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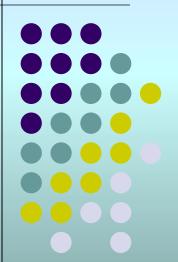
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#### **ETFs Landmine or Lifeline?**

**How to Trade ETF's for Major Intermediate-Term Moves** 

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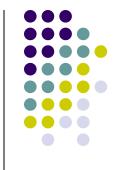
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## **Today**

- How to time entry and exit for Intermediate-Term ETF moves
- The ETF HYPE...the good..the bad and the lies...
- The underlying dangers of an ETF crash
- How to known WHICH of the many ETF's are right for the move you seek
- The right and wrong commodity ETF's
- A list of different ETF's for underlying commodity moves
- How to construct a DIVERSIFIED ETF portfolio
- My 10 BEST ETF picks for the coming inflationary moves
- Emerging market ETF's
- Lower priced and lower risk ETF's
- How to correctly navigate the ETF's quagmire
- How to take advantage of erratic price swings in ETF's



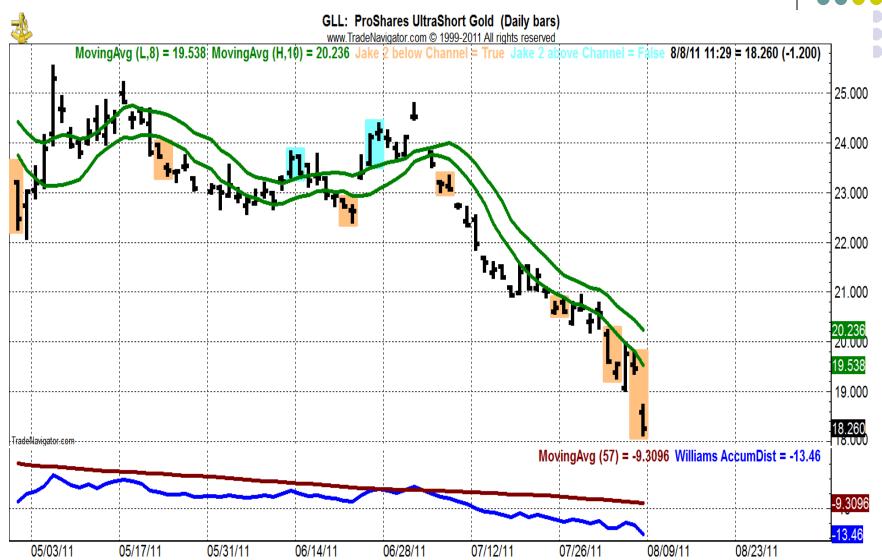
## ETF's over the next 12 months

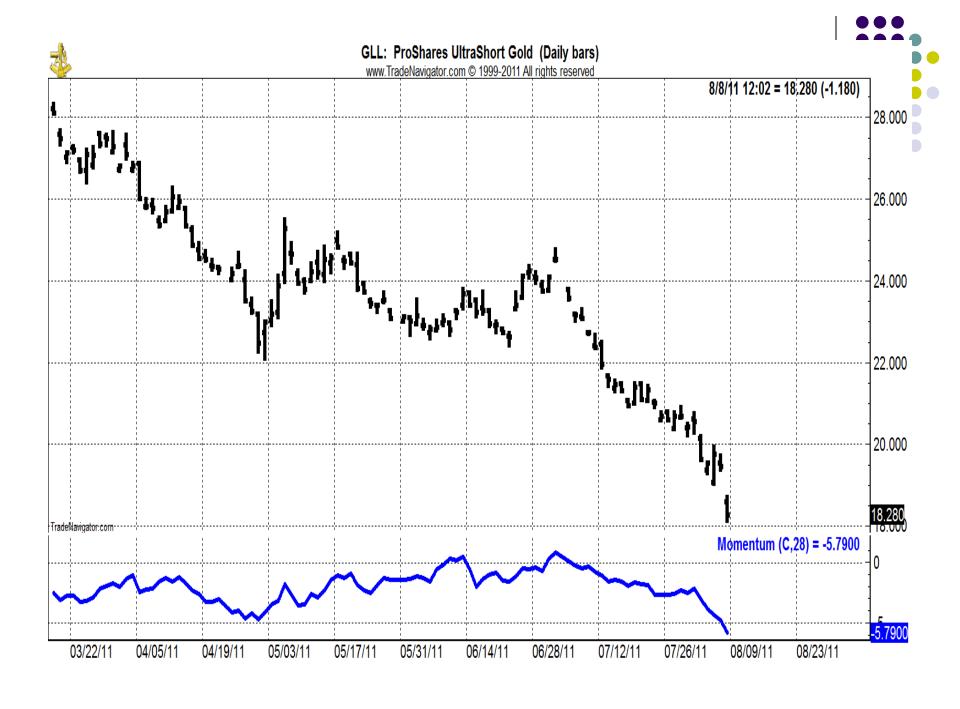


- The panic selling today is the start of a major buying opportunity in ETF's
- We are in the time frame for a bottom of major importance between now and late October
- IMPORTANT lows tend to occur on or about 15 August for about 10 days initially with over 75% odds
- We want to watch ETF's for buys NOW!

## Short gold ETF – to be explained







#### What is an ETF? What is an ETN?

Exchange traded fund

Trades like a mutual fund

Specific to underlying market or sector

ETN: exchange traded note – usually financials or commodities

Does not have NAV calculated like a mutual fund

Trades like a stock

Has positive and negative aspects

We will examine and discuss these today



#### A few facts

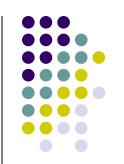


- 2008 845 ETFs ETNs
- 2011 1295 (202 new)
- 6 closed
- About 10% of listed stocks are ETF's
- Many are NOT viable due to volume or erratic behavior (to be discussed)

