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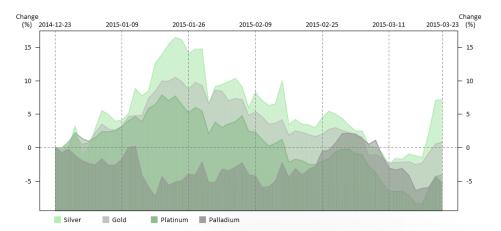




**Weekly Commodity Overview** 

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

## **Precious Metals Appreciate**



| Price Changes (%) |        |         |          |          |           |        |  |  |  |
|-------------------|--------|---------|----------|----------|-----------|--------|--|--|--|
|                   | Weekly | Monthly | 3 Months | 6 Months | 12 Months | YTD    |  |  |  |
| Gold              | 2.99   | -1.43   | 0.82     | -2.61    | -10.75    | -11.1  |  |  |  |
| Silver            | 8.16   | 3.5     | 7.13     | -4.58    | -17.32    | -16.83 |  |  |  |
| Platinum          | 3.3    | -2.14   | -4.05    | -13.32   | -20.23    | -20.3  |  |  |  |
| Palladium         | -1.2   | -1.3    | -5.33    | -6.02    | -0.12     | -2.36  |  |  |  |

#### Changes in Total Known ETF Holdings (%)

|           | Weekly | Monthly | 3 Months | 6 Months | 12 Months | YTD   |
|-----------|--------|---------|----------|----------|-----------|-------|
| Gold      | -0.72  | -2.93   | 1.63     | -3.83    | -7.88     | -7.9  |
| Silver    | -0.27  | 0.63    | 0.03     | -2.59    | -1.53     | -1.53 |
| Platinum  | -0.41  | 1.04    | 2.22     | -2.15    | 4.23      | 4.61  |
| Palladium | -1.85  | -3.53   | -6.47    | -1.99    | 35.47     | 35.99 |

**Gold** futures added \$15.60 or 1.3% and traded at \$1.187.80 an ounce on Friday, the biggest gain in two weeks, amid weaker Dollar and the postpone increase of the US interest rates. The Fed Chair Janet Yellen announced on March 18 that they are not going to rush and increase interest rates at least till June. This, in turn positively affected gold prices, but weakened the Dollar. Gold for April delivery rose 1.3% to \$1.184.60 on March 20 on Comex. Gold weekly gain was 2.99%, the biggest since January 16. The SPDR Gold Trust inventory fell 5.37% on Friday to 744.4 tons, two-month low.

**Silver** futures for May delivery added 76.9 cents or 4.77% to \$16.88 a troy ounce on Friday, the highest since end of February. During the last week, silver for May delivery rose \$1.25 or 8.96%, the first weekly growth since beginning of March. Such gain in precious metals value is based on the uncertainty of the US interest rate. The postponement of the interest rate would be bullish for metals, since it lowers the relative cost that holds on the metals.

**Platinum** futures for April delivery added \$21.60 or 1.9% to \$1,141.20 an ounce On Friday. On a weekly basis platinum gained 2.3%.

**Palladium** for June delivery inched higher \$13.30 or 1.7% to \$779.10 an ounce on March 20, the worst rate of the week. However, during the last week metal dropped 1.2%.

| Precious Metals Long-Term Price Forecasts (USD per ounce) | ) |
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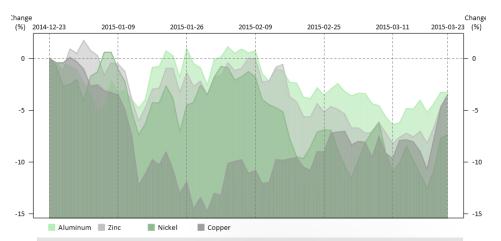
|           |       | Q1 15 |          | Q2 15 |       | Q3 15    |       |       | Q4 15    |       |       |          |
|-----------|-------|-------|----------|-------|-------|----------|-------|-------|----------|-------|-------|----------|
|           | Min   | Max   | Avg      |
| Gold      | 1 100 | 1 260 | 1 188.37 | 1 025 | 1 450 | 1 175.43 | 1 000 | 1 422 | 1 185.55 | 950   | 1 500 | 1 201.61 |
| Silver    | 14    | 24    | 17.1     | 14    | 24    | 17.08    | 13    | 24    | 17.44    | 12    | 23    | 17.68    |
| Platinum  | 1 175 | 1 900 | 1 306.5  | 1 125 | 1 900 | 1 334.75 | 1 125 | 1 900 | 1 381.75 | 1 100 | 1 640 | 1 386.68 |
| Palladium | 745   | 900   | 815      | 700   | 900   | 821.5    | 663   | 950   | 837.7    | 688   | 950   | 849.15   |

