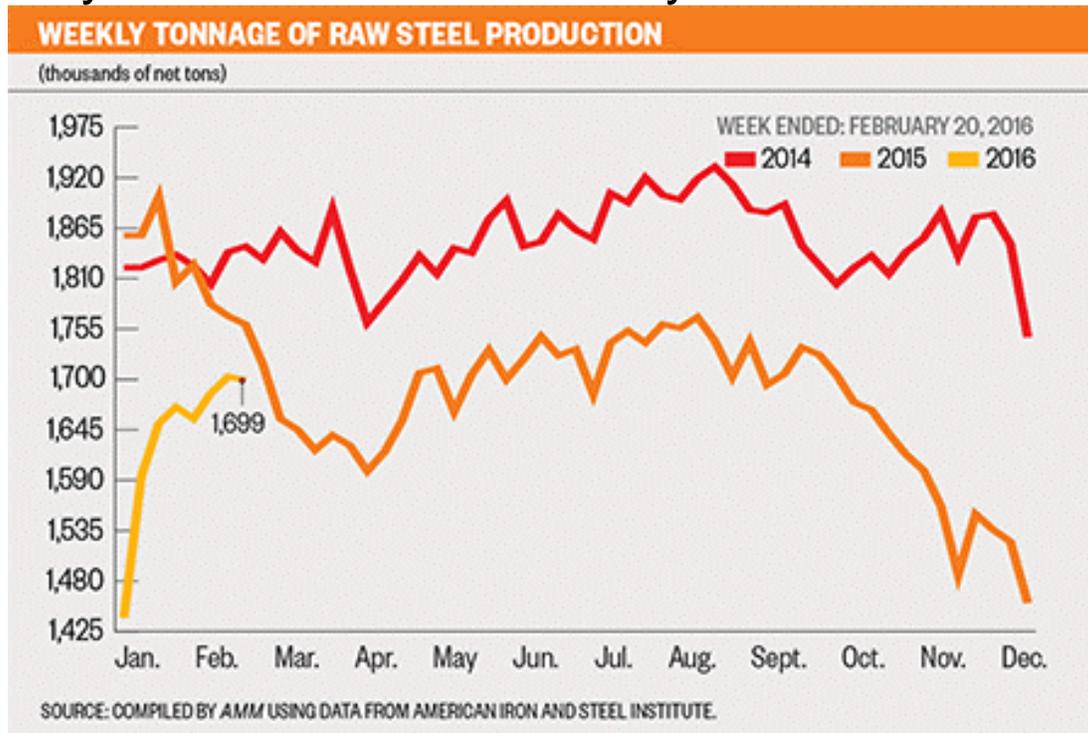


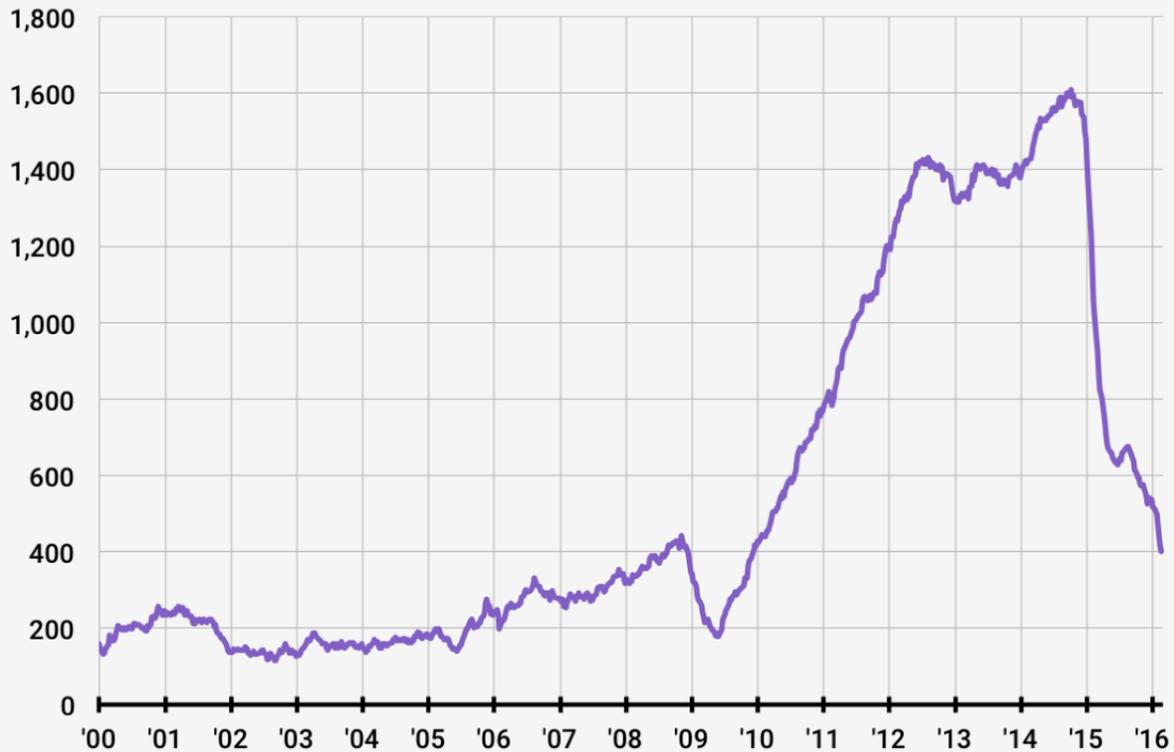
This is the Scrap Metal & Commodities Recycling report, by BENLEE Roll off and Open Top Trailers and Raleigh and Goldsboro Metal Recycling, February 29th, 2016.

