# **Commodity Monthly Monitor**

### Commodities in the grip of COVID-19

21 Feb - 20 Mar 2020



#### Summary

We are currently experiencing a shock to the global economic system that looks at least on par with the Great Financial Crisis of 2008. In many respects it could be worse. It is unprecedented for so much of the global economy to shut down simultaneously. As the world takes necessary steps to contain COVID-19, the functioning of the economy and asset markets is being tested. Clearly, there are problems with asset idjudidity. The thirst for cash and cash-like assets (such as gold and Treasuries) has soared. But even these assets are not immune to the challenges in this environment. Physically moving assets over international borders has brought a new facet to crisis management.

Luckily central banks and fiscal authorities have risen to the challenge that we face. Although initially markets were unimpressed by their efforts, after a rapid-fire of new facility announcements, all major central banks have declared their equivalent of Mario Draghi's (former European Central Bank President) "whatever it takes" moments. Fiscal authorities, which are usually hampered by partisan politics, have largely sensed the urgency of the situation. Germany appears to have abandoned its so-called "zero black" balanced budget. At the time of writing, the US appears to have approved a US\$2tm stimulus deal. And most countries have announced similarly bold plans.

However, despite all the stimulus, the length and amplitude of the current COVID-19 shock is largely unknown. Compounding problems on the demand side, the supply of oil is set to rise as the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and its partner countries are in a state of disarray. This twin shock in the oil market has triggered unprecedented volatility in the oil market.

With sufficient demand stimulus we should start to see a floor develop for cyclical commodities. Oil unfortunately may have a longer path to get there due to the simultaneous supply shock. After an initial period of decline, as the metal was being sold to generate liquidity, gold is likely to march higher. The combination of monetary and fiscal stimulus, ultra-low bond yields and a protracted period of market uncertainty all point to gold price strength in the coming year. Silver is also likely to follow on gold's coatfails.

- Acute selling pressures result in a challenging month for precious metals. Gold's losses were contained
  last month compared to most other commodities but it could not avoid a negative month as investors
  turned to the historical safe-haven metal for liquidity amid sharp drawdowns in equity markets. The
  remaining precious metals basket endured a challenging month but we may now be seeing early signs
  of a recovery.
- Industrial metals faced a sharp decline last month, owing to concerns over weakening demand due to
  the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. Net speculative positioning is already very low by historical
  standards, underscoring the bearish outlook amongst investors towards industrial metals. The demand
  shock originating from the COVID-19 outbreak is likely to outweigh the supply disruptions over the first
  half of 2020 for most industrial metals.
- March 2020 could go down in history as the most challenging month for energy markets on record. A
  supply shock has been coupled with a demand shock generating volatility in oil markets that we have
  never seen before
- Agricultural commodities have declined 6.8% over the prior month. Most of those losses have come
  from the softs sugar, cotton and cocoa. The notable exception was coffee, which was the only
  commodity to post gains. We expect further downside for agricultural commodities owing to the knockon impact of a lower oil price regime coupled with uncertainty surrounding the coronavirus.

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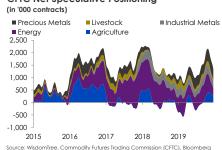
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	Current Price <sup>2</sup>	Returns (-1 Mth)	Price vs 200 days MA	Inventories <sup>3</sup> (- 3 Mths)	Positioning⁴ (- 1 Mth)	Roll Yield <sup>5</sup>	20 Mar Score	21 Fo Sco
WTI Oil	22	-58.3%	-58.9%	3.2%	7%	-0.9%	(2)	(2)
Brent Oil	27	-54.5%	-55.0%	-0.8%	-123%	-7.0%	(2)	(2
Natural Gas	1.6	-16.5%	-28.0%	-38.3%	45%	-4.2%	0	`1
Gasoline	0.6	-63.7%	-62.8%	0.0%	-30%	-3.6%	(4)	(3
Heating Oil	1.0	-40.7%	-45.0%	-16.6%	29%	-0.7%	0	0
Carbon	16.0	-37.3%	-36.3%	-	-	0.0%	(2)	C
Wheat	5.4	-3.7%	4.0%	-0.8%	-94%	0.7%	1	1
Corn	3.4	-9.2%	-10.9%	-1.1%	-278%	-1.6%	(2)	(2
Soybeans	9	-3.4%	-3.5%	6.3%	96%	-0.3%	(2)	(4
Sugar	0.1	-29.2%	-14.3%	-	-70%	0.7%	(1)	`2
Cotton	0.5	-21.9%	-15.8%	3.8%	-130%	-0.1%	(4)	(3
Coffee	1.2	15.5%	12.3%	-	274%	0.0%	1	(3
Soybean Oil	0.3	-14.9%	-14.5%	1.2%	-79%	-1.2%	(4)	(3
Cocoa	2,230	-24.1%	-11.5%	-	-68%	0.0%	(4)	4
Aluminium	1,572	-7.5%	-10.3%	-4.5%	14%	-0.4%	0	(4
Copper (COMEX)	2.2	-15.4%	-17.1%	-29.9%	11%	0.9%	2	(2
Copper (LME)	4,802	-16.0%	-17.7%	47.5%	-22%	-0.1%	(4)	(2
inc.	1,846	-12.3%	-20.4%	182.7%	-5%	-0.2%	(4)	(4
Nickel	11,180	-11.3%	-23.3%	64.3%	-8%	-0.2%	(4)	(4
.ead	1,653	-11.3%	-16.4%	-16.2%	-11%	-0.4%	(2)	0
in	13,975	-15.7%	-17.4%	-1.7%	-10%	0.1%	0	(2
Gold	1,485	-8.2%	-1.2%	-	-29%	-	(4)	4
Silver	12	-32.6%	-27.6%	-	-56%	-	(4)	4
Platinum	623	-36.4%	-30.9%	-	-62%	-	(4)	(2
Palladium	1,570	-39.0%	-13.0%	-	-85%	-	(4)	0
ive Cattle	1.0	-17.9%	-12.2%	-	-63%	10.2%	(1)	0
ean Hogs	0.6	-7.9%	-8.0%	-	23%	1.1%	1	(4
Feeder Cattle	1.2	-14.3%	-13.5%	-	-92%	1.6%	(1)	(4

Pertormance <sup>2</sup>	- 1 Mth	- 6 Mth	- 12 Mth
All Commodities	-19.8%	-22.3%	-24.4%
Energy	-42.5%	-49.6%	-51.9%
Industrial Metals	-12.6%	-20.3%	-23.3%
Precious Metals	-13.4%	-8.4%	5.8%
Agriculture	-6.8%	-1.7%	-8.1%
MSCI World	-31.0%	-23.8%	-20.6%
US Aggregate Bond	-2.1%	0.6%	6.5%
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#### **CFTC Net Speculative Positioning**



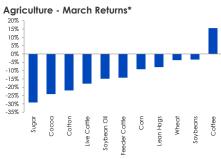
- Information not available. Green = returns positive, inventories falling, positioning rising, roll yield positive. Red = the opposite. Black = neutral. 1 Detailed explanation of the matrix calculations can be found at the end of this report. 2 All prices are futures prices to Friday 20 Mar 20. Broad sector returns based on Bloomberg Commodity Index family. 3 % change in inventory over the post 3 months except for sugar and coffee which are based on post 6 months as data is updated bi-annually by USDA. 4 CFIC futures and LME COTR net positioning as at Mar 17, 2020 and Mar 20, 2020 respectively. % change from previous month. 5 Calculated as % difference between front month and second month futures prices on report date.

