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**Commodity Trends:**

**Jobs Report:** The Bureau of Labor Statistics announced that total Nonfarm payrolls increased by 155,000 new jobs in August. The total compares with an average monthly gain of 204,000 over the last 12 months, while over the last three months, the average job gain has been 232,000 per month. The headline unemployment rate remained at 4.9 percent, compared to 5.1 percent one year ago.

**Retail Sales:** The Commerce Department said that U.S. Sales at retail stores, online and at restaurants fell 0.3% in August to a seasonally adjusted \$456.32 billion last month. It was the first decline in retail sales since March. Sales increased 0.1% in July, a small upward revision from an initial flat reading.

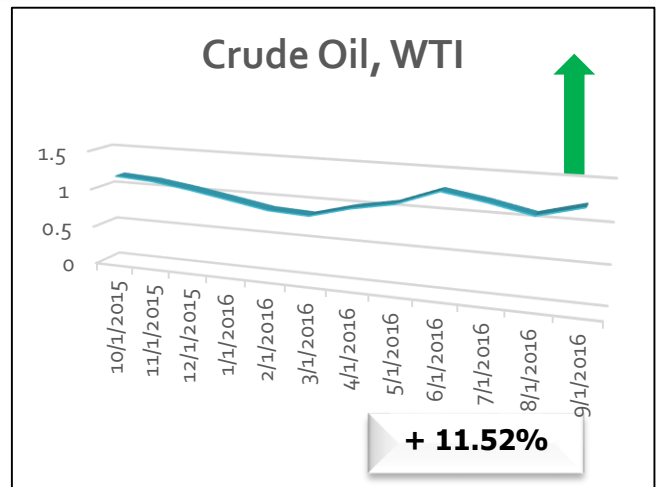
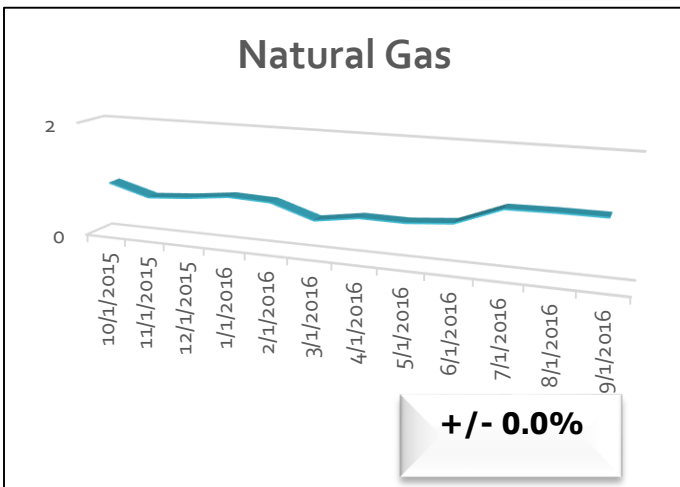
**Manufacturing:** The Institute of Supply Management's manufacturing PMI index for August registered at 49.4, missing the estimate for 52, and down from 52.6 in July. It was the first time since February that the index read below 50, the border between expansion and contraction.

**U.S. Auto Sales** Vehicle sales fell 4.2% in August, compared with a year earlier, for an annualized rate of 16.98 million vehicles, according to Autodata Corp. Analysts at Edmunds.com and Kelley Blue Book had projected an overall auto industry sales decline of 2.5% and 2.1%, respectively.

**U.S. Home Sales:** The Commerce Department said that new home sales fell 7.6 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 609,000 units last month. Sales were up 20.6 percent from a year ago. Economists polled by Reuters had forecast single-family home sales falling to an annualized rate of 600,000 units last month.

