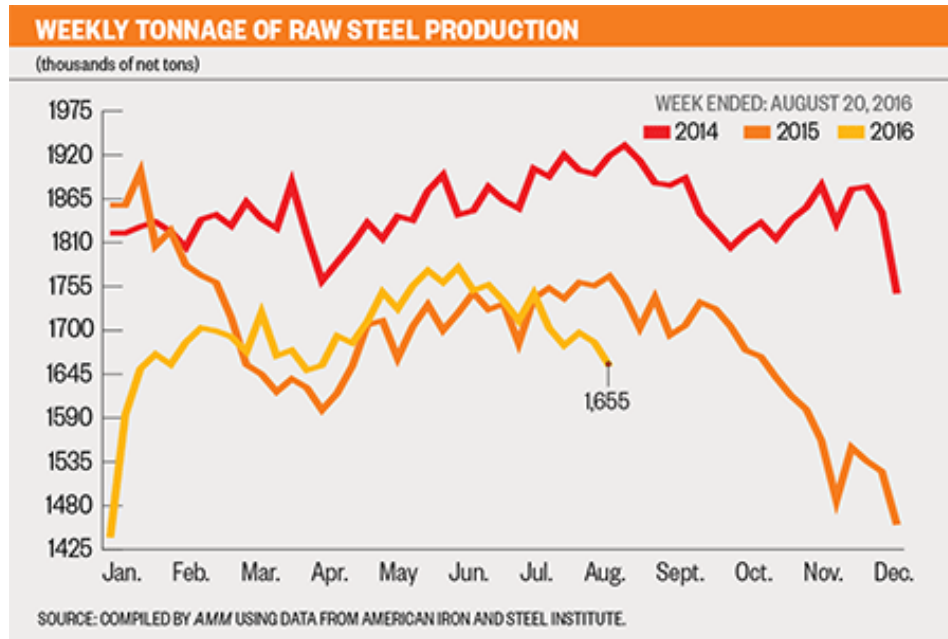
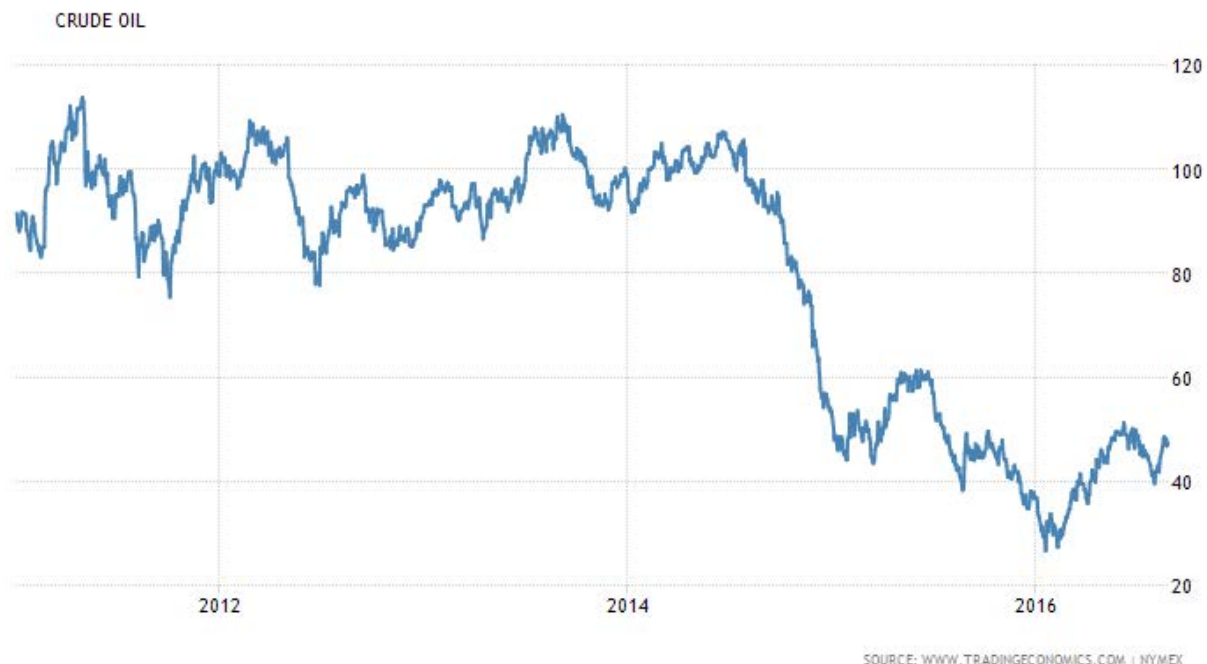


