

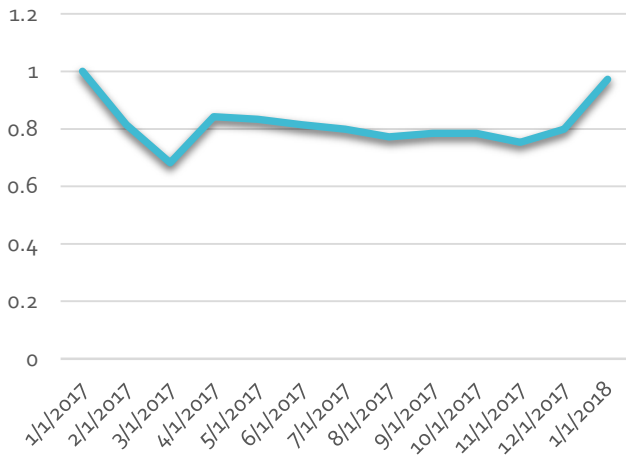
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Economic Trends

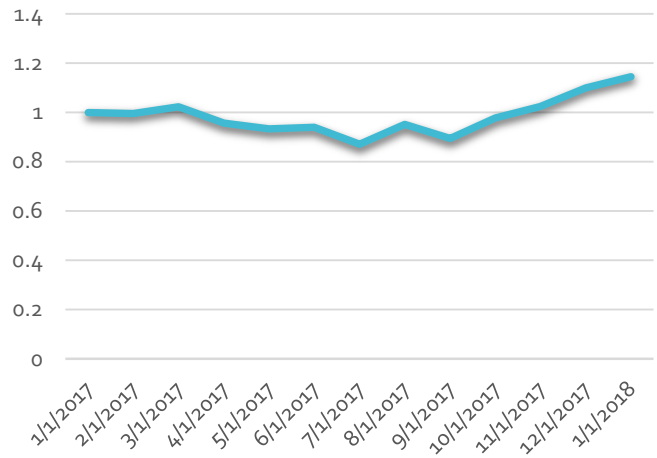
- Jobs Report:** The Bureau of Labor Statistics announced that the U.S. economy added 148,000 jobs in December. That was below what economists expected, but still the 87th straight month of gains -- the longest streak on record.
- Retail Sales:** The Commerce Department reported Friday that retail sales in the U.S rose 0.4% in December from the month before. Compared to a year earlier, December retail sales were up 5.4%. For all of 2017, retail sales were 4.2% higher than 2016, the biggest annual hike in three years.
- Manufacturing:** The Institute for Supply Management said its Factory index climbed to 59.7 from 58.2 a month earlier; readings above 50 indicate expansion. The gauge of new orders advanced to 69.4, the highest in nearly 14 years.
- U.S. Auto Sales:** According to U.S.A Today, the U.S. auto industry's seven-year sales streak has come to an end. Autodata Corp. reported that overall sales were down 5.2% compared to the same month last year. That beat predictions from Edmunds.com, at 5.6%, and Kelley Blue Book, at 6.7%.
- U.S. Home Sales:** The Commerce Department announced that new home sales decreased 8.2 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.192 million units. December's percentage drop was the largest since November 2016, specifically to single family units.

