



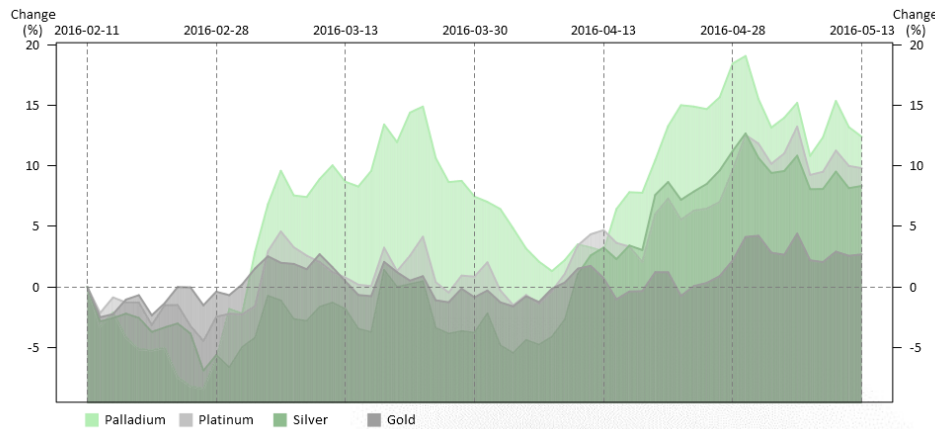
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Weekly Commodity Overview

Precious Metals Down as Investors Look for US Rate Hike



Gold slipped during the last trading day of the previous week to finish the session close to a three-week low, as market participants closely viewed the possibility of a rate hike by the US Fed taking place as soon as next month. On the Comex division of the New York Mercantile Exchange, gold futures for delivery in June inched down 0.15%, or \$1.90, by the end of trade on Friday, settling at \$1,252.90 per troy ounce. Earlier in the week, namely on Thursday, gold futures dipped to \$1,244.60 a troy ounce, a level not seen since April 28. The down move was caused by strongly hawkish comments by the New York Federal Reserve President William Dudley. Over the course of the previous week, prices of the yellow metal did not manage to close higher, dropping \$20.40, or 1.53%, being dragged down mostly by overall firmness in the value of the Greenback after the release of the FOMC meeting minutes.

Silver, unlike gold, tacked on during Friday's trade. On the Comex, silver prices soared modest 3.9 cents, or 0.24%, to finish the session at \$16.53 a troy ounce. Nevertheless, despite the uptick posted during the last trading day, silver futures settled lower over the course of the whole trading week, declining as much as 3.5%, or 60.8 cents, and registering the third consecutive weekly dip, as investors reconsidered their expectations for the rate hike timing by the Fed on the back of more hawkish comments by several Federal Reserve's officials.

Platinum inched up on Friday, with futures for July delivery increasing \$11.20, or 1.1%, to settle at \$1,024.50 per ounce, while on the week prices slumped ...% on the Nymex.

Palladium was on a down note on Friday, declining to \$558.40 an ounce. In light of the drop, palladium did not manage to hold gains on the week, sliding as much as ...% on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Price Changes (%)						
	Weekly	Monthly	3 Months	6 Months	12 Months	YTD
Gold	-1.65	1.95	2.69	17.74	6.73	4.47
Silver	-2.25	4.94	8.35	20.61	3.67	-0.52
Platinum	-3.04	4.9	9.81	21.81	-7.14	-8.58
Palladium	-2.44	9.2	12.41	9.86	-24.55	-24.96

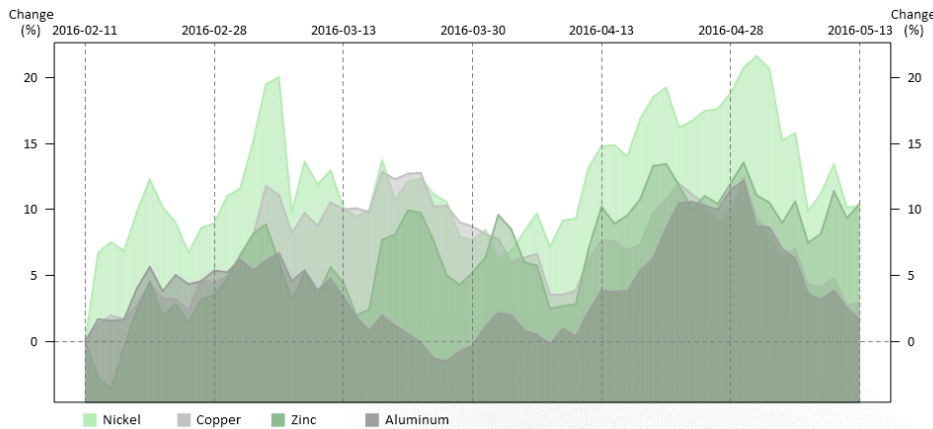
Changes in Total Known ETF Holdings (%)						
	Weekly	Monthly	3 Months	6 Months	12 Months	YTD
Gold	1.27	3.43	14.8	21.02	13.44	12.68
Silver	-0.15	0.03	6.85	5.24	3.53	2.76
Platinum	-0.12	1.99	3.54	-0.54	-9.4	-9.4
Palladium	-0.19	1.78	1.18	-6.4	-23.29	-23.06

Precious Metals Long-Term Price Forecasts (USD per ounce)

	Q2 16			Q3 16			Q4 16			Q1 17		
	Min	Max	Avg	Min	Max	Avg	Min	Max	Avg	Min	Max	Avg
Gold	980	1 375	1 179.45	960	1 400	1 175.39	950	1 400	1 168.33	1 048	1 400	1 180.79
Silver	14	22.3	16.51	13.75	23	16.46	13	24	16.11	13	18.25	14.96
Platinum	550	1 530	1 115.65	575	1 520	1 139.15	550	1 540	1 132.44	550	1 300	1 028.29
Palladium	531	950	677.96	563	950	700.02	588	950	725.2	600	975	704.75

S&P GSCI Precious Metals Index	%
Weekly	-1.72
Monthly	2.26
3 Months	3.23
6 Months	17.94
12 Months	4.46

Base Metals Lower on Stronger Greenback



Aluminum led gains on Friday, hitting its highest mark in a week, as investors closed out short positions ahead of the weekend; however, the metal paired gains towards the end of the session on Friday on the back of a plunge in other metals amid a firmer Greenback. Three-month metal's contract added 0.1% on the London Metal Exchange by the end of trade, finishing at \$1,547 a tonne after touching a level of \$1,577, a mark not seen since early May. In light of the increase posted on Friday, aluminum managed to advance over the course of the whole trading week, closing ...% higher and snapping the three-week losing streak on the LME.

