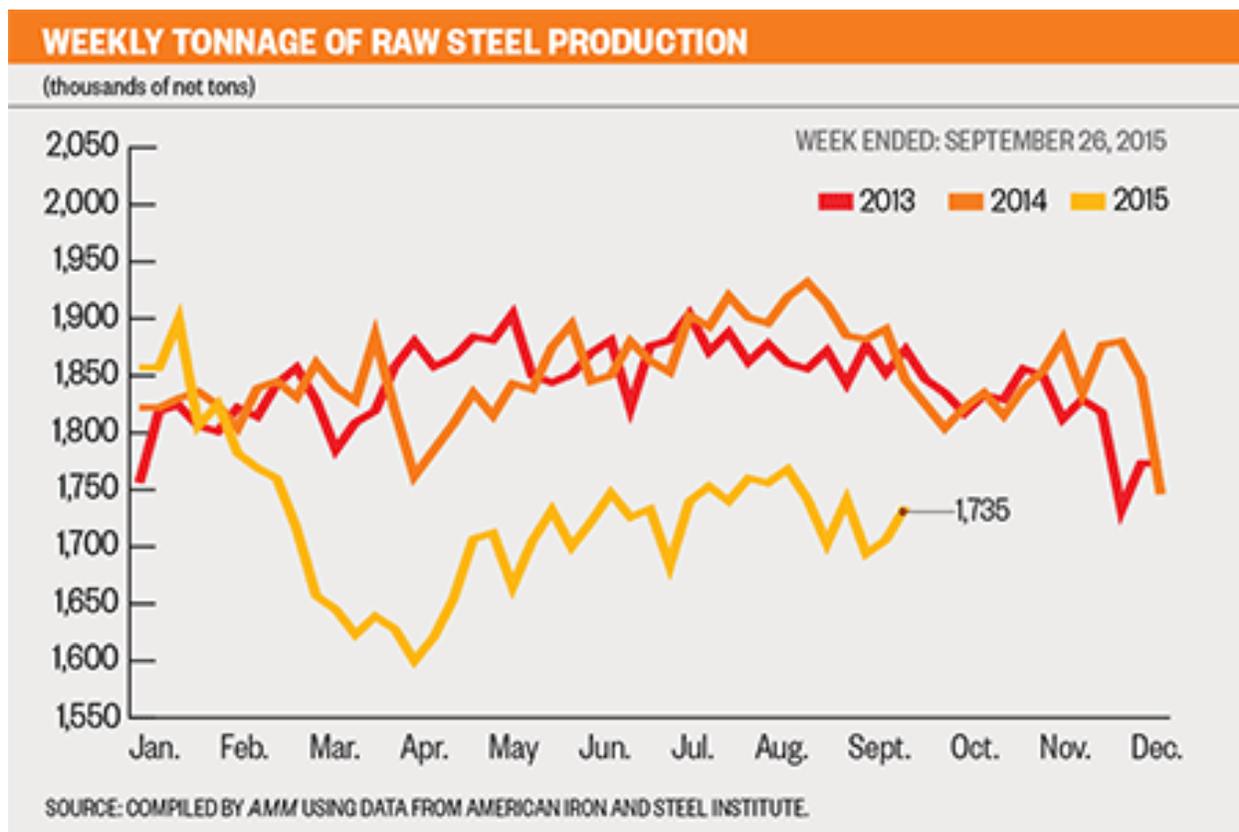


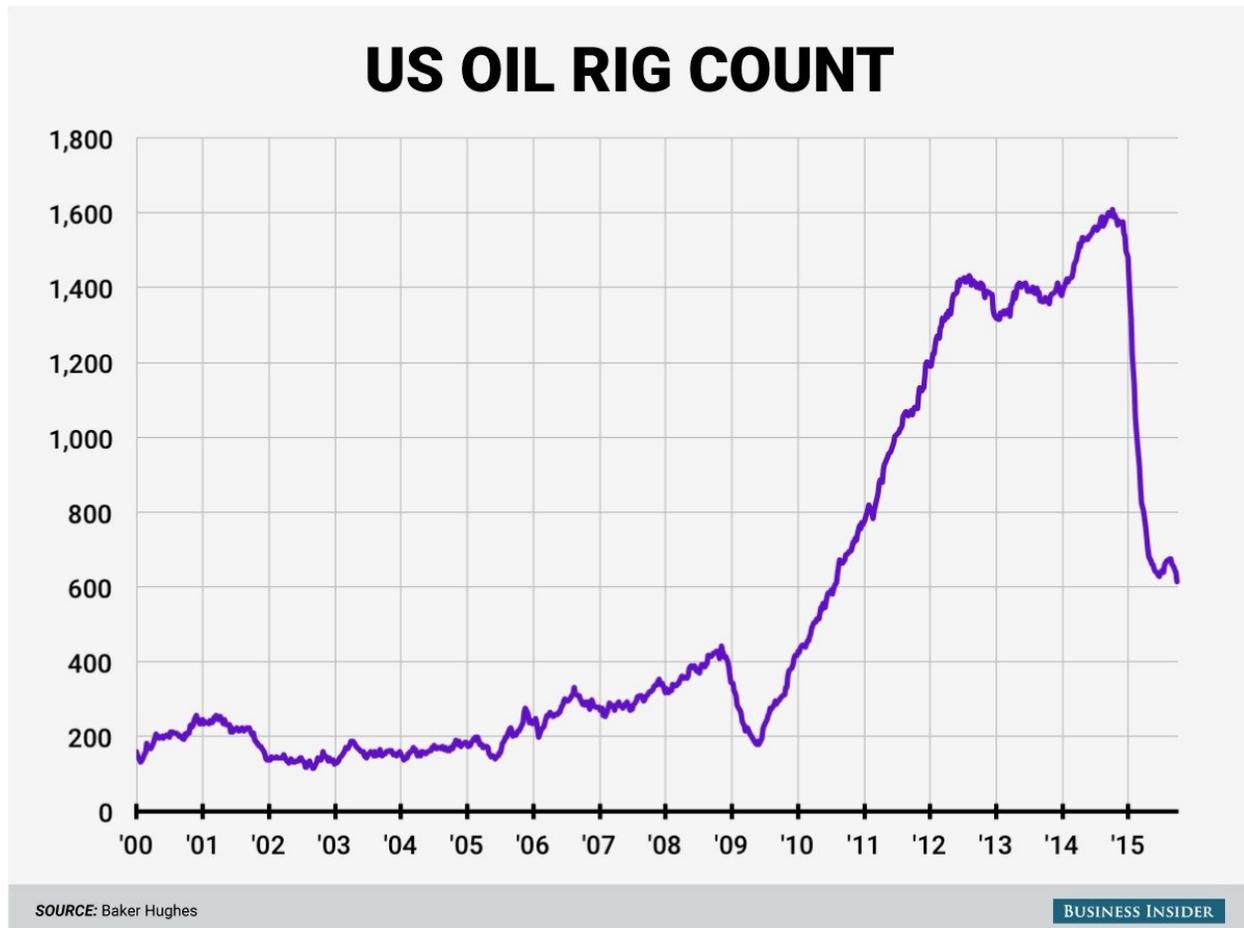
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Today is Monday October 5th, 2015. My name is Greg Brown.

The key thing I can say this morning is, it was the best of times and it is the worst of times for many.



