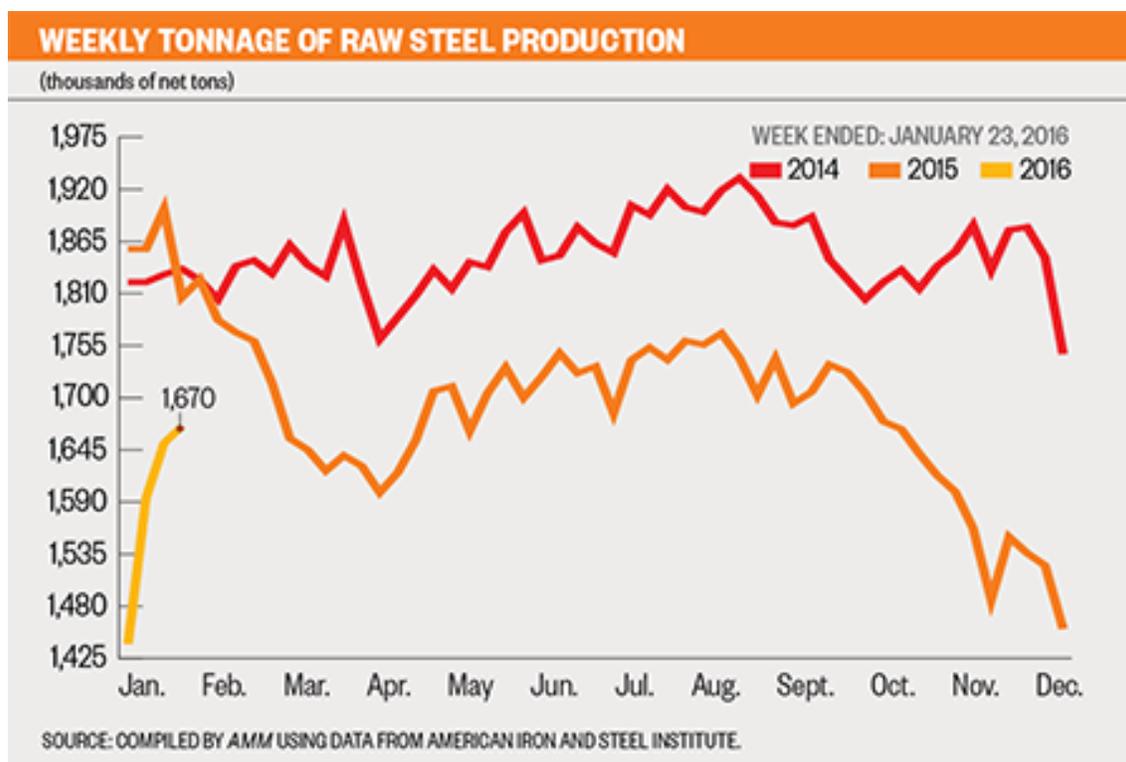


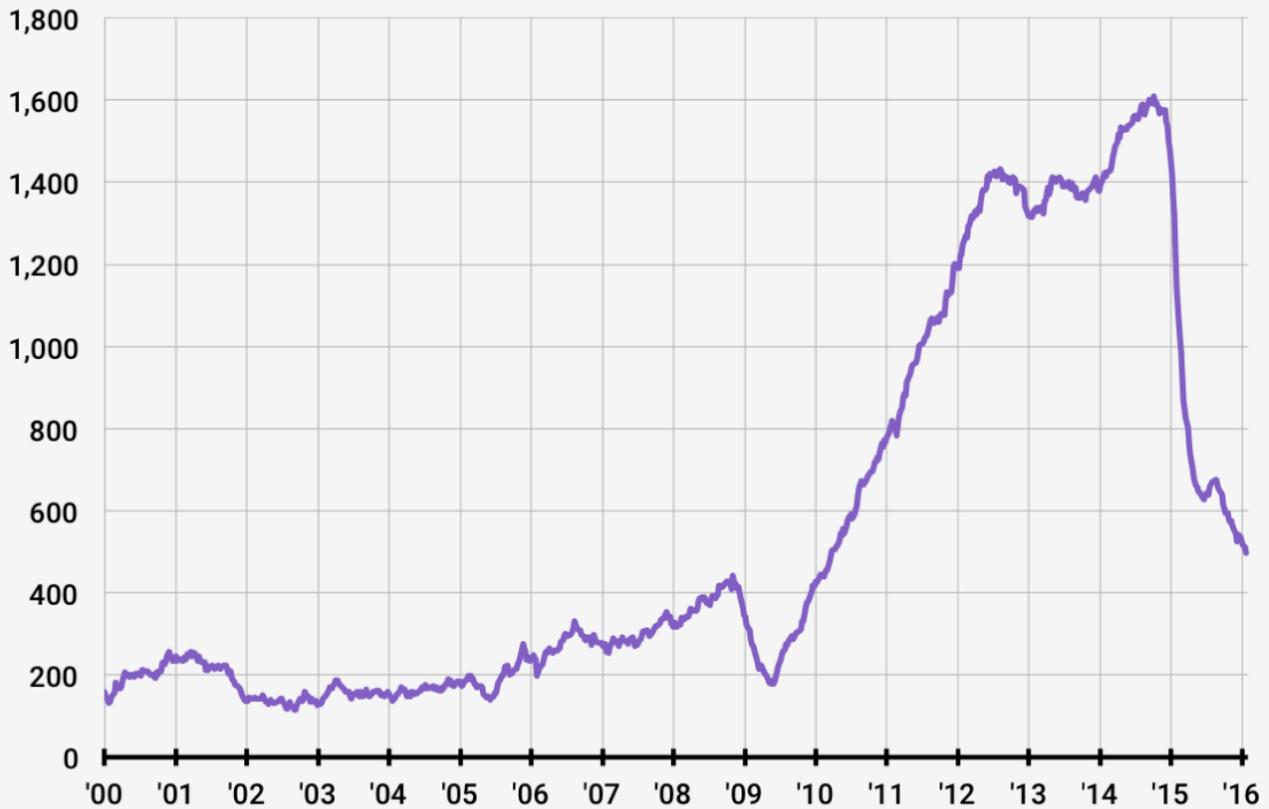
This is the Scrap Metal & Commodities Recycling report, by BENLEE Roll off and Open Top Trailers and Raleigh and Goldsboro Metal Recycling, February 1st, 2016.

In this report, last week price volatility continued and very good news continued for manufacturers buying commodities as prices remained low, which of course is bad news for many recyclers as low prices bring low volumes in many cases.



Steel production in the U.S. continued increasing after the 4 months of declines last year, but production remains well below last year.

US OIL RIG COUNT



SOURCE: Baker Hughes

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Oil rigs, major steel users, continued their rapid decline in the U.S. There were more than three times the number of rigs running in the U.S., just 15 months ago.

Ferrous #1 Heavy Melt \$/GT VA/NC



Scrap steel prices remained up a bit. Last week we heard reports that some steel mills were not getting their orders filled and while flows are better into steel yards they remain severely depressed. With that, most think steel prices this week will remain steady, or slightly up, or slightly down.