Copper futures for delivery in July continued their downtrend, tumbling amid a broadly stronger US Dollar, as better-than-expected economic data out of the country bolstered bets for a June rate hike by the Federal Reserve. Despite that, the industrial metal found a bit of support from indications of improving housing sector in China, world's bigger copper consumer, accounting for around 45% of all consumption. On Friday, metal's futures shed 0.5 cents, or 0.27%, to settle at \$2.055 per pound, after slipping to the level of \$2.038 on Thursday, a mark not seen since February 12. In view of these drops, prices of the red metal did not manage to advance over the course of the prior trading week, settling 0.82% lower on the Comex division of the New York Mercantile Exchange and posting their third straight weekly decrease.

Nickel was down on Friday, closing 0.6%, lower compared to Thursday's end price, at \$8,500 a tonne amid concerns over market surplus. Over the week, metal's futures fell ...% on the London Metal Exchange.

Zinc rose 0.3%, to \$1,866 a tonne on Friday on the LME. For the week, futures of the metal edged ...% lower compared to last week's finishing

price.

Price Changes (%)						
	Weekly	Monthly	3 Months	6 Months	12 Months	YTD
Aluminum	-4.32	-2.05	1.69	1.83	-18.58	-17.96
Copper	-3.87	-4.38	2.91	-4.07	-28.07	-27.67
Nickel	-4.78	-3.94	10.28	-8.52	-39.92	-38.63
Zinc	-0.17	0.2	10.42	16.7	-20.24	-19.65

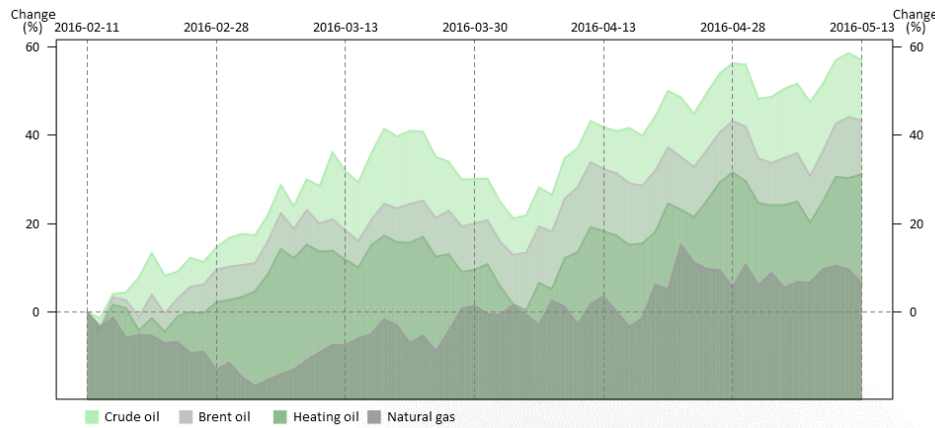
Changes in LME inventories(%)						
	Weekly	Monthly	3 Months	6 Months	12 Months	YTD
Aluminum	-1.27	-5.35	-5.89	-13.26	-31.69	-32.28
Copper	-1.48	6.96	-28.86	-39.44	-53.51	-53.63
Nickel	-0.71	-3.82	-6.09	-1.37	-7.33	-6.51
Zinc	-1.21	-7.22	-15.08	-30.07	-9.92	-12.48

Industrial Metals Long-Term Price Forecasts (USD)

	Q2 16			Q3 16			Q4 16			Q1 17		
	Min	Max	Avg	Min	Max	Avg	Min	Max	Avg	Min	Max	Avg
Aluminum	1 350	2 165	1 629.91	1 316	2 209	1 666.14	1 242	2 022	1 646.3	1 289	1 850	1 621.83
Copper	4 250	6 614	5 179.96	4 300	6 514	5 256.71	4 103	6 476	5 213.57	4 193	6 500	5 057.42
Nickel	7 495	20 504	11 480.3	7 553	21 255	11 834.4	7 167	21 755	11 829.94	7 598	14 500	10 698.73
Zinc	1 450	2 322	1 839.05	1 550	2 333	1 877.5	1 479	2 300	1 888.5	1 535	2 293	1 892.64

S&P GSCI Industry Metals Index	%
Weekly	-3.48
Monthly	-2.82
3 Months	2.91
6 Months	0.12
12 Months	-21.81

Energy Commodities Up on Unexpected Supply Disruptions



Crude oil futures for delivery in July slid on Friday, closing down 26 cents, or 0.53%, to end the week at \$48.41 a barrel. Earlier in the week, Nymex crude oil prices soared to \$49.56, the highest level since October 12 last year. Due to a strong rally registered on Wednesday, on the New York Mercantile Exchange, crude oil futures for delivery in July added 3.33%, or \$1.47, over the course of the whole trading week, as unplanned oil supply disruptions in Libya, Nigeria, Venezuela and Canada weighed. Nevertheless, analysts across the globe warn of an ongoing weak market conditions, while the US EIA said crude stockpiles rose sharply by 1.31 million barrels last week to 541.3 million. In the meantime, New York-traded crude oil futures are up nearly 80% since mid-February.

Brent oil futures for delivery in July also shed by the end of Friday's trade to settle at \$48.72 a barrel on the ICE Futures Exchange, down 9 cents, or 0.18%, from Thursday's close. Despite Friday's losses, on the week London-traded Brent oil futures managed to rise, adding 1.86% on the back of unexpected supply disruptions in Africa, Canada and Venezuela announced on Wednesday eased worries about global oversupply, making London-traded oil futures hit \$49.88 a barrel, a level not seen since November 4 last year. In the meantime, Brent futures rose roughly 85% since declining below \$30 per barrel on February 11, while the spread between Brent and WTI crude contracts stood at 31 cents by the close of trade on Friday.