| S&P GSCI Precious<br>Metals Index | %     |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| Weekly                            | 3.55  |
| Monthly                           | -0.92 |
| 3 Months                          | 1.39  |
| 6 Months                          | -3.03 |
| 12 Months                         | -9.36 |

#### Industrial Metals Close in Green



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| Price Changes (%) |            |           |           |          |           |        |  |  |  |
|-------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|--------|--|--|--|
|                   | Weekly     | Monthly   | 3 Months  | 6 Months | 12 Months | YTD    |  |  |  |
| Aluminum          | 1.72       | 0.49      | -3.26     | -8.04    | 6.66      | 5.89   |  |  |  |
| Copper            | 4.95       | 7.78      | -3.49     | -9.2     | -4.59     | -5.31  |  |  |  |
| Nickel            | 2.76       | 2.56      | -7.34     | -17.74   | -9.82     | -11.26 |  |  |  |
| Zinc              | 4.34       | 2.17      | -3.55     | -8.49    | 6.95      | 6.96   |  |  |  |
| C                 | Changes in | LME inven | tories(%) |          |           |        |  |  |  |
|                   | Weekly     | Monthly   | 3 Months  | 6 Months | 12 Months | YTD    |  |  |  |
| Aluminum          | 1.95       | 0.75      | -6.07     | -14.22   | -26.05    | -26.43 |  |  |  |
| Copper            | 0.99       | 14.33     | 97.95     | 118.4    | 27.59     | 28.31  |  |  |  |
| Nickel            | 0.26       | 0.96      | 5.14      | 25.26    | 50.64     | 51.64  |  |  |  |
| Zinc              | -2.83      | -10.32    | -23.09    | -30.7    | -32.95    | -33.16 |  |  |  |

**Copper** prices hiked to a more than two—month high on Friday trading session after Chinese inventories first time fall in two months. This acts as a signal that demand for top metals is slowly recovering after the Lunar New Year. Prices gained some support amid concerns in Indonesian mine blockade continues for the fifth day. Three—month copper rose 3.3%, closing at \$6.045 per tonne, on London Metal Exchange. Meanwhile, copper stocks monitored by the Shanghai Futures Exchange declined 2.267 tonnes, 0.9%, on Friday, the first drop since January 23.

**Aluminum** rose 0.9%, to close at \$1.796 per tonne, on Friday. Meanwhile, the overall rate of beverage can recycling in 27 European countries + EFTA countries increased by 1.5% to a new record of 69.5%. When considering the recycling of cans, the result is that more than 27.5 billion cans among the Europe are available for the new aluminum product production. The collected amounts for about 290.00 tons of recycled aluminum.

**Nickel** added 3.5%, closing at \$14.250 per tonne, on Friday. Traders said the metal was finding a support from the trade data showing that the global surplus for the metal fell 70% between December and January.

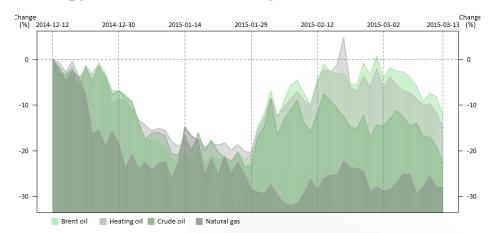
**Zinc** rose 2.1%, closing at \$2.063 per tonne, on Friday. Tin gained 1.9%, trading at \$17.305 per tonne.

