

CSI NEWS

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COMING SOON FOR COMPU TRAC APPLE USERS: CSI has agreed to supply the code to Tim Slater that will enable their Compu Trac communications disc to access CSI through Tymnet and Uninet, in addition to Telenet. We are also considering more complete support of data blocks and the possible distribution of daily data to weekly and monthly files.

SPECIAL NEWS FOR COMPU TRAC USERS: CSI's commodity and stock option data feed can be accessed with Quicktrieve and analyzed with your Compu Trac software. Although historical data on options is not ready for access, daily options information can be added to your portfolio now.

RURAL USERS OF 800 NUMBER NETWORKS (ATTN: COMPU TRAC USERS): Although we consider the benefits to be marginal, we would like to advise users that we now have a new 800 number access code and password for Telenet. This capability is added to existing capability offered only to Tymnet and Uninet users.

STOCK DATA AVAILABILITY: We are happy to announce that for the past ten days we have been delivering stock data to users in a time schedule allowing release of the stock data at around 6:00 P.M. We are very pleased with the condition of this data. We consider this announcement a milestone in CSI's development in providing additional services to our customers.

SOME POINTS ABOUT CSI'S SECURITY DATA FEED: CSI's security data feed is unique both because of the presence of actual opening prices and the presence of the price earnings ratio in place of the unused open interest field. If you use another vendor, you forfeit this additional necessary strategic information. Although CSI's security data has been ready before 6:00 P.M. for the past two weeks, it is anticipated that the release time will be moved up to 5:15 P.M. for optionable stocks and 5:30 for mutual funds and the dozen or more stock indices supported.

NEW COMPUTER HARDWARE AT CSI: CSI is receiving delivery of a new Convergent Technologies mini-computer system and at least two new 300 megabyte drives to supplement our existing system. We hope to make use of the new hardware to expand capacity and broaden our services.

NEW SYSTEM AVAILABILITY: Last month we announced that we were delivering our data partly through our old operating system and partly through a new operating system. We are happy to announce that we are totally on our new operating system on a 24 hours basis, and we expect many problems of the past to disappear permanently.

WEEKLY AND MONTHLY DATA AVAILABILITY: You may now purchase daily, weekly,

or monthly historical data for stocks and commodities, if you are a Quicktrieve Apple user.

COMMODITY INDICES: In the next two months, we will be providing conventional and perpetual indices for the futures markets. We plan a CRB "look alike" index and several others which will focus on metals, grains, meat products, imports, and others. The indices will be helpful in comparing a given commodity (corn, for example) with the index for grains to determine the relative strength for corn. We are awaiting some missing source data back in 1967 so that we can construct the indices accurately. The source data has been ordered on microfilm for addition to our data base.

ATTN: APPLE QUICKTRIEVE USERS: The Customer Subsystem for the Apple can now be used to send messages to CSI, to receive messages from CSI, to order stock or commodity history and to change your portfolio. However, the Customer Subsystem has some limitations. If you use contract level volume and open interest, it can not be specified, because all orders will be filled as total volume and open interest. You can, however, send us a message reminding us of this following your order, and we will make every attempt possible to satisfy your wishes. You can also specify "Generic", "Specific", or "Perpetual" entries with the Customer Subsystem, and you can modify your daily portfolio for stocks, options, and commodities.

If your portfolio for a given commodity has previously been set up for a certain length and a specific first day of the spot month to exclude, then all new entries will assume the same new information for the same commodity. If you introduce any new commodities, you must send us a message to introduce the maximum contracts and the planned roll-forward date if you are using "generic" contracts.

Customer imposed changes through the Customer Subsystem are implemented periodically into your portfolio. All changes received daily are installed at 3:00 P.M. daily and again at approximately 8:00 A.M. To expedite changes to be implemented at other hours, you must make a special request by calling this office.

NO OPTION HISTORY AVAILABLE: In a future newsletter, we will announce the availability of option history data. It may not be ordered either verbally or through the Customer Subsystem until further notice.

NEW PORTS INSTALLED: If you are a long distance user or a network user with only one network available to you, we have good news. We have installed additional ports for customer calls and more are planned, as soon as the phone company can deliver.

A NEW RELEASE OF QUICKTRIEVE: Scheduled for later this month, we plan to release Quicktrieve to correct problems with the Move Program involving weekly and monthly files and a problem with Quickplot. Several other additions are planned.

NEW PARTICIPATING BROKER: One of our customers in Switzerland would like to be added to our list of Participating Brokers. He will pay for invoices up to a certain maximum amount, if your account is held with his firm and you use

him as your broker. Should you use Mr. Niffenegger's services, invoices will continue to be sent to the customer and you will be expected to forward them to the participating broker of your choice for payment.

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STOCK DATA AVAILABILITY TO IBM USERS OF QUICKTRIEVE: We have test sites now collecting stock data through the IBM P.C. Users who wish to collect stock data for their IBM Quicktrieve should call this office for a copy of the new IBM system. The new system is totally compatible with Compu Trac's analysis routines for securities.

DOW JONES MARKET ANALYZER USERS OF THE IBM P.C.: If you are a user of the Dow Jones Market Analyzer software, you may draw down commodity data with the IBM Quicktrieve and distribute such data to the Dow Jones Market Analyzer format. You can now analyze commodities as easily as you analyze stocks with the Dow Jones Market Analyzer. To use this new software, you simply distribute your data a second time to your D.J.M.A. diskettes.

IBM, COMMODORE 64, APPLE II+ AND TRS-80 III MANUALS: In all of these manuals the TEQ test files have been erroneously presented. The following table shows the contents of the TEQ test file. Please save this table with your manual.

	March 1, 1984	July, 1984	Nov. 1, 1984			
	June 30, 1984	Oct. 31, 1984	Feb. 28, 1985			
	Del.	Start	Del.	Start	Del.	Start
CP	06 09/84	02/84	12/84	06/84	03/85	10/84
CP	06 39/84	02/84	39/84	06/84	39/85	10/84
GE	5110 12/84	02/84	12/84	06/84	12/85	10/84
KV	143 09/84	02/84	12/84	06/84	03/85	10/84

The TES test files for commodities remain the same.

NEW DATA RELEASE SCHEDULE: Experience with our new system in the release of data produces the following revised schedule of data availability:

Time	Date Released
3:07 PM	Meats, Grains, Winnepeg, all currencies, Sugar and all options on currencies
3:58 PM	Metals, O.J., Financials, Heating Oil & Oil Products and options on Gold and Sugar
4:35 PM	Mid-America Grains, Value Line, NYSE Composite Index preliminary S&P 500 and 100, and T. Bond options

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5:05 PM Remaining Mid-America commodities, optionable
and finals on S&P and all stock indices.
5:45 PM Mutual Funds, stock indices, and stock index opt

In the next week, we anticipate the installation of release time indicators which will prohibit access until your portfolio is complete. If you have a problem, please call us or send a brief message, and we will make the appropriate adjustment on your portfolio.

CUSTOMER SERVICE HOURS EXTENDED: CSI's Customer Service staff will answer your calls from 8:00 AM Monday until midnight Friday. Saturday hours are 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM, and recently, Sunday hours from 4:00 PM to midnight have been added to help users prepare for the new week.

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