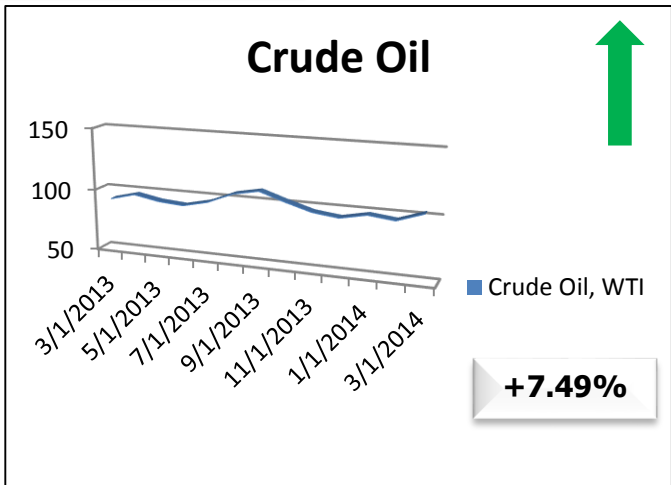
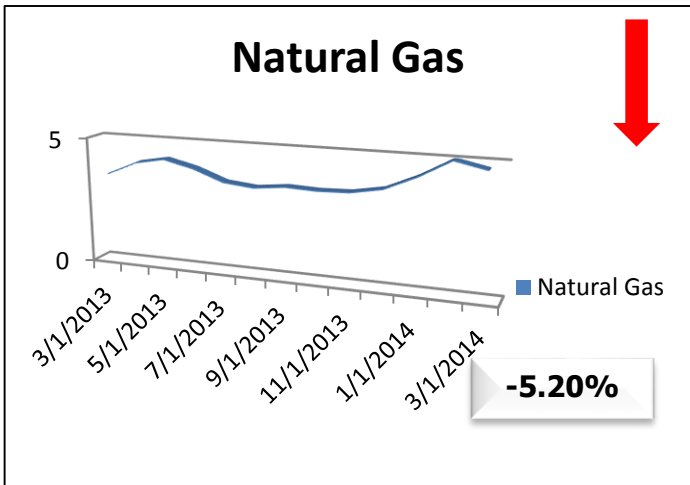