Natural gas was up for the second straight session on Friday, as inventories data revealed stockpiles rose less-than-expected over the prior week. Nevertheless, prices slid for the third consecutive week, declining ...%.

Heating oil futures for July delivery slipped over the course of the whole trading week, dropping ...% on the Nymex.

Price Changes (%)						
	Weekly	Monthly	3 Months	6 Months	12 Months	YTD
Crude oil	3.47	10.66	56.96	13.43	-23.93	-23.62
Brent oil	5.42	8.26	43.38	7.56	-29.01	-28.9
Natural gas	-0.24	2.95	6.61	-11.22	-27.65	-28.59
Heating oil	4.92	10.86	31.22	1.58	-29.81	-30.02

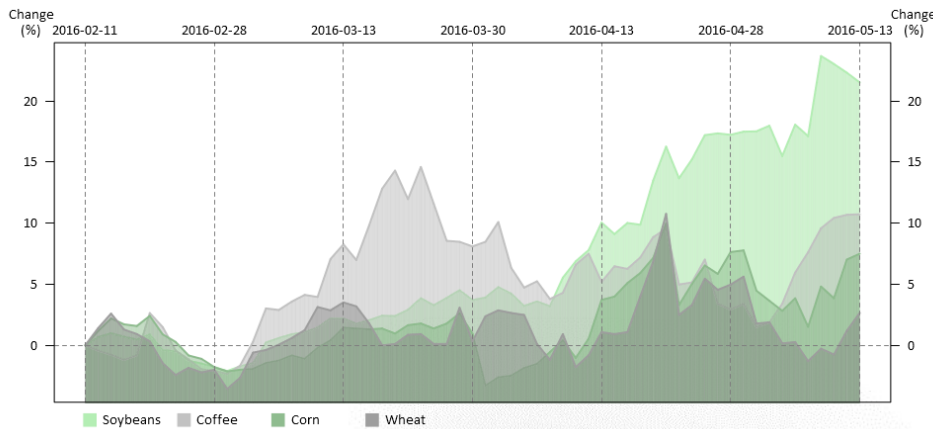
Changes in U.S. inventories (%)						
	Weekly	Monthly	3 Months	6 Months	12 Months	YTD
Crude oil	-0.63	1.9	7.58	10.87	11.37	10.87
Gasoline	-0.51	-1.41	-5.9	12.81	6.11	5.58
Natural Gas	2.13	8.1	-6.39	-32.72	41.33	50.11
Distillate Fuel	-1.05	-4.69	-3.51	10.08	21.1	18.78

S&P GSCI Energy Index	%
Weekly	4.17
Monthly	7.06
3 Months	30.45
6 Months	-9.1
12 Months	-38.69

Energy Futures Long-Term Price Forecasts (USD)

	Q2 16			Q3 16			Q4 16			Q1 17		
	Min	Max	Avg	Min	Max	Avg	Min	Max	Avg	Min	Max	Avg
Crude oil	34	85	44.3	35	85	48.45	35	90	49.81	37	92.5	50.31
Brent oil	34	90	46.61	17.5	90	49.92	36	95	50.78	36.5	100	51.57
Natural gas	28	38	31.72	25	38	30.6	32	41	36.88	34	45	39.05
Heating oil	113.1	125	117.37	117.9	145	127.3	123.8	175	144.93	136	180	152

Grains Weaker, But Still In Bullish Trend



Corn futures experienced a good trading period during the previous week, as futures for July delivery edged higher. Prices rose up to \$3.94 per bushel on at the beginning of the week and continued to grow until Wednesday (included), when prices peaked to \$4 per bushel. However, demand weakened afterwards, causing a rather sharp slump, which led the futures to a one-week low of \$3.90 per bushel on the Chicago Board of Trade. Friday's rally was insufficient for the price to post a significant weekly gain, with trade closing at \$3.945 for delivery in July. Overall, the only a 0.99% gain in corn futures was registered during the previous week, which is still the highest level since July 2015.

Wheat, on the other hand, declined through most of the preceding week. The week began with a two-day rally, with futures for delivery in July rising from \$4.74 to \$4.81, up 1.42%. Afterwards prices kept falling, the reason for which were expectations for large supplies contributing to the bearish mood. However, spring began with rather harsh weather conditions, therefore, slower growth expectations, but despite that, crops were in good shape and generated optimist for a decent harvest in summer, namely the period of July futures. As a result, wheat prices lost 2.75% since from Wednesday to Friday, having fallen down to a total of \$4.68 per bushel.

Soybeans' performance was similar to the corn's, as the week began with futures rising up to \$10.79 per bushel until trade closed on Tuesday. Soybeans are becoming overbought, which led futures to decline on Wednesday and Thursday, down to \$10.70 per bushel. Nevertheless, futures for July delivery accounted for \$10.75 per bushel, having rebounded by week's end same as corn.

Coffee C was mostly trading in the red zone during the previous week, ultimately suffering a 3.07% slump, with price closing at \$124.70 per pound.