## **Sector Overview**



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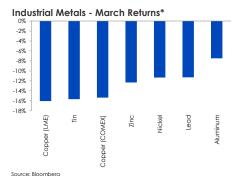
- Coffee prices posted the highest gains among agricultural commodities over the month, rising 15.5%. A
  substantial unwinding of short positions by 51% coupled with the likely delays to the shipment of coffee
  at Brazilian ports and increased retail sector demand for coffee lent a tailwind to coffee prices over the
  period. However according to Brazil's forecasting agency, the upcoming Brazilian coffee crop is
  expected to be high at just shy of 62 million bags, which should ease the currently tight physical market
  in Brazil. The coronavirus also remains a risk on the demand side.
- Cotton prices sold off sharply last month, down 22%. Concerns over an economic downturn owing to
  the coronavirus is expected to weigh on the textiles industry. Lockdowns in numerous countries is
  leading to supply disruptions which is also impacting demand from the sector. In addition, the sharp fall
  in oil prices are making chemical fibres that compete with cotton cheaper, which is also likely to
  dampen the demand outlook for cotton.



Source: Bloomberg

#### Industrial Metals

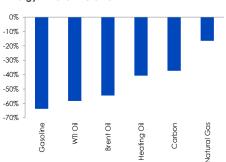
• Industrial metals faced a sharp decline by 12.6% last month, owing to concerns over weakening demand due to the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. The demand shock originating from the COVID 19 outbreak is likely to outweigh the supply disruptions during the first half of 2020 for most industrial metals. The impact of the virus is only just starting to be observed in some of the main metals' producer countries such as Chile, Peru, Australia, Brazil and most recently South Africa where production could be suspended. The collapse in demand which was originally seen in China where the COVID-19 outbreak began is likely to be repeated globally. In the short term we expect base metals to continue to remain under pressure. However as base metal prices continue to decline relative to producer costs of production, we expect supply to be negatively impacted as it will be unsustainable for producers to maintain production. From that point on, we expect to inventory builds to discontinue especially for commodities produced outside of China which should help moderate the size of the overall surplus. Over the medium to long term we remain bullish on industrial metals.



#### Eneray

- Events over 5th and 6th March shook the foundations of the oil market as we know it. Despite OPEC's recommendation to cut oil supply in the face of a deep negative demand shock, Russia OPEC's largest partner did not agree. It was an all or nothing deal. Not only will the 1.5mn barrels of cuts the market was expecting not come to the fore, the 2.1mn barrels of cuts already in place will expire at the end of this month. This represents a twin shock: supply is rising at a rapid pace and demand is falling in the face of a sudden stop in global activity as we all socially distance ourselves.
- Volatility in Brent oil (measured by option-implied volatility) has reached unprecedented levels, surpassing the levels seen in the Great Financial Crisis of 2008 for example. On 18th March 2020, WTI oil price fell 24% and on 19th March, it rose 24%. The twin shocks are causing unusual price swings as the market tries to factor in the impact of demand stimulus and supply responses from producer countries.
- The sudden drop in prices has created extreme contango in both Brent and WTI futures. That is a marked departure from the mild backwardation we saw last month. It's hard to see demand return quickly in an era of social distancing. Economic stimulus will help restore demand later this year, when businesses are allowed to operate as normal, but the supply glut could continue as long as Saudi Arabia continues to wage a price war with Russia. Eventually the nimbler production that we see in the US (relative to the rest of the world) could scale back and reduce the scale of the glut.
- With the decline in economic activity in Europe, carbon futures price has declined close to 37% in the past month. There is potential for a glut in emission allowances to build up.

#### Energy - March Returns\*

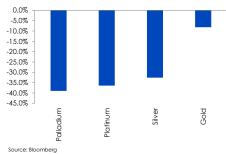


Source: Bloomberg

#### Precious Metal

- Large drawdowns in equity markets last month led investors to seek liquidity from the safe havens in their portfolios. This created selling pressures on gold causing its price to fall in a period of severe market volatility. This is not surprising and is something we witnessed during the global financial crisis too when gold fell in October 2008 but subsequently rose by 170% between November 2008 and August 2011. Given the sheer uncertainty in the coming months for the global economy, we believe gold's recent price behaviour has created an attractive entry point for long-term investors who use gold as an inflation hedge. The price of gold rebounded strongly on Monday 23 March following the US Federal Reserve's third emergency meeting in March, in which the central bank announced an expansion of its asset purchases, as well as on expectations of a significant fiscal stimulus from the US government. If these policy measures are able to induce and sustain calmness in markets, liquidity driven selling pressures will ease from gold allowing the metal to truly shine.
- Silver, platinum and palladium are increasingly industrial in nature and have therefore directly been impacted by the lockdown in global economic activity being enforced by governments to fight the coronavirus pandemic. The initial price shock is likely to be offset by diminished supply in the coming weeks as lockdowns cut mining supplies. Platinum and palladium made strong gains on Tuesday 24 March as South Africa, which provides around 70% of platinum and 35% of palladium supply globally, announced a 21-day lockdown. The precious metals basket, particularly silver, also typically has a correlation with gold and will therefore also benefit when gold appreciates.

Precious Metals - March Returns\*



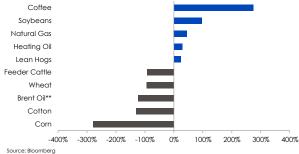
# Technical Overview (as of Mar 20, 2020)



#### Positionina

- Net speculative positioning in coffee futures rose 273.6% as short positions were trimmed substantially by 51%. This was likely due to possible delays to the shipment of coffee at Brazilian ports coupled with higher retail sector demand for coffee.
- Investors turned bearish in cotton, as short positions rose by 84%, resulting in net speculative positions falling by 130% over the period. The outlook of an economic downturn owing to the coronavirus is likely to lead to weakness in the textiles industry.
- Corn futures saw net speculative positioning decline-278% as weaker oil prices make ethanol less attractive as a fuel, which in the US is largely made from corn (accounting for 40% of US corn demand).
- Positioning in Brent futures has collapsed to a net negative 38,346 contracts from a
  net positive 166,283 contracts last month. The twin-shock has set in motion very
  bearish sentiment toward the international benchmark for crude oil. Positioning in
  WII had actually risen over the month, potentially indicating that market
  participants were betting on a price reversal. However, we caution the positioning
  data is to 17th March, a day before a 24% drop in price.

