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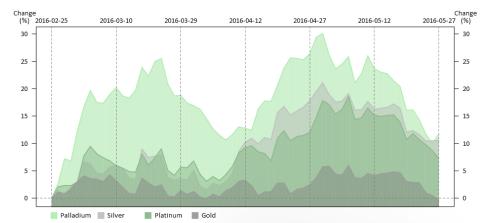




Weekly Commodity Overview

Precious Metals Down on Yellen's Hawkish Comments

Tuesday, May 31, 2016





Changes in Total Known ETF Holdings (%)

	Weekly	Monthly	3 Months	6 Months	12 Months	YTD
Gold	-0.02	4.97	9.53	23.46	15.61	14.95
Silver	0.14	0.05	6.77	5.32	4.01	3.92
Platinum	-0.65	-0.16	3.42	-0.97	-10.15	-10.21
Palladium	-2.43	-2.93	-0.25	-8.87	-26.04	-26.19

Gold slipped during the last trading day of the previous week to finish the session at a three -month low, as market participants prepared for a rate hike by the US Fed taking place in the months to come on the back of very hawkish comments from the Fed's Chair Janet Yellen, who said during an appearance at Harvard University on Friday that an increase in the US key interest rate "would be appropriate" in the nearest future, as the labour market continues to improve the overall state of the economy. On the Comex division of the New York Mercantile Exchange, gold futures for delivery in August inched down to \$1,209.00 a troy ounce on Friday afternoon, a level not seen since February 22, before settling at \$1,216.70 per troy ounce by the end of the week, down 0.49%, or \$6.00, from Thursday's close. Over the course of the previous week, prices of the yellow metal did not manage to close higher, dropping another \$36.20, or 3.13%, and posting the third consecutive weekly decrease, being dragged down mostly by overall firmness in the value of the Greenback.

Silver, just like gold, lost ground during Friday's trade. On the Comex, silver prices slipped 7.4 cents, or 0.45%, to finish the session at \$16.26 a troy ounce, after slumping to \$16.14 an ounce earlier in the day, the lowest level since April 18. Over the course of the whole trading week, silver futures declined as much as 1.59%, or 23.1 cents, registering the fourth straight weekly dip, as investors reconsidered their expectations for the rate hike timing by the Fed on the back of more hawkish comments by the Federal Reserve's Yellen.

Platinum tumbled on Friday, with futures for July delivery sliding \$14.90, or 1.5%, to settle at \$989.90 per ounce, while on the week prices slumped 4.02% on the Nymex.

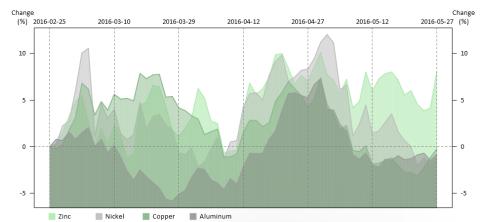
Palladium was on an down note on Friday, declining to \$540.45 an ounce. In light of the drop, palladium did not manage to hold gains on the week, sliding as much as 3.81% on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Pre	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	-2.96
Monthly	-3.23
3 Months	0.57
6 Months	15.06
12 Months	0.8

Base Metals Mixed on Global Demand Concerns

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Price Changes (%)										
	Weekly	Monthly	3 Months	6 Months	12 Months	YTD				
Aluminum	0.47	-5.74	-0.82	6.16	-10.27	-9.48				
Copper	2.63	-4.29	-0.25	2.45	-22.97	-22.66				
Nickel	-0.98	-8.57	-0.98	-4.13	-33.64	-34.42				
Zinc	1.88	0.89	7.98	23.22	-12.66	-13.11				

Changes in LME inventories(%)

	Weekly	Monthly	3 Months	6 Months	12 Months	YTD
Aluminum	-1.04	-4.62	-8.48	-12.8	-31.83	-32.47
Copper	-1.27	1.02	-22.04	-36.82	-51.57	-53.05
Nickel	-0.45	-3.27	-8.87	-2.07	-13.48	-13.5
Zinc	-0.97	-6.12	-20.68	-29.77	-14.99	-16.53

Aluminum fell sharply by the end of trade on Friday on the London Metal Exchange amid a firmer Greenback. Despite of the drop posted during the last trading day of the week, aluminum still managed to advance on the week, closing a modest 0.47% higher and posting the second consecutive weekly gain on the London Metal Exchange.

