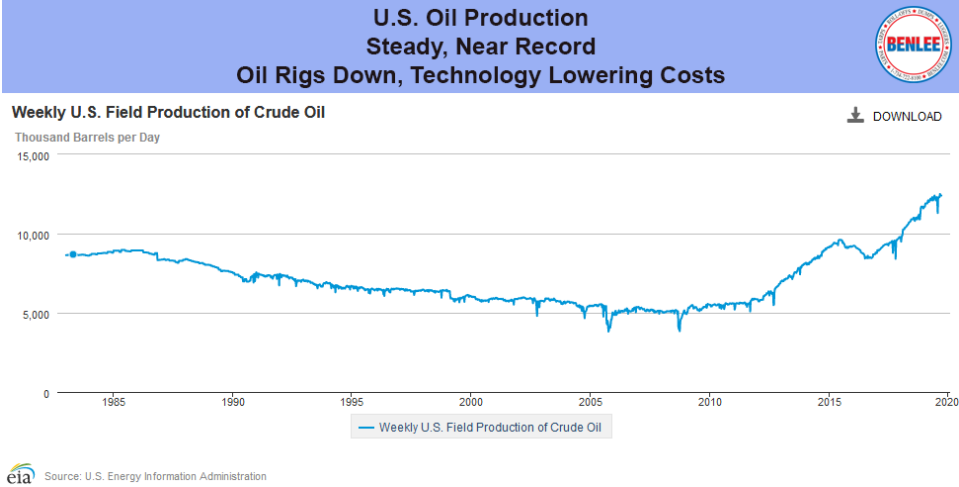


U.S. steel production fell to 1.811 Million tons, a 14-month low as the Trade war slows U.S. and global Industrial production.



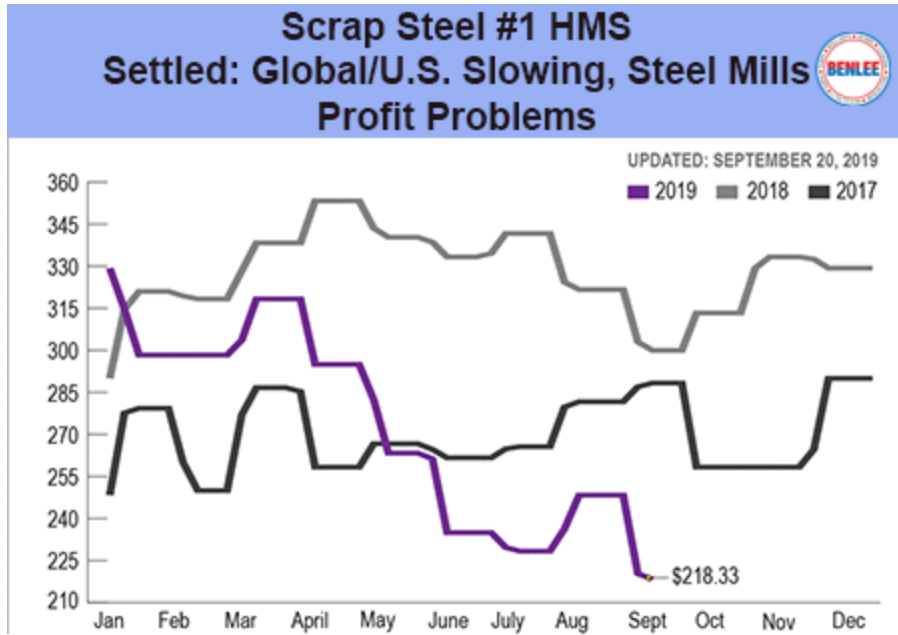
Oil rose to \$57.60 a barrel, with last week's attack on Saudi Arabia, but closed down from the mid-week high. Oil is shocking low, considering major producers like Iran and Venezuela are mostly off the market.