In this report, stabilization continued in most commodity markets and one of the world's richest men had very positive things to say about the U.S. economy.



Steel production in the U.S. came down a bit last week, but remains well above where it was just two months ago. Steel production is up a nice approx. 13% from the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of last year.

# US OIL RIG COUNT



SOURCE: Baker Hughes

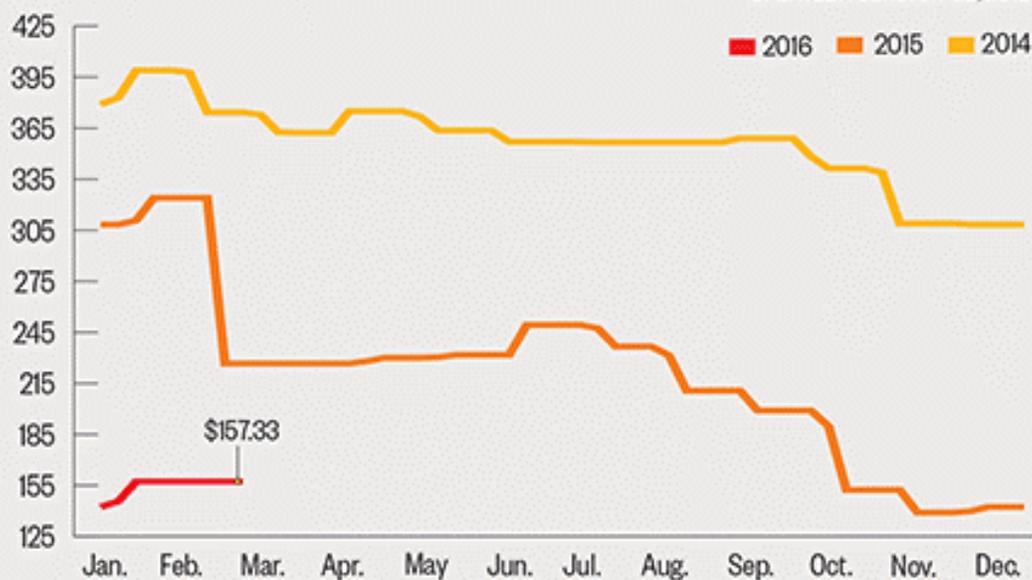
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Oil rigs, major steel users, continue their downward march. The oil rig count is now down more than 75% from about 16 months ago. With oil prices low, the rig count will not increase any time soon, but should stabilize in the coming weeks.

## AMM WEEKLY NO. 1 HEAVY MELT PRICE COMPOSITE

(price per gross ton)

