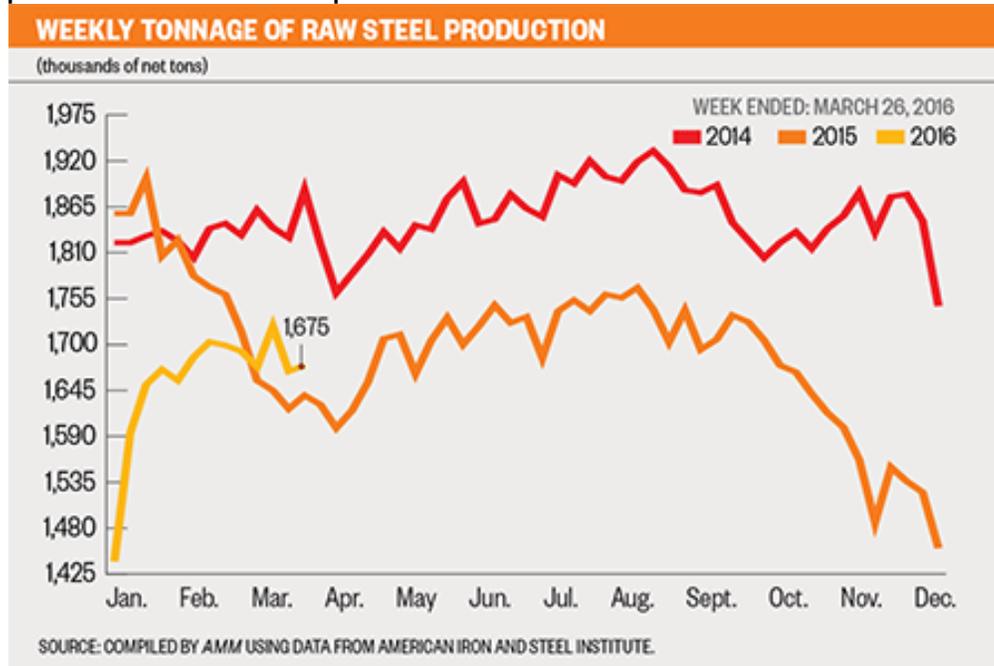


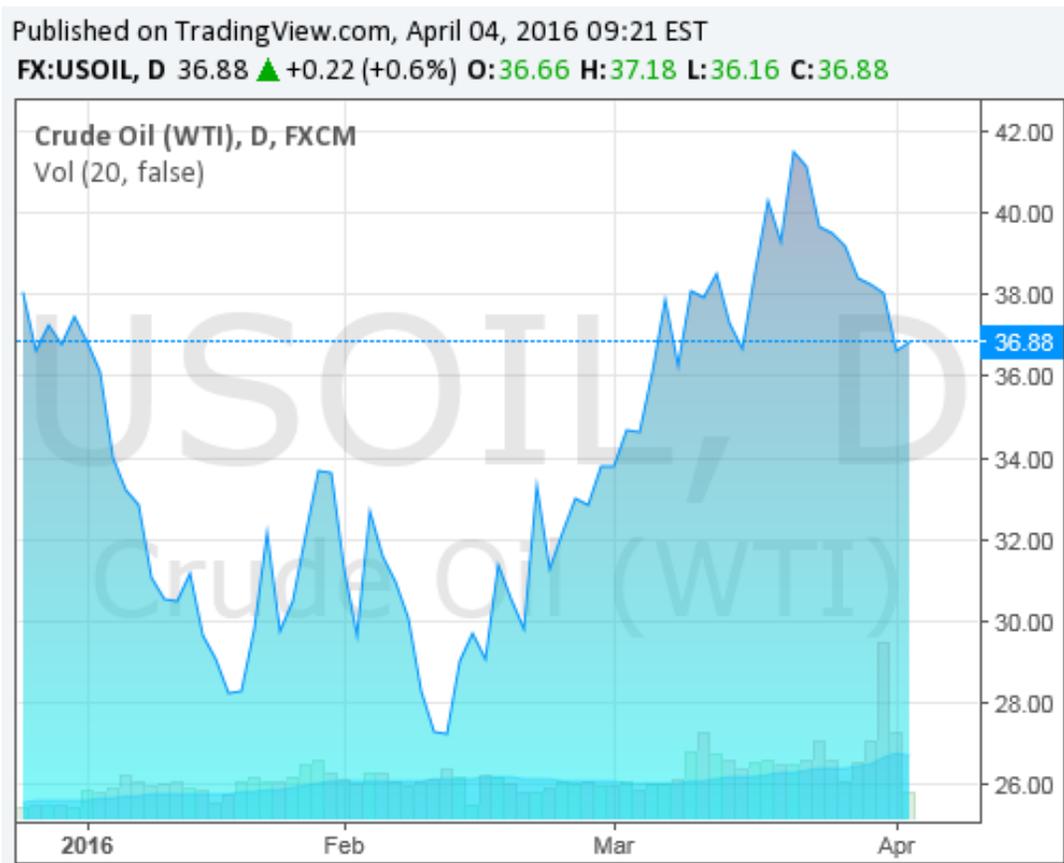
This is the Scrap Metal & Commodities Recycling report, by BENLEE Roll off, Lugger and Open Top Trailers and Raleigh and Goldsboro Metal Recycling, April, 4th, 2016.