Copper futures for delivery in July experienced a good trade on Friday, as the metal managed to tack on 1.1 cent, or 0.55%, to finish the session at \$2.114 per pound on the Comex ahead of the reports on China's manufacturing sector due on Tuesday, May 31. The up move was also bolstered by news revealing inventories in China, world's bigger copper consumer, accounting for around 45% of all consumption, have been decreasing since mid-March to eventually fall 137,000 metric tons from the highs posted in March. Moreover, the industrial metal found a bit of support form indications of improving housing sector in the country. In view of the uptick, prices of the red metal managed to rocket over the course of the prior trading week, settling 2.63%, or 5.3 cents, higher on the Comex division of the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Nickel led gains on Friday, rising for the second consecutive session, as investors closed out short positions tracking a firm trend in metals' trading amid rising demand from alloymakers in China, which is experiencing falling availability of nickel ore. Nevertheless, over the week nickel futures tumbled 0.98% on the London Metal Exchange, making the metal the only one amongst the four observed industrial metals to post a drop in the week ended May 27.

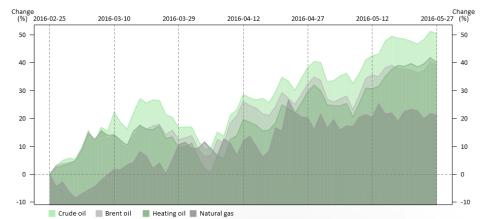
Zinc extended gains up to 0.83%, seeing its biggest surge as the London Metal Exchange closed on Friday. The tick-up was mainly caused by strong demand from China. For the week, futures of the metal edged 1.88% higher.

	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	1.48
Monthly	-4.44
3 Months	0.09
6 Months	5.1
12 Months	-18.88

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Oil Up on Unexpected Supply Disruptions



Price Changes (%)									
	Weekly	Monthly	3 Months	6 Months	12 Months	YTD			
Crude oil	1.9	8.82	50.49	18.27	-14.99	-14.22			
Brent oil	1.23	5.09	39.16	9.94	-22.6	-20.53			
Natural gas	-1.72	0.74	21.11	-1.94	-23.87	-23.81			
Heating oil	0.27	7.99	40.04	8.41	-21.54	-19.69			

Changes in U.S. inventories (%)										
	Weekly	Monthly	3 Months	6 Months	12 Months	YTD				
Crude oil	-0.78	-0.29	5.8	10	12.04	11.39				
Gasoline	0.86	0.19	-6.37	10.79	8.83	7.22				
Natural Gas	2.58	13.73	9.33	-29.53	34.46	42.03				
Distillate Fuel	-0.84	-5.66	-6.12	6.73	17.11	18.13				

WTI oil futures for delivery in July slid on Friday, closing down 15 cents, or 0.3%, to end the week at \$49.33 a barrel. Earlier in the week, Nymex crude oil prices soared to \$50.21, the highest level since October 9 last year. In the wake of that, on the New York Mercantile Exchange crude oil futures for July delivery added 1.9%, or 92 cents, over the course of the whole trading week, marking the third consecutive weekly advance, as unplanned oil supply disruptions in France, Nigeria, Venezuela and Canada weighed. In the meantime, New Yorktraded crude oil futures are up nearly 80% since mid-February, when prices fell below \$27 per barrel mark, as a drop in US shale production supported investor sentiment.

