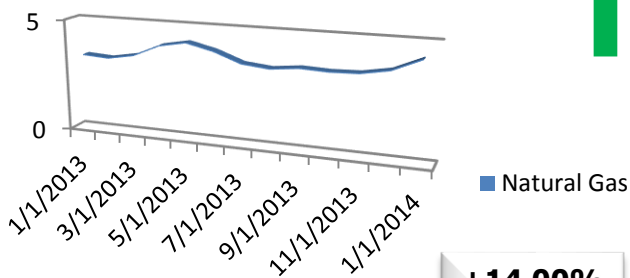


Commodity Trends:

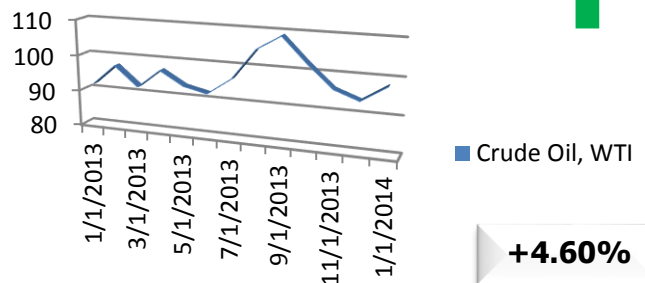
- The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics found that 74,000 jobs were added to the economy in December. This is well below the 238,000 jobs that private forecaster ADP estimated would be added in December. With an upward revision to November of 38,000, six-month gains through December have run at a reasonably solid monthly average of 170,000.
 - Despite the discouraging top-line number, the unemployment rate for December dropped three tenths of a percentage point from 7.0% to 6.7%.
 - The Institute for Supply Management’s (ISM) Non-Manufacturing Index dropped from 53.9% to 53.0% in December. Although this is a decline, any reading above 50% indicates an expansion of activity in the service sector.
 - The PMI (Purchasing Managers Index) registered at 57 percent, the second highest reading for the year, just 0.3 percentage point below November’s reading of 57.3 percent. The New Orders Index increased in December by 0.6 percentage point to 64.2 percent, which is the “Highest reading since April 2010 when it registered 65.1 percent”, said the Institute for Supply Management on December’s economic growth.
 - U.S. Auto industry sales in 2013 finished at 15.6 million vehicles, up 7.6 percent from 2012, while December results inched up 0.3 percent from November.
 - Sales of new single-family houses in November 2013 were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 464,000, according to estimates released jointly today by the U.S. Census Bureau and the Department of Housing and Urban Development. This is 2.1 percent ($\pm 21.3\%$)* below the revised October rate of 474,000, but is 16.6 percent ($\pm 29.4\%$)* above the November 2012 estimate of 398,000.
- The graphs below represent a one year price trend for comparison only and do not reflect end user delivered prices.
 - Additional 1-month trend percentages have been included on each commodity reported.