We are taping this from the floor of the largest Recycling show in the world, taking place starting tonight in Las Vegas.

In this report, last week commodities had some small up and down movement, except for export ferrous prices which were up.

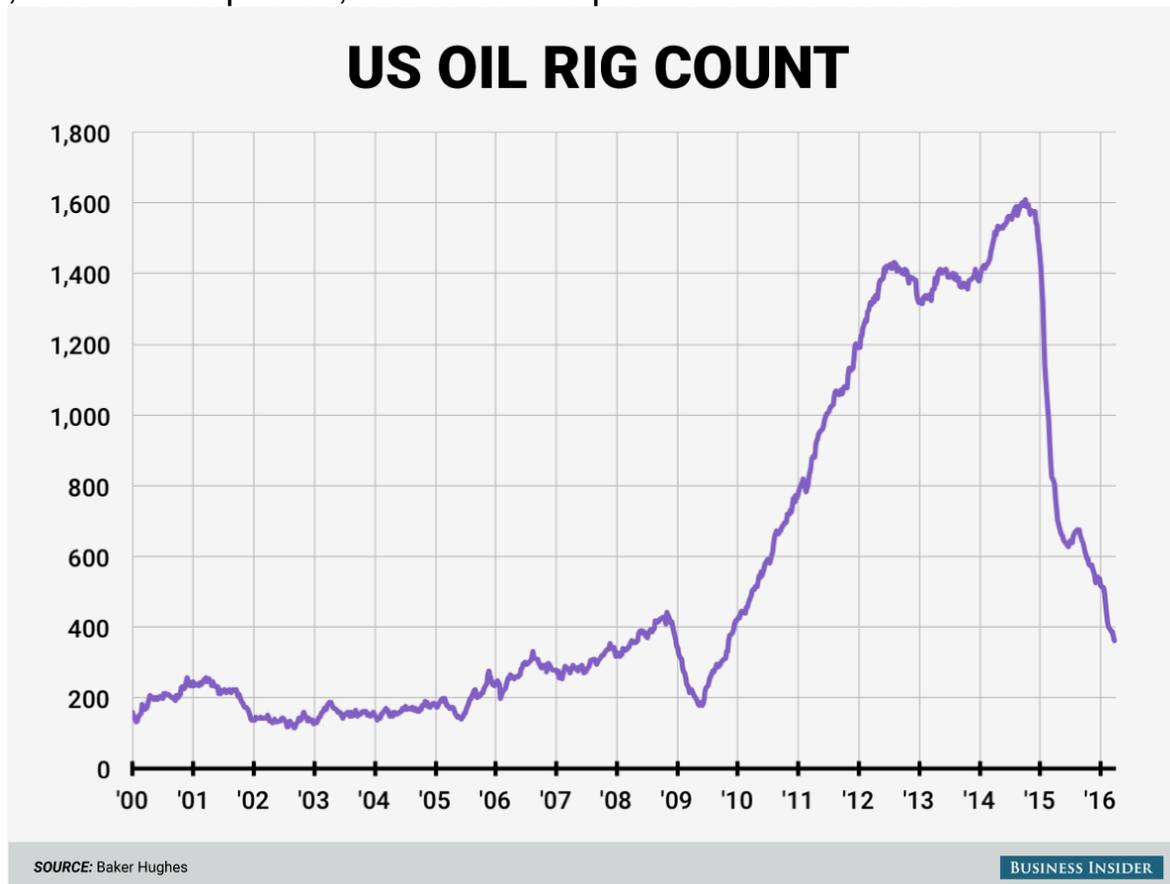


U.S. Steel production rose a bit and remains near 6 months high. With tariffs kicking in, auto