Brent oil futures for delivery in July also shed by the end of Friday's trade to settle at \$49.95 a barrel on the ICE Futures Exchange, down 22 cents, or 0.44%, from Thursday's close. Despite Friday's losses, on the week London-traded Brent oil futures managed to rise, adding 1.23% on the back of unexpected supply disruptions in Africa, Canada and Venezuela which eased worries about global oversupply, making London-traded oil futures hit \$50.96 a barrel, a level not seen since October 12 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 62 cents by the close of trade on Friday.

Natural gas was substantially lower on Friday, as the news published by the Energy Information Administration showed natural gas inventories rose by 71 billion cubic feet in the week ended May 20, above the expectations for a 68 billion cubic feet increase. In view of that, prices of the resource slid for the fifth consecutive week, declining 1.72%.

Heating oil futures for July delivery advanced over the course of the whole trading week, rising a modest 0.27% on the Nymex.

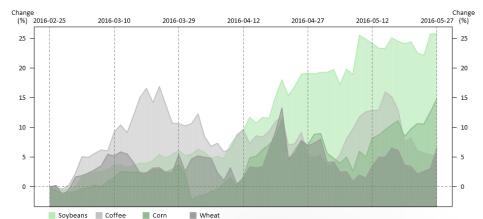
	Energy Futures Long-Term Price Forecasts (USD)											
		Q2 16			Q3 16		Q4 16			Q1 17		
	Min	Max	Avg	Min	Max	Avg	Min	Max	Avg	Min	Max	Avg
Crude oil	34	85	44.3	35	85	48.45	35	90	49.81	37	92.5	50.31
Brent oil	34	90	46.61	17.5	90	49.92	36	95	50.78	36.5	100	51.57
Natural gas	28	38	31.72	25	38	30.6	32	41	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

S&P GSCI Energy Index	%
Weekly	1.26
Monthly	5.81
3 Months	33.29
6 Months	-4.75
12 Months	-37.74



Grains Finish Mostly Higher on Investor Short-Covering

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Price Changes (%)										
	Weekly	Monthly	3 Months	6 Months	12 Months	YTD				
Corn	4.63	7.28	14.81	12.39	16.27	18.1				
Wheat	2.94	-0.41	6.47	0.52	-2.43	-1.28				
Soybeans	1.14	5.64	25.83	24.46	17.78	17.21				
Coffee	-2.73	-0.16	5.3	-1.86	-2.22	-2.57				

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

Corn futures experienced a good trading period during the previous week, as futures for July delivery edged higher. Prices rose up to \$4.12 per bushel by the end of trade on Friday, 1.1% higher compared to Thursday's finishing price on the Chicago Board of Trade. The sentiment was shored up by nervousness about growing conditions in the US, as traders continued to push prices higher on worries that too much heat and a lack of rain could reduce crop yields this summer. Overall, a 4.63% gain in corn futures was registered during the previous week, which is the highest level since July 17, 2015.

Wheat, just like corn, was rising through most of the preceding week. On Friday, July wheat contracts added 0.1%, to close at \$4.81 a bushel on the Chicago Board of Trade. However, September and December futures were relatively flat amid uncertain sentiment on the market in a longer term. Nevertheless, speculative buying and overall optimism surrounding the economic market at the moment benefited wheat prices. As a result, wheat gained 2.94% from Monday to Friday, having risen to a multi-week high.

Soybeans have experienced a sluggish trade in the beginning of the week, being relatively weak up to Friday. On Thursday, oilseeds posted losses, while on Friday soybeans managed to recover, continuing a month-long rally. The up-move was mainly boosted by upswing in soybean meal prices, which is used in animal feeding, while the overall world output is currently expected to shrink. Moreover, concerns over a possible delay in soybean planting caused by widespread rainfalls expected next week also managed to somewhat boost the performance of the seeds. Based on that, July soybeans surged 1.14% on the week.