|          | Industrial Metals Long-Term Price Forecasts (USD) |        |           |        |        |           |        |        |           |        |        |           |
|----------|---|--------|-----------|--------|--------|-----------|--------|--------|-----------|--------|--------|-----------|
|          | Q1 15   |        | Q2 15     |        | Q3 15  |           |        | Q4 15  |           |        |        |           |
|          | Min   | Max    | Avg       | Min    | Max    | Avg       | Min    | Max    | Avg       | Min    | Max    | Avg       |
| Copper   | 5 300   | 7 047  | 6 348.81  | 5 000  | 7 291  | 6 483.58  | 5 500  | 7 436  | 6 562.24  | 5 500  | 7 436  | 6 711.67  |
| Zinc     | 2 094   | 2 400  | 2 233.13  | 2 094  | 2 520  | 2 289.96  | 2 094  | 2 500  | 2 335.43  | 2 204  | 2 800  | 2 395.18  |
| Aluminum | 1 750   | 2 078  | 1 932.71  | 1 813  | 2 100  | 1 976.38  | 1 860  | 2 200  | 2 018.67  | 1 873  | 2 330  | 2 057.09  |
| Nickel   | 14 874  | 23 000 | 17 028.61 | 15 061 | 24 000 | 17 862.22 | 15 233 | 24 249 | 18 994.74 | 15 116 | 27 556 | 19 963.91 |

| S&P GSCI Industry<br>Metals Index | %     |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| Weekly                            | 3.61  |
| Monthly                           | 3.99  |
| 3 Months                          | -3.75 |
| 6 Months                          | -9.95 |
| 12 Months                         | -4.95 |

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## Energy Prices Generally Stable



| Price Changes (%) |                                 |         |          |          |           |        |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|---------|----------|----------|-----------|--------|--|--|--|--|
|                   | Weekly                          | Monthly | 3 Months | 6 Months | 12 Months | YTD    |  |  |  |  |
| Crude oil         | 2.86                            | -6.61   | -16.93   | -48.87   | -52.02    | -52.29 |  |  |  |  |
| Brent oil         | 3.67                            | -7.14   | -9.35    | -42.32   | -47.47    | -47.7  |  |  |  |  |
| Natural gas       | 0.63                            | -7.39   | -14.7    | -31.07   | -37.45    | -36.63 |  |  |  |  |
| Heating oil       | 1.89                            | -18.05  | -13.06   | -35.64   | -40.76    | -40.73 |  |  |  |  |
| C                 | Changes in U.S. inventories (%) |         |          |          |           |        |  |  |  |  |

|                 | Weekly | Monthly | 3 Months | 6 Months | 12 Months | YTD   |
|-----------------|--------|---------|----------|----------|-----------|-------|
| Crude oil       | 2.14   | 9.71    | 20.68    | 26.56    | 21.99     | 23.92 |
| Gasoline        | -1.86  | -2.99   | 6.03     | 11.7     | 5.89      | 5.2   |
| Natural Gas     | -2.98  | -35.32  | -55.48   | -49.26   | 53.93     | 46.55 |
| Distillate Fuel | 0.3    | -4.07   | 3.57     | -1.48    | 13.57     | 10.48 |

**Crude oil** prices rallied on Friday, continuing to recover from previous lows as the US and global oil companies decided to alleviate the supplies glut. The number of rigs drilling oil declined to 1.056, down 84, in US, a mark last seen in August 2011. Crude oil for March delivery added \$1.57 on Friday on the New York Mercantile Exchange, trading at \$52.75 per barrel. For the week, oil futures appreciated 77 cents, the third weekly gain.

**Brent** for April delivery soared \$2.24 on Friday, settling at \$61.52 per barrel by close of trade. Earlier the same day, prices hit \$61.77, most since December 23. On the week, Brent for April delivery surged \$3.02. However, prices continue to be down almost 47% since the month of June.

**Natural gas** dipped 2.7 cents for April delivery, settling at \$2.786 per mBtu on Friday close. The natural gas for May contract declined 2.6 cents, or 0.92%, closing at \$2.803. The weather forecasts showed that temperatures will remain normal over the US. The coldest winter time had eventually passed but the below– normal March temperatures will lead prices becoming vulnerable.