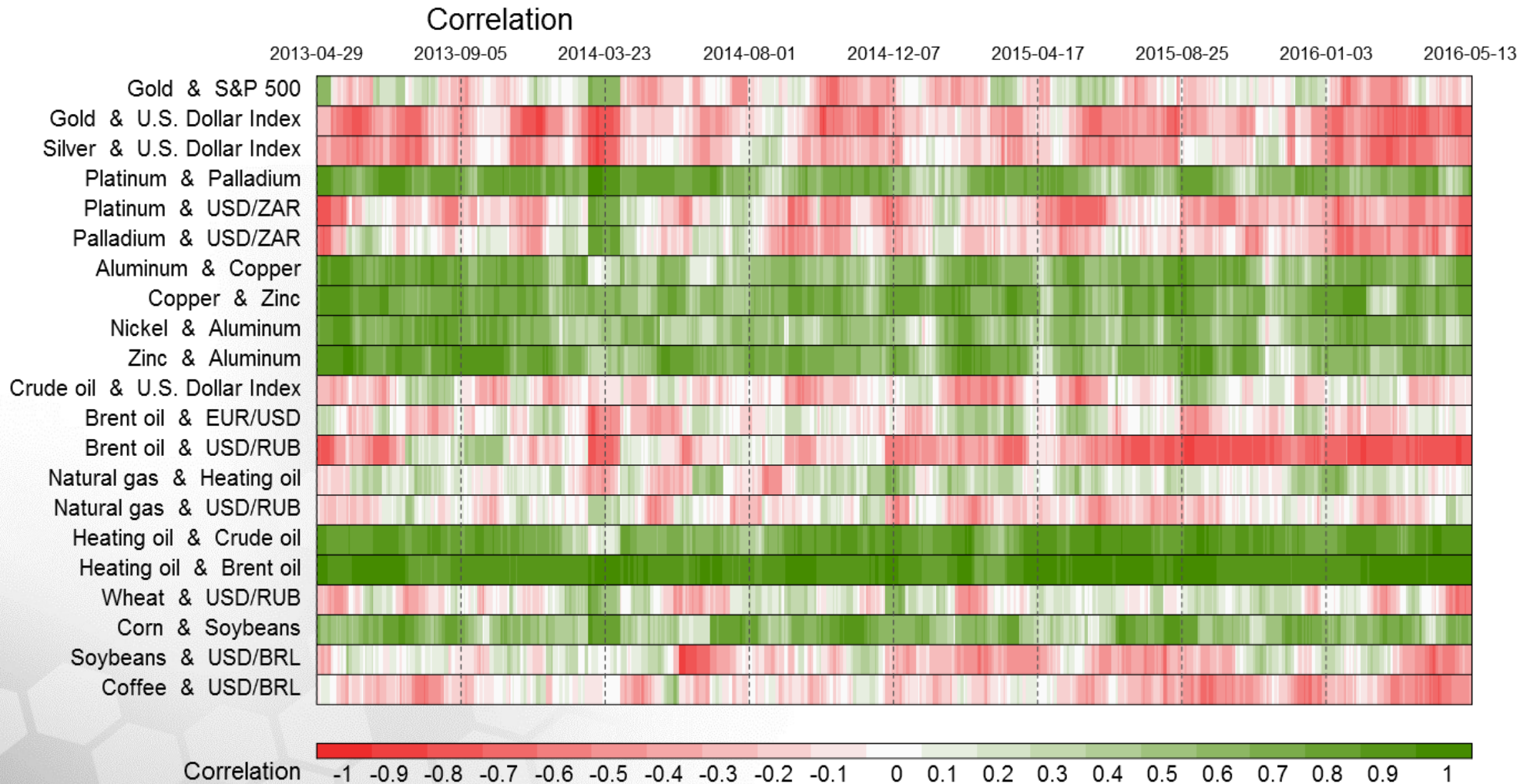
Price Changes (%)						
	Weekly	Monthly	3 Months	6 Months	12 Months	YTD
Corn	3.51	3.65	7.5	6.91	8.24	7.87
Wheat	2.37	1.55	2.65	-4.62	-1.2	-1.4
Soybeans	2.92	10.42	21.51	24.52	11.46	11.26
Coffee	4.5	5.26	10.72	12.35	-3.99	-3.91

USDA Wasde Total Estimated Inventories (\$ and Changes (%)					
	Today	Month	6 Months	YTD	3 Years
Corn	206970	-2.33	6.04	-0.59	49.77
Wheat	237590	4.53	17.39	12.03	35.3
Soybens	305	-31.46	-34.41	-39	144
Coffee	36692	16.33	16.33	-13.73	4.15

Farm Commodities Long-Term Price Forecasts (USD)												
	Q2 16			Q3 16			Q4 16			Q1 17		
	Min	Max	Avg	Min	Max	Avg	Min	Max	Avg	Min	Max	Avg
Corn	345	410	372.12	340	425	375.5	335	450	378.5	351	3 350	864.5
Wheat	440	620	504.08	423	620	512.67	397	680	510.9	423	525	475.43
Soybeans	860	950	896.44	810	950	888.11	830	950	897.56	826	940	886.71
Coffee	116.2	133.1	125.72	110	133.4	123.67	110	135	125.82	100	136	125.92

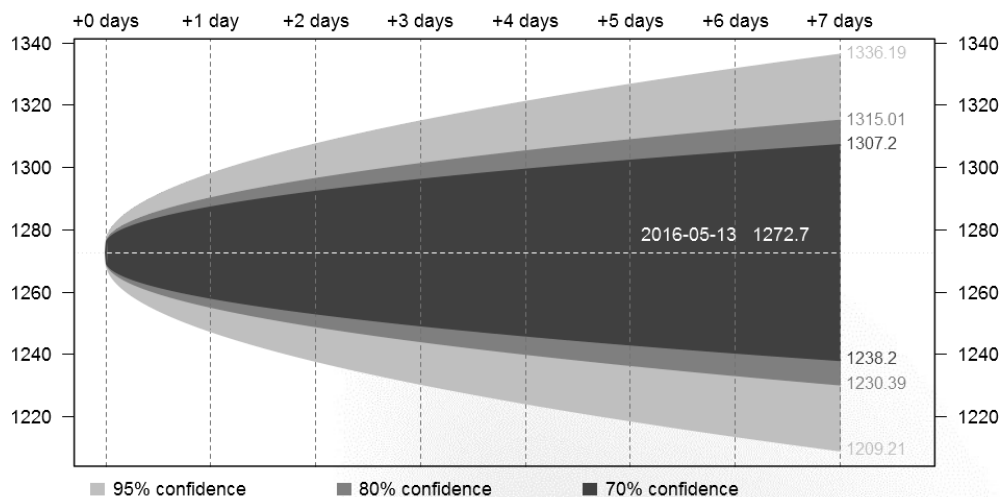
S&P GSCI Agriculture Index	%
Weekly	2.8
Monthly	5.39
3 Months	9.47
6 Months	4.22
12 Months	-2.12

