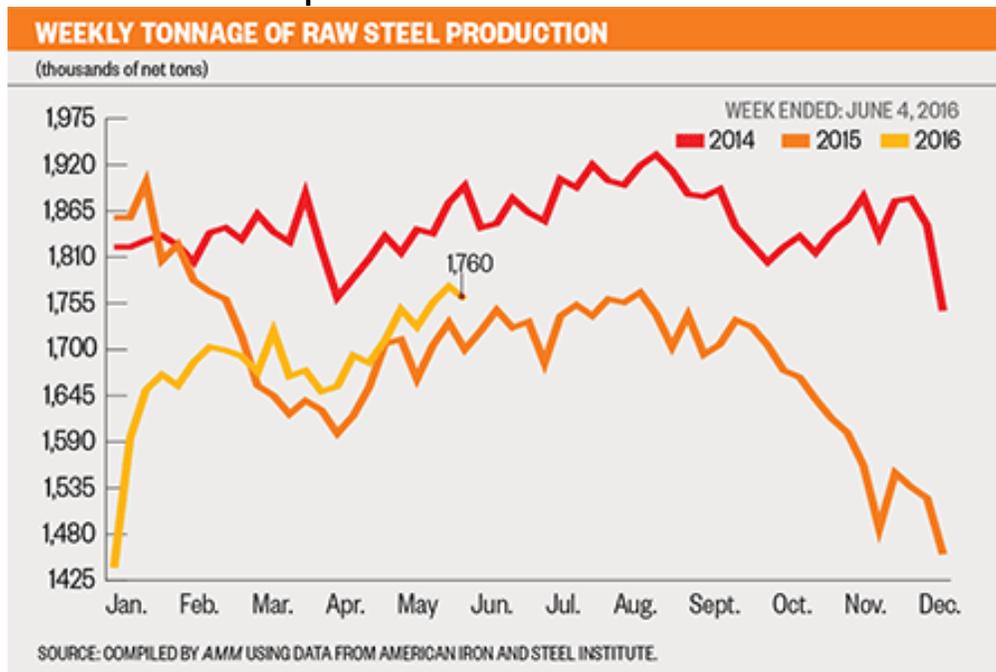


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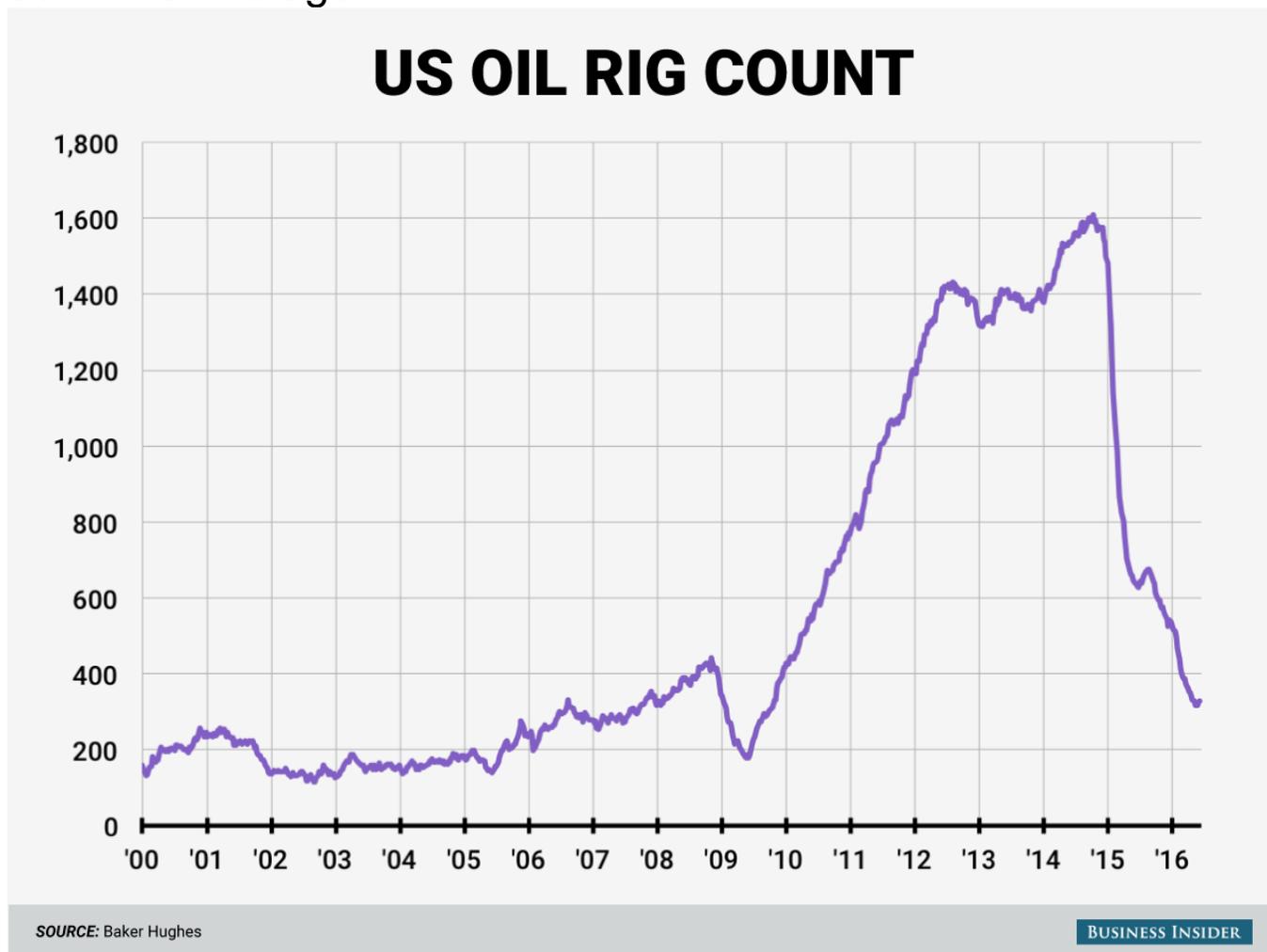
In this report, with more reports of global