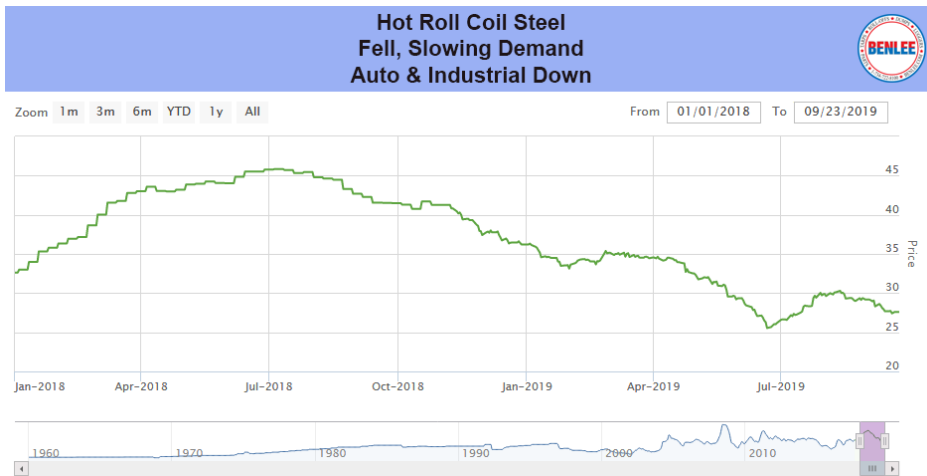
U.S. oil production was steady at 12.4M barrels a day, near the recent record, but oil rigs are down as technology gets more oil out of the ground at lower costs.



Iron ore fell to \$92/Ton, on continued slowing global production.



Scrap steel #1 HMS settled at \$218/GT, as global and U.S. demand slows and steel mills profit problems. October will be down \$10+/GT unless something changes.



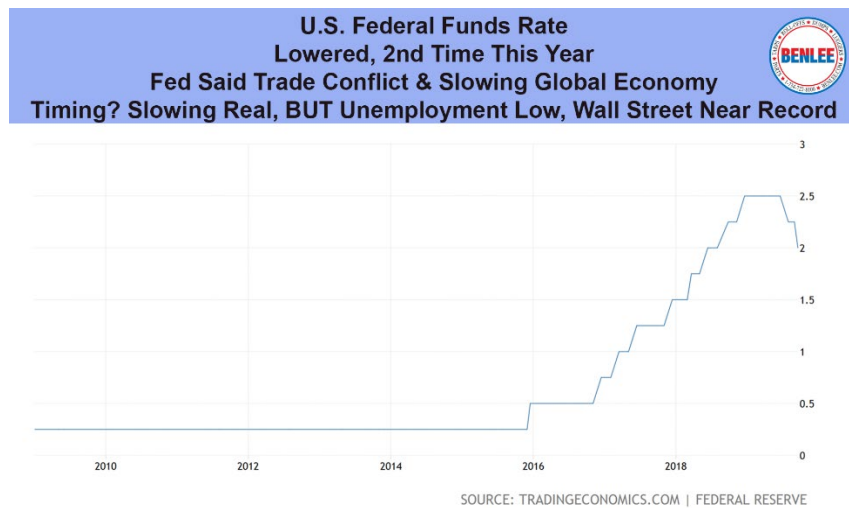
Hot roll coil steel fell to \$27.61/Hundred on continued slowing demand in Automotive and Industrial markets.



Copper fell to \$2.59, near the multiyear low on slowing global production.

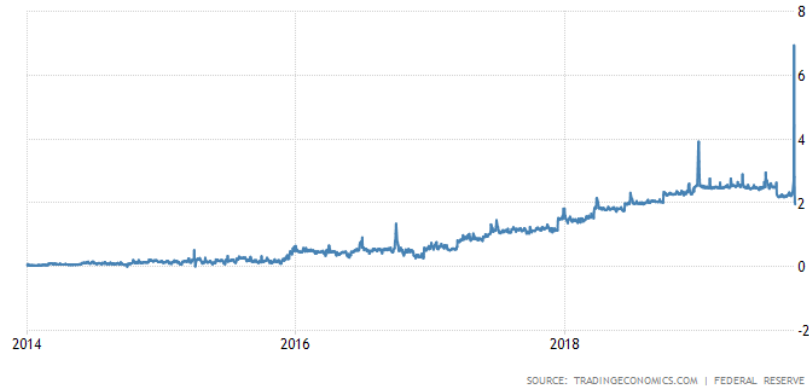


Aluminum fell to 79.9 cents, which followed many other commodities down with slowing global production.