sales high and housing improving, production may increase further in the coming weeks.



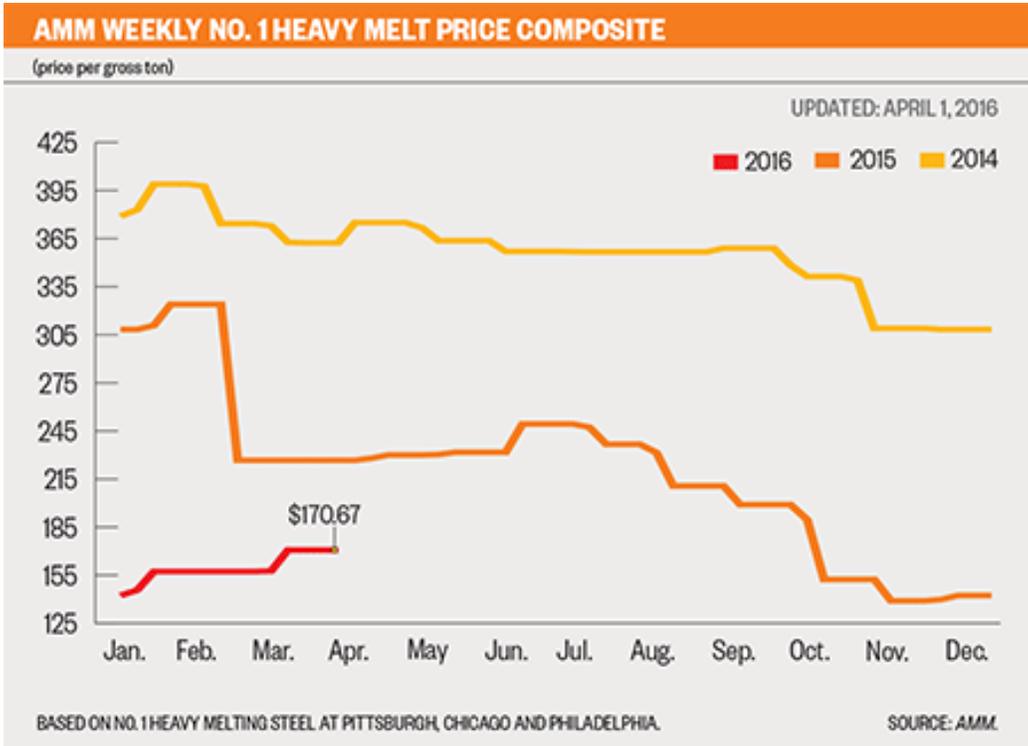
Oil prices after a few months of increases, came down last week. This week, both Janet Yellen of the Federal Reserve and Goldman Sachs, as reported by CNBC, both reported that the major drop in oil prices were clearly a positive for the consumer.