UPDATED: FEBRUARY 26, 2016

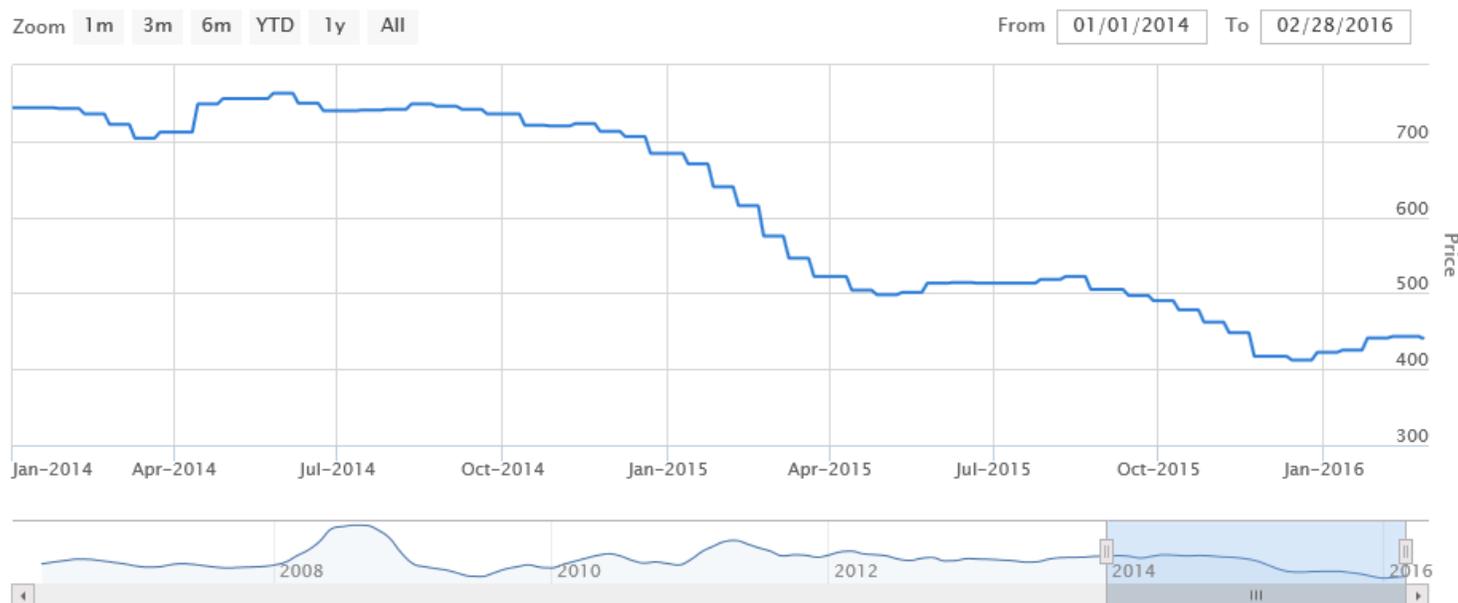


BASED ON NO. 1 HEAVY MELTING STEEL AT PITTSBURGH, CHICAGO AND PHILADELPHIA.

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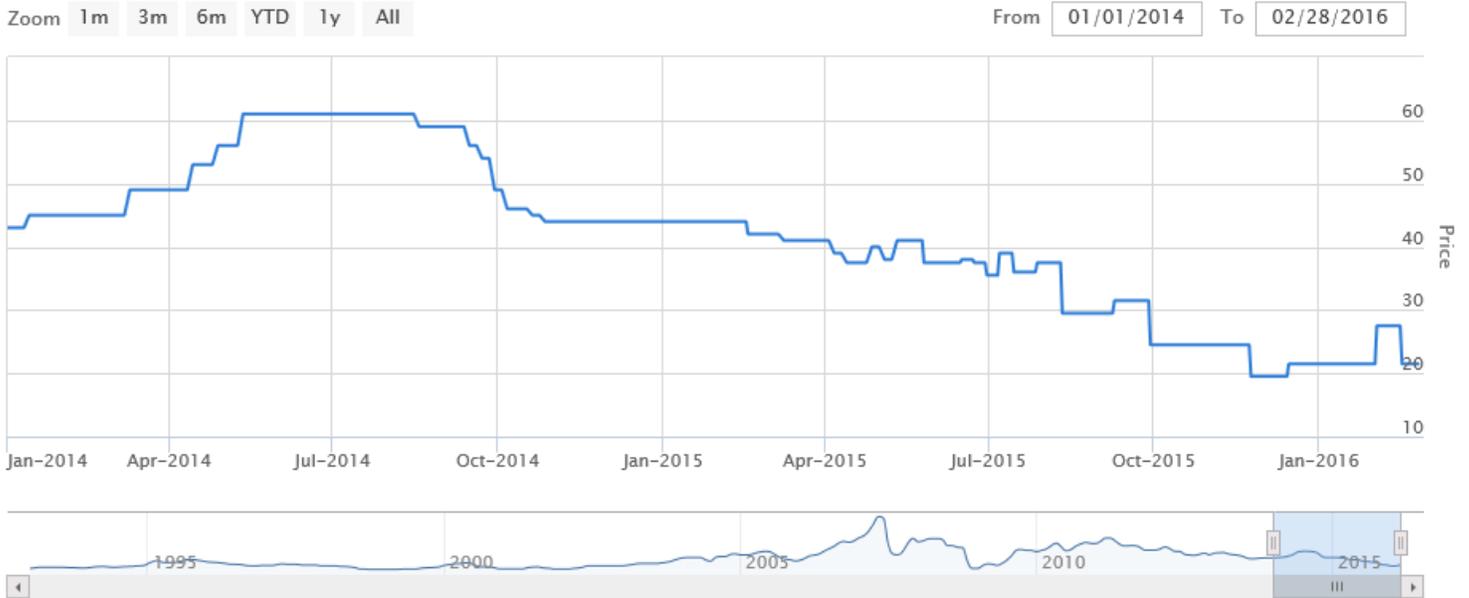
Scrap steel prices remain steady and it is not clear what will happen to prices this week. Two weeks ago, most were saying prices could be down a bit in March, but last week, that changed to most saying there will be no change, and some saying prices could be up a bit.