This is the Scrap Metal & Commodities Recycling Report, by BENLEE Roll off, Lugger and Open Top Trailers and Raleigh and Goldsboro Metal Recycling, Monday August 29<sup>nd</sup>, 2016.

In this report, last week commodity prices were mixed and there were multiple positive economic reports.

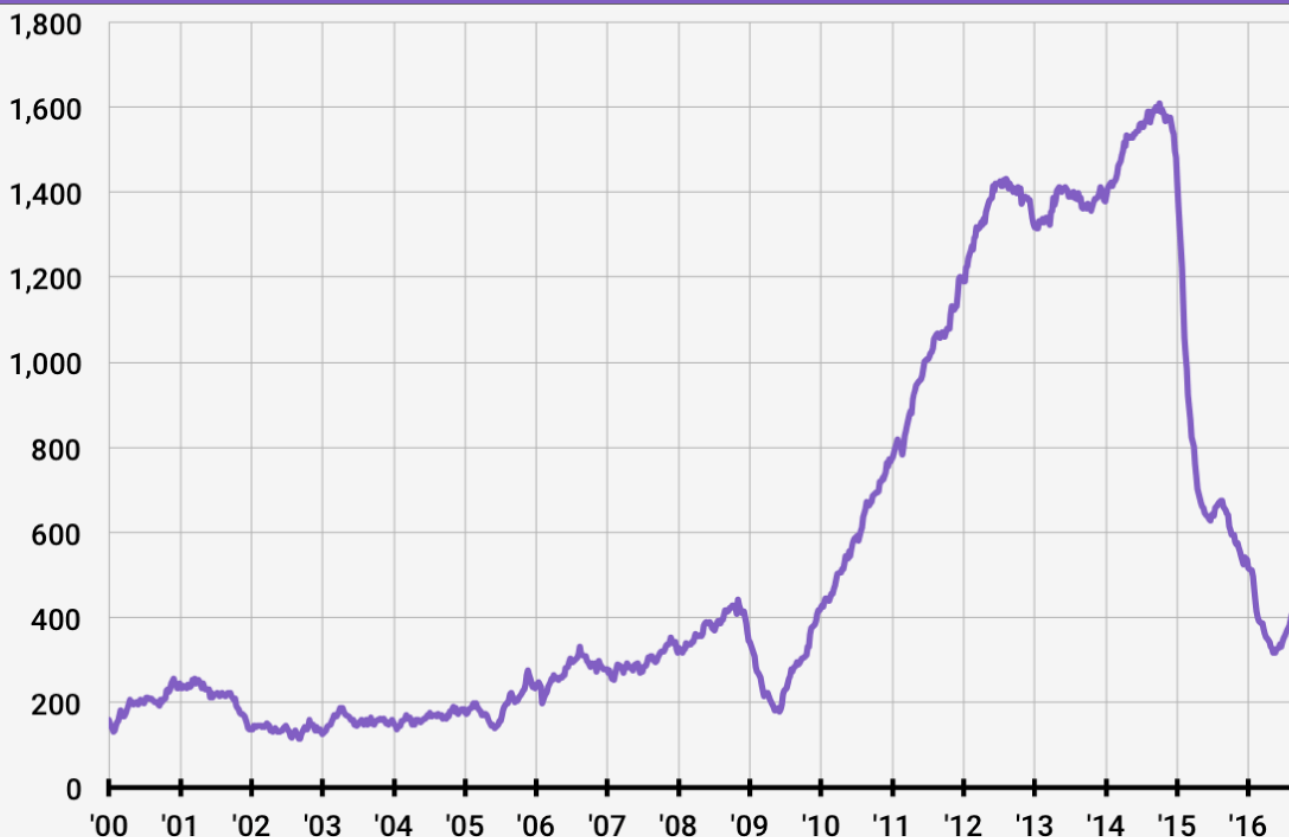


U.S. steel production continues to fall and is now at about a 4 month low. It is not clear why this is happening, due to there remain many positive trends in the U.S. economy.