growth slowing, many commodities declined in price.



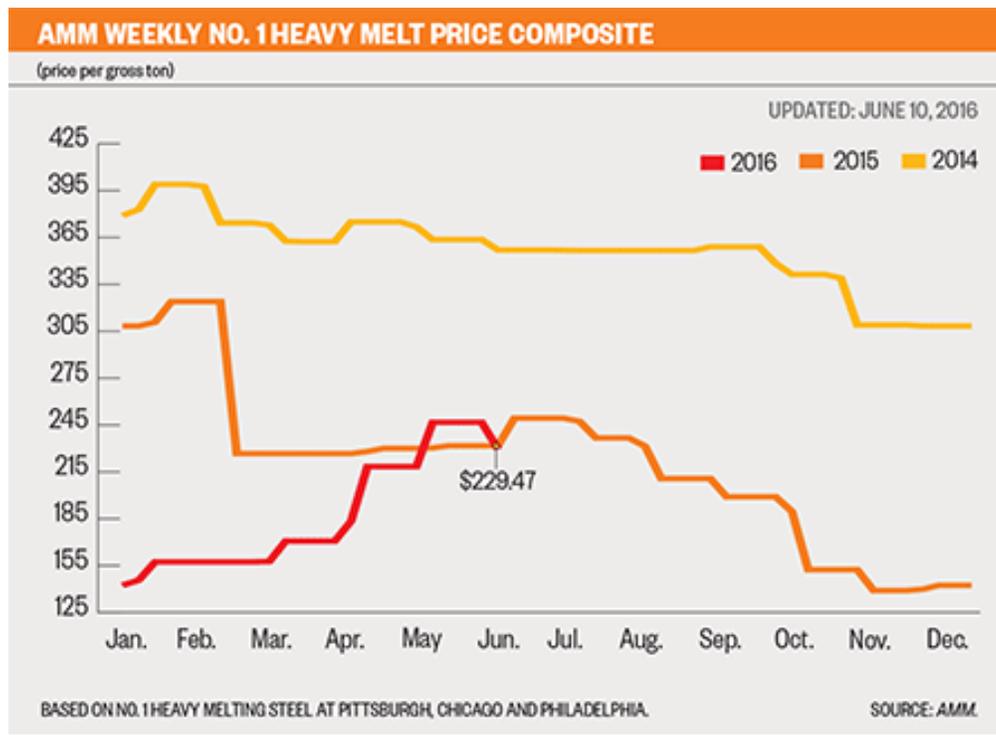
U.S. Steel production dipped a bit, but is still near about 16 months highs.