Yet they also said, low oil prices are having more of a negative effect on the global economy, than was expected, which we see part of in the next chart.



Oil rigs, which consume large amounts of steel, had their count come down yet again. The count is now 362, which is about 78% lower than the 1,609 of 18 months ago.

This has caused thousands of layoffs in the U.S. steel industry due to less steel used in oil rigs.

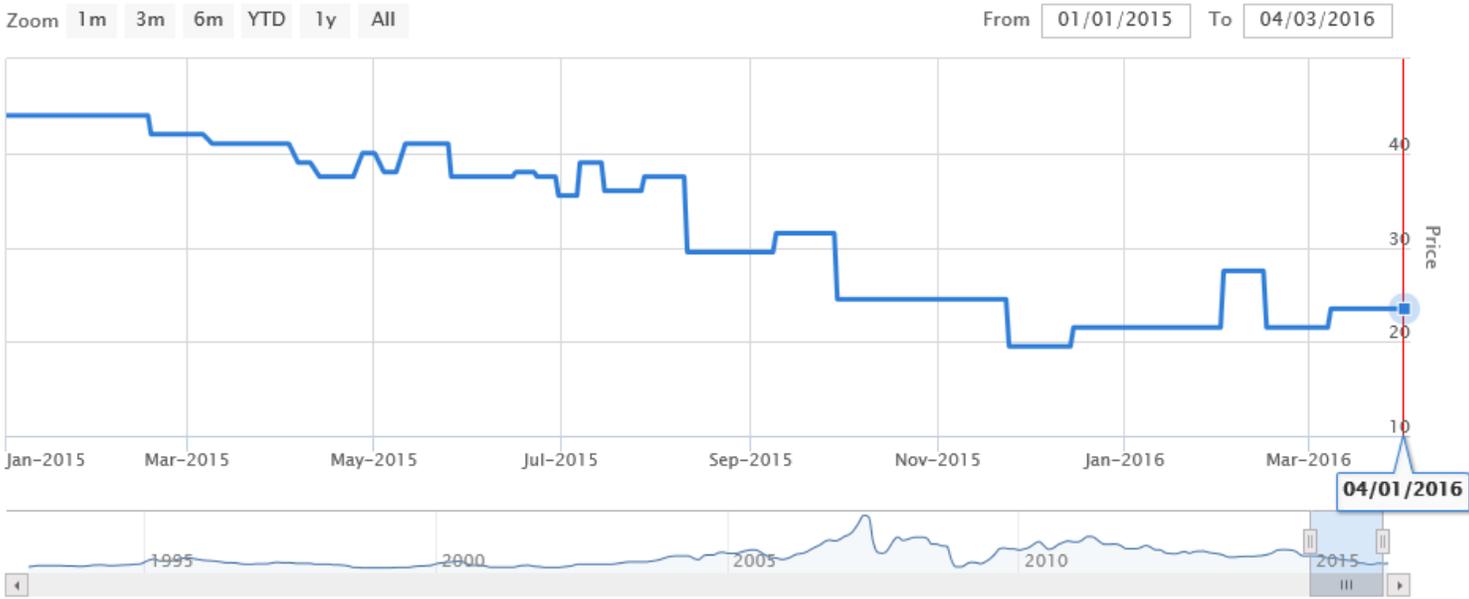


Scrap ferrous prices will look very different next week, but are showing steady on this chart. Reports are Chicago sold much of their scrap ferrous 72 hours ago, up \$50/GT.

U.S. increased steel production, increased exports of scrap, the closing of dozens of scrap yards and low prices meaning low flows to many scrap yards, have caused shortages.