Coffee was mostly trading in the red zone during the previous week, ultimately suffering a 2.73% slump.

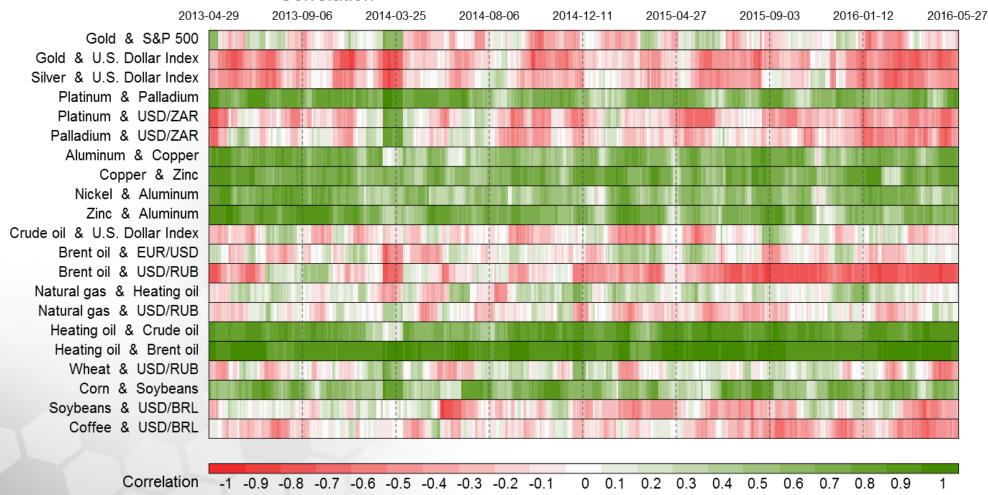
	Farm Commodities Long-Term Price Forecasts (USD)											
		Q2 16		Q3 16		Q4 16			Q1 17			
	Min	Max	Avg	Min	Max	Avg	Min	Max	Avg	Min	Max	Avg
Corn	345	410	372.12	340	425	375.5	335	450	378.5	351	3 350	864.5
Wheat	440	620	504.08	423	620	512.67	397	680	510.9	423	525	475.43
Soybeans	860	950	896.44	810	950	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	2.81
Monthly	3.96
3 Months	13.39
6 Months	7.39
12 Months	1.94