Oil prices came down a bit to about \$47/barrel and fell about 3% for the week. Prices remain up about 12% for the month and up about 70% since the low, of earlier in the year.

## US OIL RIG COUNT



SOURCE: Baker Hughes

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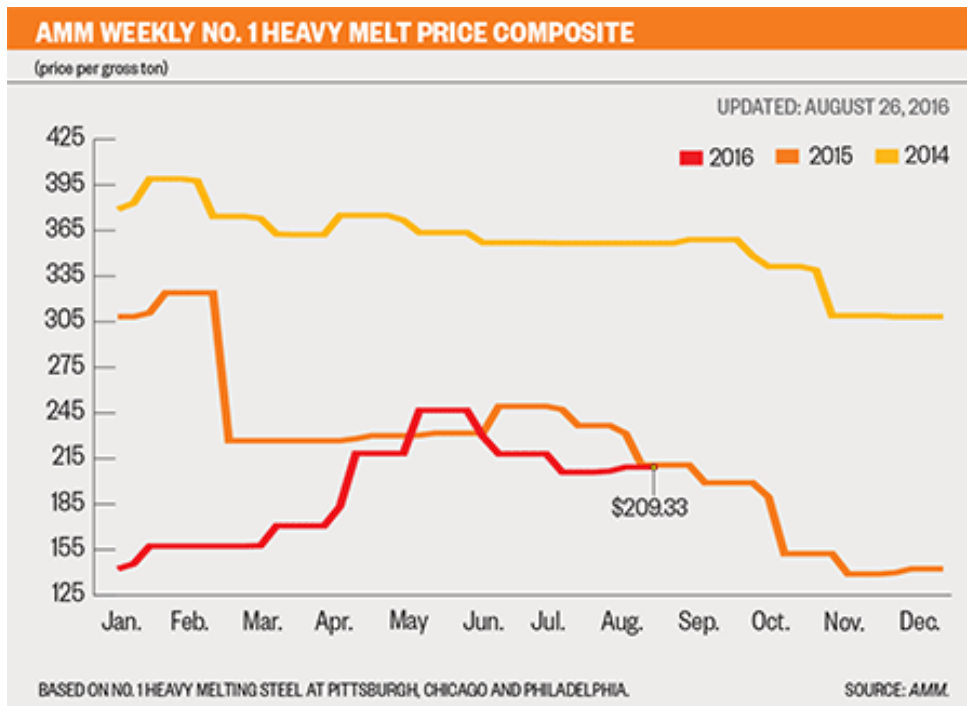
The oil rig count remained steady this week after 8 weeks of rising. The eight weeks of increases were not huge, but at least it clearly shows the worst of the worst is over for now with job cuts in the oil patch and at the steel mills that make steel for these rigs.

IRON ORE



SOURCE: WWW.TRADINGECONOMICS.COM | THE STEEL INDEX

Iron ore closed Thursday at \$61/MT, mostly unchanged for the week and up about 5 percent in the last month. Importantly it is up almost 65% since the low of about 9 months ago.



Scrap steel prices remained steady again at a fairly low level and incoming scrap to scrap yards remains at low levels as well.