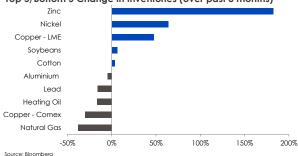
## Top 5/Bottom 5 Change in CFTC Net Positions (over past month)<sup>1</sup>



#### Inventories

- Cotton inventories rose 3.8% over the prior three months. The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) expects global cotton market to show larger production and ending stocks in 2019/20 season.
- Natural gas inventories fell 37% over the past three months as the cold season comes to an end. However, this is at the high end of seasonal trends, which should place downward pressure on prices.
- Zinc inventories have risen the most among industrial metals by 83% over the prior three months. Zinc has seen mining production expand noticeably of late.
- Nickel and copper inventories rose 64% and 47% over the prior three months as stockpiles build up owing to a falling demand originating from the COVID 19 outbreak.

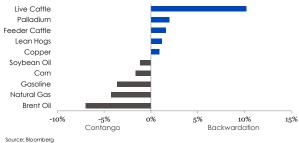
#### Top 5/Bottom 5 Change in Inventories (over past 3 months)<sup>2</sup>



#### Curve Dynamics

- The front end of the COMEX copper futures curve has moved from contango into backwardation within a month, yielding a positive roll yield of 0.4% from -0.3%.
- Live cattle futures have the steepest backwardation, providing a roll yield of 10.2% driven by relatively weak demand and ample feed cattle supplies. The front end of the corn futures curve remains in contango with a negative roll yield -1.6%.
- Front-month roll yields on Brent futures contracts are -7.0% at the moment, a sharp reversal from the +0.9% last month. The change of fortunes for global oil is leaving a supply glut. This glut means that investors can buy oil for immediate delivery at a significant discount to oil for delivery in the next month.

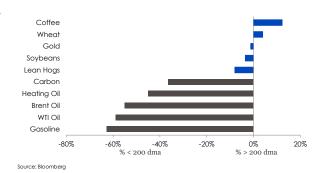
### Top 5/Bottom 5 Roll Yields (front to next month)<sup>3</sup>



#### Technical

- Brent, WTI and gasoline are all close to 60% below their respective 200 day-moving averages, highlighting the deep change in price trends for the petroleum complex.
- Coffee is trading 12.3% above its 50 and 200dma due to possible delays of the shipments of coffee at Brazilian ports. However, the prospect of a very high crop in Brazil and the weak Brazilian Real is likely to weigh on prices in the future.
- After a challenging month for the precious metal with selling pressures arising from investors' liquidity needs, gold was trading at 1.2% below its 200-dma on Friday 20 March.

### Top 5/Bottom 5 Price Diff to 200 day moving av. (dma)<sup>4</sup>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> CFTC futures net positioning as at report date, percent change from previous month, <sup>2</sup> Percent change in inventory based on 3 month change (in %).
<sup>3</sup> Roll yields calculated as percent change between front month futures price and next month futures price on Mar 20, 2020.

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<sup>4</sup> Percent difference between the front month futures price and its 200 day moving average on Mar 20, 2020.