Steel Hot Roll \$/Metric Ton



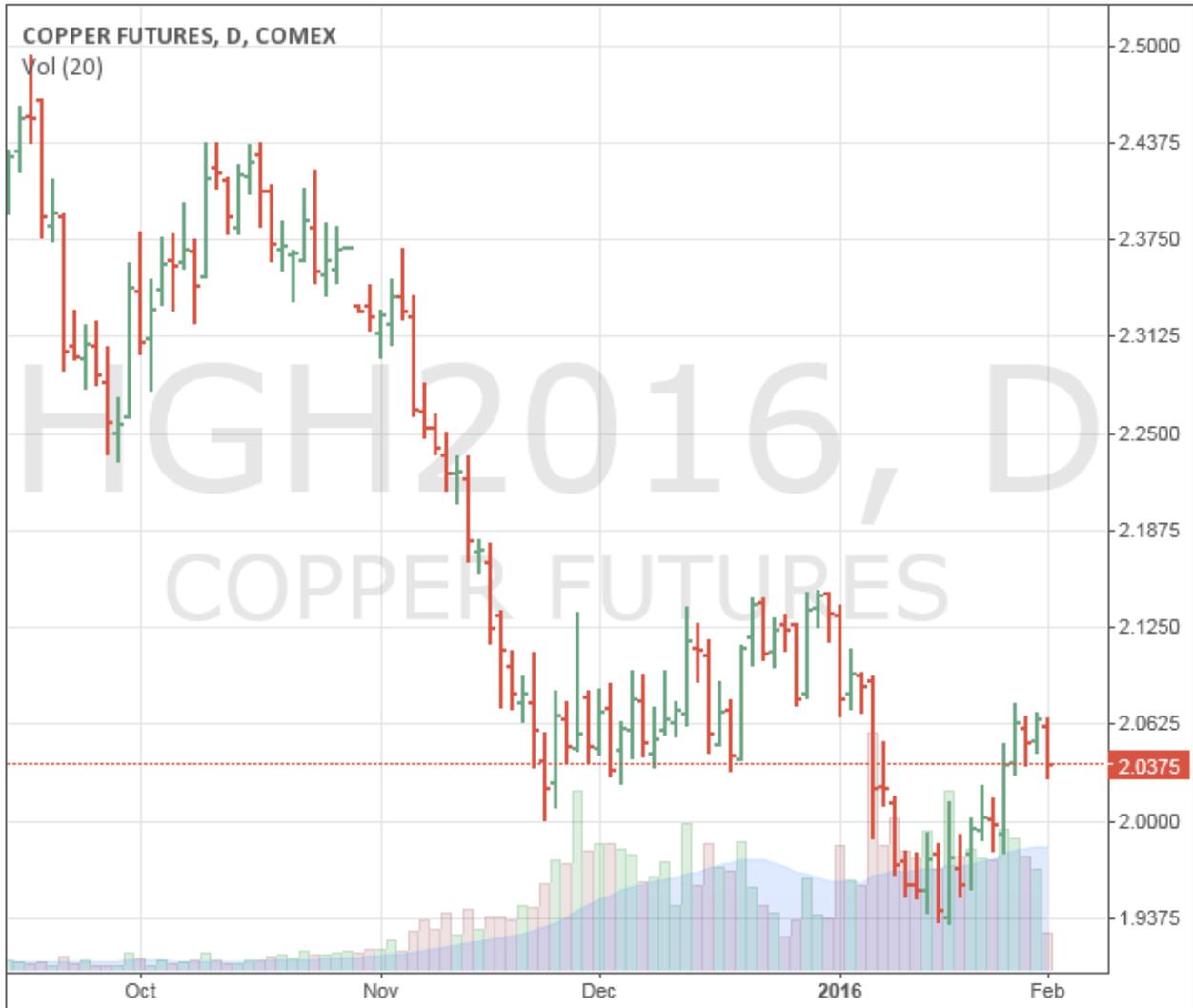
Hot rolled finished steel prices remained up bit as well, but are being kept low due to imports.

Stainless Steel 304 Dealer Prices



Stainless scrap prices also stayed a bit higher than they have been.

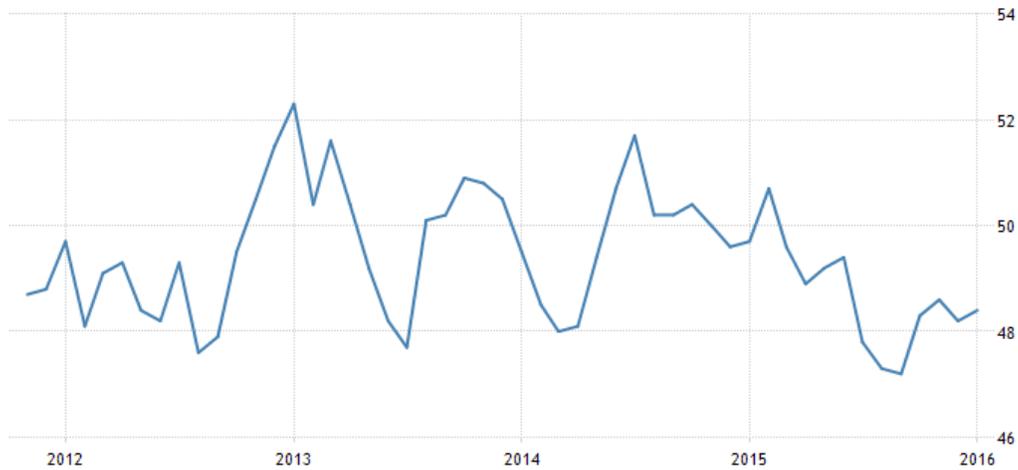
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Copper moved up last week, but came down a few cents in the past 10 hours, for a major reason.