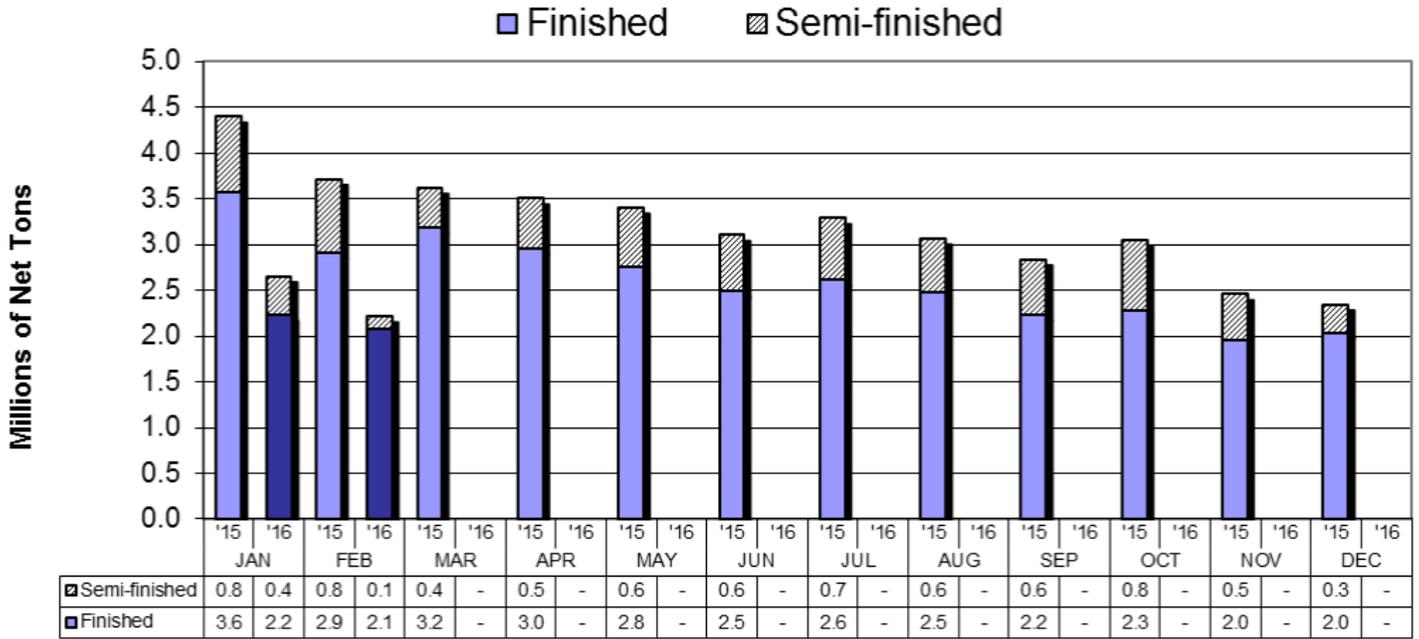
Prices may be up \$40-50 per gross ton or more nationally. The largest one month increase in years.

Hot Rolled Coil Steel



Hot rolled coil steel prices are on their way up as well. Expect to see prices continue to rise in the weeks to come.