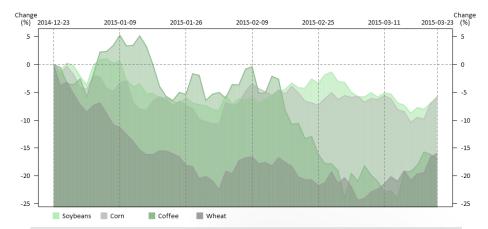
**Heating oil** for April delivery added 1.24% during the week, settling at \$1.668 per gallon by Friday close.

|             | Energy Futures Long-Term Price Forecasts (USD) |     |        |       |     |        |       |        |        |       |        |        |  |
|-------------|--|-----|--------|-------|-----|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--|
|             | Q1 15  |     |        | Q2 15 |     |        |       | Q3 15  |        |       | Q4 15  |        |  |
|             | Min  | Max | Avg    | Min   | Max | Avg    | Min   | Max    | Avg    | Min   | Max    | Avg    |  |
| Crude oil   | 40   | 78  | 55.19  | 42    | 80  | 59     | 50    | 91     | 65.96  | 55    | 93     | 71.36  |  |
| Natural gas | 45.68  | 61  | 54.89  | 42.93 | 53  | 47.98  | 43.62 | 53     | 48.21  | 50.47 | 58     | 55.16  |  |
| Heating oil | 140  | 222 | 190.44 | 140   | 212 | 183.62 | 160   | 227.38 | 201.48 | 180   | 248.81 | 212.36 |  |
| Brent oil   | 42   | 88  | 58.88  | 45    | 87  | 62.59  | 52.5  | 97     | 69.54  | 60    | 98     | 75.03  |  |

| S&P GSCI<br>Energy Index | %      |
|--------------------------|--------|
| Weekly                   | 3.16   |
| Monthly                  | -7.97  |
| 3 Months                 | -14.43 |
| 6 Months                 | -44.74 |
| 12 Months                | -49.05 |

# A Lack in Demand Weights on Soybean Prizes

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| Price Changes (%) |        |         |          |          |           |        |  |
|-------------------|--------|---------|----------|----------|-----------|--------|--|
|                   | Weekly | Monthly | 3 Months | 6 Months | 12 Months | YTD    |  |
| Wheat             | 3.89   | 5.33    | -15.97   | 11.19    | -24.12    | -22.97 |  |
| Corn              | 2.97   | -0.7    | -5.74    | 18.44    | -18.44    | -18.53 |  |
| Soybeans          | 1.47   | -1.87   | -5.95    | 4.99     | -31.4     | -30.19 |  |
| Coffee            | 2.75   | -7.23   | -17.05   | -24.99   | -18.55    | -17.12 |  |

LISDA Wasde Total Estimated Inventories

| OSDA Wasac Total Estimated IIIVentories |        |       |          |       |         |  |  |
|---|--------|-------|----------|-------|---------|--|--|
|   | Today  | Month | 6 Months | YTD   | 3 Years |  |  |
| Soybens                                 | 415    | 27.69 | 176.67   | 56.6  | 118.42  |  |  |
| Green Coffee                            | 36495  | 13.63 | 1.29     | 19.56 | 40.66   |  |  |
| Corn                                    | 188050 | 2.96  | 8.44     | 23.85 | 68.07   |  |  |
| Wheat                                   | 189540 | 0.49  | 2.85     | 4.58  | 2.86    |  |  |

Wheat futures for May added 27.0 cents, continuing a second consecutive rise on a weekly basis. On Friday, US wheat for May delivery surged 3.52%, or 18.0 cents, settling at \$5.300 per bushel by close of trade. Earlier the same day, prices touched the February 20 mark, \$5.3040. The US Department of Agriculture stated that Kansas wheat was rated 41% good to excellent condition last winter, down 46%, while Oklahoma winter wheat was 40% good to excellent.

**Corn** May contract appreciated 4.5 cents, or 1.25% during the week, despite the two – week consecutive loss. On Friday close, corn for May delivery added 11.4 cents, or 3.08%, closing at \$3.8500 per bushel amid the strong gains in wheat. Corn and wheat prices are very correlated as both grains are used in animal feed.