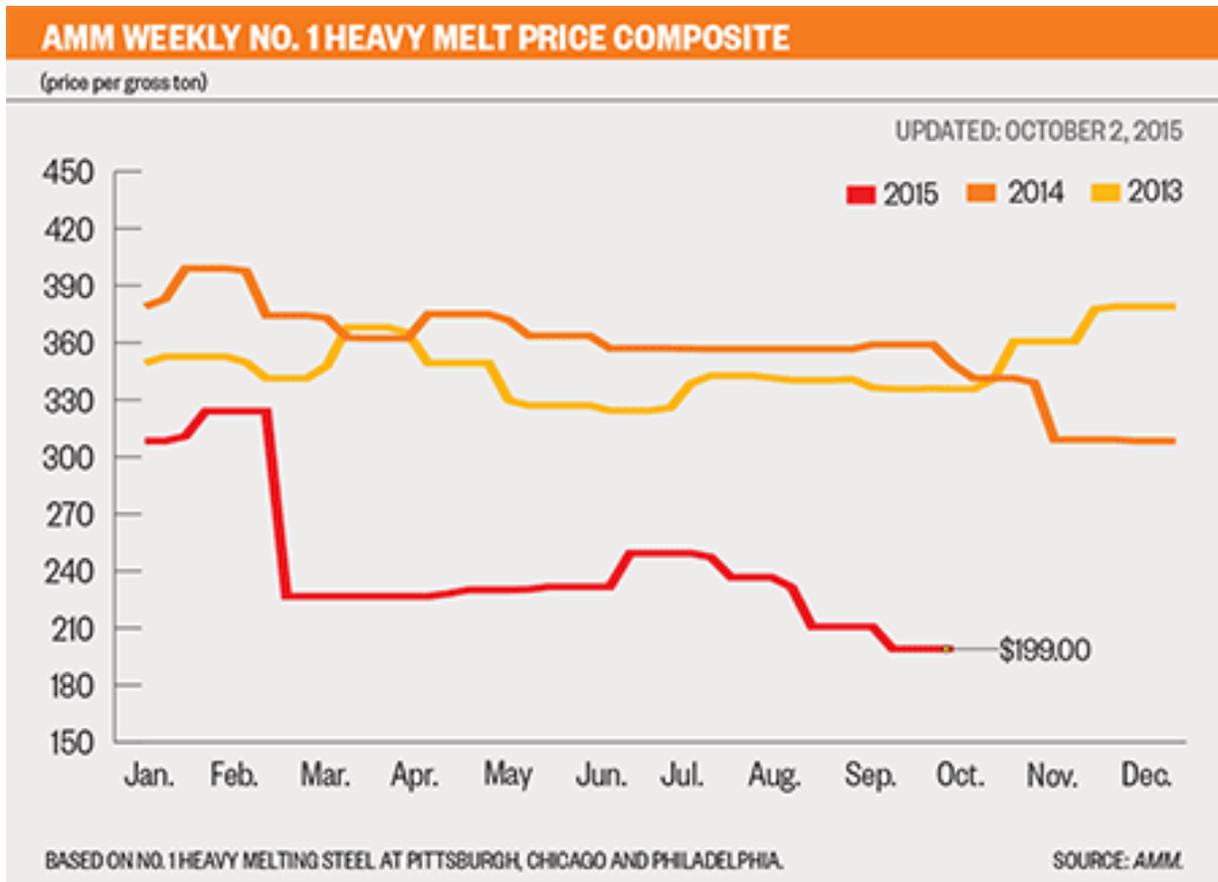
U.S. steel production was slightly up again in the last reporting week and has remained somewhat steady for the past few months, but it is well below last year, due to continued imports and the lack of strong demand.



The U.S. oil drilling rig count was down yet again last week, and is now down more than 60% from last year, meaning the demand for steel used in oil rigs is less than half of what it was last year. There were 640 oil rigs running last week and there were an enormous 1609 last year.



Auto sales last month hit a 10 year high. That is a positive and a negative for scrap prices. Demand for steel was great, as was scrap metal produced from high production.



Steel scrap prices are at multi year lows. Now the very serious news. China and Turkey demand for U.S. scrap steel remains very weak, as is U.S. scrap demand from U.S. steel mills. Scrap metal is being produced in the U.S. at a good rate from demolition and manufacturing from items like appliances and cars.