# **Summary Tables**



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PRICES <sup>1</sup>	Current	Unit	1 Monin	3 MONIN	6 Month	1 Year	ROLL YIELDS <sup>2</sup>	Unit	Exchange	20-Mar	1 Week	1 Month	3 Mon
Energy	22	UCD /bbl	EQ 207	/0.007	/ 1 407	/O F97	Energy	LISD/bbl	NIVATV	0.007	1 007	0.007	0.397
WTI Oil Brent Oil	22 27	USD/bbl. USD/bbl.	-58.3% -54.5%	-62.9% -59.2%	-61.4% -58.0%	-62.5% -60.6%	WTI Oil Brent Oil	USD/bbl. USD/bbl.	NYMEX ICE	-0.9% -7.0%	-1.2% -4.5%	-0.2% 0.9%	0.3% 1.4%
Natural Gas	1.6	USD/MMBtu	-16.5%	-31.1%	-36.7%	-43.1%	Natural Gas	USD/MMBtu	NYMEX	-4.2%	-4.5% -1.7%	-0.6%	0.8%
Gasoline	0.6	USd/gal.	-63.7%	-64.5%	-36.7 <i>%</i> -63.9%	-43.1 <i>%</i> -68.4%	Gasoline	USd/gal.	NYMEX	-3.6%	-1.6%	-0.6 <i>%</i> -6.4%	-0.1%
Heating Oil	1.0	USd/gal.	-40.7%	-50.2%	-49.3%	-49.9%	Heating Oil	USd/gal.	NYMEX	-0.7%	-0.7%	0.3%	0.1%
Carbon	16.0	EUR/MT	-37.3%	-39.6%	-39.5%	-25.5%	Carbon	EUR/MT	ICE	0.0%	-0.1%	-0.1%	-0.1%
Agriculture	10.0	LON/IVII	-07.076	-37.070	-37.376	-23.570	Agriculture	LOR/WII	ICE	0.076	-0.176	-0.176	-0.176
Wheat	5.4	USd/bu.	-3.7%	-0.6%	11.4%	16.0%	Wheat	USd/bu.	CBOT	0.7%	1.7%	0.1%	-0.7%
Corn	3.4	USd/bu.	-9.2%	-11.3%	-7.3%	-7.5%	Corn	USd/bu.	СВОТ	-1.6%	1.4%	-1.1%	-1.6%
Soybeans	8.6	USd/bu.	-3.4%	-7.1%	-2.3%	-4.8%	Soybeans	USd/bu.	CBOT	-0.3%	-0.2%	-0.9%	-1.1%
Sugar	0.1	USd/lb.	-29.2%	-19.4%	-1.6%	-14.4%	Sugar	USd/lb.	NYBOT	0.7%	0.5%	3.1%	-0.7%
Cotton	0.5	USd/lb.	-21.9%	-21.0%	-9.2%	-28.9%	Cotton	USd/lb.	NYBOT	-0.1%	-0.4%	-0.9%	-1.5%
Coffee	1.2	USd/lb.	15.5%	-8.4%	21.6%	26.3%	Coffee	USd/lb.	NYBOT	0.0%	0.3%	-1.3%	-1.7%
Soybean Oil	0.3	USd/lb.	-14.9%	-24.1%	-12.4%	-12.4%	Soybean Oil	USd/lb.	CBOT	-1.2%	-1.0%	-1.1%	-0.8%
Cocoa	2,230	USD/MT	-24.1%	-7.7%	-9.8%	4.1%	Cocoa	USD/MT	NYBOT	0.0%	2.4%	2.8%	-0.6%
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Aluminum	1,572	USD/MT	-7.5%	-11.8%	-12.0%	-18.4%	Aluminum	USD/MT	LME	-0.4%	-0.7%	-0.5%	-0.6%
Copper	2.2	USd/lb.	-15.4%	-22.1%	-15.4%	-24.9%	Copper	USd/lb.	COMEX	0.9%	0.4%	-0.3%	0.2%
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Lead	1,653	USD/MT	-11.3%	-14.3%	-21.9%	-18.9%	Lead	USD/MT	LME	-0.4%	-0.4%	-0.1%	-0.49
Tin	13,975	USD/MT	-15.7%	-19.5%	-16.5%	-34.8%	Tin	USD/MT	LME	0.1%	-0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Precious Metals							Precious Meta	ıls					
Gold	1,485	USD/t oz.	-8.2%	0.7%	-1.6%	14.1%	Gold	USD/t oz.	COMEX	-0.2%	-0.2%	-0.2%	-0.49
Silver	12.3	USD/t oz.	-32.6%	-27.9%	-30.4%	-19.0%	Silver	USD/t oz.	COMEX	-0.3%	-0.3%	-0.5%	-0.69
Platinum	623	USD/t oz.	-36.4%	-31.9%	-34.0%	-27.6%	Platinum	USD/t oz.	NYMEX	-0.1%	-0.1%	-0.5%	-0.79
Palladium	1,570	USD/t oz.	-39.0%	-13.2%	-3.5%	-0.7%	Palladium	USD/t oz.	NYMEX	2.0%	2.0%	0.2%	0.09
Livestock							Livestock						
Live Cattle	1.0	USd/lb.	-17.9%	-19.3%	-0.7%	-23.9%	Live Cattle	USd/lb.	CME	10.2%	6.5%	0.8%	-2.89
Lean Hogs	0.6	USd/lb.	-7.9%	-12.9%	2.0%	-16.6%	Lean Hogs	USd/lb.	CME	1.1%	-10.1%	-10.2%	-8.89
Feeder Cattle	1.2	USd/lb.	-14.3%	-16.3%	-14.0%	-15.1%	Feeder Cattle	USd/lb.	CME	1.6%	0.4%	-1.2%	-0.1%
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WTI Oil		437,850	449,173	410,285	459,460	441,121	Oil - US		455,360	-2.1%	3%	3%	9%
Brent Oil**		-38,346	196,905	166,283	233,028	112,834	Oil - OECD Euro	pe**	353	3%	-0.8%	-0.8%	-2%
Natural Gas		-124,483	-114,126	-226,077	-118,573	-27,972	Natural Gas - D	OE	2,005	10.6%	-14%	-38%	-379
Gasoline		83,190	74,293	118,334	53,186	85,991	Gasoline - DOE		239,282	-1.2%	-8%	0%	4%
Heating Oil		-14,213	13,415	-19,986	876	-13,752	Heating Oil - DO		9,669	-19%	-1%	-17%	-129
griculture							Industrial Metal						
Wheat		3,366	-38,988	60,302	5,454	-61,268	Aluminum		1,603,919	-30%	8%	-5%	30%
Corn		-61,169	35,994	-16,186	-116,717	-198,282	Aluminum - LMI	Ē	1,069,925	-42%	-7%	-28%	19%
Soybeans		-2,026	32,697	-56,409	-15,911	-41,766	Aluminium - SHF		533,994	17%	58%	176%	58%
Sugar		61,105	49,690	202,197	-201,001	-65,605	Copper		633,118	16%	39%	96%	35%
Cotton		-11,090	53,520	37,489	-13,753	8,313	Copper - LME		227,875	-10%	38%	48%	-219
Coffee		8,879	-15,283	-5,114	-28,791	-66,184	Copper - SHFE		377,247	101%	44%	192%	1679
Soybean Oil		10,759	37,920	50,404	50,034	28,607	Copper - COM	EX	27,996	-73%	-3%	-30%	-329
Cocoa		26,032	20,630	80,931	-8,280	-22,607	Nickel - LME		230,724	-28%	3%	64%	49%
dustrial Metals <sup>5</sup>							Zinc		241,525	-41%	22%	183%	70%
Copper (COMEX)		-36,825	1,648	-41,362	-36,116	17,063	Zinc - LME		73,200	-74%	-3%	39%	169
Copper (LME)		29,674	34,963	37,952	16,190	46,635	Zinc - SHFE		168,325	37%	38%	416%	112
Aluminum		183,735	157,154	161,575	150,984	155,597	Lead		93,514	-45%	-10%	-16%	-19
Nickel		25,902	20,473	28,256	32,956	18,760	Lead - LME		71,000	-50%	6%	6%	-49
Zinc Zinc		37,107	44,563	39,001	25,527	64,728	Lead - SHFE		22,514	-27%	-39%	-49%	9%
		51,233	52,669	57,368	51,554	49,047	Tin		11,224	27%	-22%	-2%	-2%
Lead		8,824	8,158	9,785	8,547	10,041	Tin - LME		6,390	50%	-14%	-14%	-3%
			_				Tin - SHFE		4,834	5%	-31%	20%	-19
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rin cious Metals		276,313	163,725	388,803	328,309	112,127	Agriculture						
Tin cious Metals Gold		276,313 35,799	163,725 40,225	388,803 80,646	328,309 62,950	112,127 22,071	Agriculture Wheat - USDA		287,140	46.5%	-0.3%	-0.8%	0.29
Tin ecious Metals Gold Silver									287,140 297,340	46.5% 104%	-0.3% 0.2%	-0.8% -1.1%	
Tin ecious Metals Gold Silver Platinum		35,799	40,225	80,646	62,950	22,071	Wheat - USDA	)A					-2.9
Tin ecious Metals Gold Silver Platinum Palladium		35,799 23,948	40,225 25,342	80,646 63,093	62,950 35,659	22,071 19,825	Wheat - USDA Corn - USDA	)A	297,340	104%	0.2%	-1.1%	0.2% -2.99 3% 4%
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TPerformance of front month futures from 20 Mar 19 (1 Year), 20 Sep 19 (6 Month), 20 Dec 19 (3 Month) and 20 Feb 20 (1 Month) to 20 Mar 20. 2Roll return non-annualised from front month futures into second "month on 20 Dec 19 (3 Month), 20 Feb 20 (1 Month), 13 Mar 20 (1 Week), 20 Mar 20.

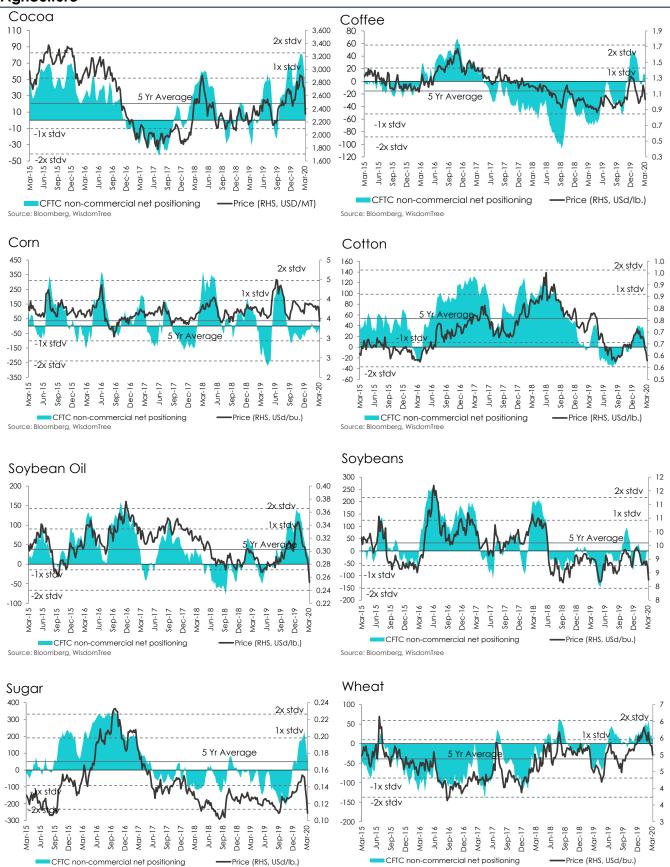
<sup>3</sup>Net positions in number of contracts. <sup>4</sup>Current inventories relative to 1, 3, 4 months ago. Under the column "5 yr average" is the current inventory level relative to 5 year average inventory. For energy, 5 yr average is the average of the same month as report month over the past 5 years. SHFE started reporting inventory data from April 2015. 5All Industrial metals positioning data (excluding copper) is sourced from LME COTR data in Bloomberg from 30 January 2018 (first available date) under post-MIFID rules. \*\*Brent 5 Yr average of net positions from January 2011 as positions were not reported by CFTC before then and inventory data (OECD) reported with 3 month lag with current = Dec 2019.