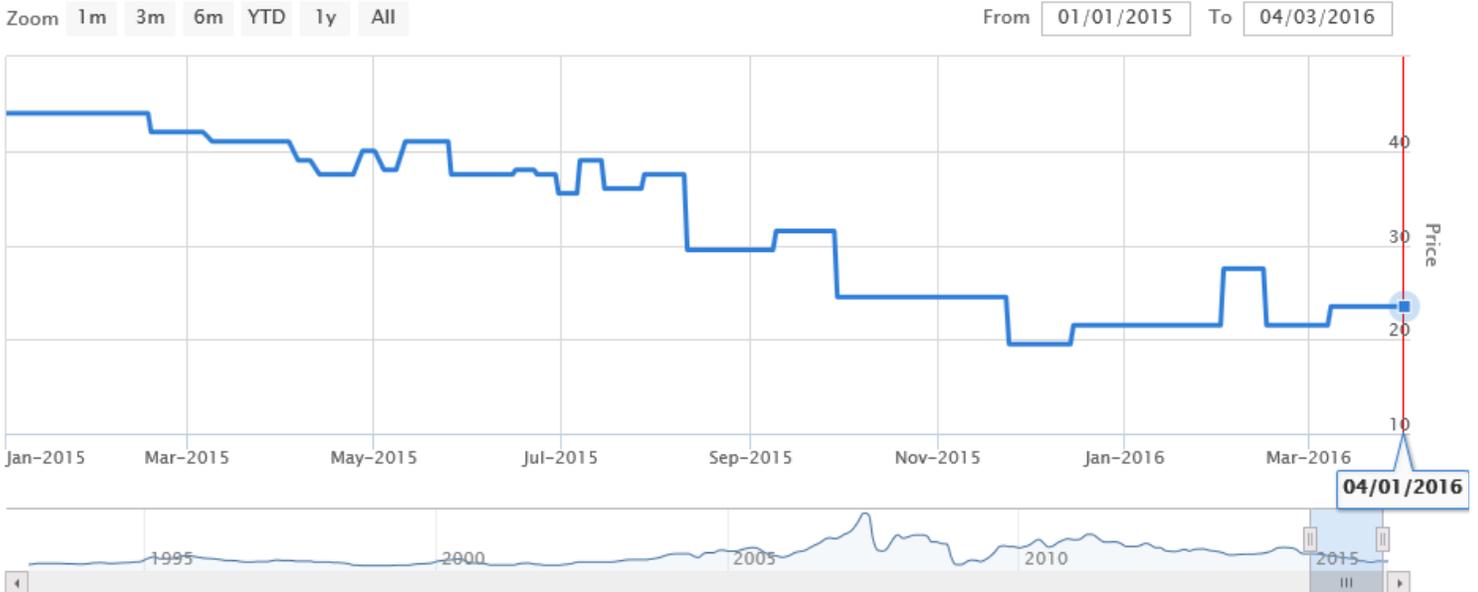
Monthly Imports 2016 vs. 2015



% change finished imports February 2016 vs February 2015 = -28.5%

With imports being down, mainly due to tariffs, this is giving U.S. steel mills room to increase prices.