#### **Advantages and Disadvantages**

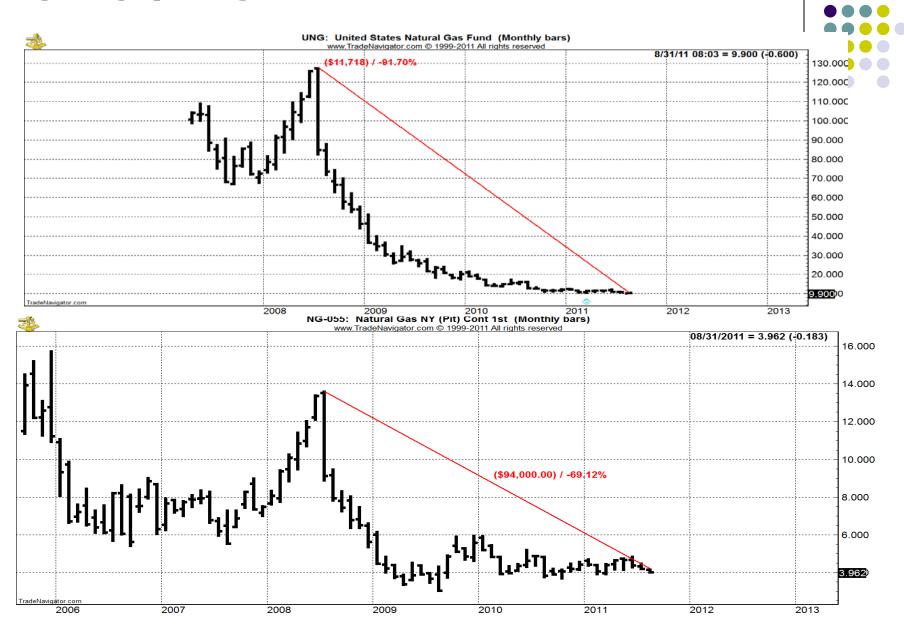
- Represents and sector or group so you
- Don't have to pick and choose
- Tax advantages (not taxed until closed out)
- Volume can be spotty and/or quite variable
- This can lead to false technical signals
- Tracking errors ETFs...causes?
- A change in dividends for the securities in the fund, lack of liquidity in the underlying index, limited stock allocation in the fund or index, or even high management fees.

 Limits on size of commodity holdings can severely limit tracking correlation in commodity ETFs (UNG) chart next slide

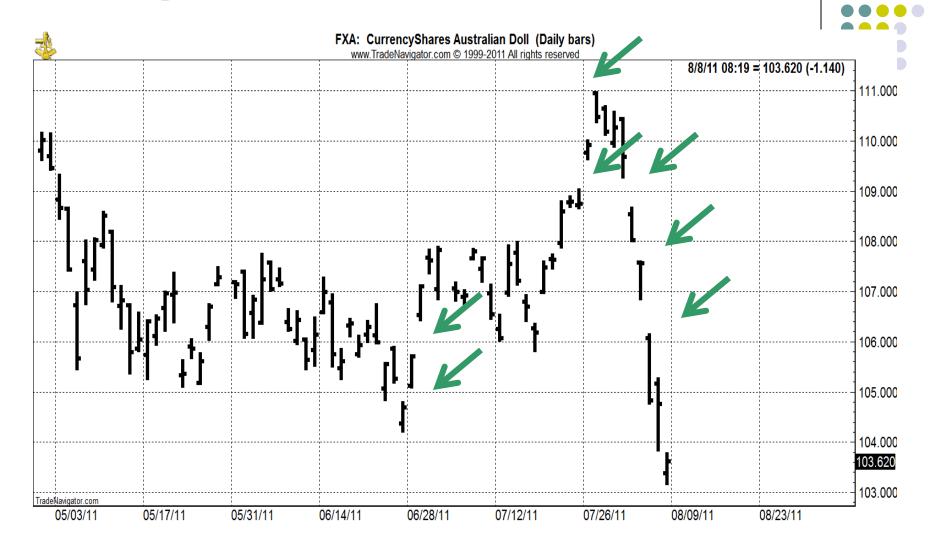


- Commodity ETF's gaps due to trading hour differences (chart)
- CONCERN: behavior of double and triple leveraged ETF's on days like today