**Soybean** May futures dipped 0.13 cents on the week, following the third consecutive weekly loss. Despite, soybeans for May delivery gained 12.0 cents, or 1.25%, trading at \$9.7360 per bushel on Friday, On the Chicago Board of Trade. The prices are generally pressured by the optimism over Brazil and Argentina supplies together with the US soybean slowdown in demand. Argentina and Brazil are the largest soybean exporters that compete with the US on global market. South American crop prospects weigh on US supplies demand.

|          | Farm Commodities Long-Term Price Forecasts (USD) |       |          |       |       |          |       |       |          |     |       |          |
|----------|--|-------|----------|-------|-------|----------|-------|-------|----------|-----|-------|----------|
|          |  | Q1 15 |          | Q3 15 |       |          | Q4 15 |       |          |     |       |          |
|          | Min  | Max   | Avg      | Min   | Max   | Avg      | Min   | Max   | Avg      | Min | Max   | Avg      |
| Corn     | 350  | 409   | 375.88   | 350   | 440   | 385.38   | 350   | 420   | 392.5    | 350 | 440   | 396.12   |
| Coffee   | 140  | 215   | 183.24   | 120   | 225   | 184.54   | 110   | 225   | 183.66   | 100 | 240   | 186.36   |
| Wheat    | 500  | 620   | 558.2    | 500   | 650   | 565.2    | 550   | 620   | 580.8    | 540 | 640   | 585.1    |
| Soybeans | 933  | 1 300 | 1 029.67 | 950   | 1 400 | 1 045.78 | 950   | 1 400 | 1 040.44 | 950 | 1 400 | 1 047.88 |

| S&P GSCI<br>Agriculture Index | %      |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Weekly                        | 2.6    |
| Monthly                       | -0.92  |
| 3 Months                      | -10.37 |
| 6 Months                      | 0.9    |
| 12 Months                     | -27.46 |

**Correlation Matrix** 

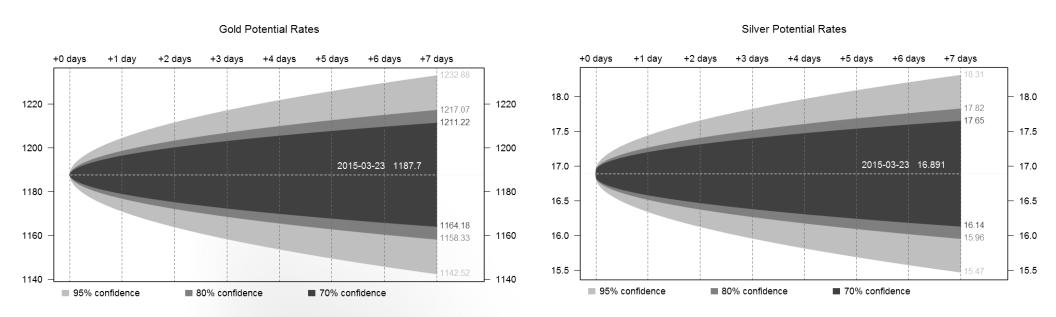


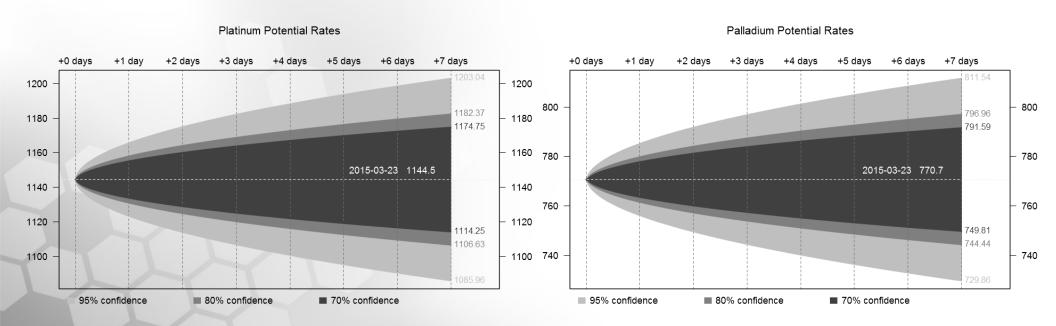






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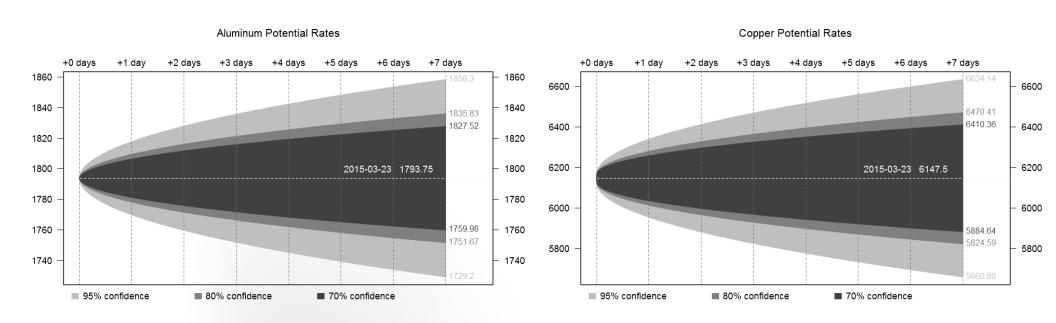