Petroleum derivatives and Energy

Natural Gas

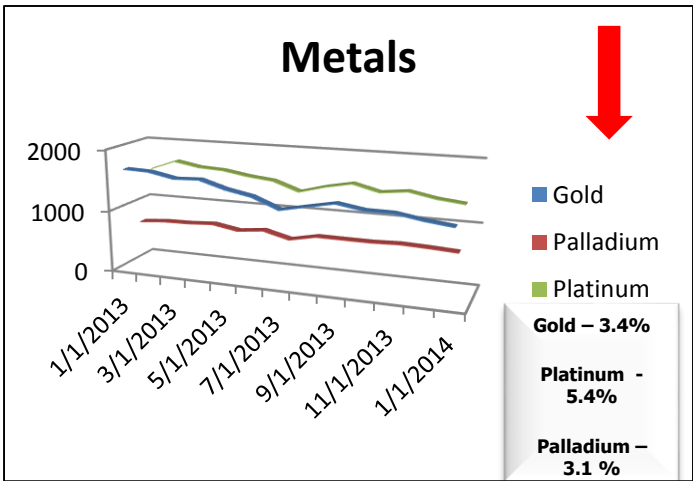
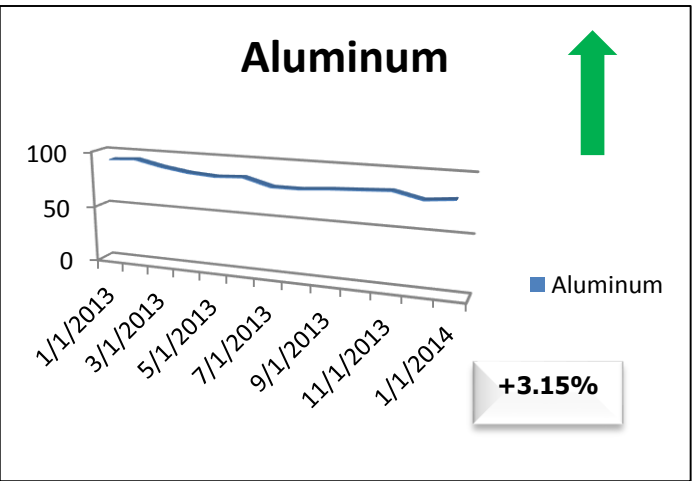
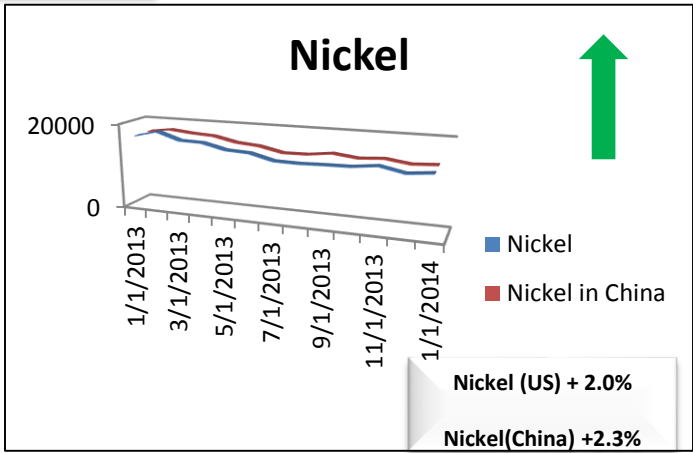
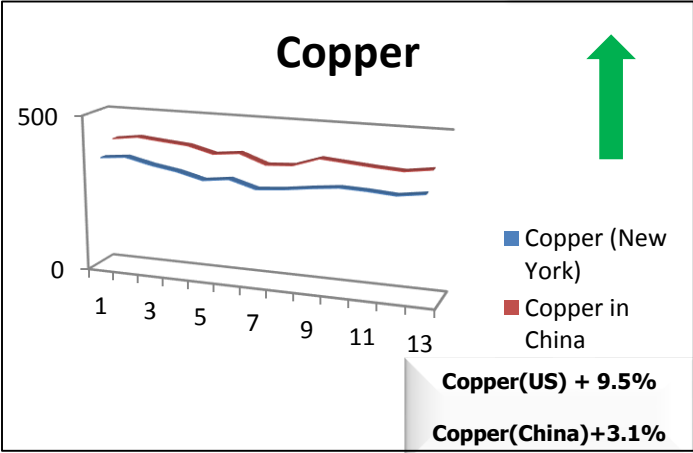


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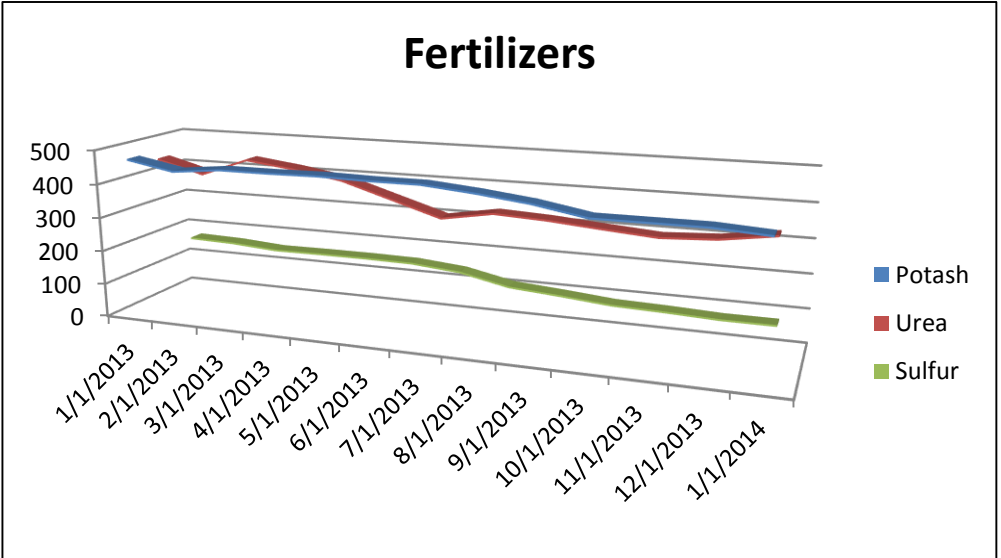
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Metals