The U.S. Federal funds rate was lowered for the second time this year as the Fed said this was needed due to the trade conflict and the slowing global economy. The timing remains interesting in that while slowing is real, unemployment is near record lows and Wall Street is near record highs.

U.S. Government Short Term (Overnight) Bank Rate
Soared: Actually Hit 10%, Showed Instability
Corporate Quarterly Taxes & HUGE Gov't Borrowing, Deficit Spending
Key Reason For U.S. GDP Being An OK About 2.5% GDP, Is \$1.1 Trillion Deficit



The U.S. government short term overnight bank rate soared to hit about 10% not the 7 shown here, showing instability in the banking system. This was caused by corporations borrowing to pay their quarterly taxes while the U.S. government is borrowing heavily to finance our deficit spending. A key reason for the U.S. GDP being OK at about 2.5% is due to the about \$1.1 Trillion of deficit spending this year.

U.S. Steel Mill Q3 Earnings
Largest Three Mills
Released Profit Warnings



Nucor Down About 64%
U.S. Steel Profit to a Loss
Steel Dynamics Down about 60%

Prices & Volumes Down

U.S. Steel mills will be issuing Q 3 earnings next month. The three largest U.S. Steel mills all released profit warnings. Nucor will be down about 64%, U.S. Steel will go from a profit to a loss and Steel Dynamics will be down about 60%. All said this was due to prices and volumes being down.

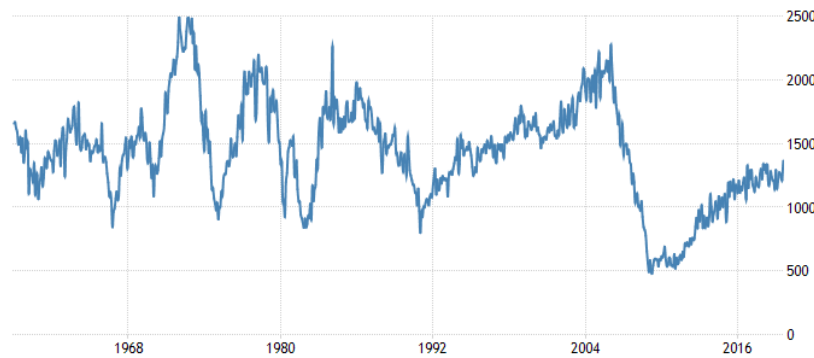
**Consumer Confidence EuroZone
EuroZone Larger Than U.S. or China
Highest In 4 Months**



SOURCE: TRADINGECONOMICS.COM | EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Consumer confidence in the Eurozone is important due to that Eurozone is larger than the U.S. or China. Their consumer confidence was the highest in 4 months.

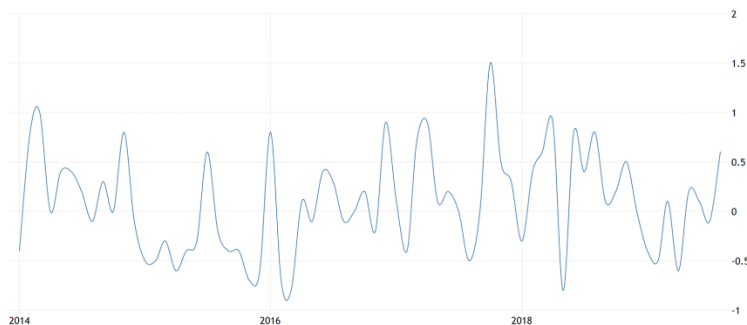
**U.S. Housing Starts
Rose Sharply, Highest Since June 2007
Driven By Low Interest Rates**



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

August's U.S. Housing starts rose sharply to an annualized 1.36M the highest since June 2007 driven by lower interest rates. Great, great news.

**U.S. Industrial Output
Rose, Largest Gain Since August 2018
Manufacturing, Mining, Utilities Rose**



SOURCE: TRADINGECONOMICS.COM | FEDERAL RESERVE

August U.S. Industrial output rose, the largest gain since August 2018. Manufacturing, mining and utilities all rose. Again, great news.



Wall Street's Dow Jones Average fell to 26,935 despite the interest rate cut, as the global and U.S. economy slow, due to the trade war.

As always, feel free to call or email me with any questions and we hope all have a Safe and Profitable week.