Correlation Matrix

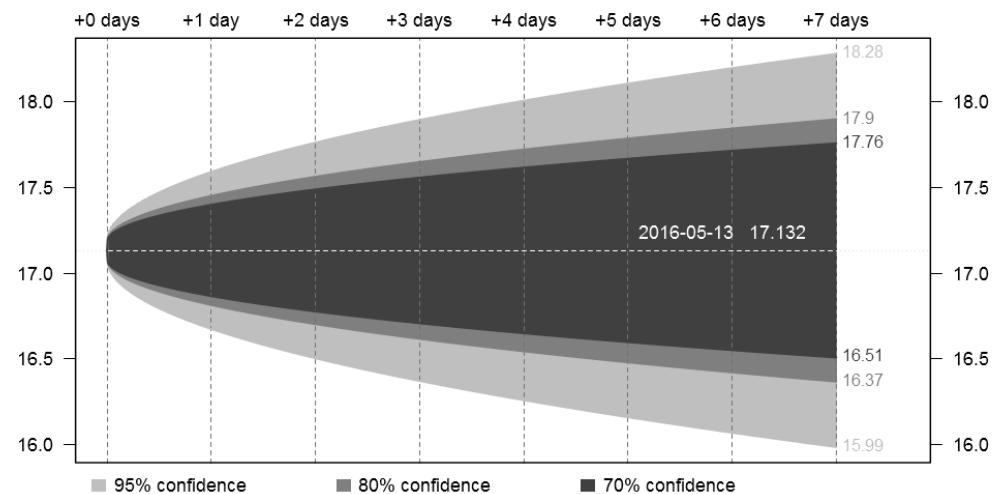


Precious Metals Confidence Intervals for the Next 7 Days

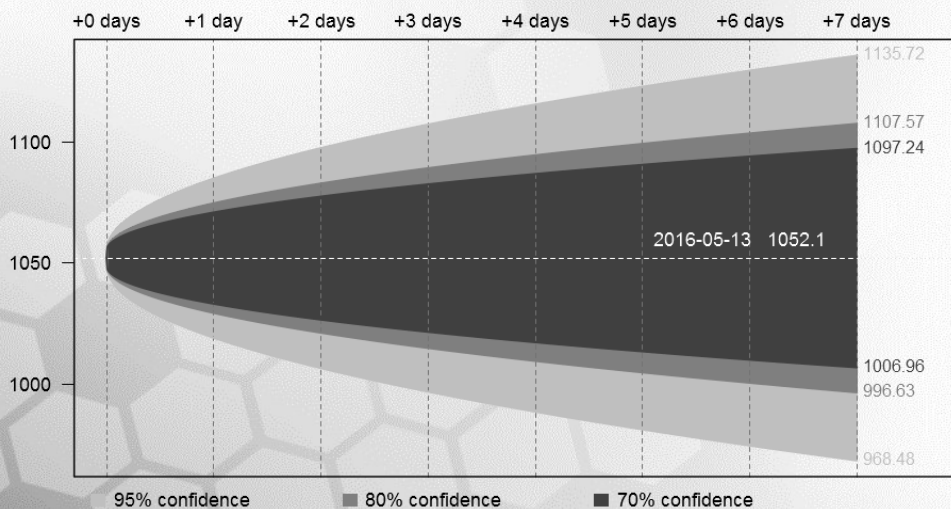
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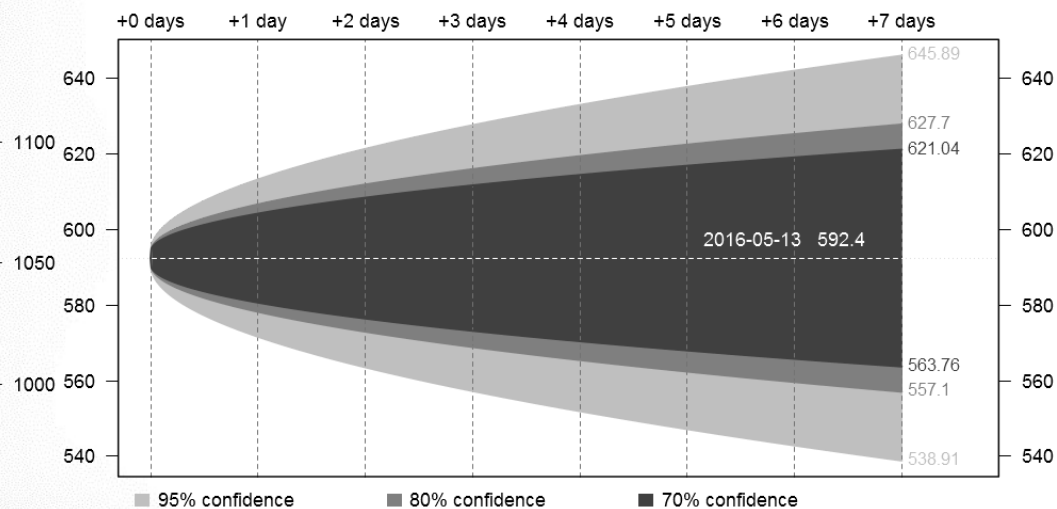
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Platinum Potential Rates