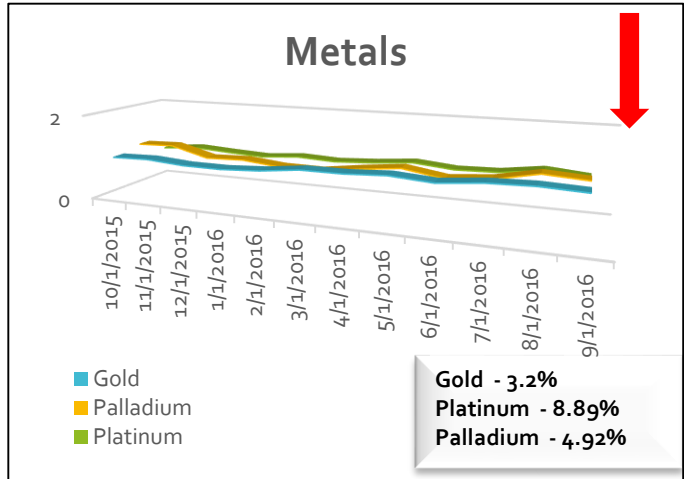
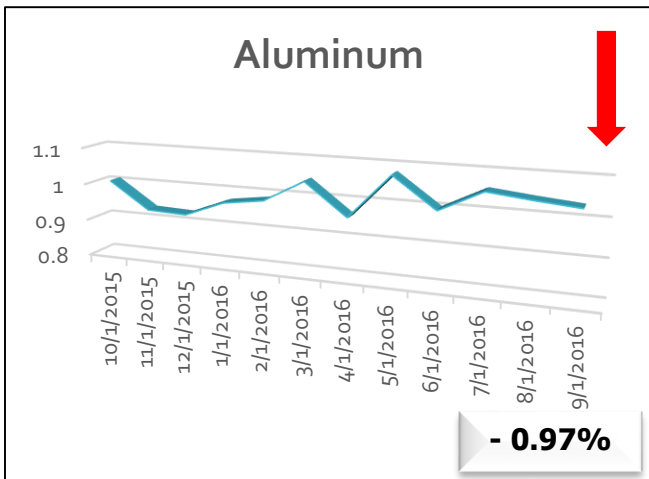
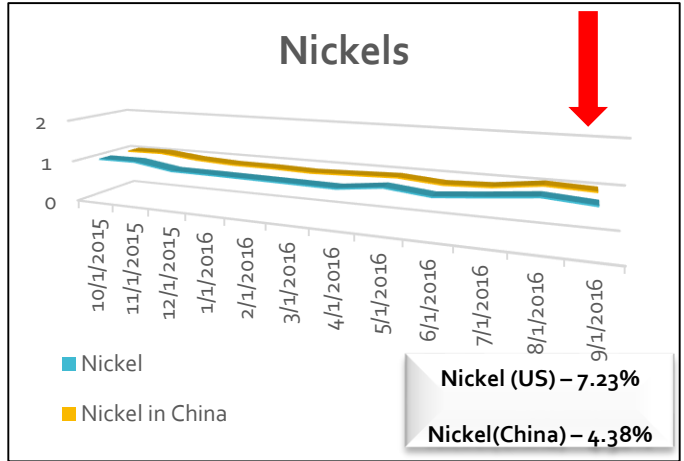
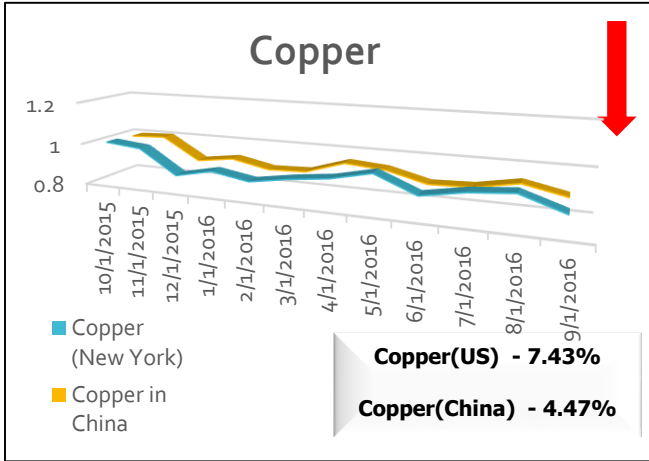
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**Petroleum Derivatives and Energy**



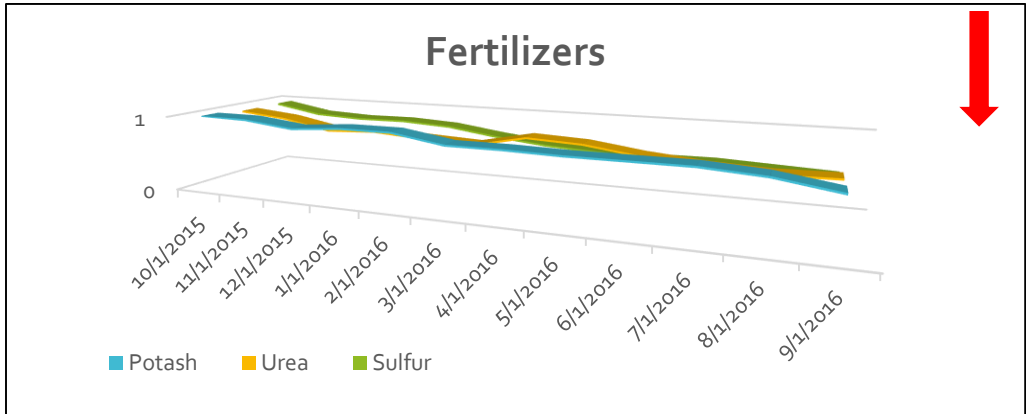
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**Fertilizers**

**Potash - 15.60%**  
**Urea + 2.20%**  
**Sulfur - 5.88%**



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