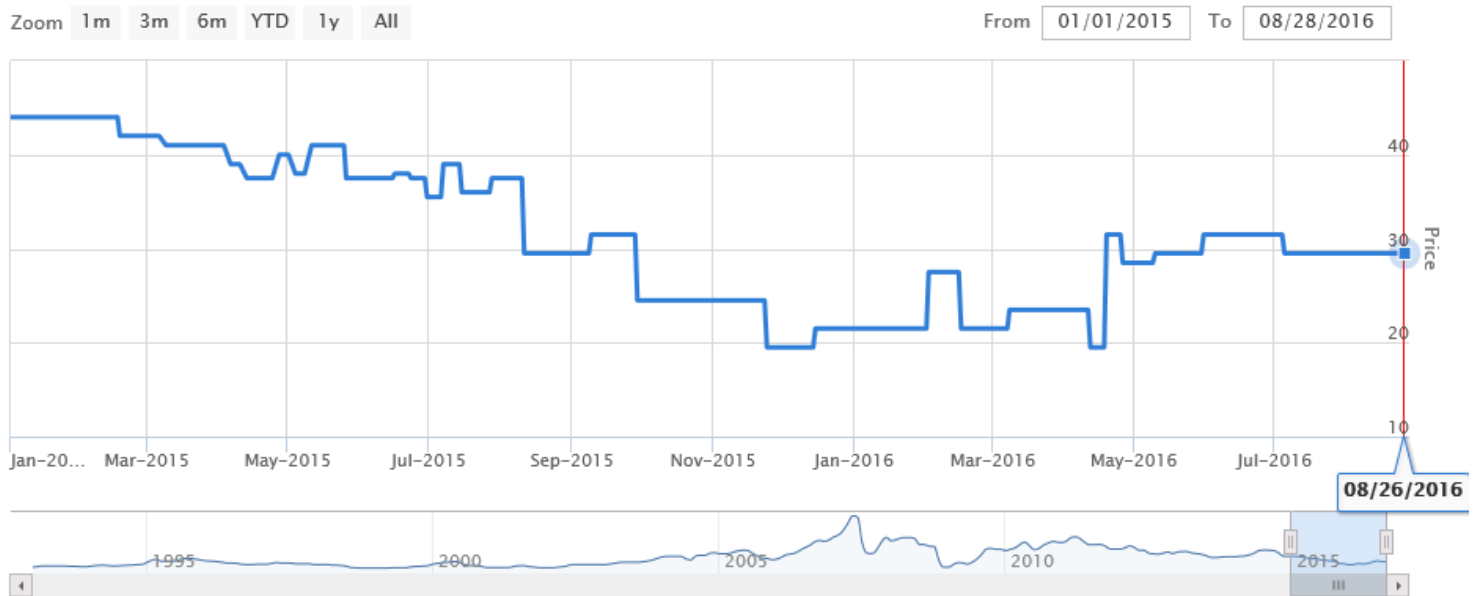
Imports of scrap and scrap substitutes continue, so many believe that scrap prices could remain about where they are next month with some small movement up or down on some grades of material.

## Hot Rolled Coil Steel



Hot roll coil prices declined for the week, and have been declining for a number of weeks which is a positive for manufacturers and puts added pressure on steel mill profits and scrap and scrap substitutes.