China Purch. Mgr's Index Mfg-Under 50=Contraction



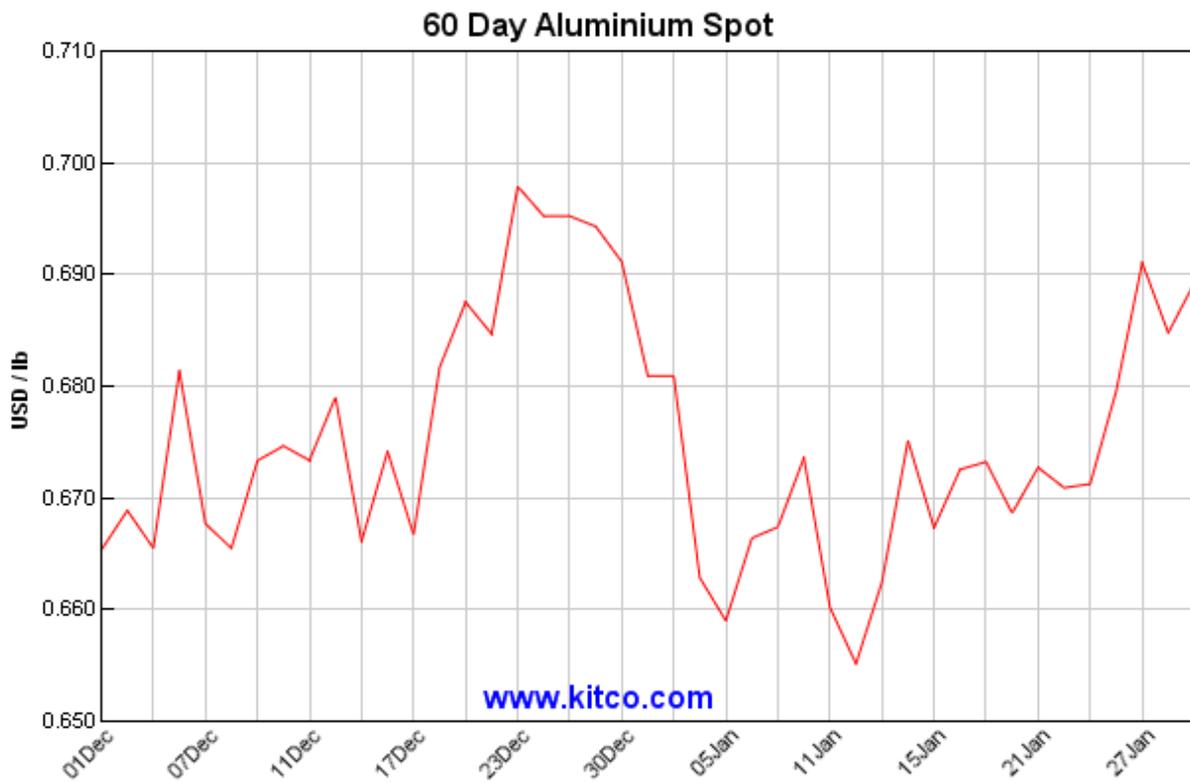
Earlier today, China released their January Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index which came in lower than forecast and shows another month under 50. Anything under 50 means contraction.