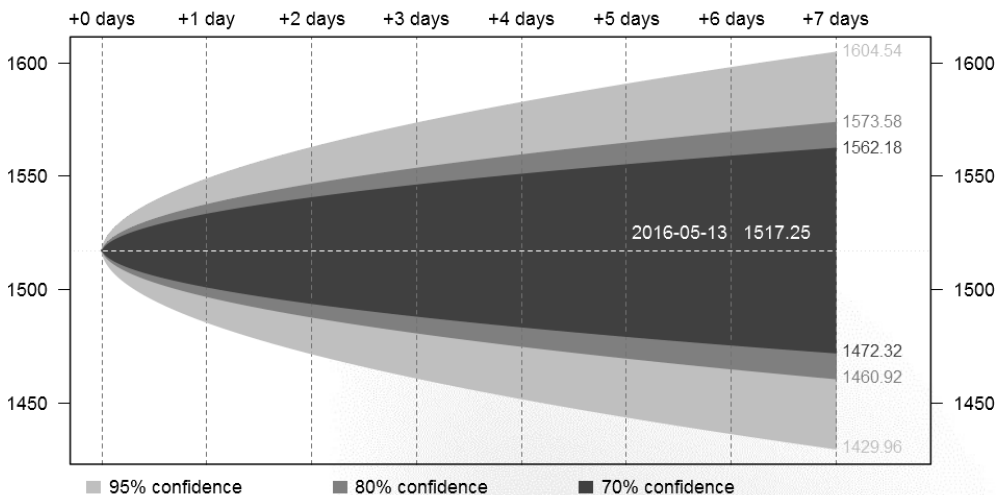


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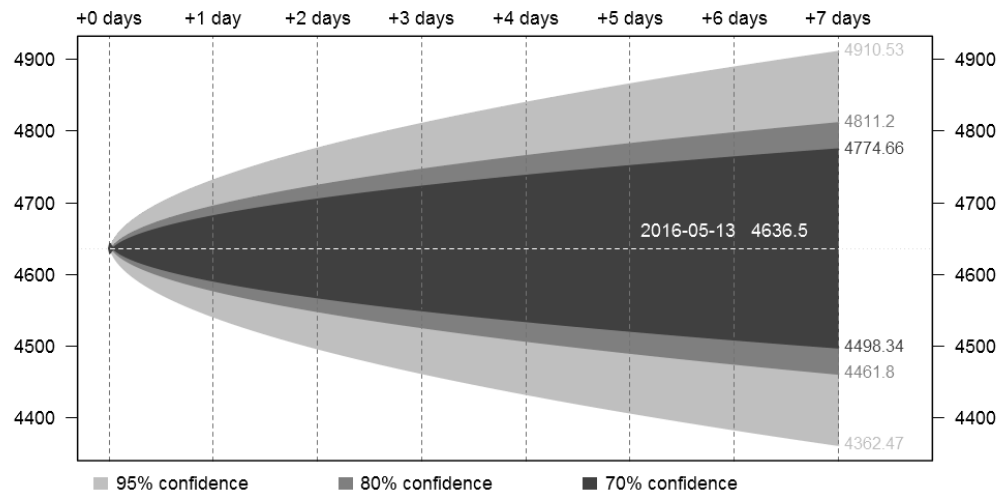


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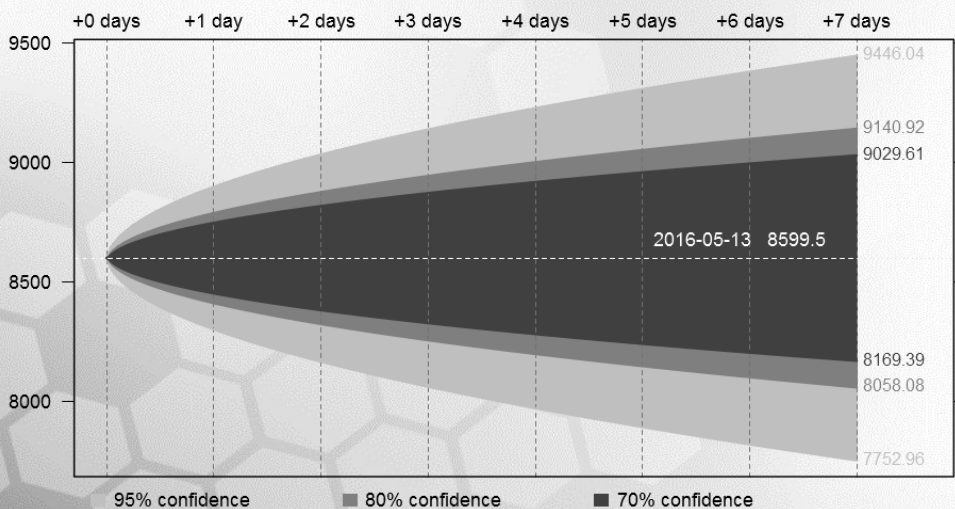
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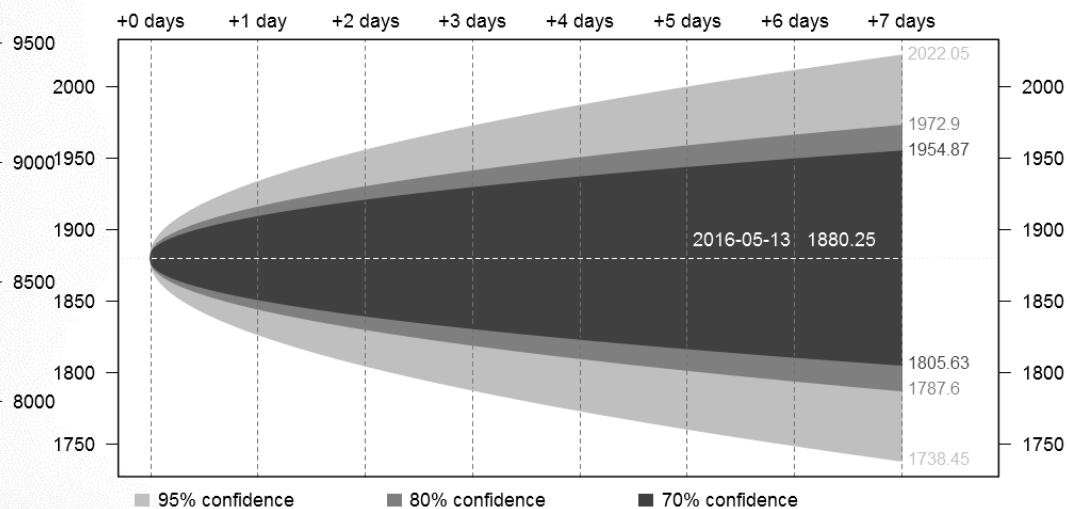
Copper Potential Rates



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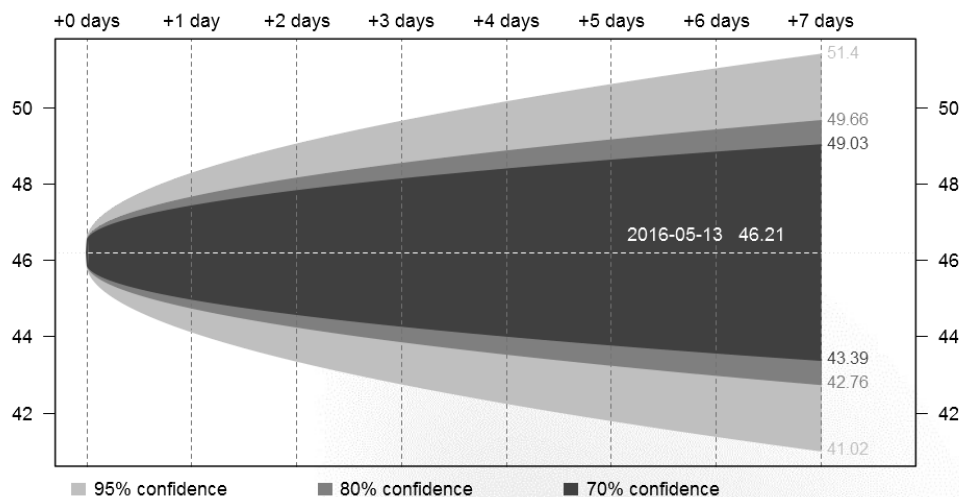