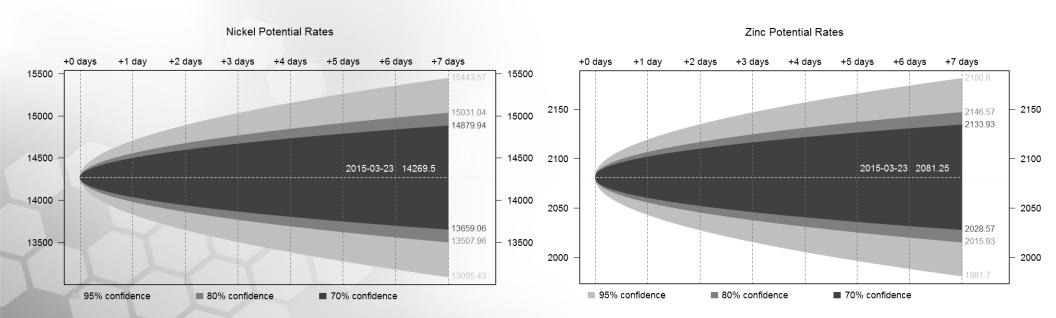






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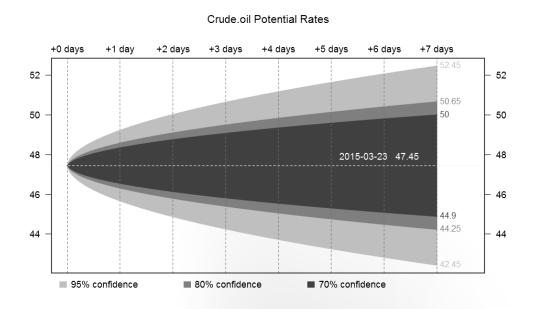


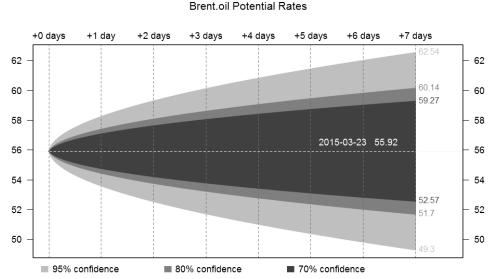


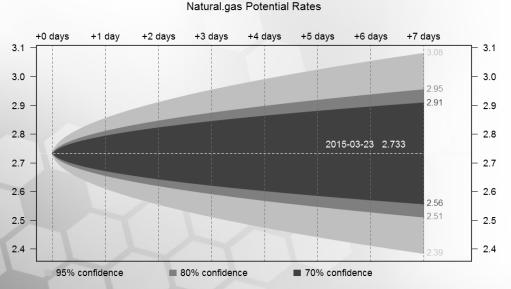


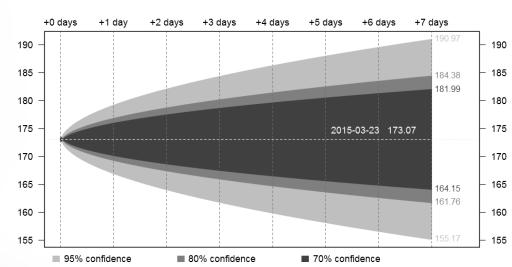
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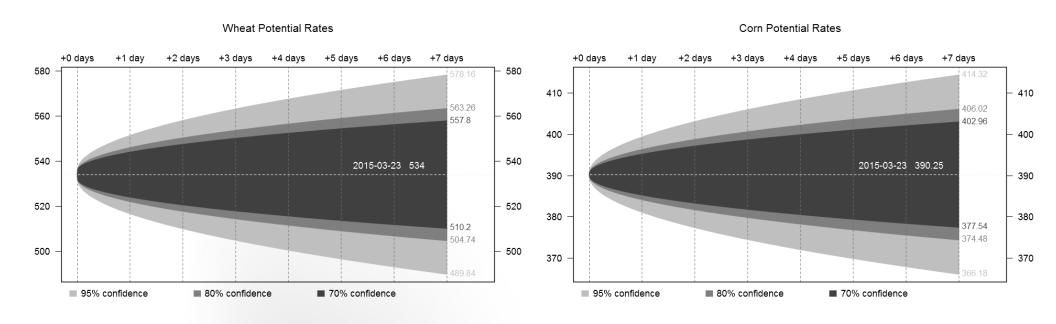