## Hot Roll Coil Steel Slightly Down



Hot rolled coil prices came down a bit as there is softening in some U.S economic areas and imports ticked up a bit.

# Stainless 304 Scrap Staying Low



Stainless steel scrap prices had a small tick up a couple of weeks ago, but have now stabilized at their multi month low.

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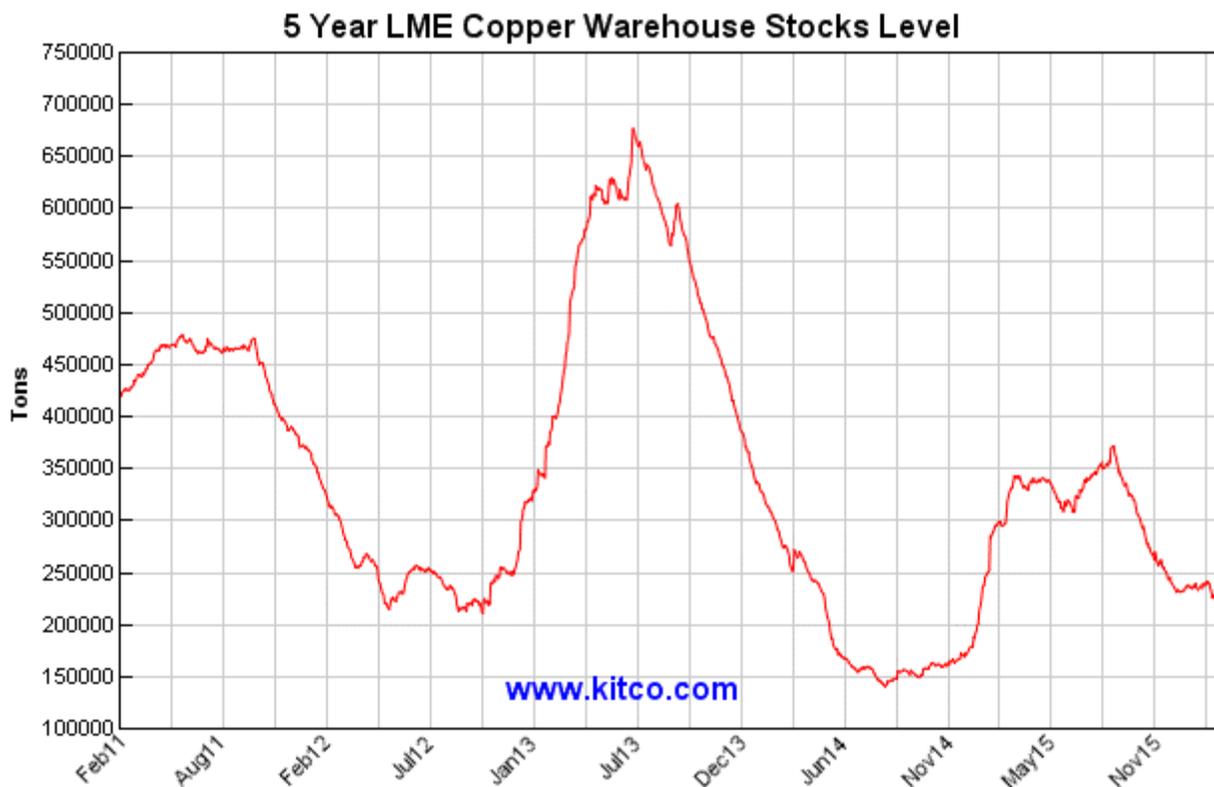


