

**ES** (E-Mini S&P 500)

+/- Equity markets were mixed overnight, possibly in advance of President Trump's first official speech to Congress.

+/- **ES** may have lost some of its upward momentum. This may come as no surprise to some traders, as there has only been one downward day in the last 14 trading sessions.

**CL** (Crude Oil)

+ **Crude** has consolidated at highs not seen since June of 2015.

+/- **CFTC Commitment of Traders** reports show that speculators are long a record number of contracts. In situations as such, the market can be extremely vulnerable to large liquidations if there were to be significant fundamental news, or if large stop order price levels were traded through.

**DX** (U.S. Dollar)

+/- The USD hasn't show much directional play as of late. USD, along with other major global currencies may be in a brace for volatility as Trump will official address Congress for the first time today. A bullish force may come, if Trump speaks about expansionary fiscal policy, which would ignite inflation & push the Fed into a steep rate hike cycle.

**GC** (Gold)

+/- Again, speculative eyes will likely be on Trump's speech to Congress. The market may result in risk-on trading if Trump focuses on pro-growth, as he had in his presidential run. However, it is possible that futures prices have already priced in this outcome. At the time of writing this letter, Gold is trading at highs not seen since November of last year.

**6E** (Euro)

+ The Euro looked strong last night, after some supportive inflation data was released. It also held strong throughout this morning's US economic data releases.

+/- Again, as this market is considered one of the major global currencies, and tends to have correlations with US economic data & policies, it is likely in our eyes to react to Trump's speech tonight.

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**6B (British Pound)**

- /+ On Wednesday the UK Manufacturing Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) is released. Look for a number above or below last month's 55.9 score.
- /+ UK Construction PMI for February is released on Thursday. Look for a number above or below last month's 52.2 score.
- /+ UK Services PMI for February is released this Friday. Last month's report came out to be a reading 54.1.

**6A (Australian Dollar)**

- + With the dollar losing value over the weekend, this can be seen as supportive of the other world currencies.
- + Company Gross Operating Profits for quarter 4 was reported at 20.1%, compared to the previous quarter's 1.5%.
- /+ Fourth quarter GDP is released on Thursday. Last month's number was reported at 0.7% growth.

**ZC (Corn)**

- + Warm weather in the across the Midwest and in South America can be seen as fundamentally supportive for corn prices.
- /+ For Brasil, The USDA Outlook Forum acreage estimate is an average of 90.0 million acres.
- /+ USDA reported last Friday that accumulated exports of corn are up 66%.

**ZS (Soybeans)**

- /+ Rains in Brasil can cause delays for harvest, but it depends on how much rain actually falls down.
- /+ Soybeans from Argentina, Brasil, and the US are now the most expensive in the world when compared to other countries exporting beans.
- /+ USDA reported last Friday that accumulated exports for soybeans were up 16% from the previous year.

**ZW (Wheat)**

- + Egypt's General Authority for Supply Commodities (GASC) said it's seeking 55-60K tons of wheat from global supplies.
- + GASC's Vice Chairman said they wanted cargoes of US wheats or Canadian wheat as well.
- + Japan seeks to buy 113,167 metric tons of wheat, of which most will be from the United States.

**Cattle**

- /+ The USDA estimated cattle slaughter came in at 116,000 head yesterday. This was up from 102,000 last week and up from 104,000 a year ago as this time
- + Seasonally, Live Cattle prices turn up for quarter 2 & 3.
- + With the cash price moving higher at a faster rate than the futures prices, this can be seen as supportive for futures prices as well.