# 304 Stainless Scrap



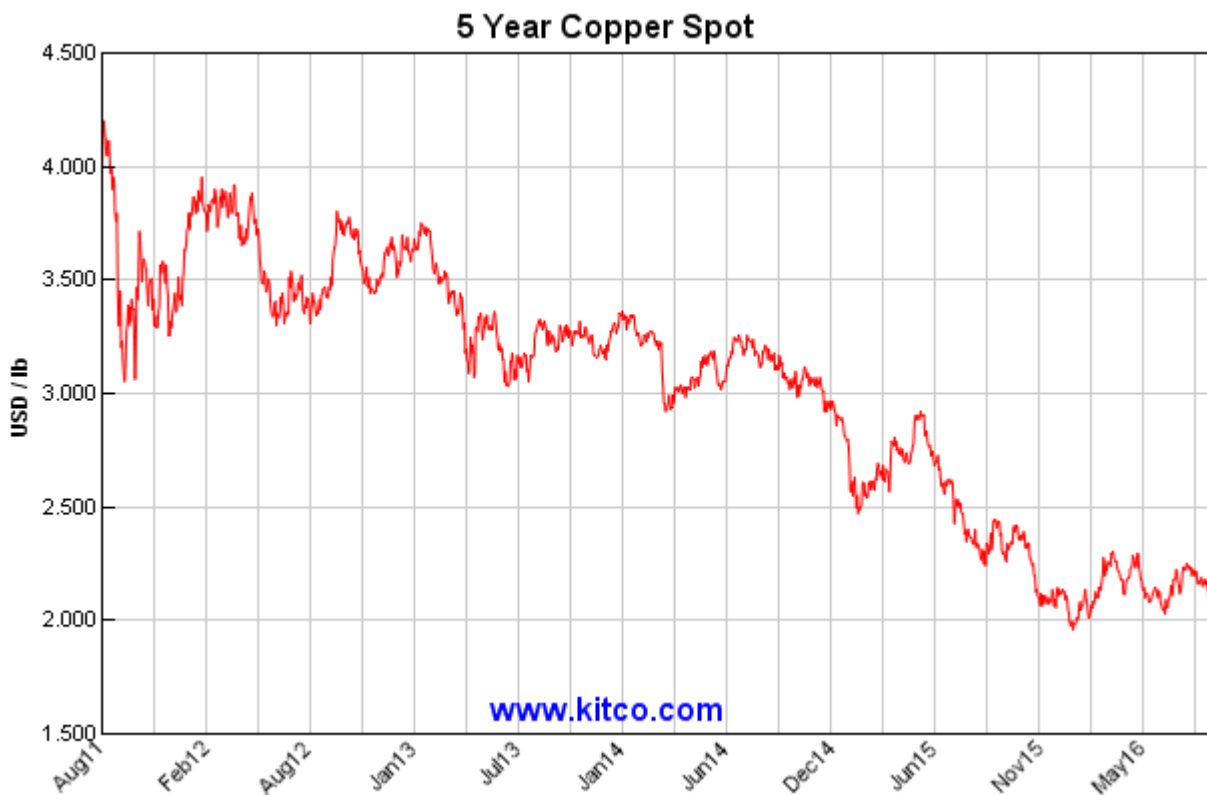
Stainless 304 scrap prices remain steady with at a fairly high level with no news to make prices go up or down.

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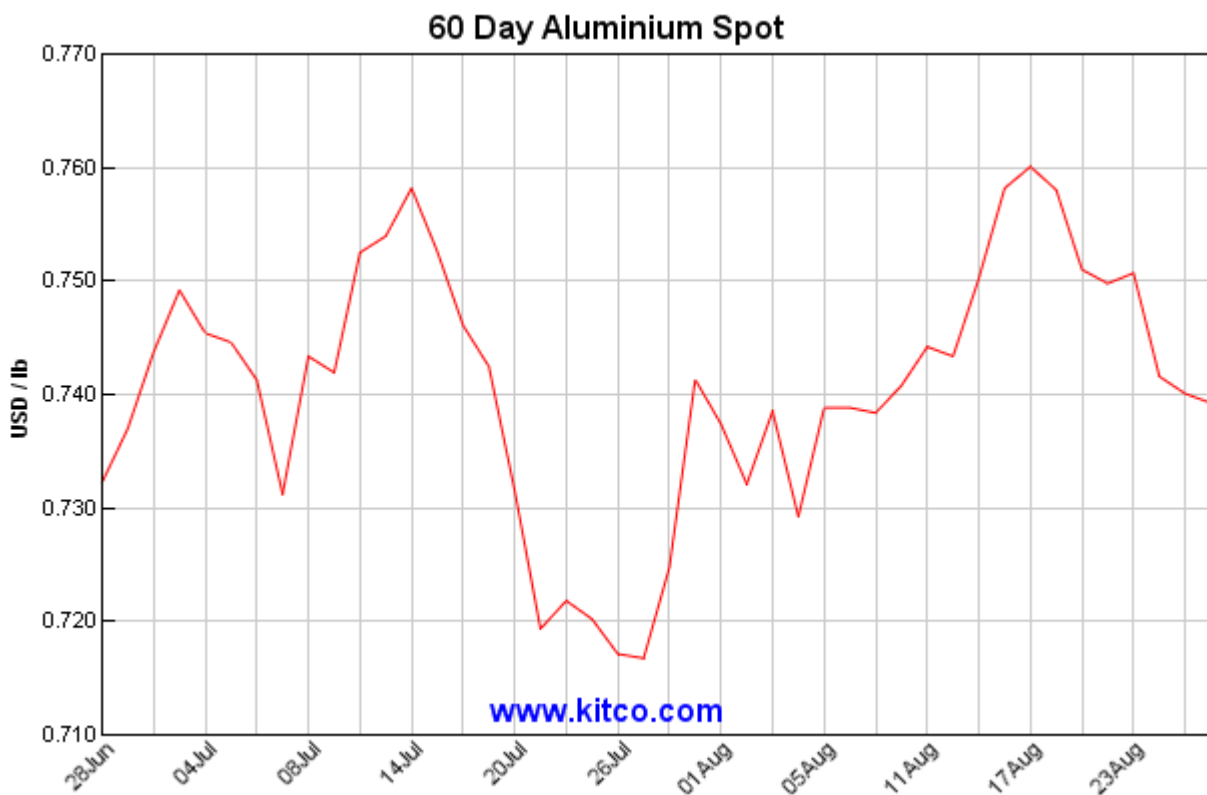