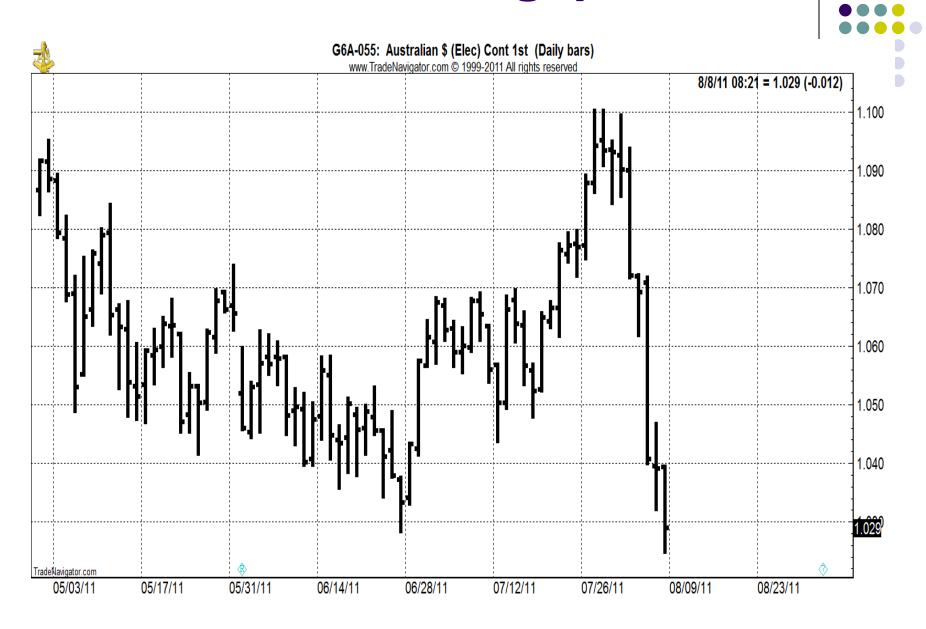
## **UNG/NG**



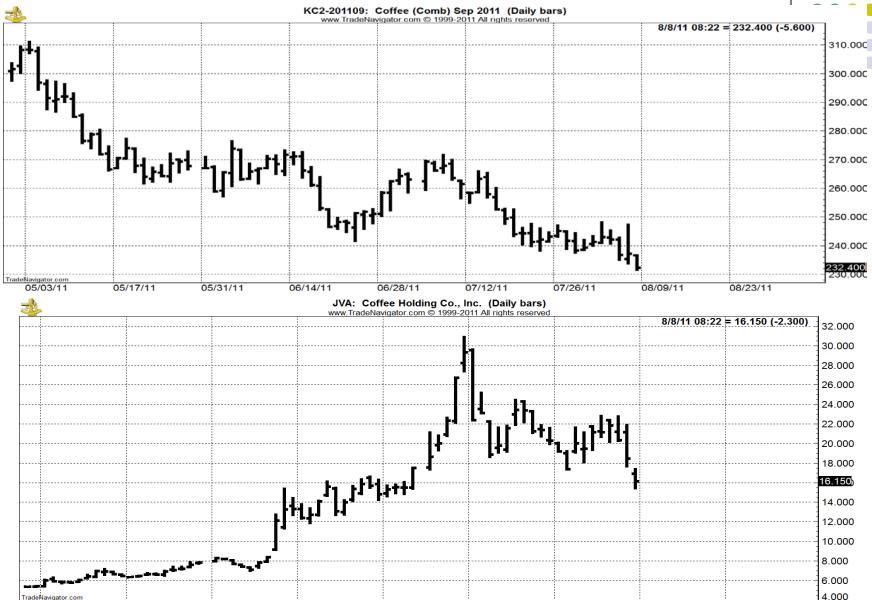
## Compare... FXA



# G6A where are the gaps?



#### Coffee futures vs JVA Know what you are trading!



05/03/11

05/17/11

05/31/11

06/14/11

06/28/11

07/12/11

07/26/11

08/09/11

08/23/11

## **Coffee ETF JO**



#### The ETF HYPE...the good..the bad and the lies...

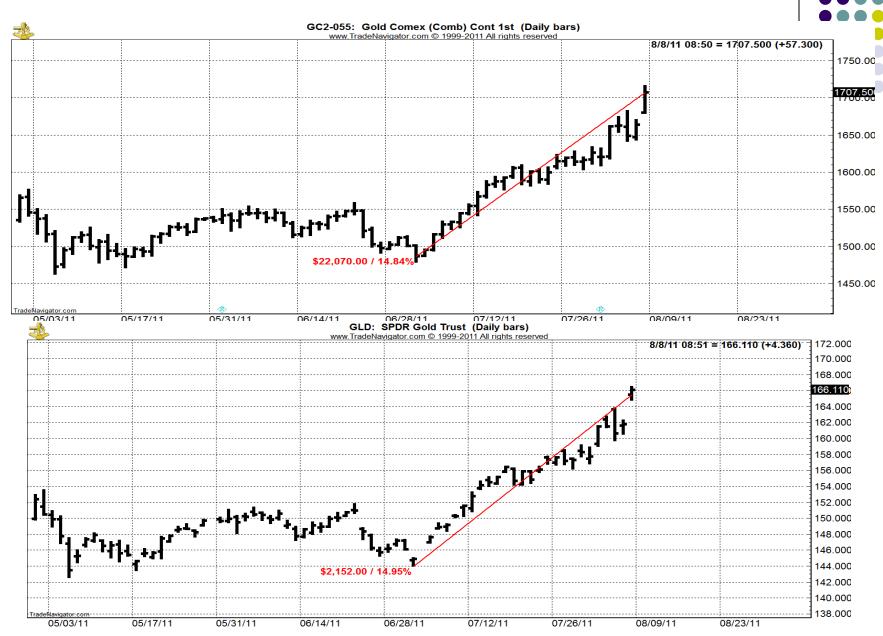
- The ETF idea has been hyped and sold the public without sufficient disclosures
- Most investors are not aware of the limitations and potential problems
- Can be very effective is used correctly
- It's about the selection process
- HOW to decide?

#### **COMPARE trends: easily done**

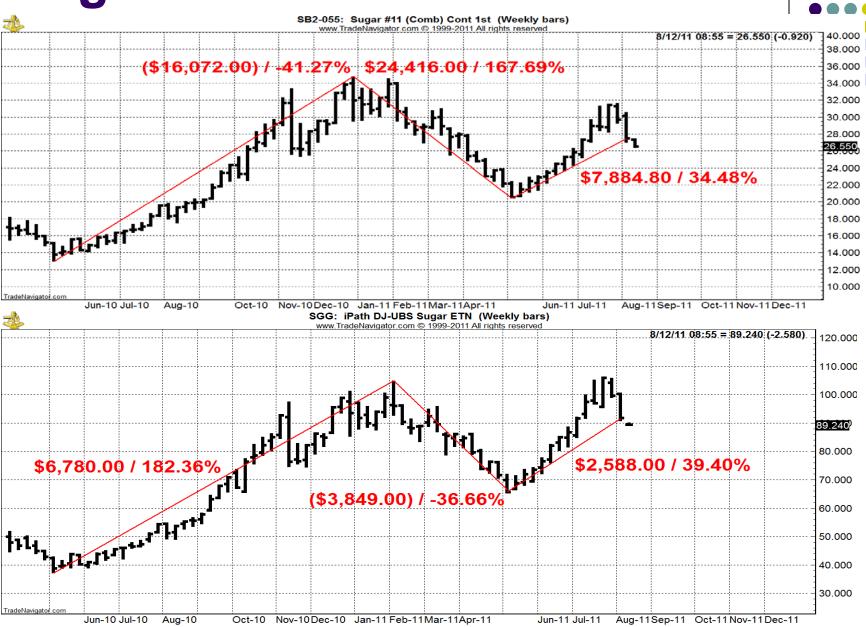
 Look at the charts side by side or in "stacked" format

- 2. Compare % moves
- 3. Are the % moves similar?
- 4. Are the tops and bottoms similar?
- 5. Are the trends similar?
- 6. What about trading volume / liquidity?
- 7. Examples of the selection process