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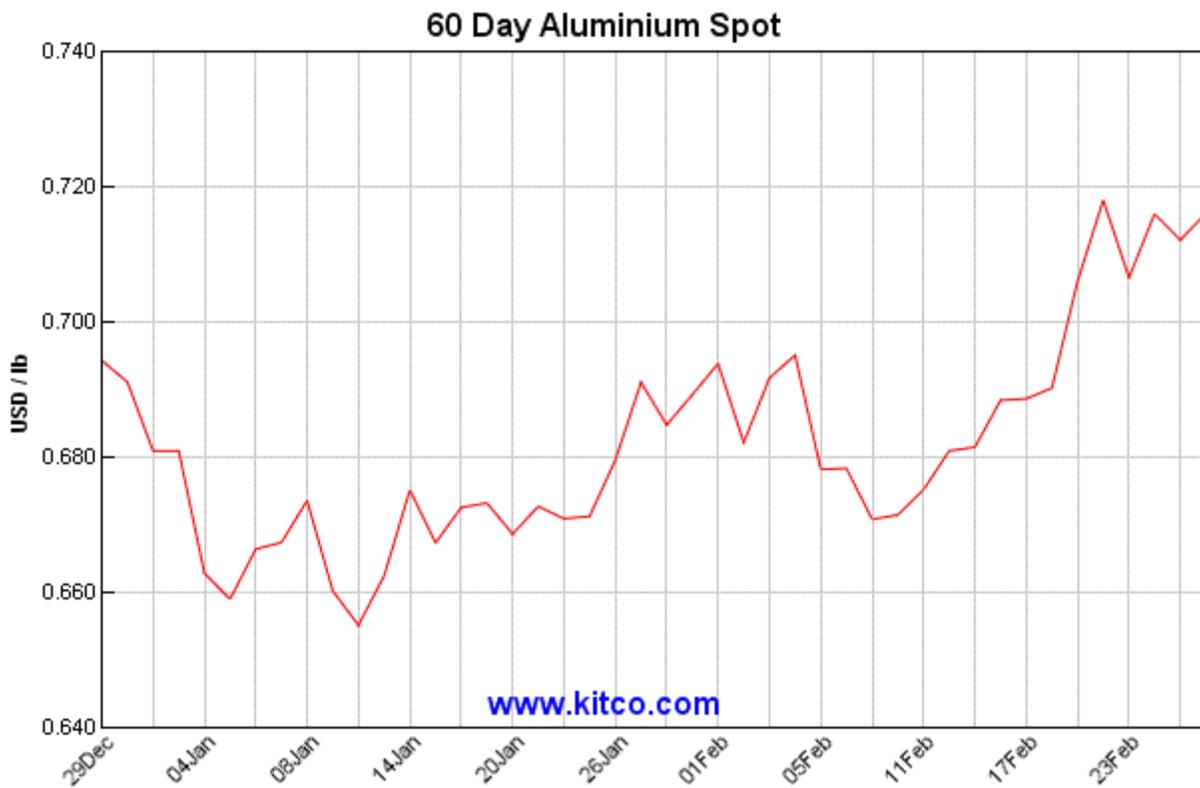
Copper finished up for the week and is near a multi-month high.



The 5 year copper chart shows some stabilization of prices, somewhat above recent lows. This of course is very different after more than 5 years of falling prices.