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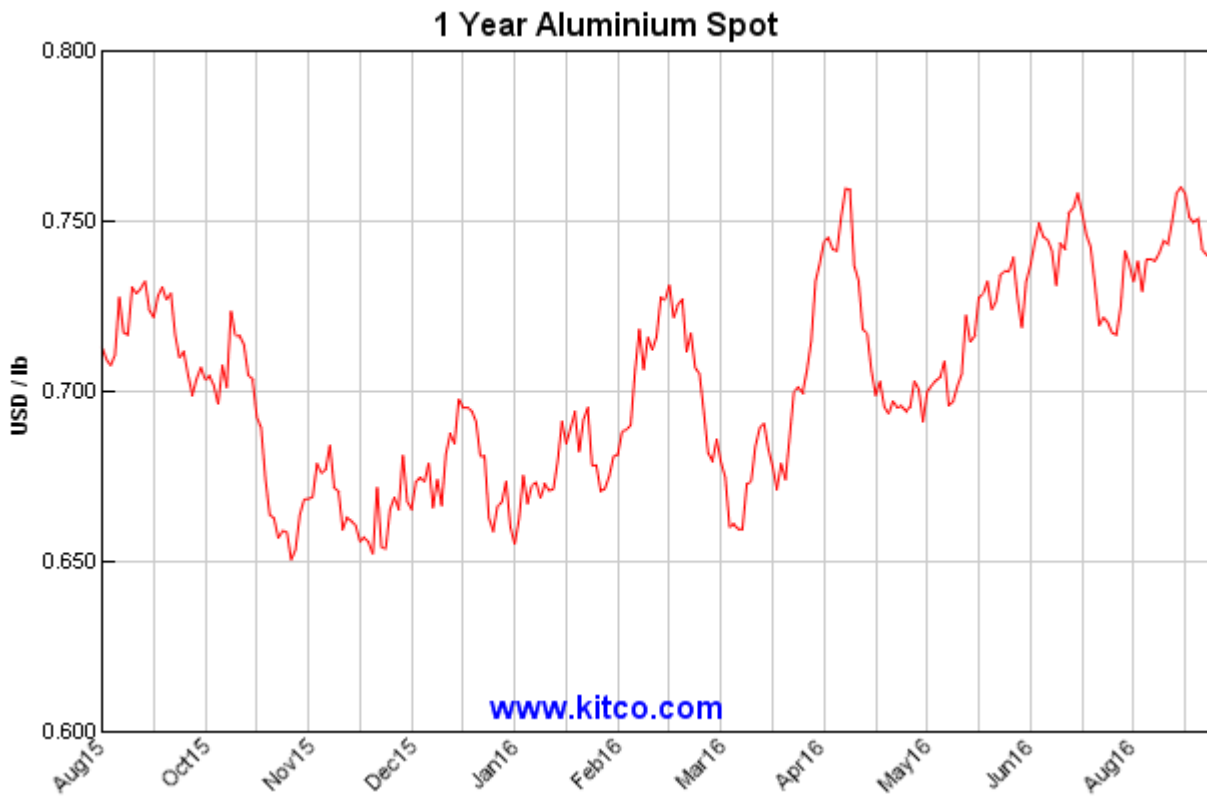
Copper fell most of the week and ended down about 9 cents to about \$2.08/lb. meaning that copper remains in a range since late last year.



