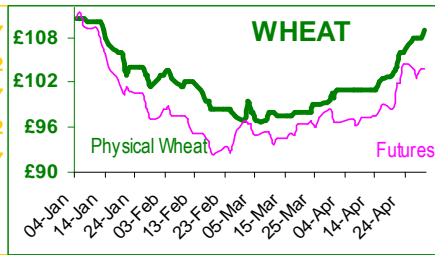
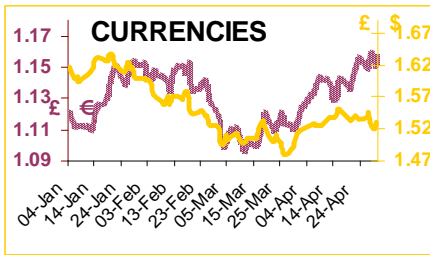


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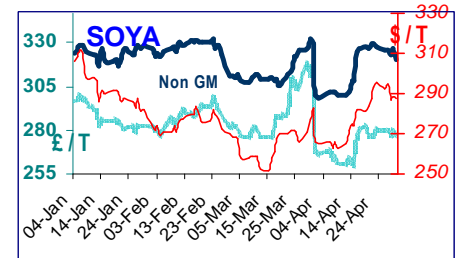


What a week! A Greek tragedy caused the FTSE to fall 100 points, currency goes wild and Gordon loses the plot. It is possible to rationalise commodity price movements this week? Probably not.

NY crude oil is about \$85/b. The £ & € were weaker against the \$, which is helping to support wheat prices; the gap between the

Matif and Liffe has closed to £10, thus UK wheat exports are off the menu for new trade. Standard and Poor downgraded Spain's credit rating, the day after Greece and Portugal were downgraded. So it seems likely that wheat will follow the old favourites oil, equities and currency until harvest time. UK wheat May futures spent most of its time this week at £103.50. The only fresh news was that the Chinese bought 115,000t of US maize for the first time in several years. An improvement in export demand and short covering have contributed to a minor US maize rally this week. This is the 4th week in succession that maize sales have exceeded 1mt. US maize and spring wheat plantings are at about 45-50% which is much more advanced than normal. The HGCA believe that US maize will have the most affect on UK wheat prices.

Greece wants a bail-out from the IMF, but preferably from the EU aka Germany. But the Greeks have a long history, and as far as Germany is concerned – a long memory. In 1941, Germany invaded Greece and occupied it for four years. Over 300,000 Greeks died from starvation in Athens alone as the Germans requisitioned all foodstuffs. Then there were the Nazi atrocities where 21,000 Greeks were executed; and entire villages wiped out (eg Kommemo, Kalavryta). We surmise that the Greeks view money from Germany as bitter-sweet. No decisions on a German bailout are expected until after the German elections. Fear seems to be re-entering the markets; fear that about the Greek debt rating; fears that it may spread; and fears about how China will tackle rising inflation. Overall, the fear caused commodity markets to fall, except for the rapeseed market which was supported by a fire which took out Bunge's rapeseed crushing plant in Germany.



Commercial hatcheries in the US set 207 million eggs in incubators for the week of April 24th, up 2% from last year. This is the 14th week in a row in which poultry producers are showing expansion, which soya bean traders are taking as bullish news. Domestically, the soya story is the same as last week – UK supplies are very tight, and soya prices vary according to the date the ships are due to arrive at port. At one point a few months ago, due to the massive crop, AO soya was quoted for the summer run at about £215. It is now quoted at £250-270. The difference is mainly logistics.

Did the *Earth Move* for you on Monday? Last week an Islamic cleric, Hojatoleslam Kazim Sadeghi, told his congregation in Iran that 'women who dress immodestly increase promiscuity in society, which increases earthquakes'. So April 26th was designated *Boobquake* day by Jennifer McCreight, a student at Purdue University, and she asked women to wear their best cleavage-enhancing apparel to test the cleric's theory that cleavage really does possess seismic powers. Over 200,000 people took part in the experiment, and a 6.5 earthquake hit Taiwan. Jennifer says the Taiwan earthquake does not count, because it happened outside her time zone. I think it definitely needs more research ... could I apply for a grant?



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