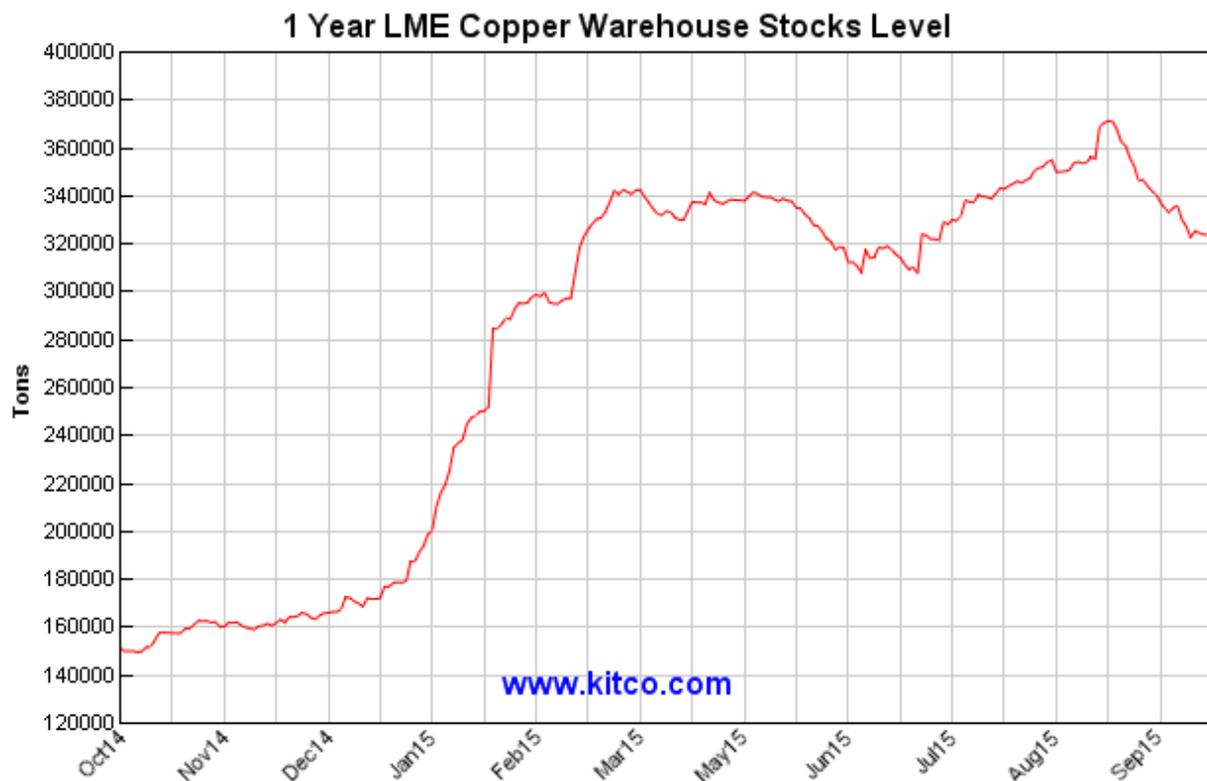
This means there is enough scrap steel to supply the mills, so most believe scrap steel may fall \$30 dollars or more per gross ton this week, which is \$1.33 per hundred pounds. Some grades could fall more, so scrap could fall 15 or more percent this week. This drop will have a devastating effect on small scrap yards and shredders.



Copper prices were up about 10 cents last week. Sadly the reason is there was another announcement of closing more copper mines to reduce supply. Prices were not up due to better demand.



This 5 year copper price chart speaks for itself. Prices are near 6+ year lows.



Copper inventories on this one year chart we showed last week, continues to show a small decrease, but inventories remain double what they were a year ago. There will be no increase in copper prices anytime soon.



Aluminum prices for the past 6 years are like copper. Prices remain near 6+ year lows.



Nickel, the major component of Stainless steel had its price come down as well all year and has stabilized for the past month.

Sadly nickel's 5 year chart looks very much like Copper and Aluminum. Down for years.

There remain mixed signals for the U.S. economy. Wall Street has been struggling in recent weeks and job creation last month was lower than forecast, yet things like the Consumer Confidence index released last week are very high.

OmniSource South East which has been under enormous pressure due to excess shredder capacity, implemented a layoff last week, just another sign of tough times in the industry.

For current prices, please call us at 919-828-5426 in Raleigh and 919-731-5600 in Goldsboro.

With that we hope all have a Safe and Profitable week. Tune in next week for the Scrap Metal & Commodity Recycling report. This is Greg Brown. Have as good a week as possible in these tough times.