## Gold +14.8% vs GLD 14.9%

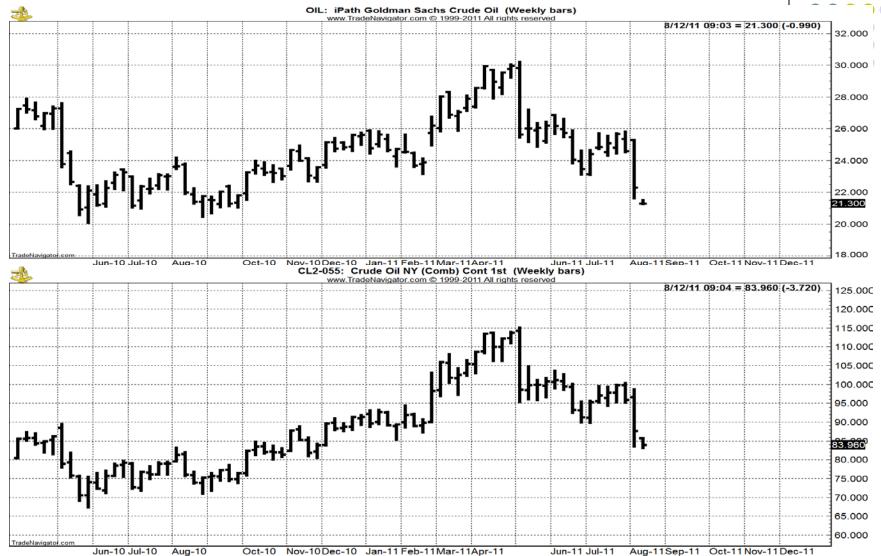


## Sugar futures vs SGG



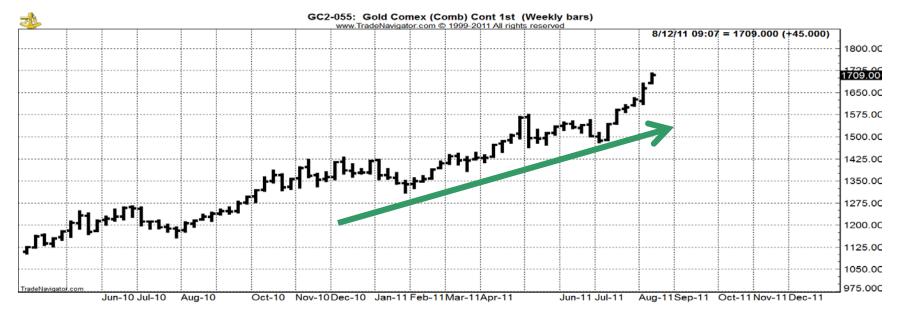
#### OIL vs CL2



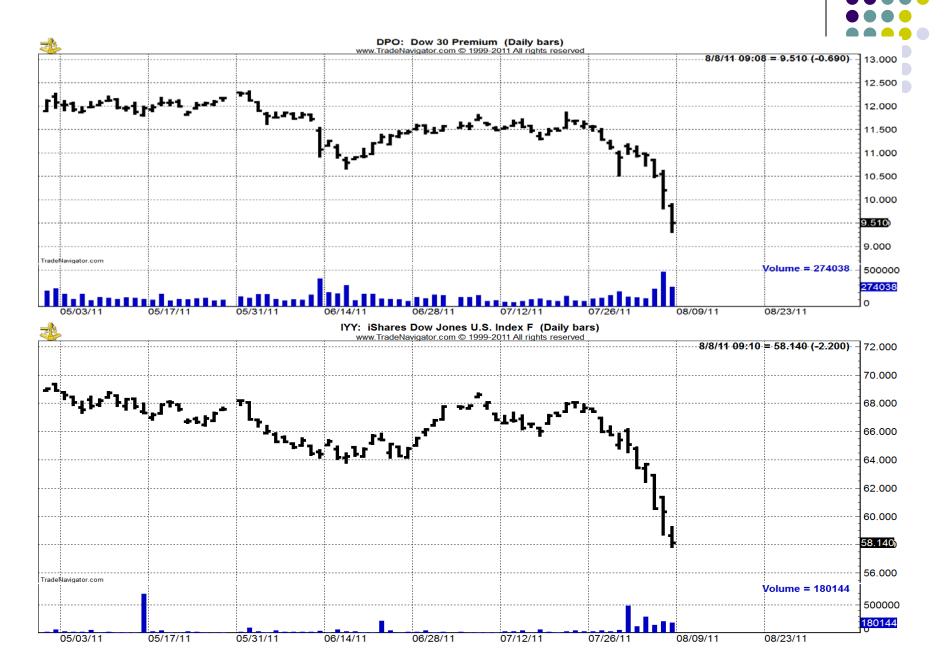


## **GDXJ** vs GC2 know your ETF!

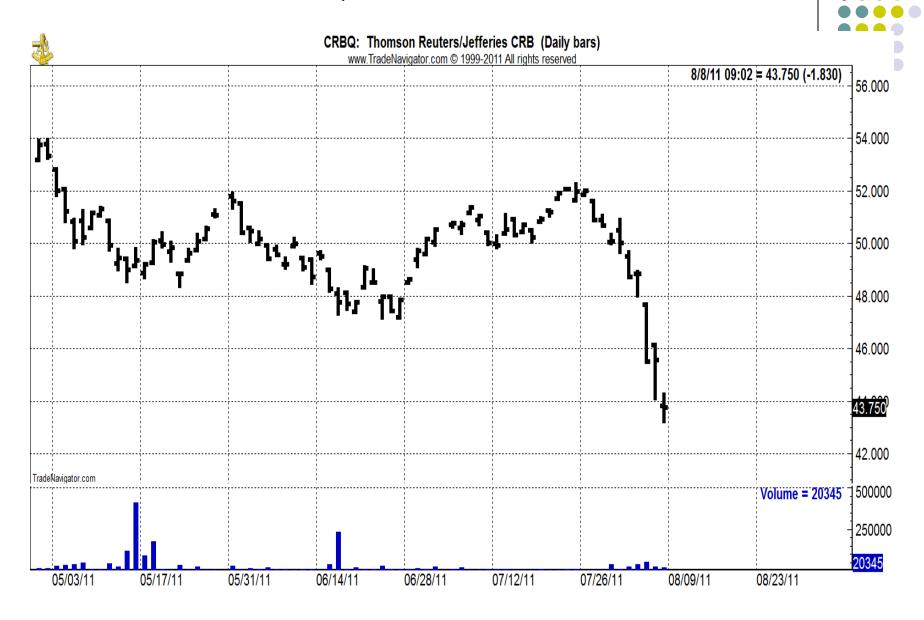




#### How about volume?

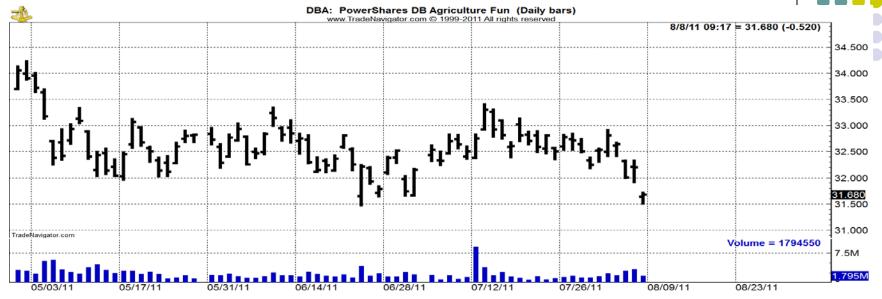


## CRB / CRBQ



# **JJG Grains or DBA ag?**





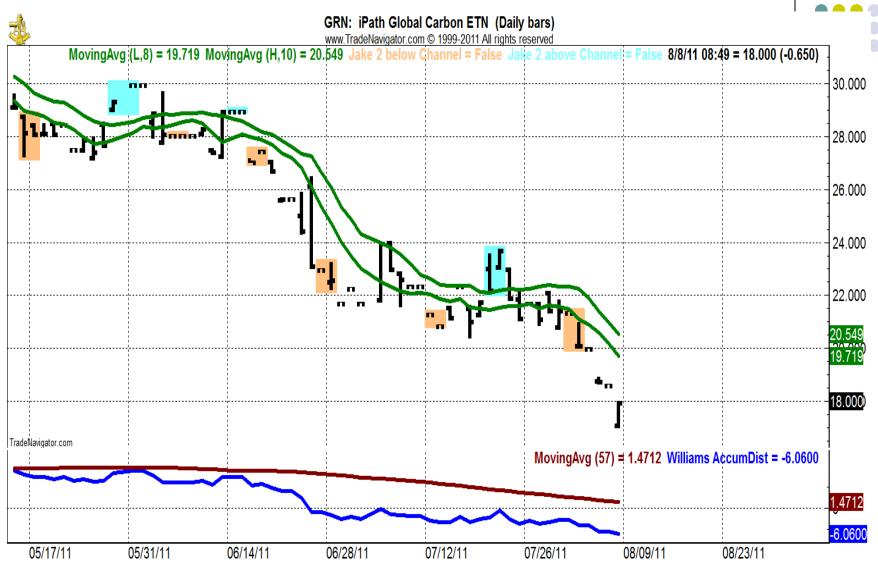


#### **WOOD or CUT?**



## Watch out for small price bars





# The underlying dangers of an ETF crash... here are my concerns

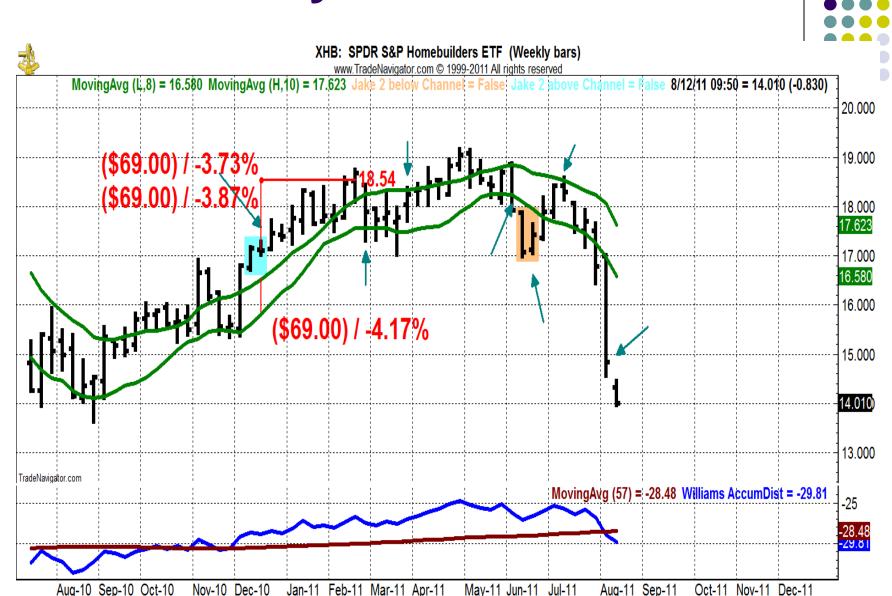