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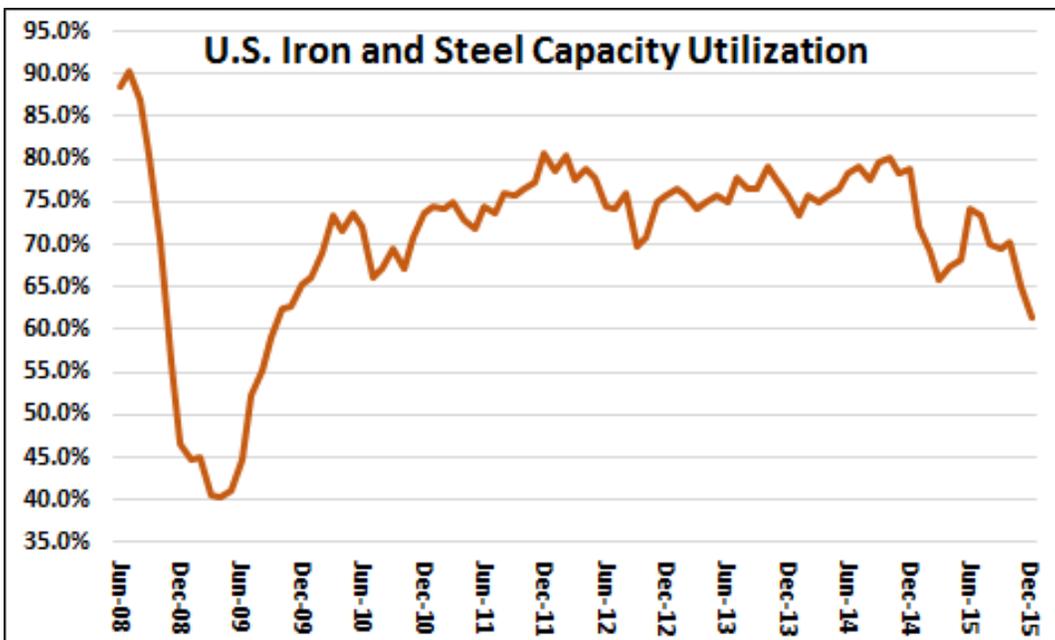
Related the 5 year chart shows copper remains near about 7 year lows.



Aluminum prices like copper came up a bit last week



yet also like copper, aluminum is near its 7 year low.



Ending 2015 steel mill capacity utilization was at lows not seen since the crash of 2008. Related, U.S. Steel released that they lost \$1.5B last year and their stock price hit new 20+ year lows.

Steel Dynamics Stock Price



Steel Dynamics also released earnings which had a very positive reaction by Wall Street, with an

increase in their stock price, despite losing money for the quarter. Highlights were, average steel prices were down \$152/ton and scrap prices were down \$105/ton.

Also, due to the low performance of their recycling division, OmniSource they took a \$435 million write down on its value, but as a major positive, the company finished the year with record liquidity.

Excess shredder capacity in the SE was stated to be a key reason for their metal recycling losses. This is good news for sellers of scrap metal, due to this means recycling companies are paying top dollar in the SE region vs, other parts of the U.S.

Nucor Stock Price



Nucor also released earnings. Their stock price also went up despite losing money. Highlights were,

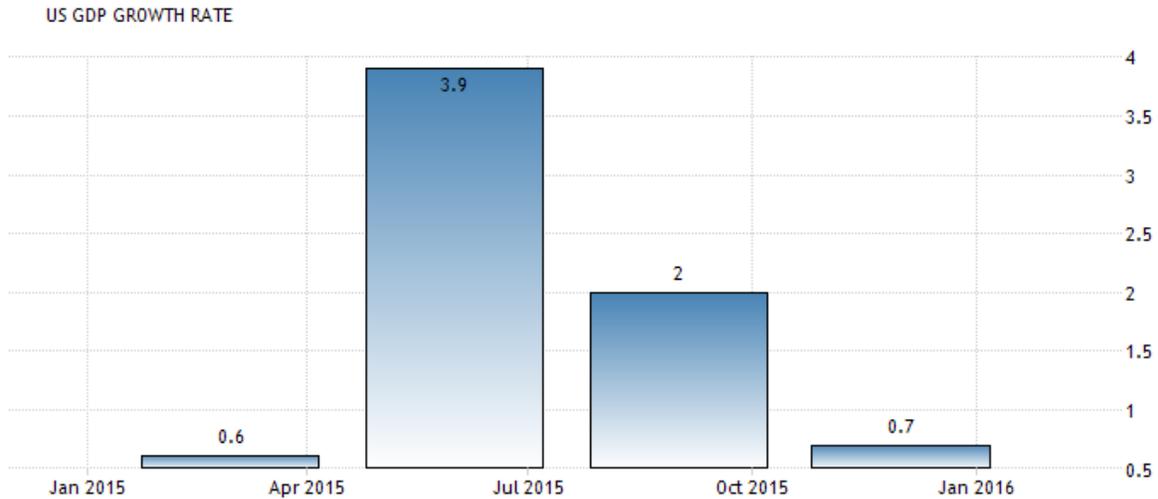
steel prices in Q4 were 18% lower than last year and scrap and scrap substitutes were down \$111/ton for the year, vs 2014.