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**Commodity Trends:**

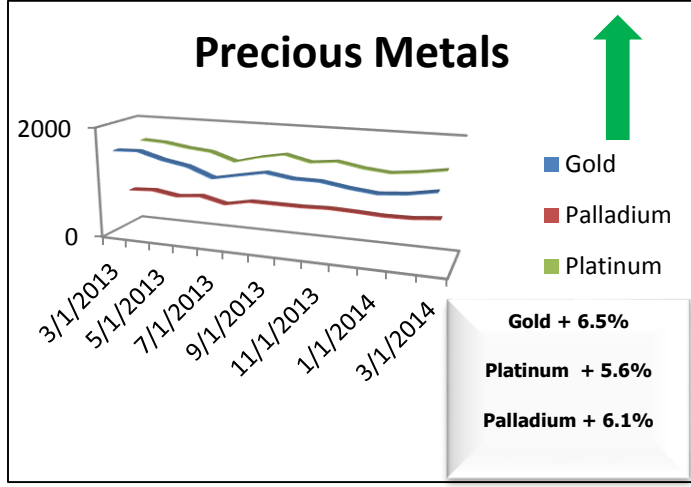
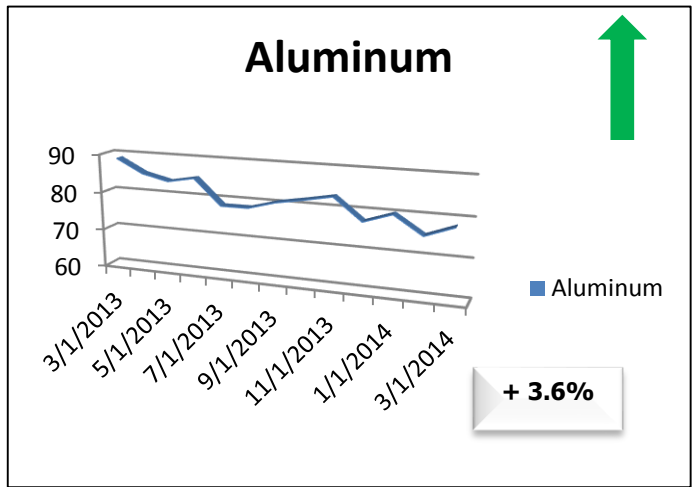
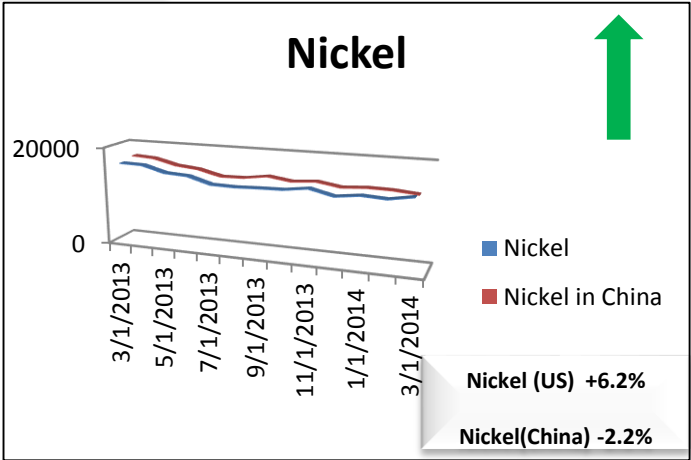
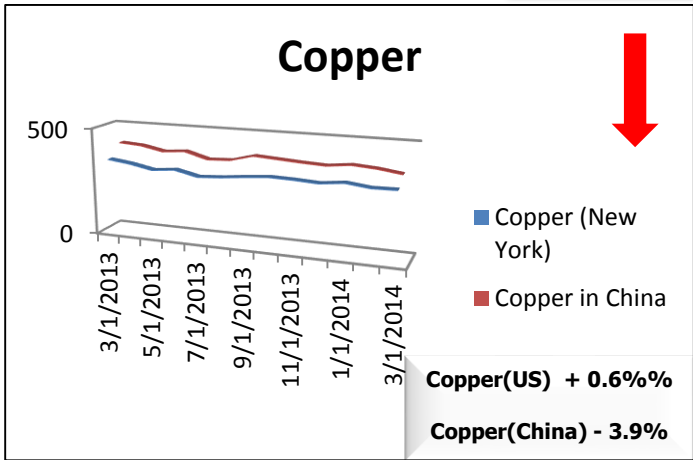
- The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 175,000 in February. The headline number was above expectations of 150,000 payroll jobs added.
  - Both the number of unemployed persons (10.5 million) and the unemployment rate (6.7 percent) changed little in February. The jobless rate has shown little movement since December and economists are associating the bad weather in recent months to the slowdown in the labor market.
  - Manufacturing expanded in February as the PMI (Purchasing Managers Index) registered 53.2 percent, an increase of 1.9 percentage points when compared to January's reading of 51.3 percent.
  - The latest Department of Commerce report indicates new orders for manufactured goods fell 0.7 percent in first month of the year. However, a separate report by the closely watched Institute for Supply Management indicated that manufacturing may be recovering and accelerating again.
  - Construction spending edged up 0.1 percent in January, significantly slower than an upwardly revised 1.5 percent gain in December, the Commerce Department reported Monday. Economists expect that builders will see better gains once spring and warmer weather arrive
  - The Institute for Supply Management said its services sector index fell to 51.6 last month, the weakest reading since February 2010, from 54 in January. It blamed bad weather for the moderation in activity.
  - The annualized auto sales rate for February finished at 15.34 million vehicles, just short of the 15.4 million expected by analysts. It was the third month in a row that U.S. auto industry sales were weaker than expected.
  - The Commerce Department said on Wednesday that U.S. home sales jumped 9.6 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 468,000 units, the highest level since July 2008.
- 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**



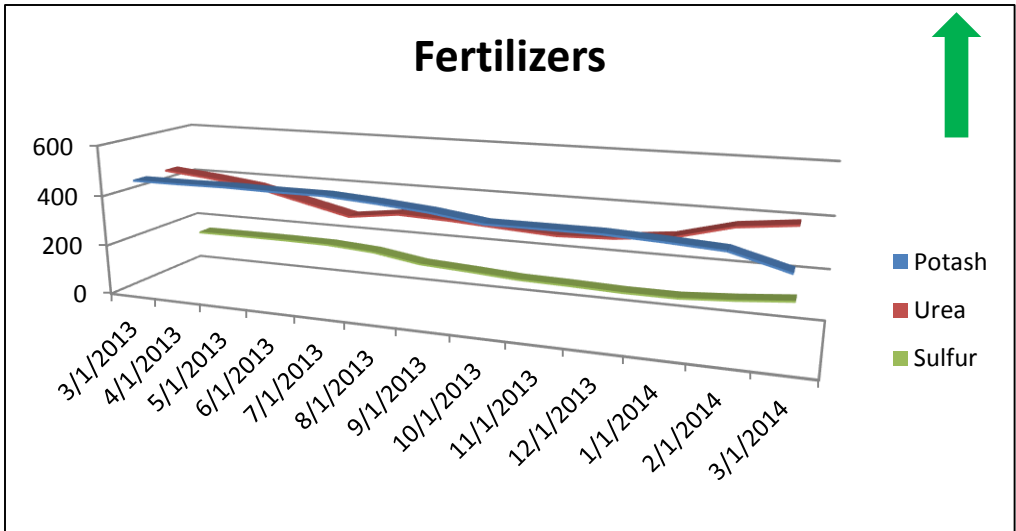
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**Metals**