- 1. Poor liquidity and electronic trading
- 2. Lack of buyers
- 3. Volatility can work against you
- 4. This is why you need large volume ETF's
- 5. Consider choices carefully

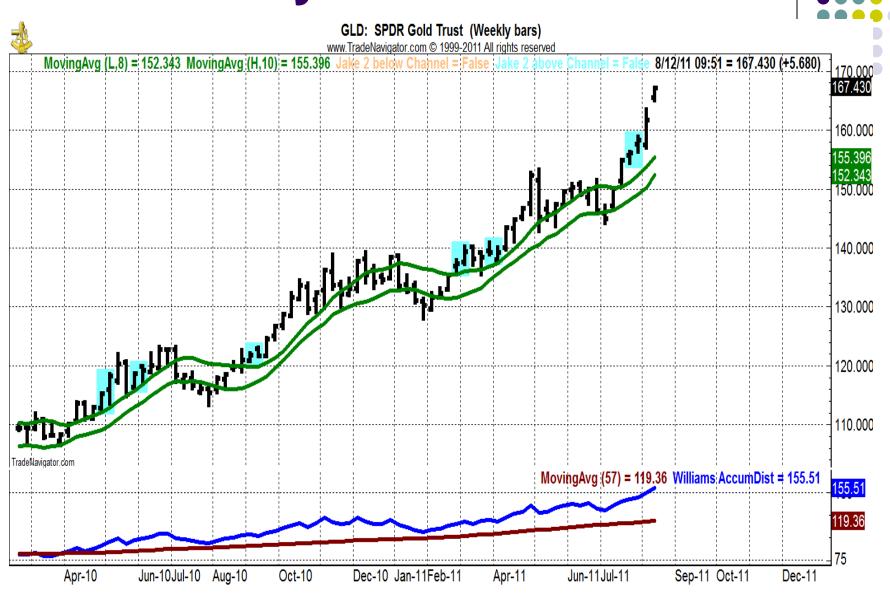
- My preferred approach to ETF trading
- Trade the WEEKLY ETF charts for most of them other than gold, energy and currencies
- Use as an alternative to make investment choices
- Use my MAC method (to be reviewed)
- Can swing trade weekly signals MAC
- ALWAYS USE LIMIT orders
- Use divergence method (to be reviewed)
- Take advantage of spikes
- COT for long term ETF buys (examples)