Petroleum Derivatives and Energy

Natural Gas



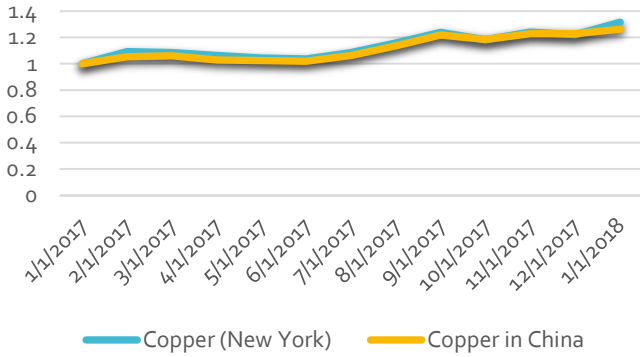
Crude Oil



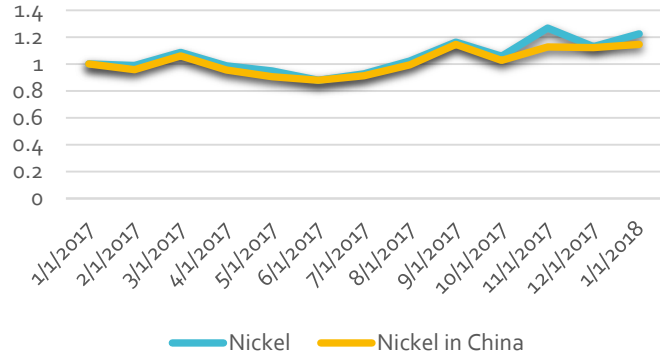
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Metals

