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**Coffee** futures reversed course and ended lower Thursday following three sessions of gains as a strengthening Brazilian currency lost steam.

Arabica **coffee** for July closed down 3.6% to end at \$1.241 a pound on the ICE Futures U.S. exchange.

Brazil is the largest producer of **coffee** and its currency has been strengthening against the dollar in light of presidential impeachment proceedings there that have market participants expecting that economic conditions will improve under a new president.

That has had some producers holding off on sales because a weaker currency would mean higher profits once sales from those dollar-denominated goods are repatriated.

When the currency stopped strengthening and ultimately changed course in later trading, that led investors to sell.

Still, stockpiles of **coffee** around the world are lower, with exchange certified-stocks at multi-year lows and European **coffee** stocks down 1.8% in February, the Hightower Report said, a sign of improving demand for **coffee**.

In other markets, raw sugar futures for July ended down 0.1% at 15.79 cents a pound, cocoa for July rose 0.6% to settle at \$3,107 a ton, frozen concentrated orange juice futures dropped 1.7% to close at \$1.274 a pound and July cotton slumped 0.1% to end at 64.01 cents a pound.

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