## **MAC** Weekly

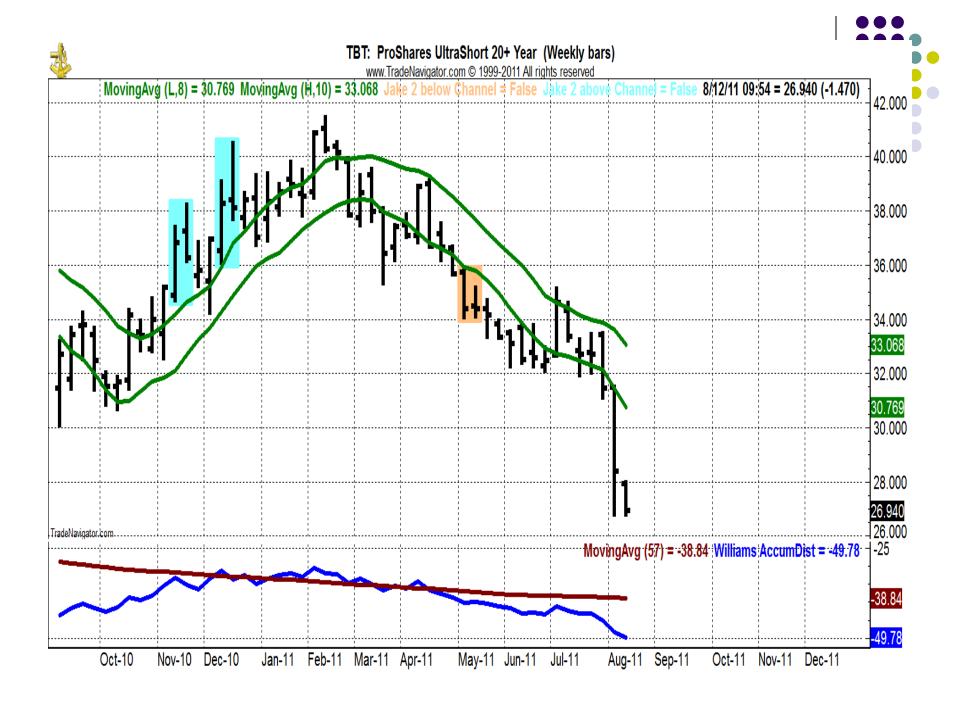


## **MAC** weekly ETF: GLD







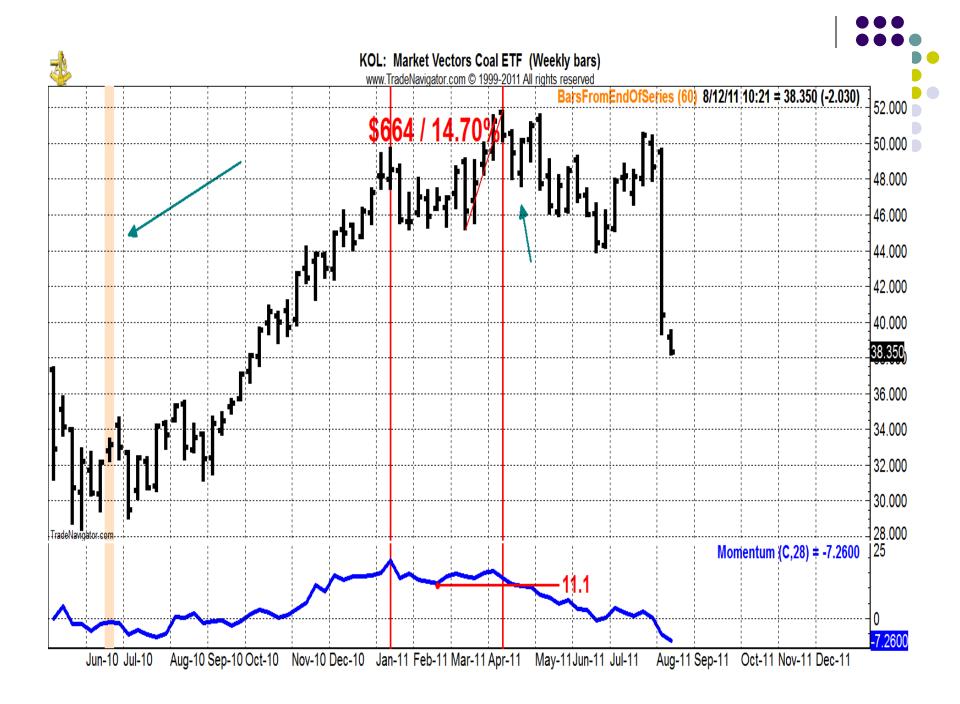


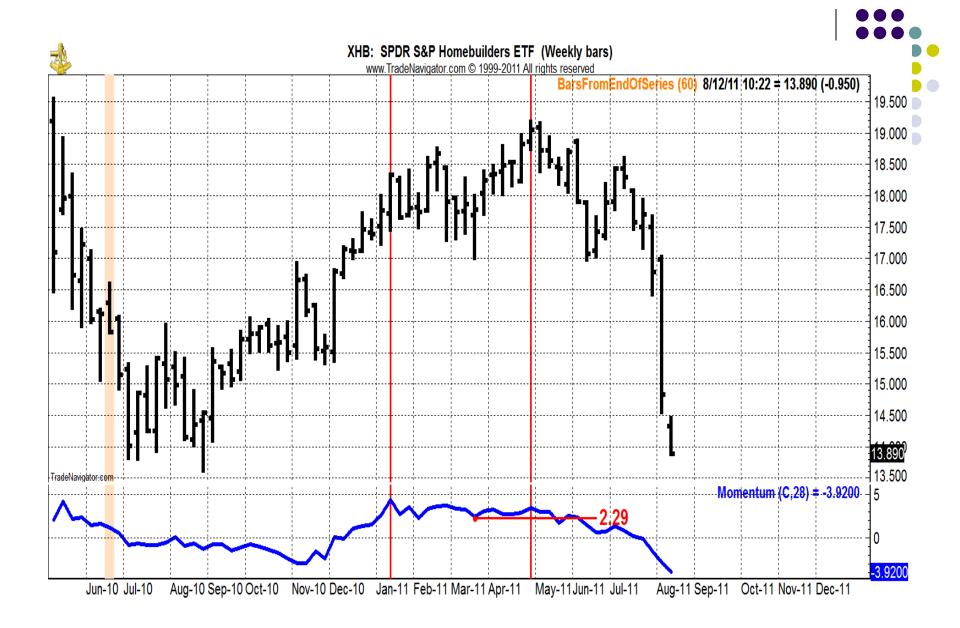


## **Divergence PMF method**

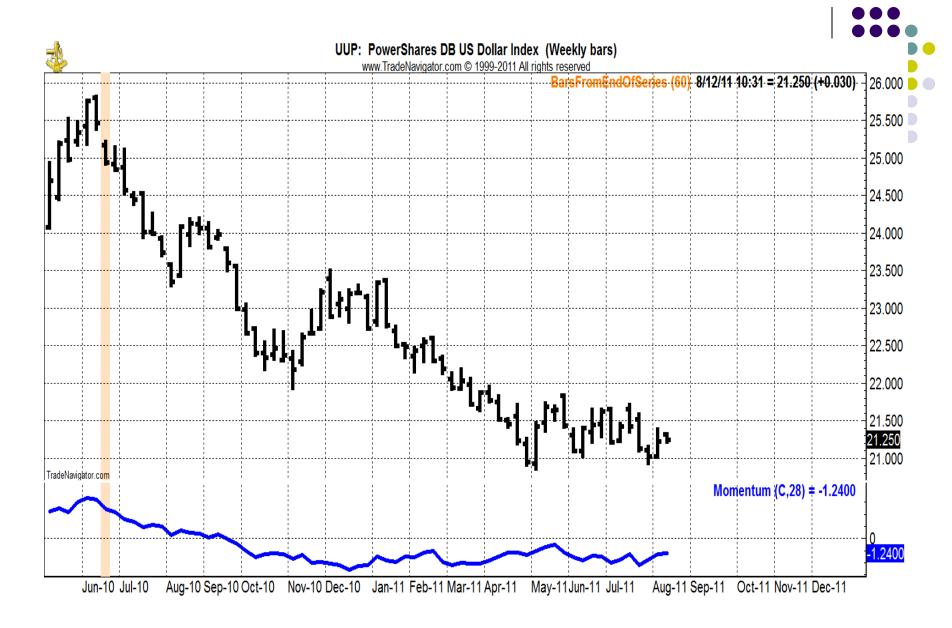
- Momentum 28
- Setup and trigger (to be reviewed)
- Can use daily or weekly
- Examples
- How is this different than MAC?
- Shorter term
- More sensitive to turns
- Picks tops and bottoms more accurately