Fertilizers

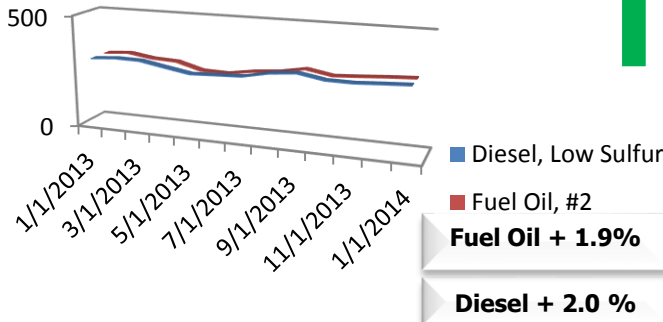
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Urea + 6.5%
Sulfur 0.0%



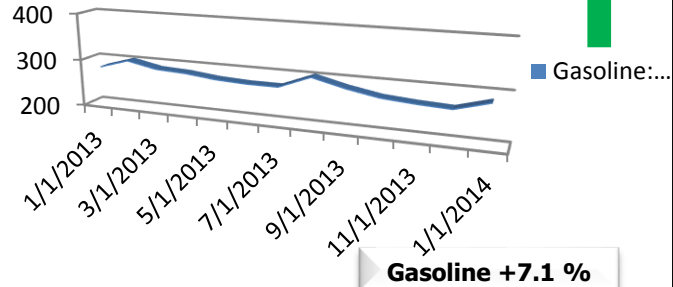
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Fuels and trucking

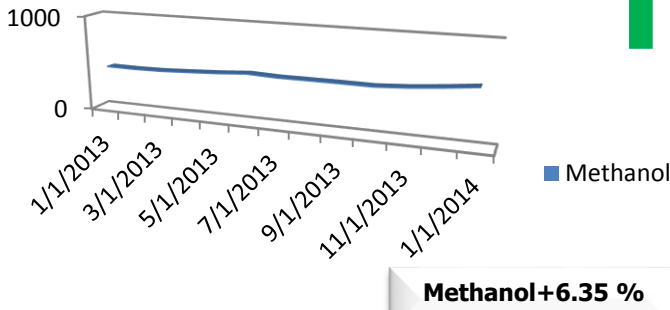
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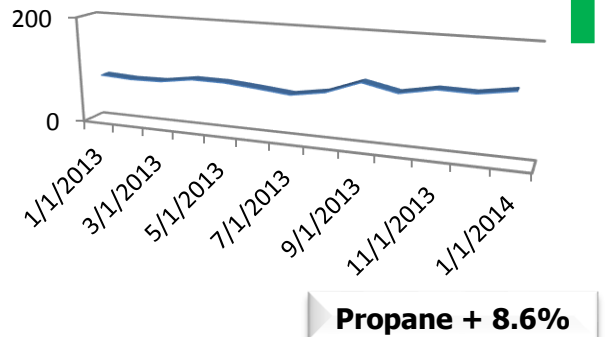
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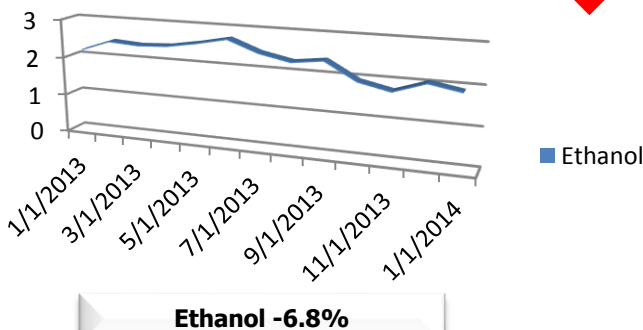
Methanol



Propane



Ethanol



Trucking Cost Index