Nucor said their raw materials group including the recycling segment had lower performance in the 4th quarter, vs. the 3rd quarter, yet they too finished the year with strong liquidity.

Very importantly, Nucor believes that anti-dumping and countervailing duties could go into effect in the first part of 2016, which will raise steel prices and U.S. steel production.

In other news Sims the largest metal recycler in the world had their West coast JV, SA Recycling purchase half of Newell Recycling.

US GDP Growth Rate



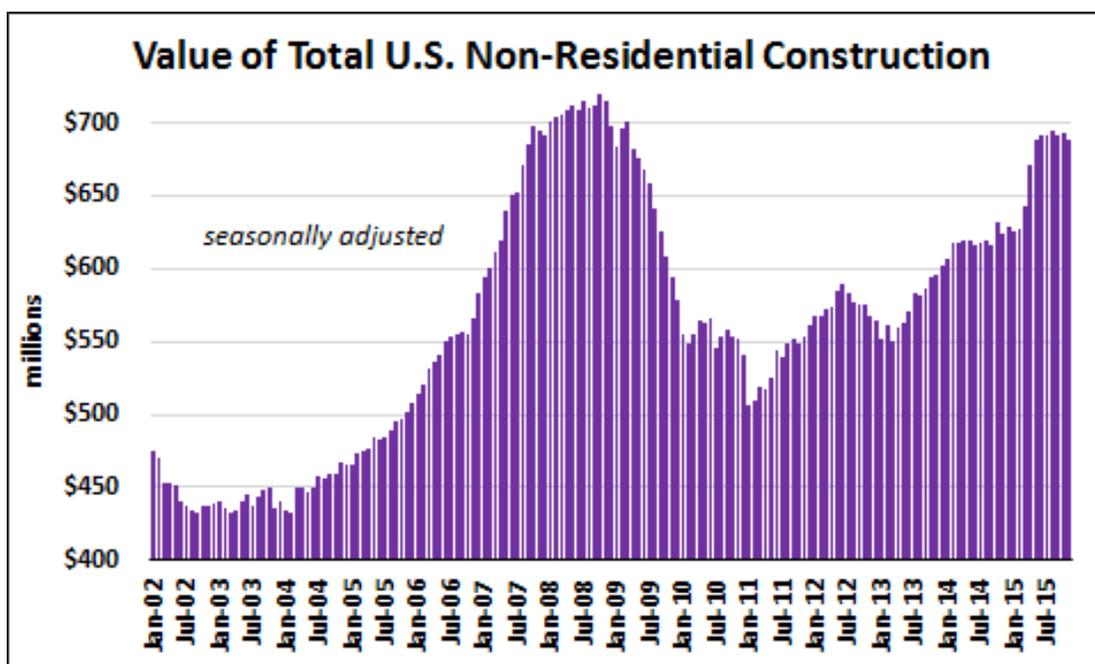
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U.S. GDP was released showing the total economy has been growing, but growth has been slowing for the past 9 months,

US Industrial Production



yet this industrial chart shows, manufacturing has been slowing in the U.S. for the last 18 months.



On positives, we heard from people in NYC, Boston and Chicago that there is new construction all over the cities, which this chart supports and is helping steel and copper use.

Lastly U.S. home sales were up 14.5% in 2015, the highest since 2007.

With that we hope all have a Safe and Profitable week. My name is Greg Brown.