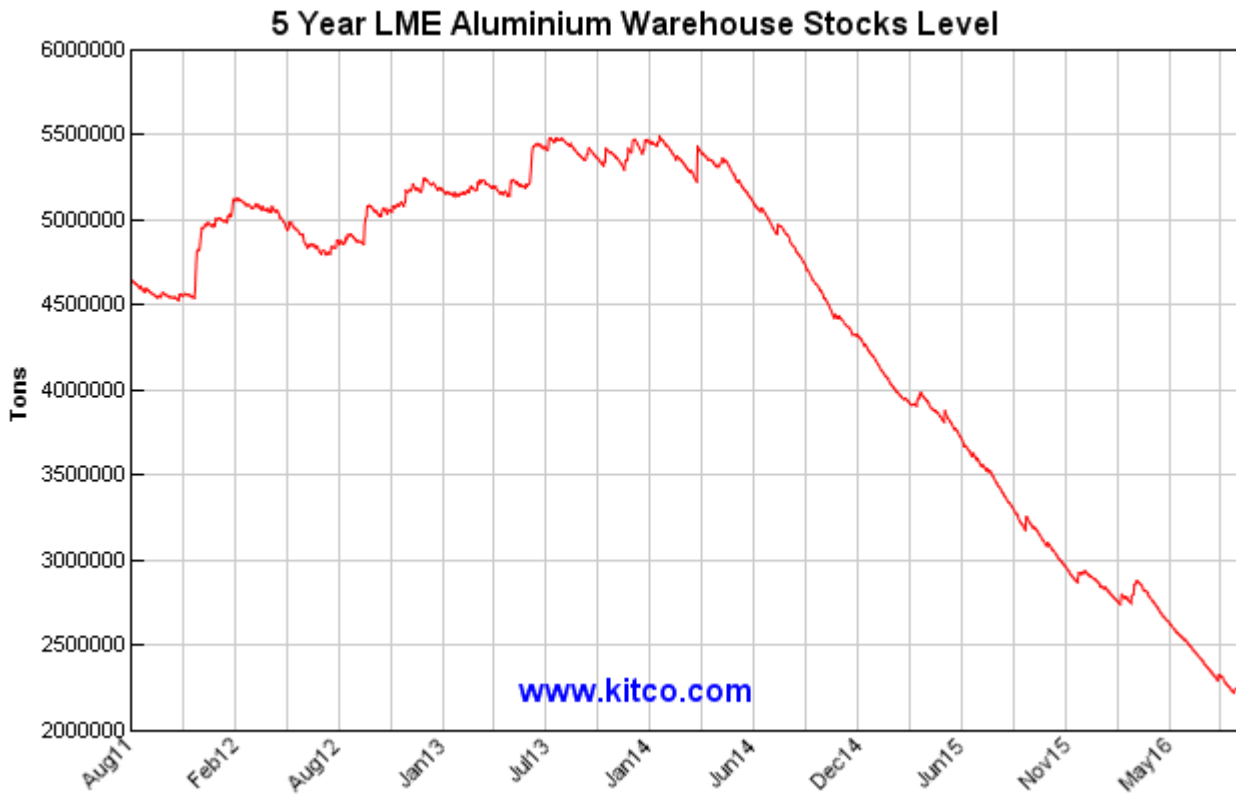
And when looking at the 5 year chart, we see that copper remains near its about 7 year low.



Aluminum closed down for the week at just under 74 cents but when looking at a one year chart



we see that aluminum has been rising for about 9 months.



Related, look carefully at the bottom right side of this chart, inventories after falling for years have started rising a bit, so Aluminum price increases prices could be over.