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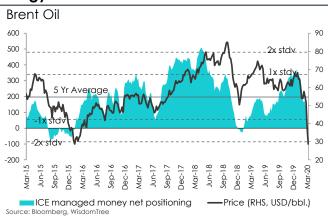
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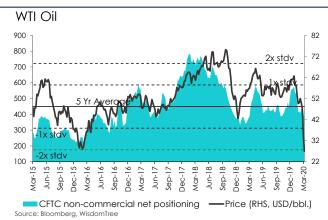


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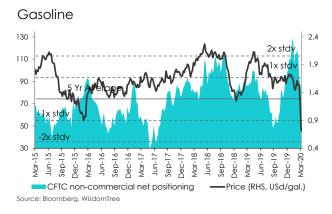


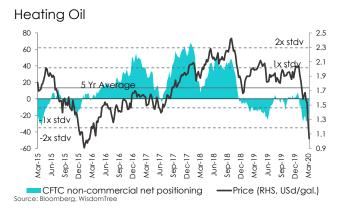
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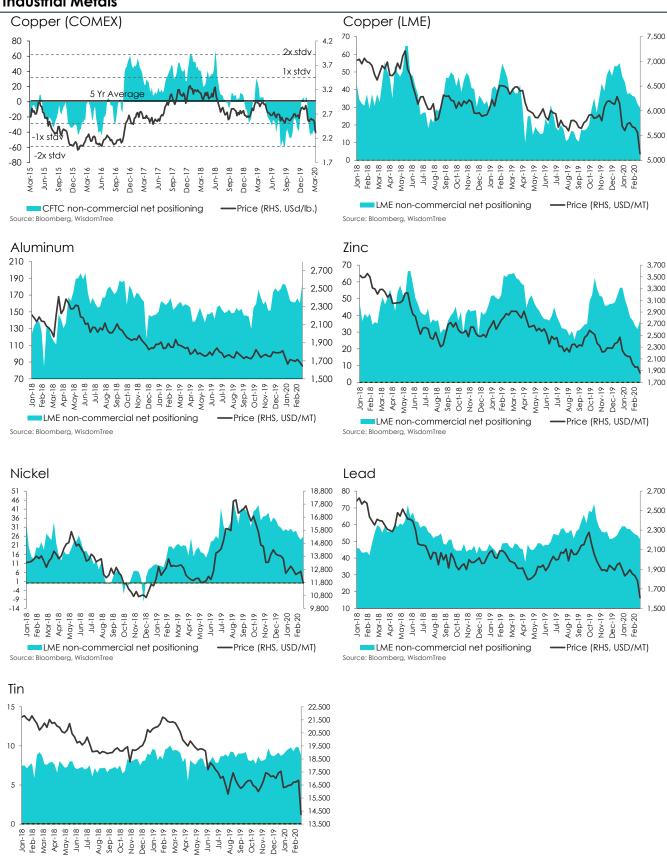
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### **Industrial Metals**

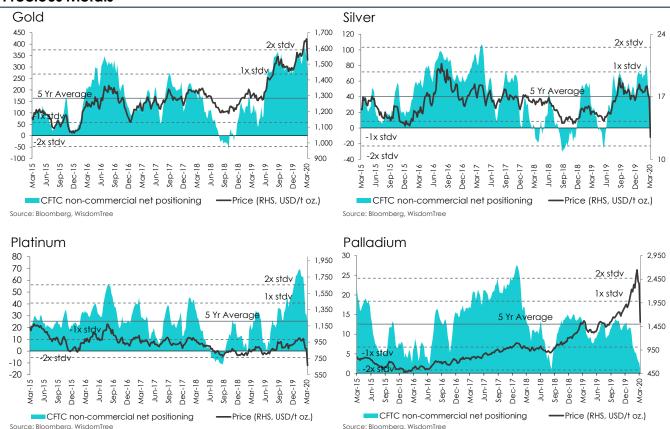


LME non-commercial net positioning

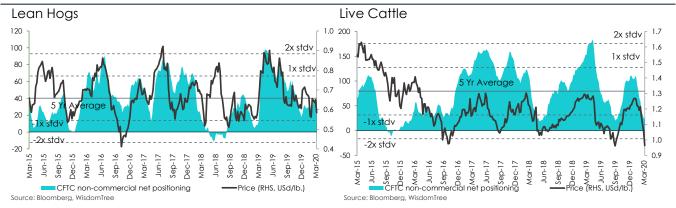
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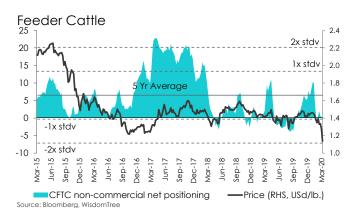
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### Livestock



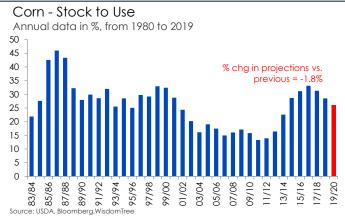
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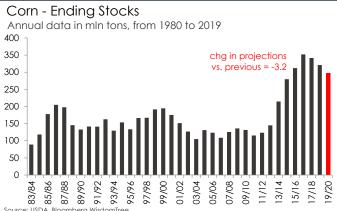


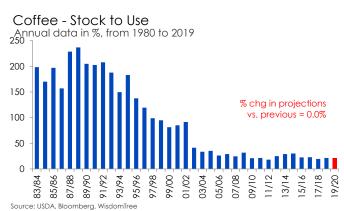


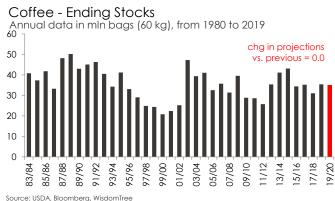
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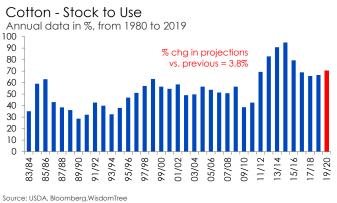
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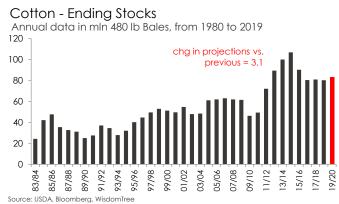