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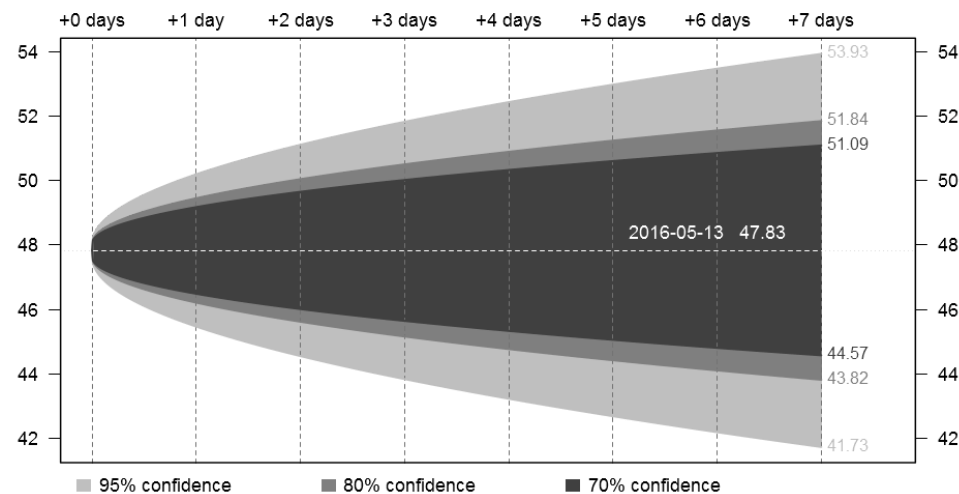


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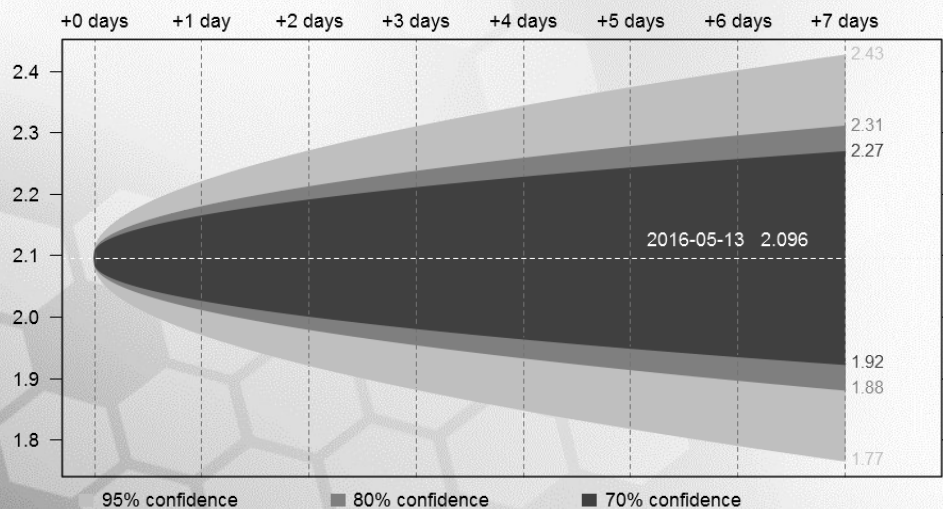
Crude oil Potential Rates