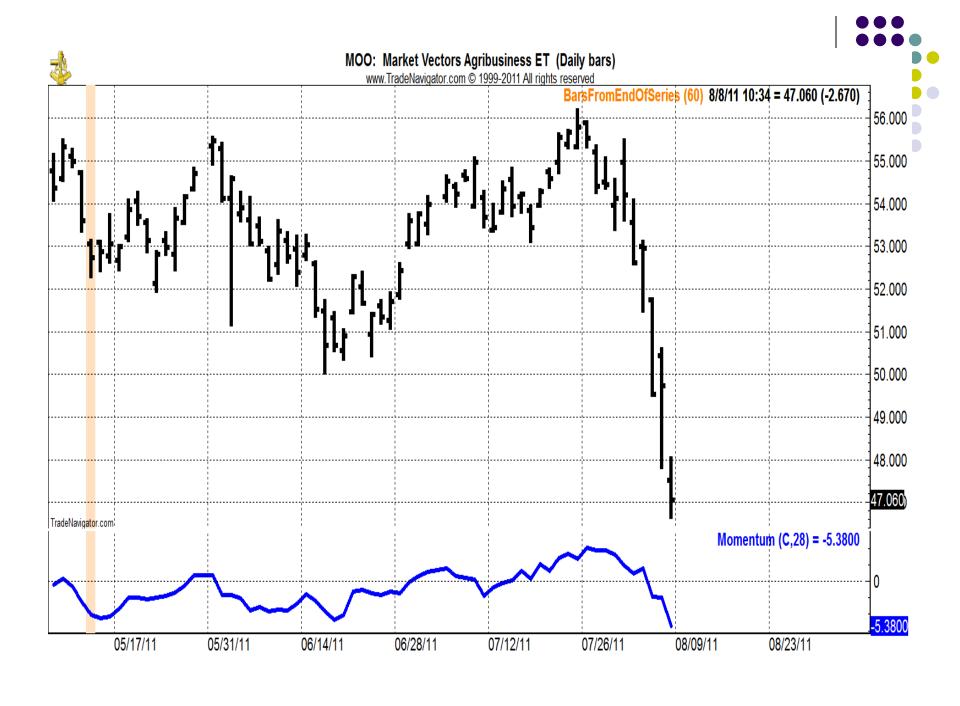


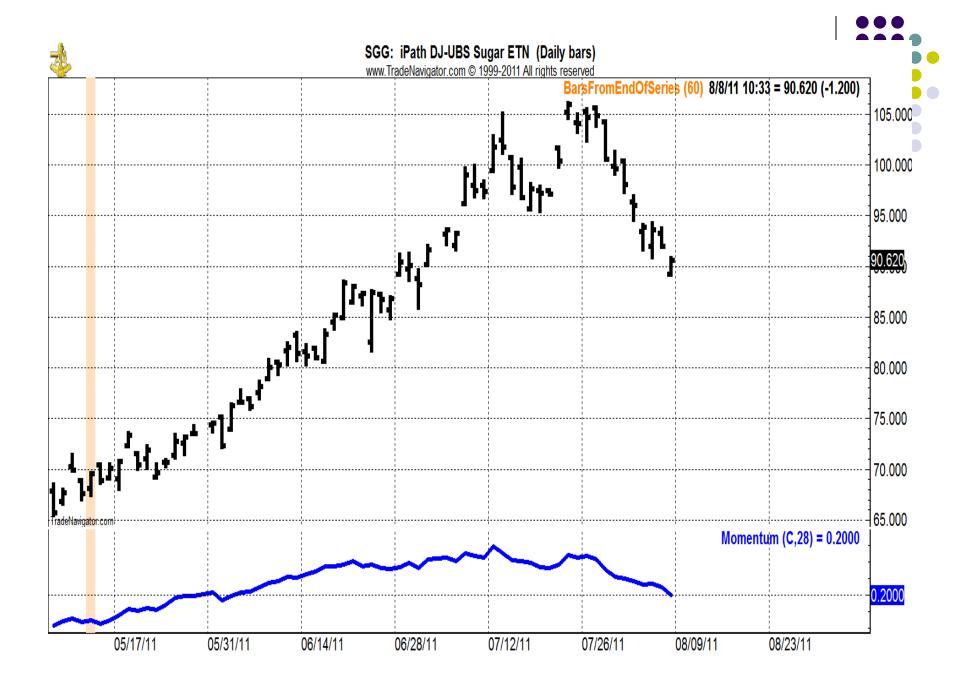












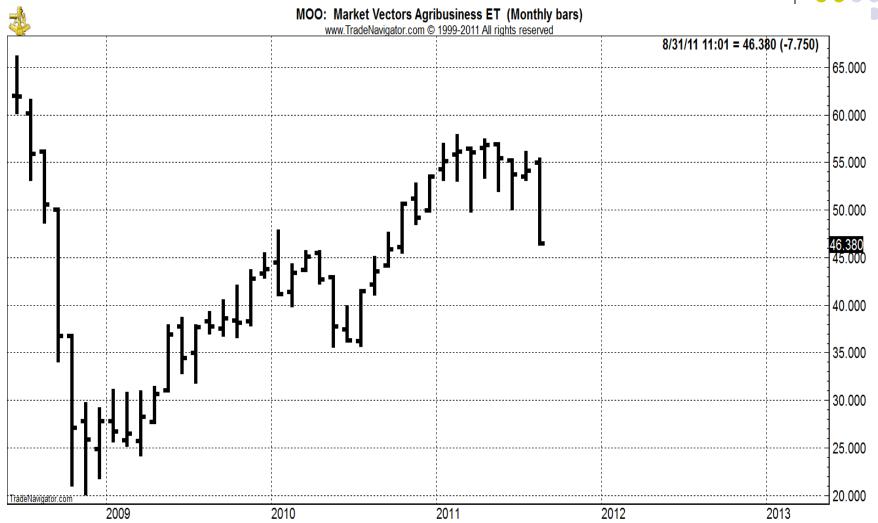
# **COT for long term ETFs**

- USE COT
- Commitments of Traders
- From CFTC or Genesis
- Explanation
- How it works

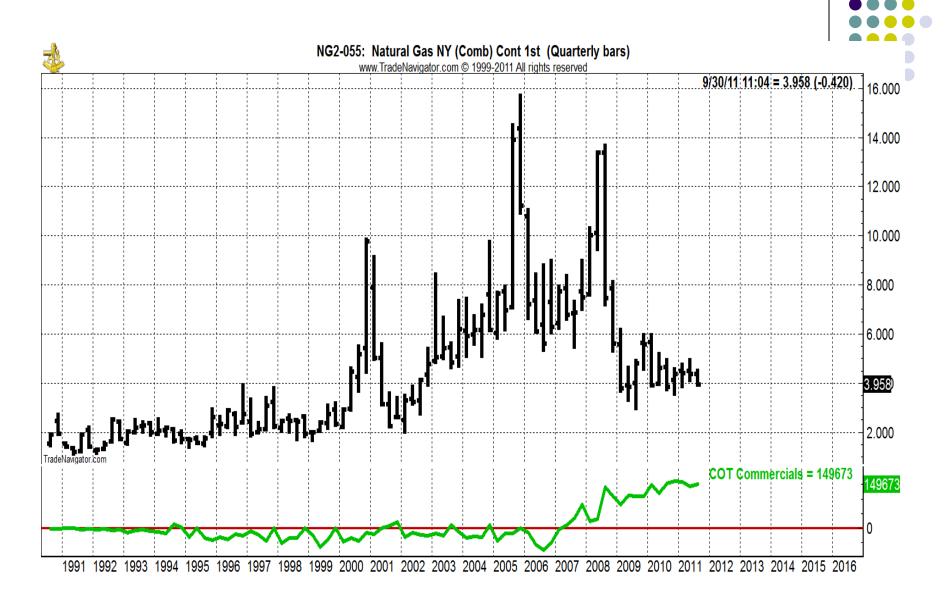


# MOO after COT buy trigger

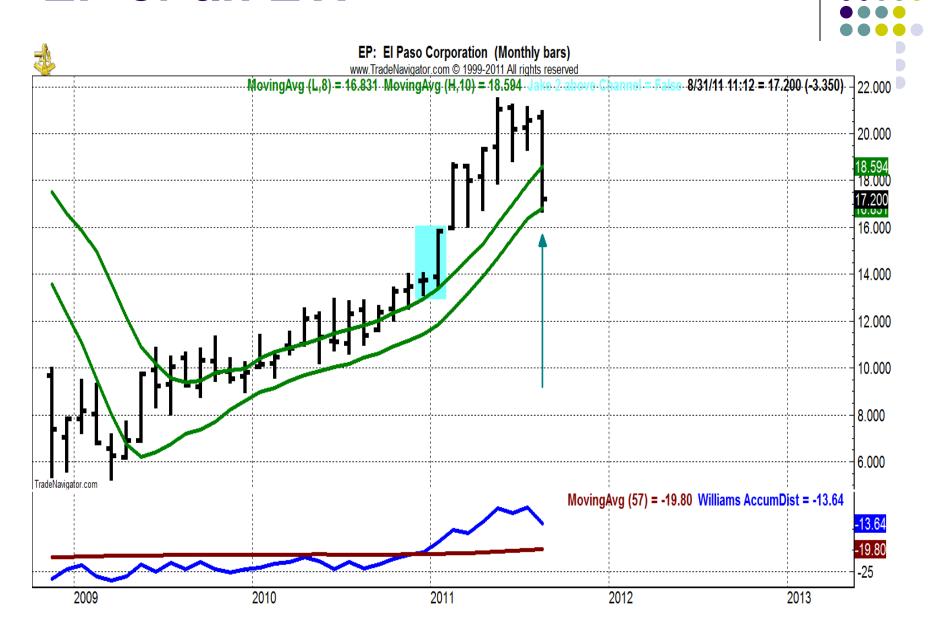




### **COT** and Nat Gas



#### **EP or an ETF**



## My preferred ETF's

- SGG sugar
- DBA ag
- UUP US\$ up
- GLD gold
- SIL silver
- XLF financial
- TBT interest rates
- XHB home builders
- USO oil
- CRBQ CRB
- GRR Asia
- MOO meats
- VNQ reit
- EWZ Brazil



## Summarizing

- ETF's can be good trading vehicles
- Selection process is critical
- I showed you how to select
- I showed you what to avoid
- Use timing triggers
- Best results will be with weekly
- Long term use COT as guide
- 2 basic timing methods
- USE LIMIT ORDERS
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