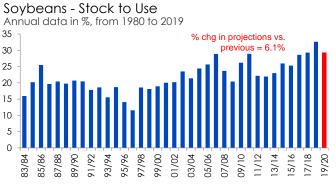


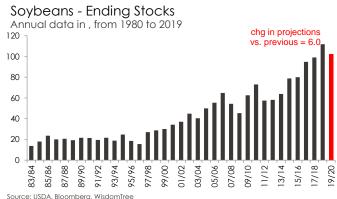






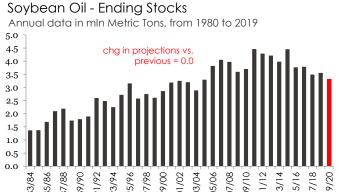


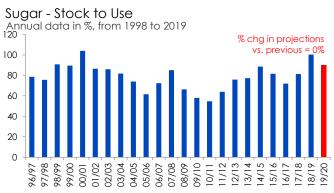


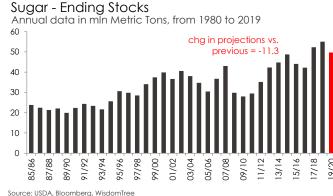




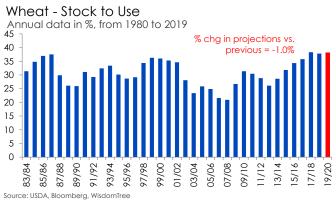
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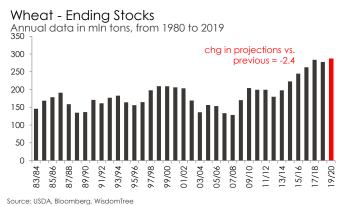






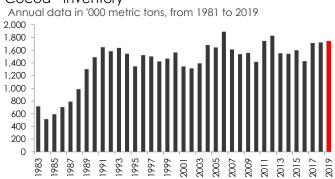
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Cocoa - Inventory

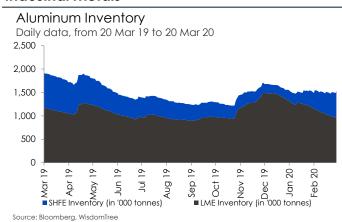
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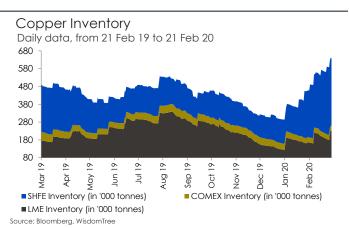


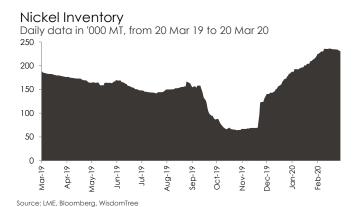
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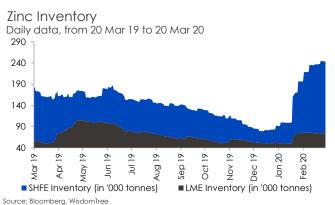


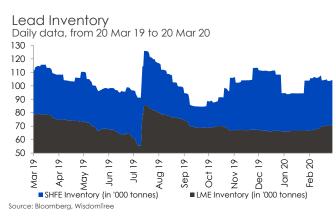
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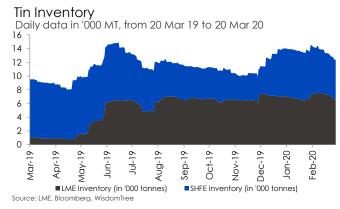




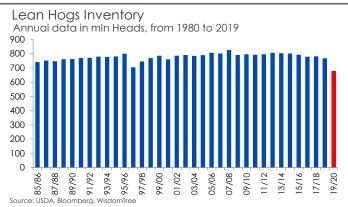


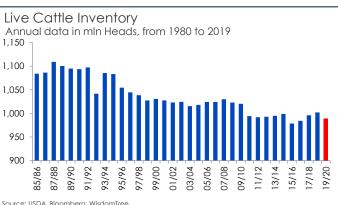






## Livestock

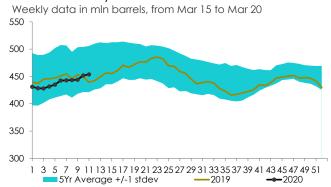






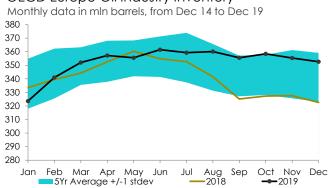
### **Energy**

### **US Oil Inventory**



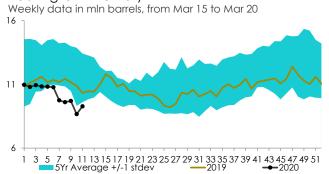
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### OECD Europe Oil Industry Inventory



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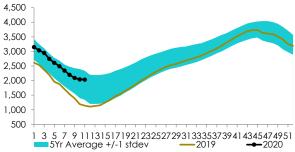
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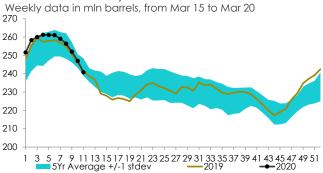
### Natural Gas Inventory





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### Gasoline Inventory

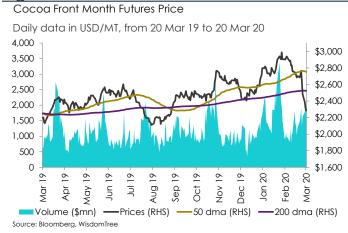


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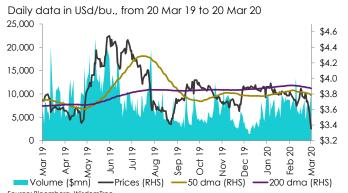


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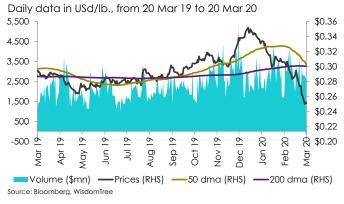
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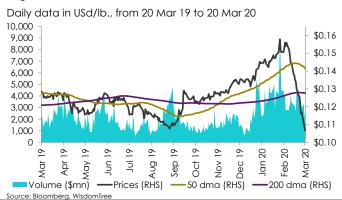
#### Corn Front Month Futures Price



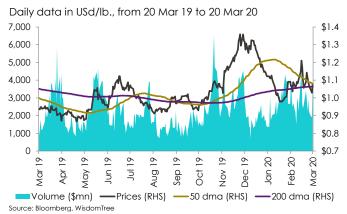
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#### Sugar Front Month Futures Price