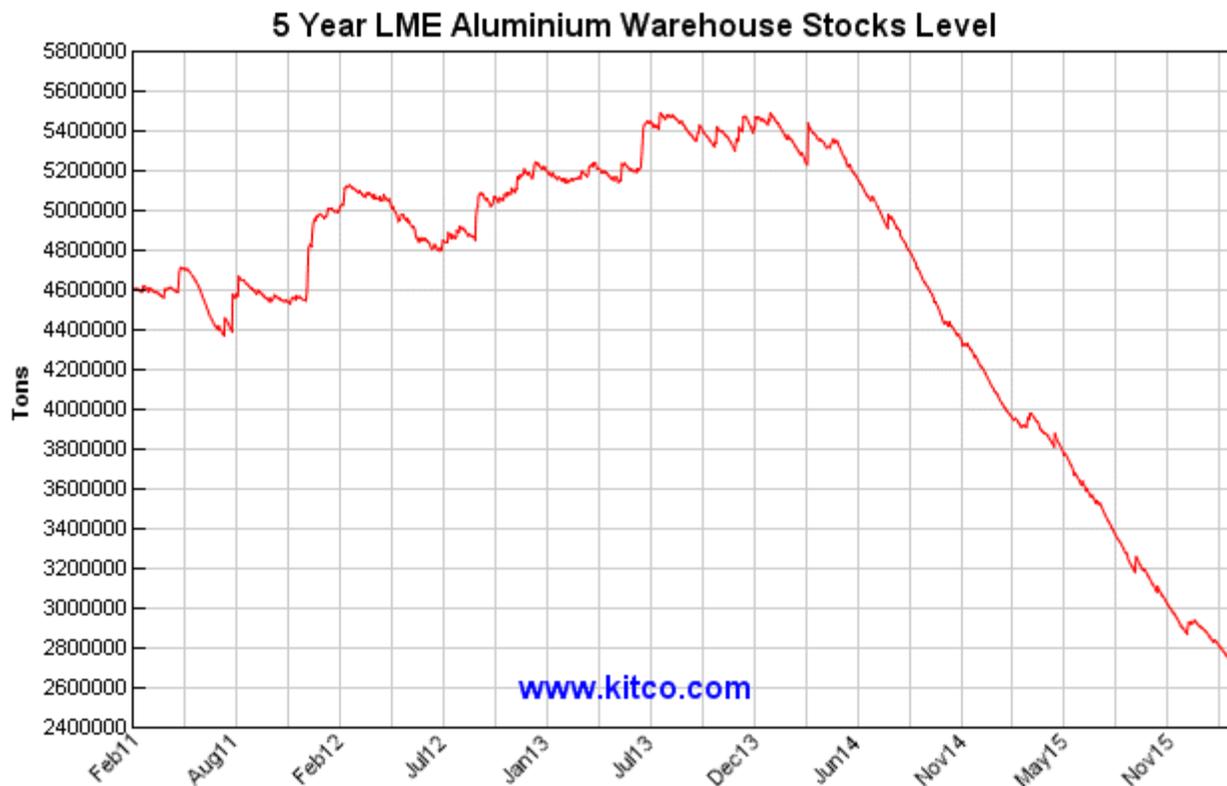
A key reason for steady copper prices are that copper LME inventories are near 5 year lows. Less supply leads to higher and or stable prices.