Correlation Matrix

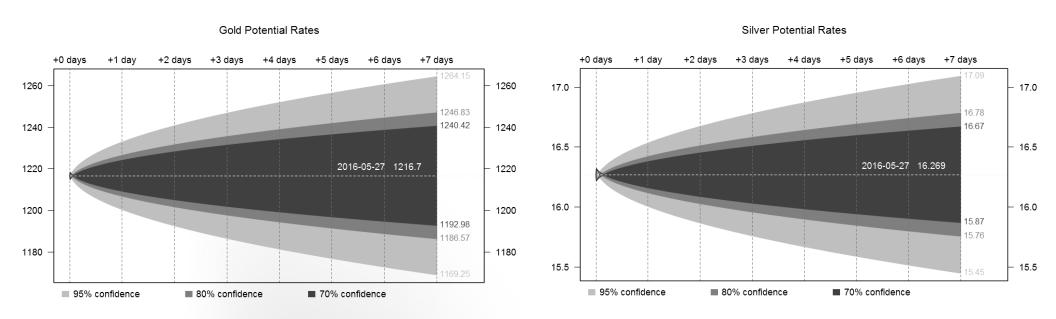


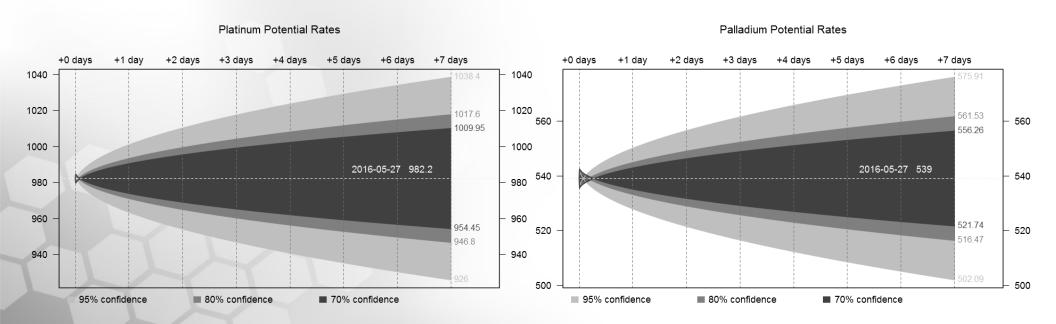






Precious Metals Confidence Intervals for the Next 7 Days

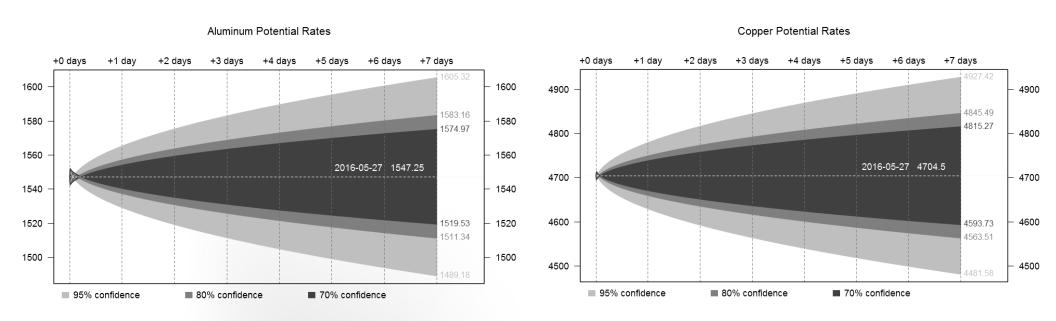


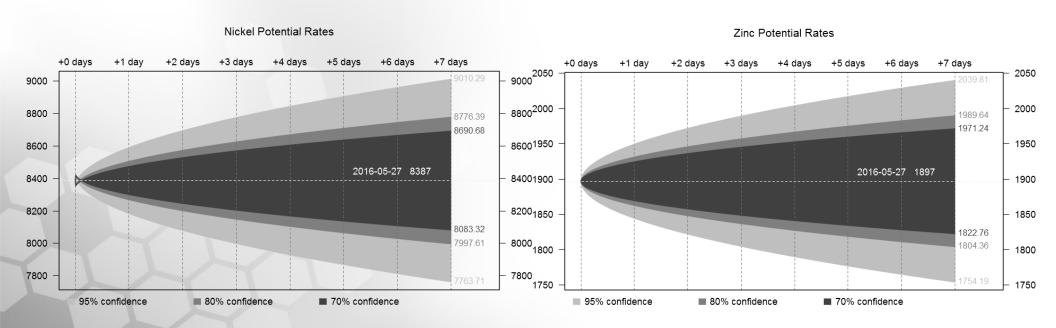






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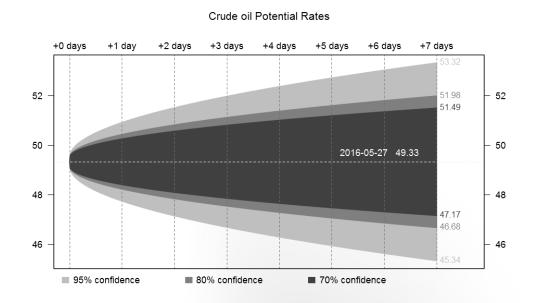