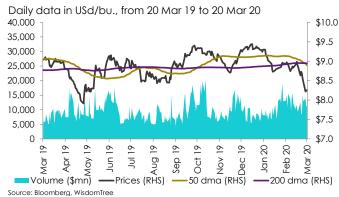
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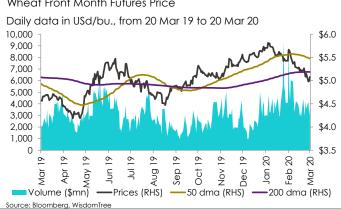
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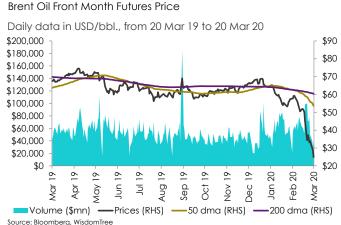


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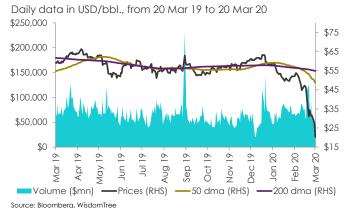




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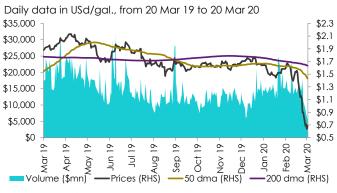
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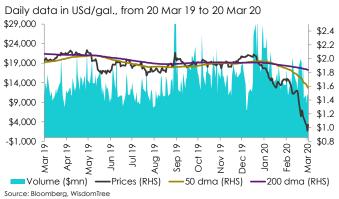
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Gasoline Front Month Futures Price



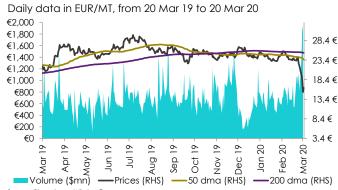
Heating Oil Front Month Futures Price



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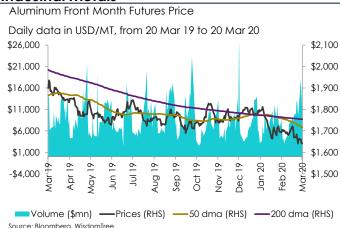




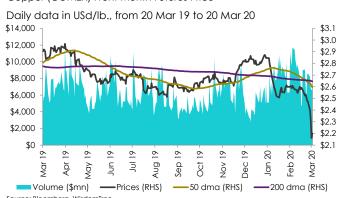
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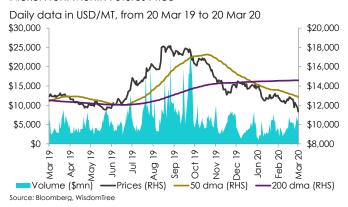
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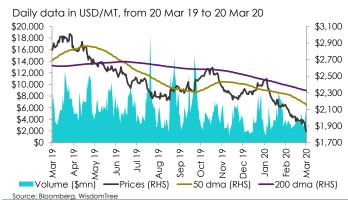




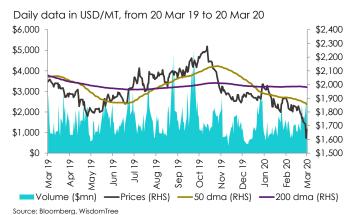
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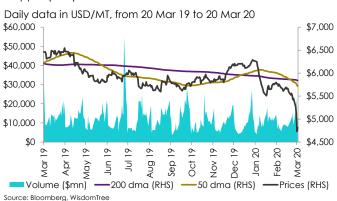
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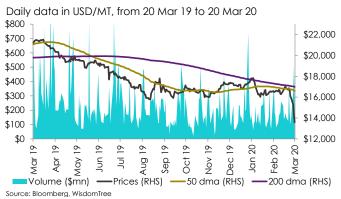
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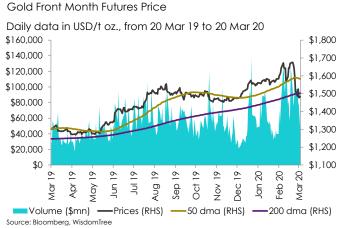
### Tin Front Month Futures Price





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### **Precious Metals**



#### Silver Front Month Futures Price Daily data in USD/t oz., from 20 Mar 19 to 20 Mar 20 \$20,000 \$20 \$18,000 \$19 \$16,000 \$18 \$14,000 \$17 \$12,000 \$16 \$10,000 \$15 \$8,000 \$14 \$6,000 \$13 \$4,000 \$12 \$2,000 \$11

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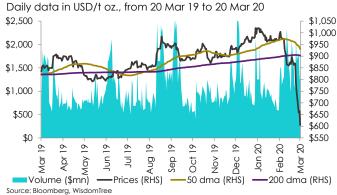
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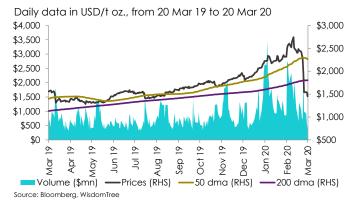
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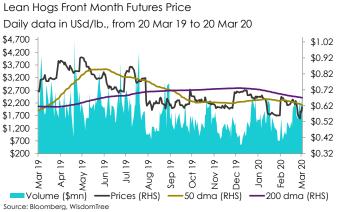
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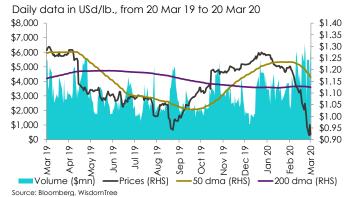
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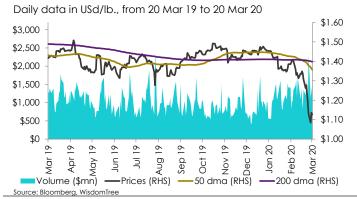
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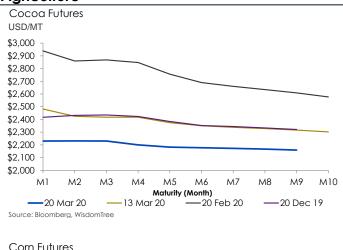
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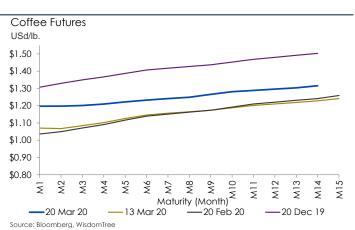


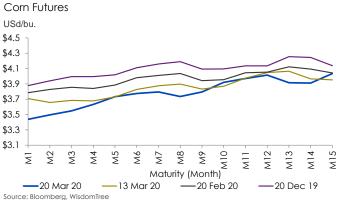


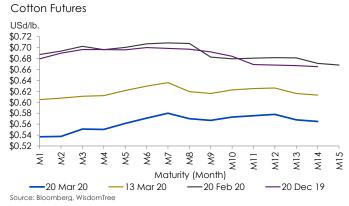
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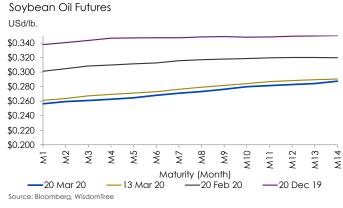