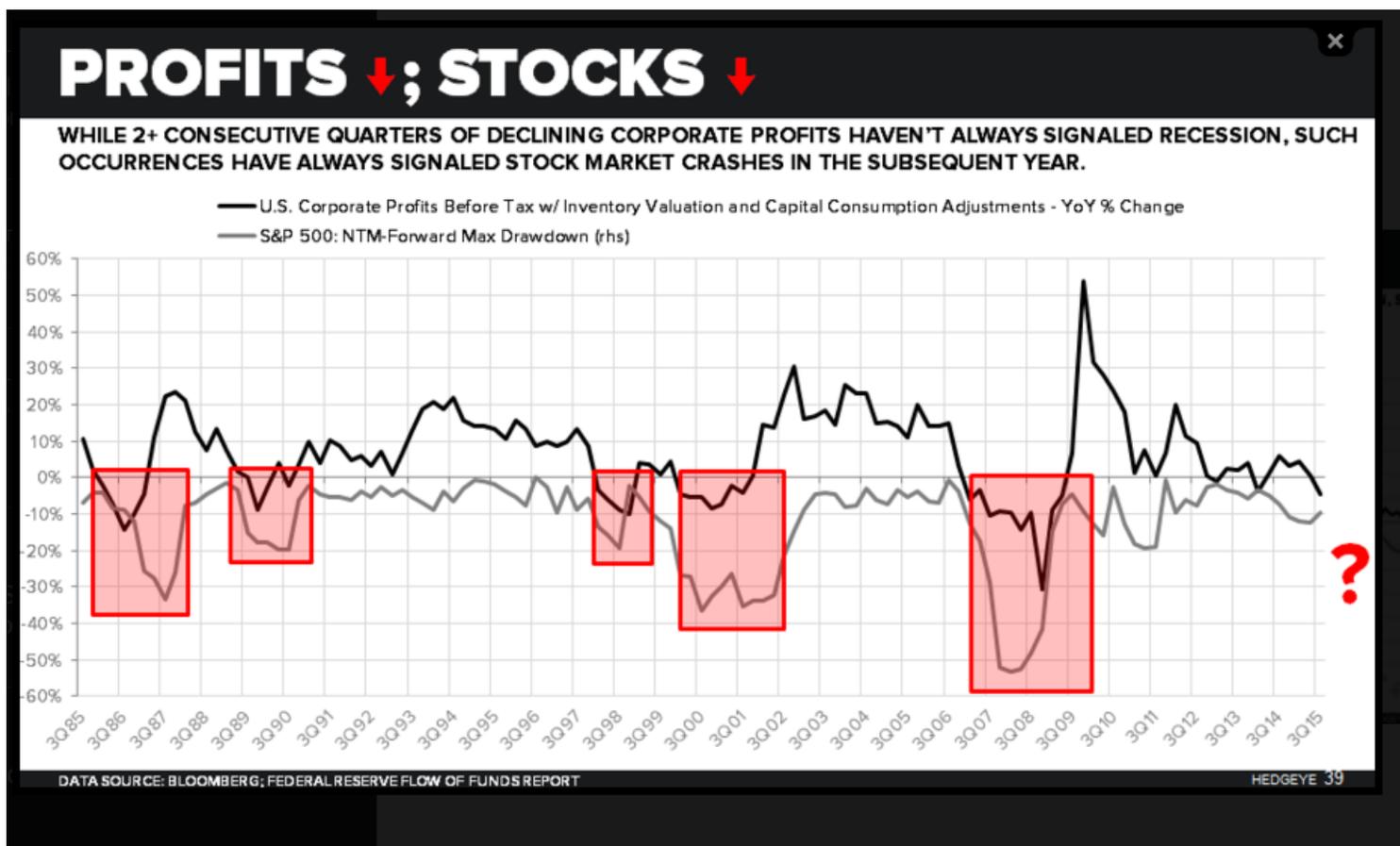
Aluminum also finished up for the week. And is near a multi-month high.



and when looking at this 5 year aluminum chart we see prices a bit higher than they have been in recent months.



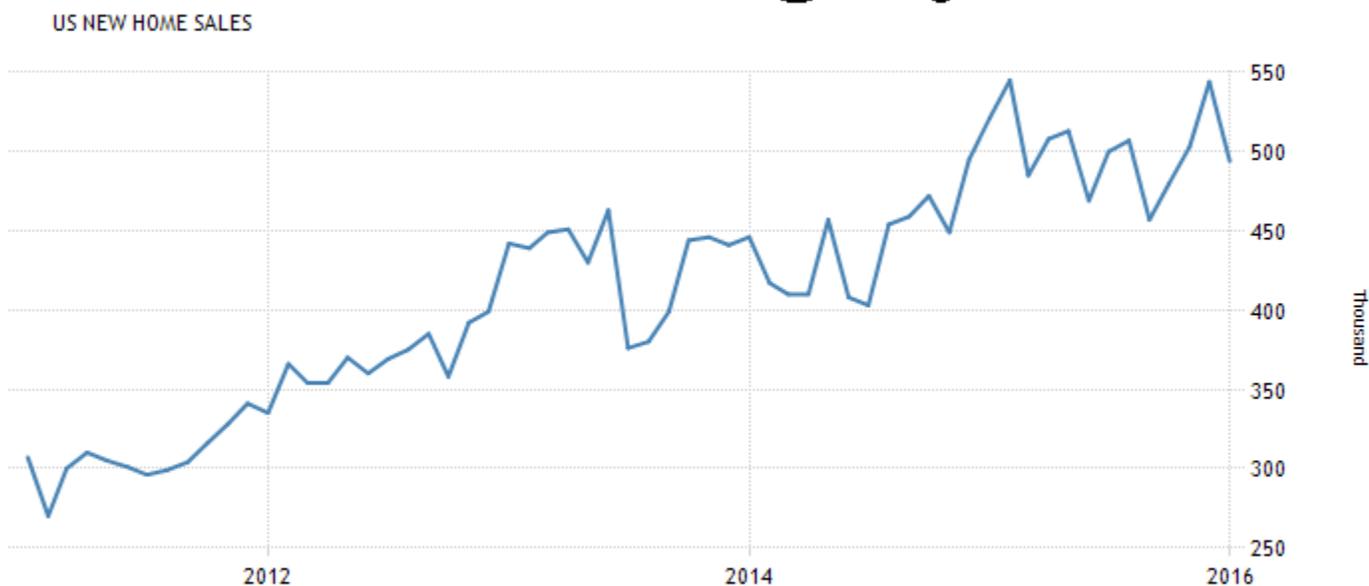
Aluminum LME inventories are near about 7 year lows, so which explains the slight increase in prices.