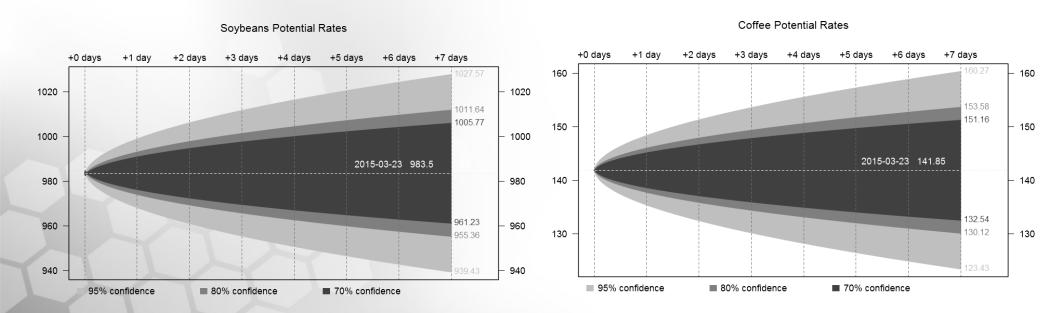
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## **Agriculture Confidence Intervals for the Next 7 Days**









#### **EXPLANATIONS**

#### **Commodities**

- Gold COMEX active contracted (USD/t o.z.)
- Silver COMEX active contract (USD/t o.z.)
- Platinum New York Mercantile Exchange active contract (USD/t o.z.)
- Palladium New York Mercantile Exchange active contract (USD/t o.z.)
- Aluminum-Active contract of primary aluminum of minimum 99.2% purity at the LME (USD/MT)
- Copper –Active contact of electrolytic copper at the LME (USD/MT)
- Zinc Active contract of zinc od minimum 99.995% purity at the LME (USD/MT)
- Nickel– Active contract of nickel of 99.8% purity at the LME (USD/MT)
- Crude oil light, sweet crude oil active contract on the New York Mercantile Exchange (USD/bbl.)
- Brent oil Brent oil active contract on the ICE Futures Europe (USD/bbl.)
- Natural Gas natural gas active contract on the New York Mercantile Exchange (USD/MMBtu)
- Heating oil heating oil active contract on the New York Mercantile Exchange (USD/gal.)
- Wheat wheat active contract on the Chicago Board of Trade (cents/bu)
- Corn corn active contract on the Chicago Board of Trade (cents/bu)
- Coffee benchmark Arabica coffee active contract on the NYB-ICE Futures
   Exchange
- Soybeans -active contract on the Chicago Board of Trade (cents/bu)

#### **Indices**

- S&P GSCI Precious Metals Total Return Index commodity group subindex composed of gold and silver; the index reflects return on underlying commodity futures price movement
- S&P GSCI Industrial Metals Total Return Index commodity group subindex composed of futures contracts on aluminium, copper, lead, nickel and zinc
- S&P GSCI Energy Total Return Index commodity group subindex composed of futures contracts on crude oil, Brent oil, RBOB gas, heating oil, gas oil and natural gas
- S&P GSCI Agriculture Total Return Index commodity group subindex composed of futures contracts on wheat, red wheat, corn, soybeans, cotton, sugar, coffee and cocoa

#### **Indicators**

**Long-term price forecasts**-aggregated price forecasts based on predictions of 20 international banks forecasts

*USDA Wasde Total Estimated Inventories* (Today)-current level of inventories of wheat in 1000 MT, corn in 1000 MT, soybeans in million bushels and green coffee in 1000 bags





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