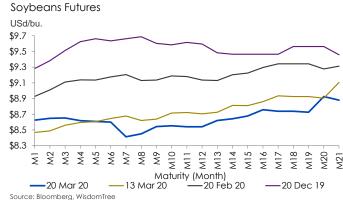


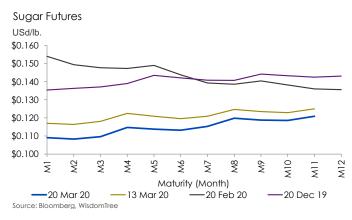


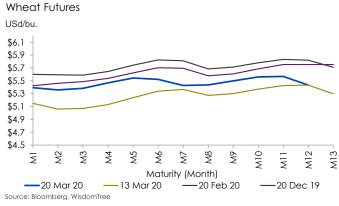






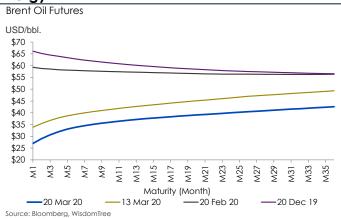


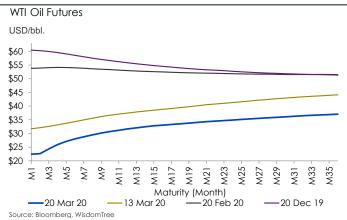




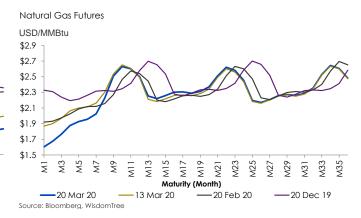


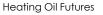


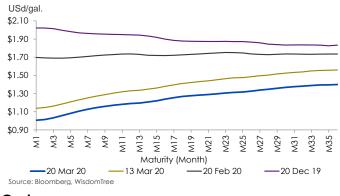




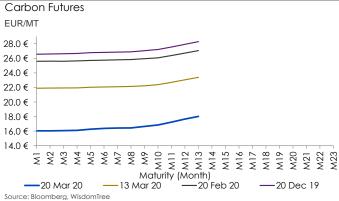
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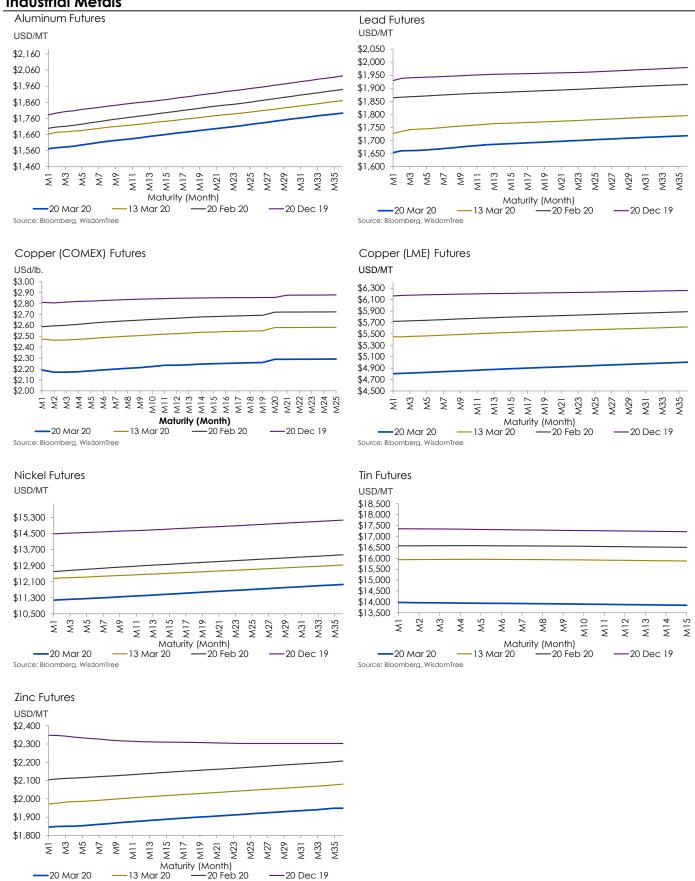


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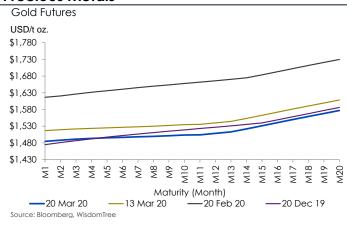


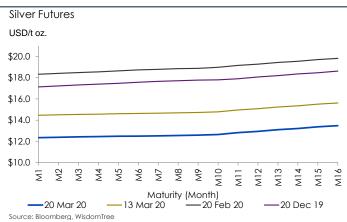
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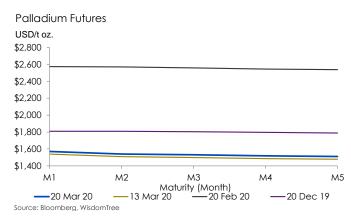


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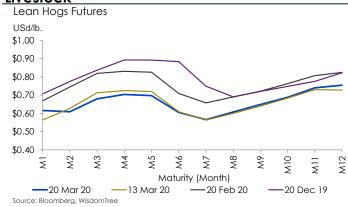


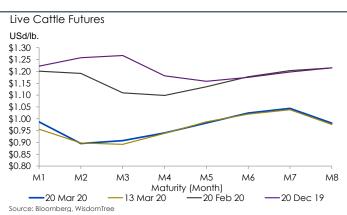


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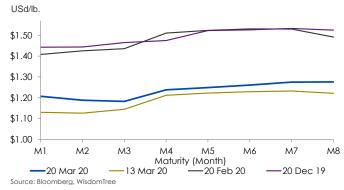


### <u>Livestock</u>





### Feeder Cattle Futures





### **Commodity Monthly Matrix Explained**

Score based on unweighted sum of four fundamental/technical measures detailed below with each measure awarded a possible score of -1, 0, or 1 depending on whether variable is viewed as fundamentally negative, neutral or positive. Score ranging from -4 to +4. For commodities where data is not available or not relevant, scores are calculated on remaining variables and adjusted to the -4 to +4 scale. The score matrix is designed to highlight significant changes in key variables but should not be viewed as predictor of performance.

The four fundamental/technical measures are as follow:

- price vs. 200 days moving average: 1 when price is above 200dma and return is positive, -1 when price is below 200dma and return is negative, 0 otherwise
- % change in net positioning over the past month: 1 when % change is positive, -1 when % change is negative, 0 when no change
- % change in inventory level over the past 3 months: 1 when % is negative, -1 when % is positive, 0 when no change
- roll yield between the front and second month futures contracts: 1 when in backwardation, -1 when in contango, 0 when no change

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