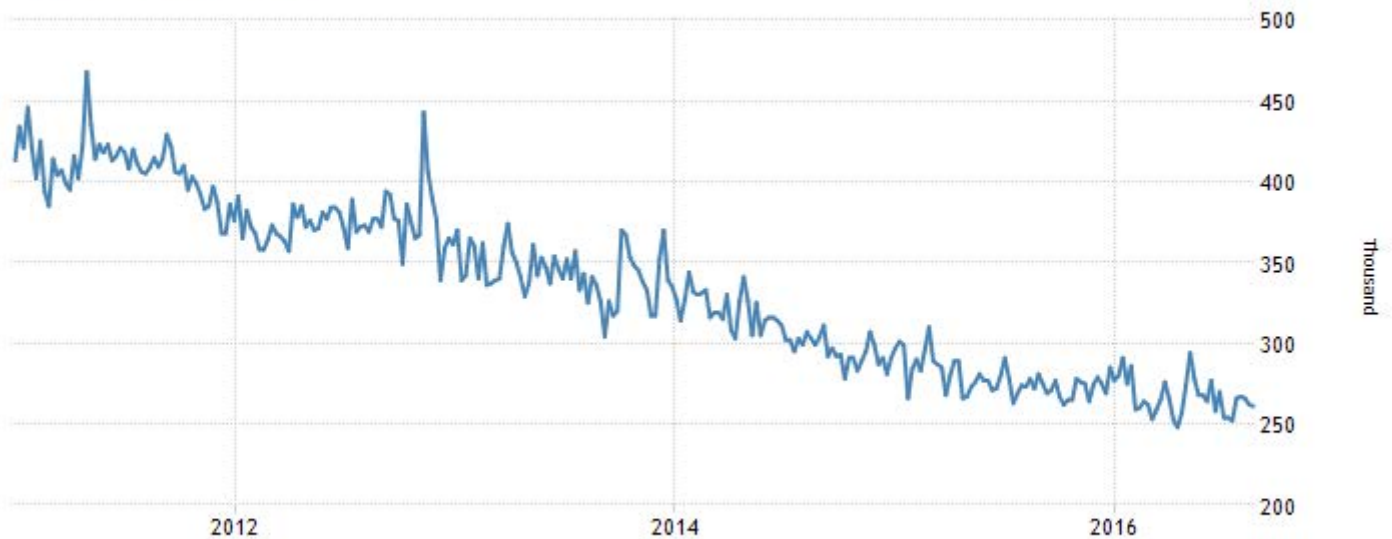
US GDP GROWTH RATE



SOURCE: WWW.TRADINGECONOMICS.COM | U.S. BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

U.S. Gross Domestic Product, the overall economic U.S. growth rate, grew by a small 1.1 percent in the second quarter. While better than the .8 percent growth in the first three months of the year, 1.1 percent is very slow, but it is growing.

US INITIAL JOBLESS CLAIMS



SOURCE: WWW.TRADINGECONOMICS.COM | U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

U.S. unemployment claims dropped last week to the lowest level in 5 weeks. Very good news for the U.S. economy.

US NEW HOME SALES



SOURCE: WWW.TRADINGECONOMICS.COM | U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

Sales of new single family homes in the U.S. surged 12.4 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 654,000 in July which is the highest figure since October 2007. A really great number for jobs and a fact that supports stable commodity prices.

US DURABLE GOODS ORDERS



SOURCE: WWW.TRADINGECONOMICS.COM | U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

Durable goods orders for future delivery, items like trucks and machinery, jumped 4.4 percent in July, the first increase in three months and the biggest gain in 9 months.



Sims Metal Management the largest recycler in the world released their earnings last week for their year ending June 30th. With hard work in reducing costs and with the benefit of scrap price increases in the Jan-June period, underlying EBITDA (a measure of earnings) doubled in the second half of the year, vs the first half. They also reported that scrap metal held by exporters was very low, which could support stable scrap and stable finished steel prices going forward.

## Safety & Operations Training Meeting September 15,2016



As a reminder, BENLEE is having its second annual Safety and Operations Training Meeting Thursday September 17<sup>th</sup>. Call Tiffany at BENLEE to register. Multiple people from each company are welcome. This free four hour session will be a hands on class on all aspects of roll off trailer safety, operations and maintenance. Note

that for convenience BENLEE is about 2 miles from the major Detroit airport.

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