**Fertilizers**

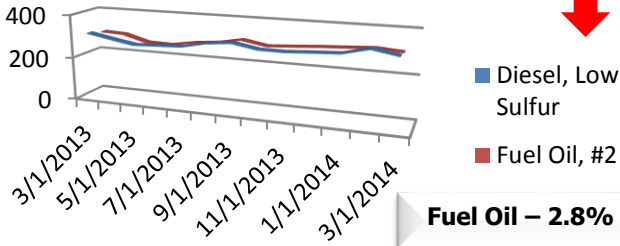
**Potash -14.0%**  
**Urea + 5.5%**  
**Sulfur +21.8%**



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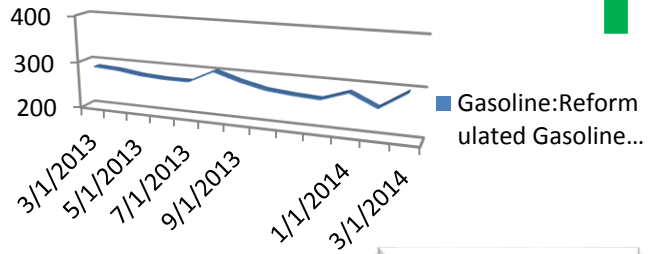
**Fuels and trucking**

**Diesel + Fuel Oil # 2**



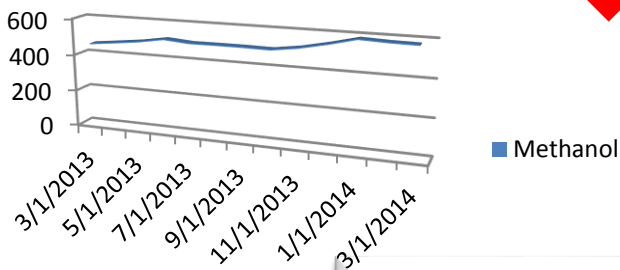
**Fuel Oil – 2.8%**  
**Diesel – 5.9%**

**Gasoline: Reformulated**



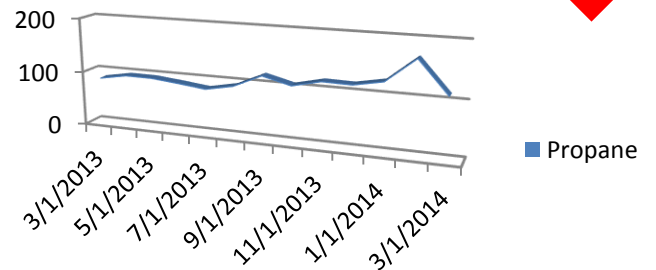
**Gasoline +13.8%**

**Methanol**



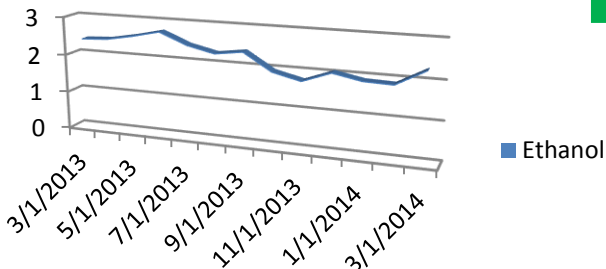
**Methanol -0.3%**

**Propane**



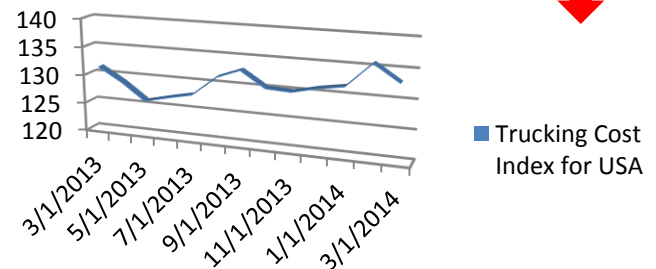
**Propane – 34 %**

**Ethanol**



**Ethanol + 21.0%**

**Trucking Cost**



**Trucking Cost – 2.1%**