Stainless 304 Scrap



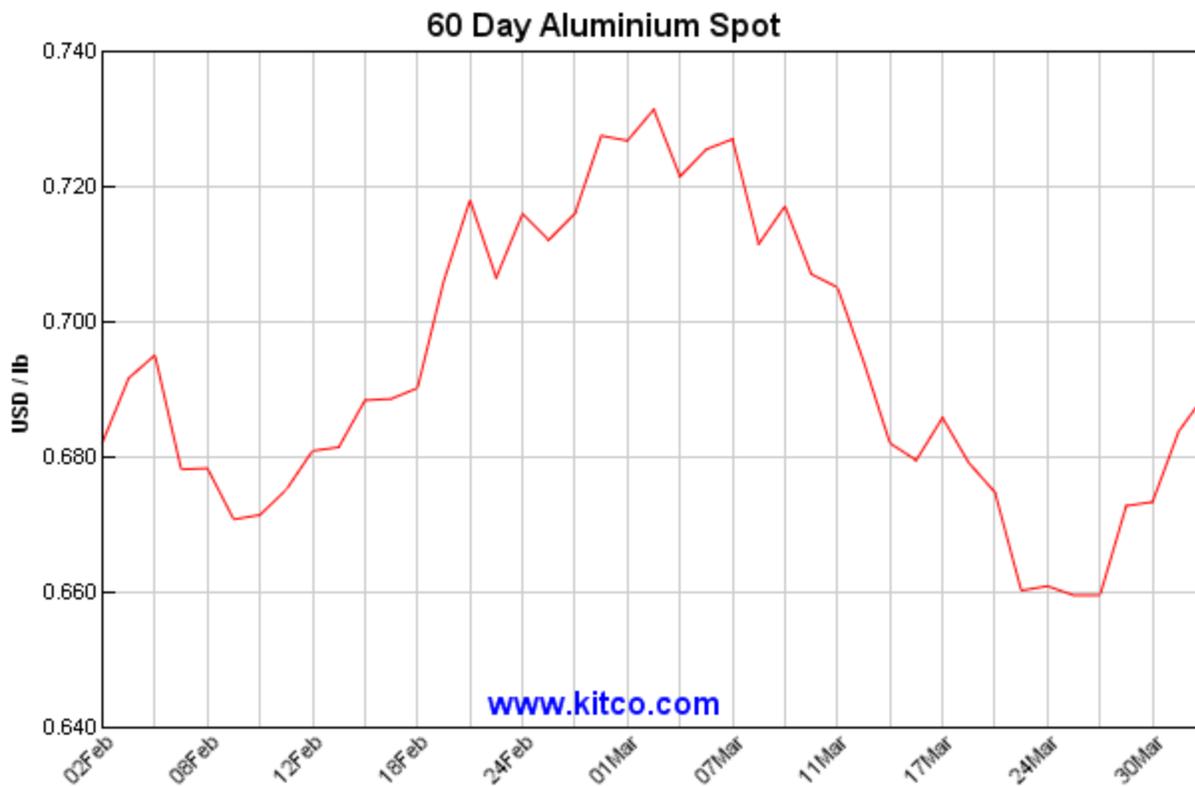
Stainless steel scrap prices have not risen in recent weeks, but they will probably have to rise with steel prices.

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Copper prices, after a few weeks of being in a tight range, fell for the week, to a low not seen in a month.



Aluminum prices rose for the week on news of shortages. Massive amounts of aluminum are being produced by China, Russia and others, which are holding down prices in some areas.



With aluminum inventories at about 7 year lows, this is a factor in increasing aluminum prices.

US TOTAL VEHICLE SALES



SOURCE: WWW.TRADINGECONOMICS.COM | AUTODATA CORPORATION

U.S. Car and truck sales were down a bit in March, but all are still forecasting another record or close to record year in 2016. Again as a reminder this measure is Sales, not production. Automotive production is moving to Mexico at an alarming rate.

US ISM PURCHASING MANAGERS INDEX (PMI)



SOURCE: WWW.TRADINGECONOMICS.COM | INSTITUTE FOR SUPPLY MANAGEMENT

The U.S. ISM, Institute of Supplier Management reading of Manufacturers is a reading of manufacturing expansion and contraction. Anything over 50 is expansion. At 51.8 last month it was the first expansion number since last August.

The strong U.S. dollar and a huge contraction in U.S. oil fields has been a major drag. We are now seeing some stabilization and reversal of this drag.

CHINA NBS MANUFACTURING PMI



SOURCE: WWW.TRADINGECONOMICS.COM | NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS OF CHINA

When looking at a chart of China's Purchasing Manager's index we see that it had a nice move up as well. This was the first time in months it was above 50 which means expansion.

US UNEMPLOYMENT RATE



SOURCE: WWW.TRADINGECONOMICS.COM | U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

The unemployment rate for March rose a bit to 5%, up from 4.9, but has been coming down for years.

US NON FARM PAYROLLS



SOURCE: WWW.TRADINGECONOMICS.COM | U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

215,000 jobs were created which is a major positive for the U.S. economy with construction jobs up by 37,000, but mining down was 12,000.



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Importantly though manufacturing jobs were down 29,000 and millions of jobs have not come back after the 2008 crash.

As said last week, Premier Truck Sales and Rental was BENLEE's first lugger customer and will now be renting lugger trucks. Behind me is the first unit for rent and on the other side is our terrific Roll off truck replacement trailer, the Super Mini.

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