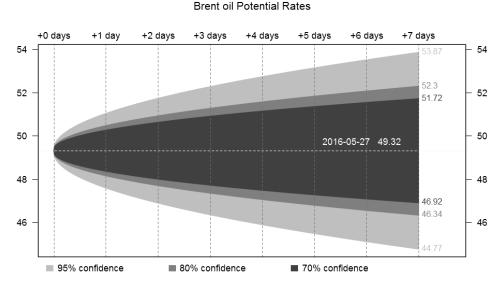


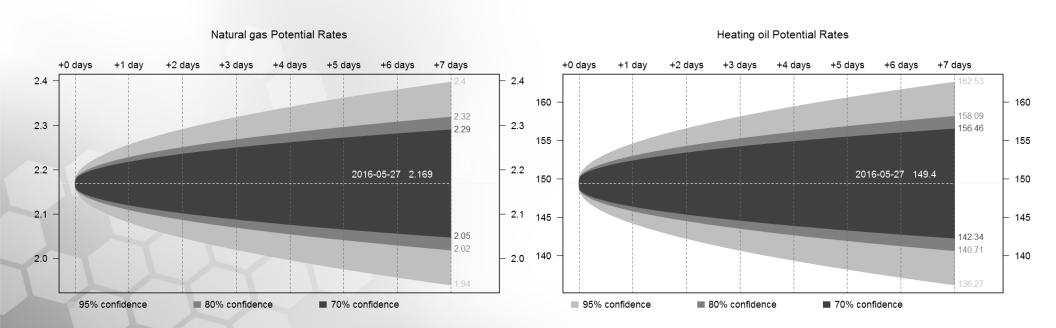




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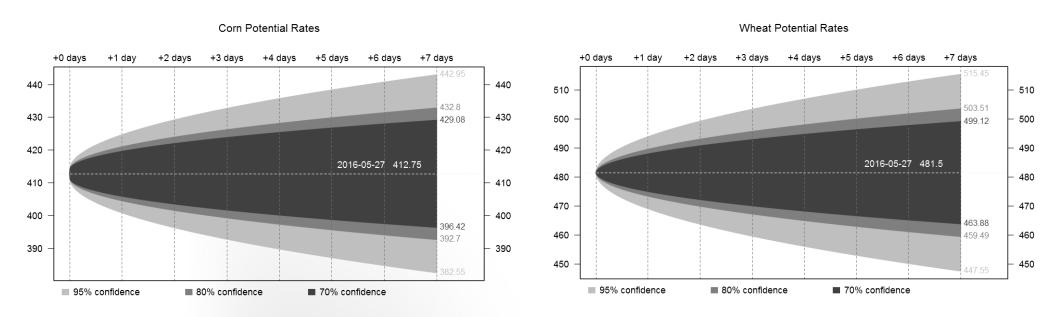


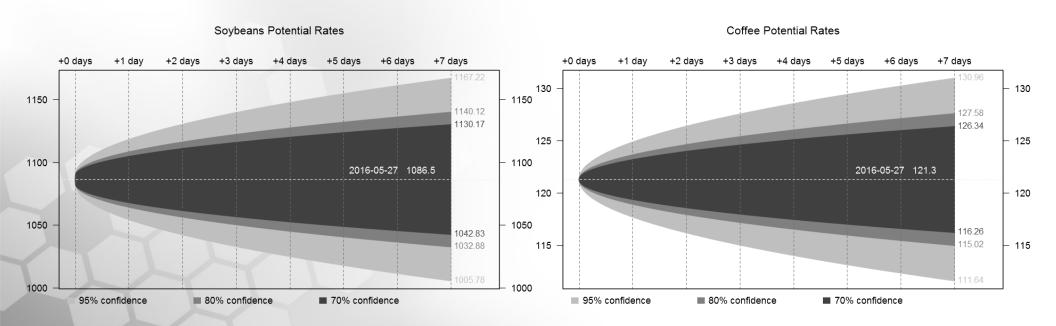






Agriculture Confidence Intervals for the Next 7 Days









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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