This chart is showing profit declines from Publicly traded companies starting about 8 months ago. As a major positive,

low oil prices have consumer spending up which is helping the economy, but low corporate profits could mean economic trouble on the horizon.

## Home Sales Down Slightly

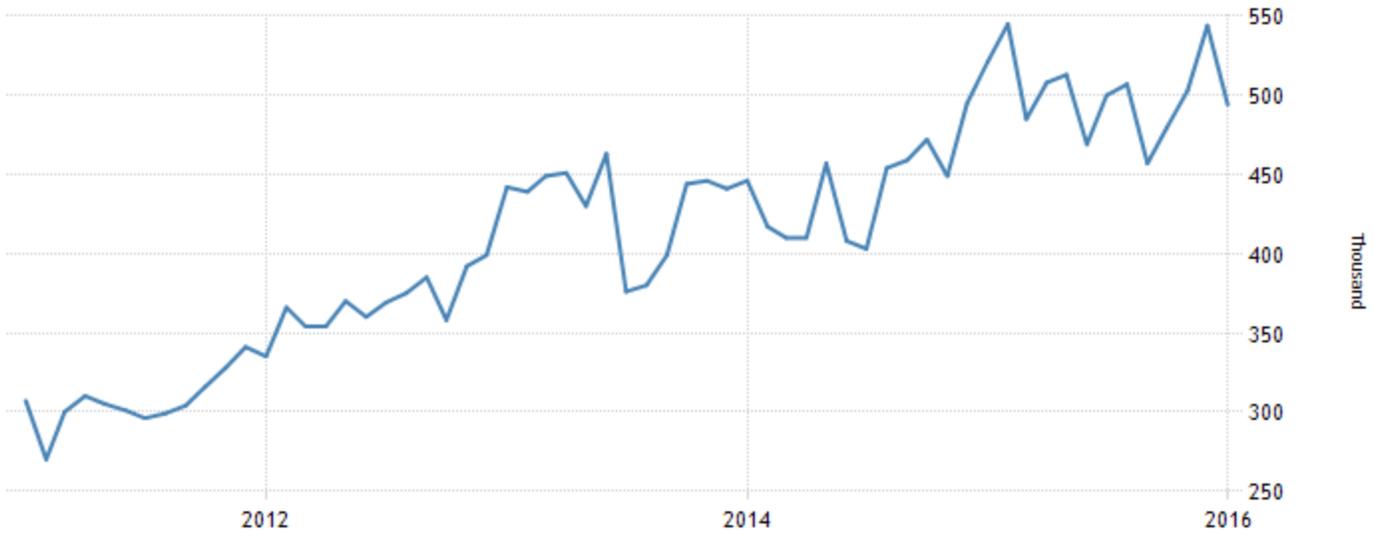


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New home sales which are a key job creator and economic indicator were down a bit in January, but on the positive side home sales are about double what they were in 2011

# New Home Sales About Double 2011 Low

US NEW HOME SALES



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and when looking at this chart going back to about 1960, we see enormous room for improvement in the years to come. In 1960 there were about 180 Million people in the U.S. Today there are about 323 million and today we are building about the same number of homes as 1960. Huge student debt we believe is a key problem for home sales.

# Durable Goods Orders Up

US DURABLE GOODS ORDERS



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In January durable goods orders had their largest increase in 10 months, which is terrific economic news. Durable goods include things such as transportation equipment, defense equipment and appliances. All major users of commodities.



We would like to end with some quotes from the annual letter issued by Warren Buffet, about 48 hours ago. He is the third richest person in the world and has investments as diverse as the Burlington Northern Railroad, Heinz Food Company and GEICO insurance. He wrote “America’s economic magic remains alive and well. For 240 years it’s been a terrible mistake to bet against America, and now is no time to start. America’s golden goose of commerce and innovation will continue to lay more and larger eggs.

With that we hope all have a Safe and Profitable week. My name is Greg Brown.