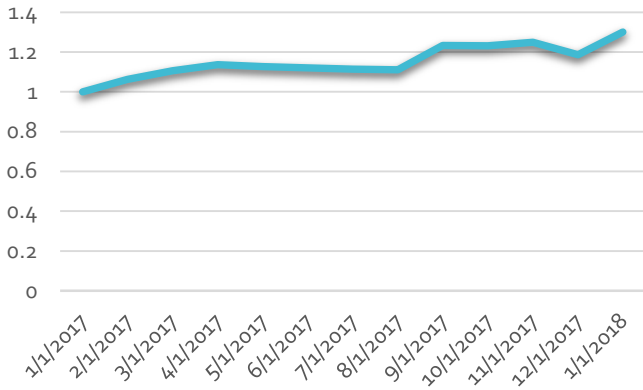
Copper



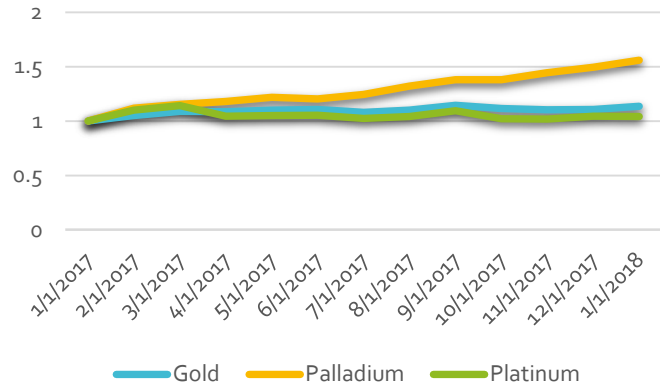
Nickels



Aluminum

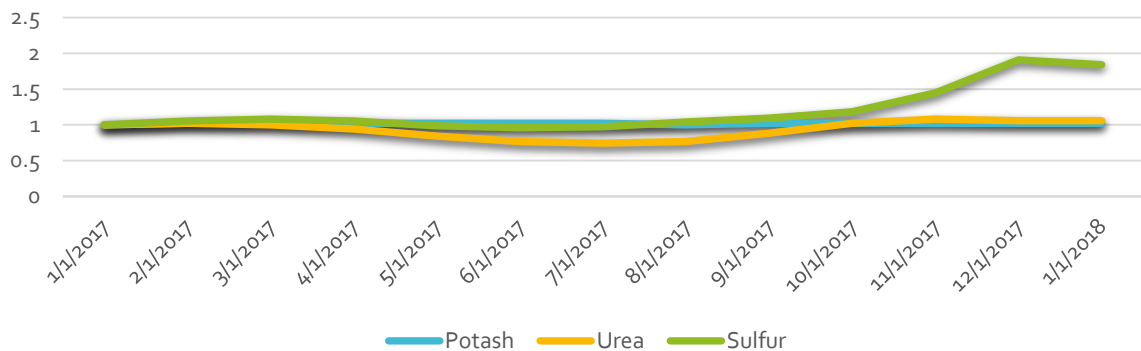


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Fertilizers

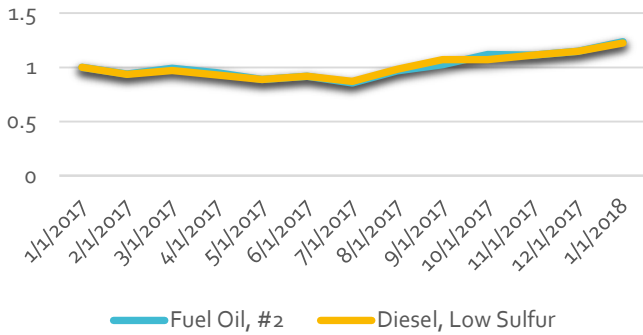
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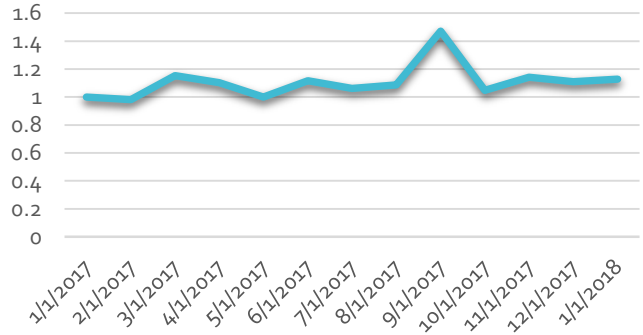
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Fuels and Trucking

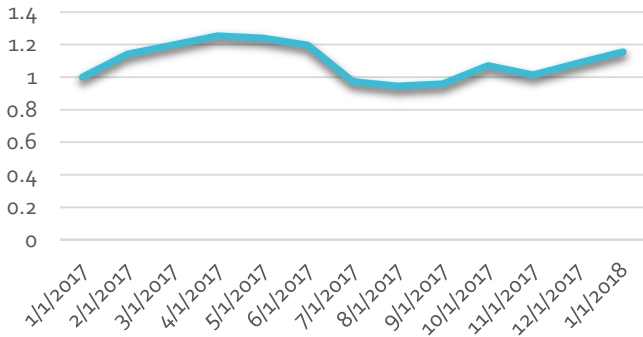
Diesel + Fuel Oil



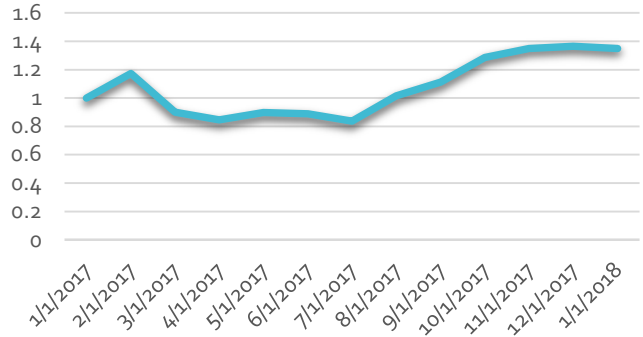
Gasoline



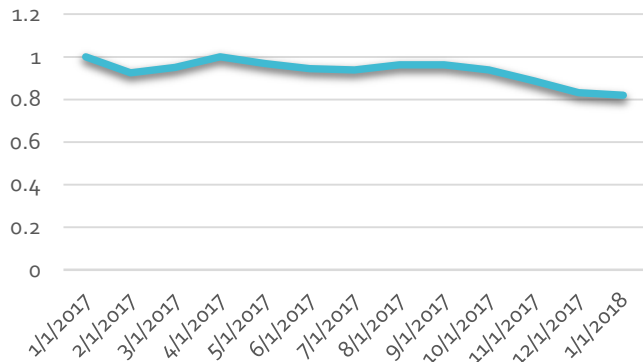
Methanol



Propane



Ethanol



Trucking Cost Index (FL) USA