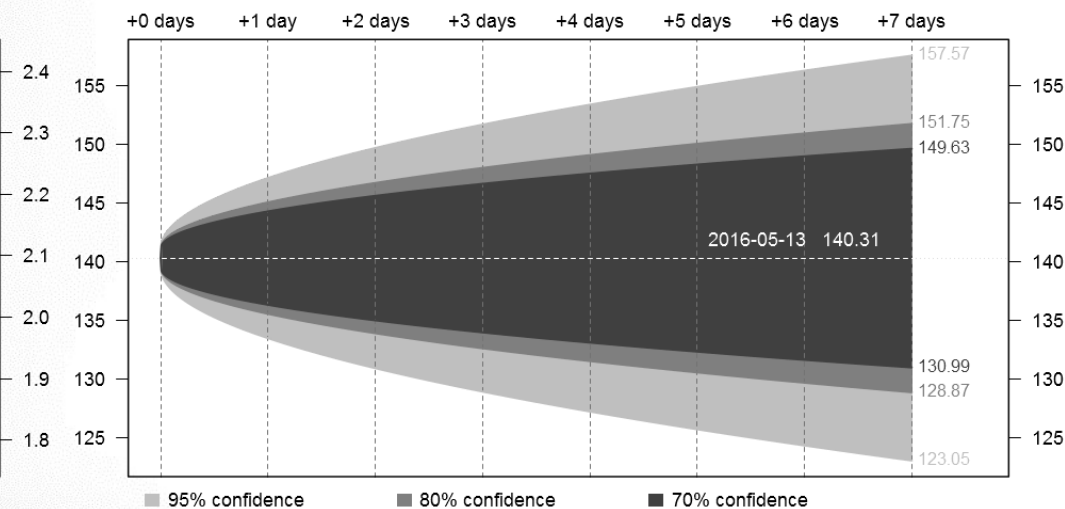
Brent oil Potential Rates



Natural gas Potential Rates

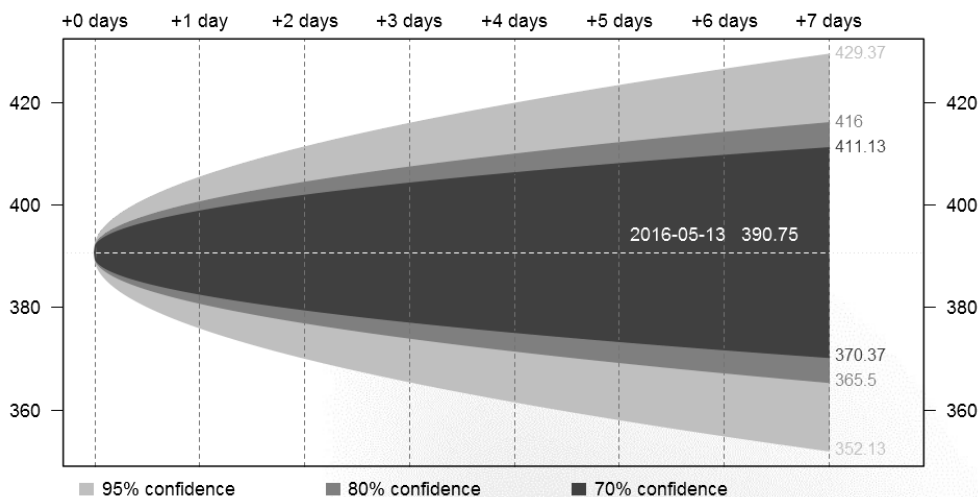


Heating oil Potential Rates

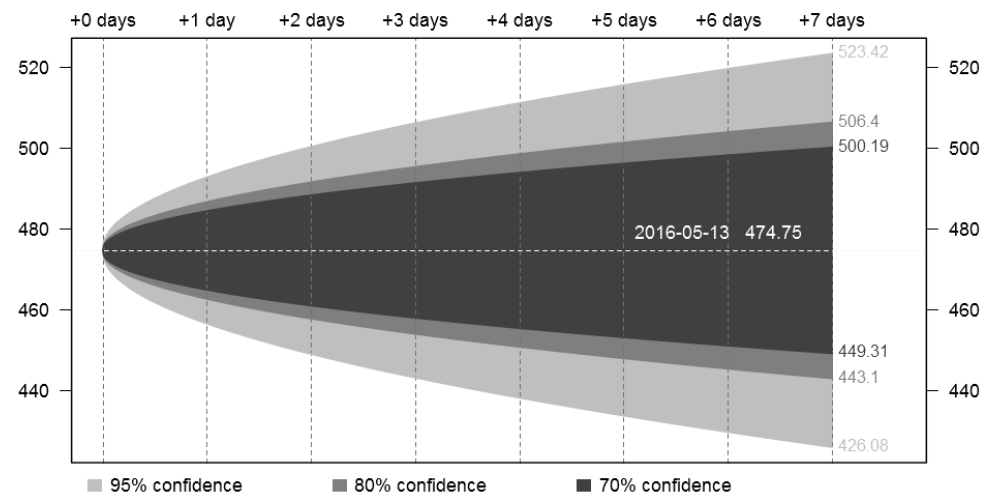


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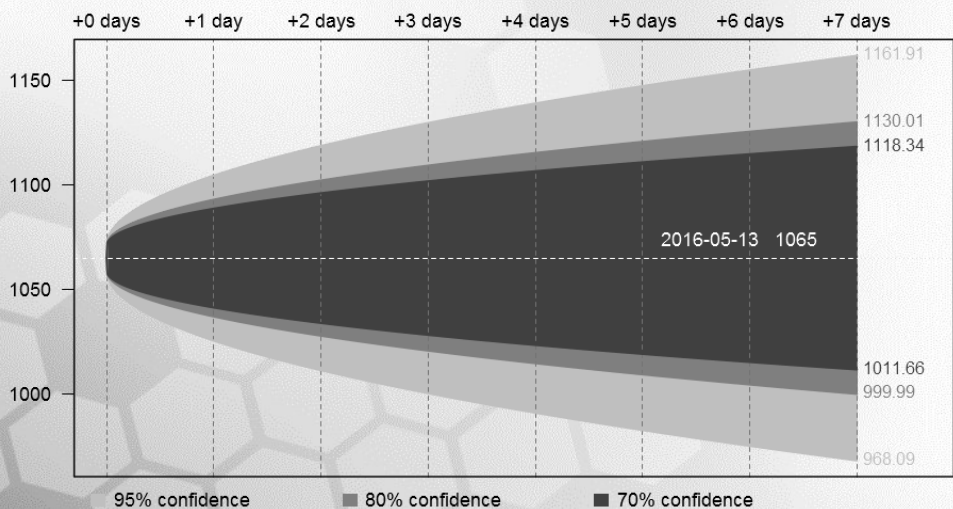
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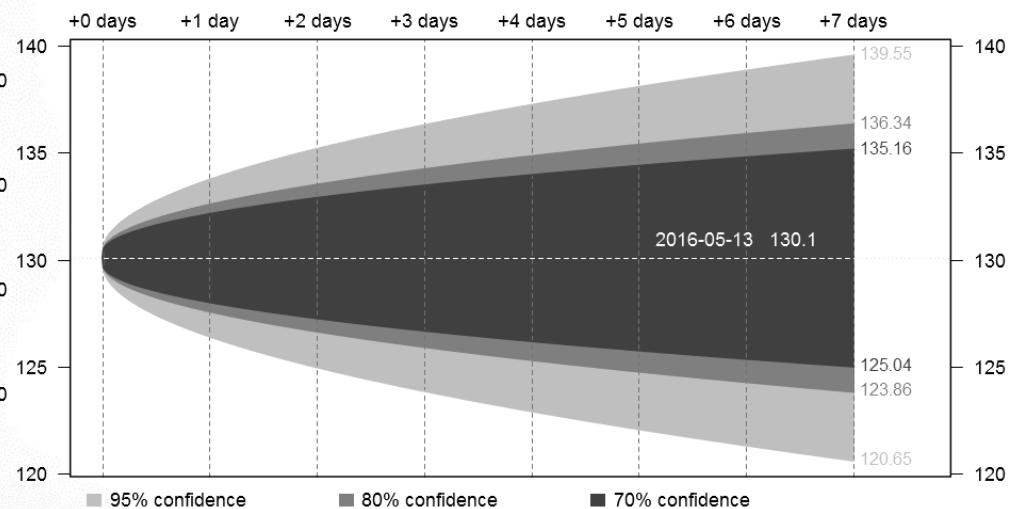
Wheat Potential Rates



Soybeans Potential Rates



Coffee Potential Rates



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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