Oil prices hit a new high for the year last week, but ended down for the week, yet prices still remain well above the incredible lows of about 4 months ago.



With oil prices almost double what they were about 4 months ago, the oil rig count went up 3 last week which was the second weekly increase in a row. Oil rigs which use major amounts of steel, at least for now have stopped their dramatic decline.



Ferrous scrap prices as reported dropped last week. With prices having been very low for about a year, many auto junk yards, scrap yards and demolition sites held material waiting for higher prices.

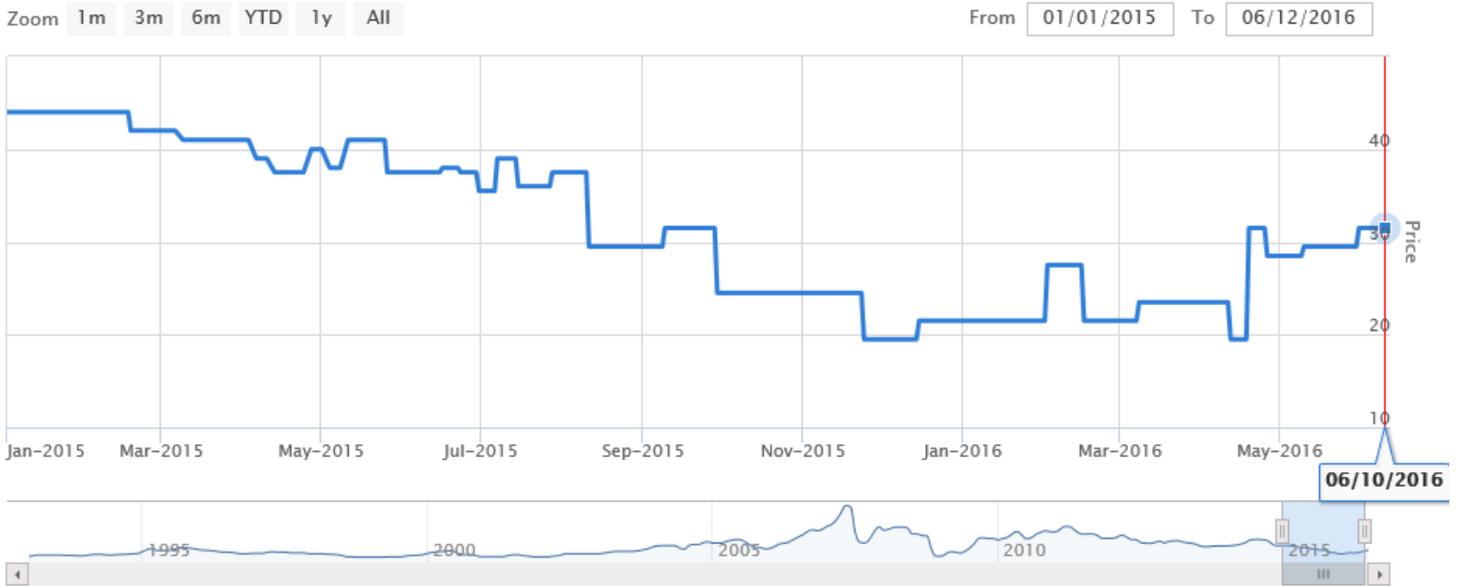
With major increases in ferrous scrap prices in April and May, steel mills saw high incoming scrap flows, so excess material led to price declines last week.

# Hot Rolled Coil Steel

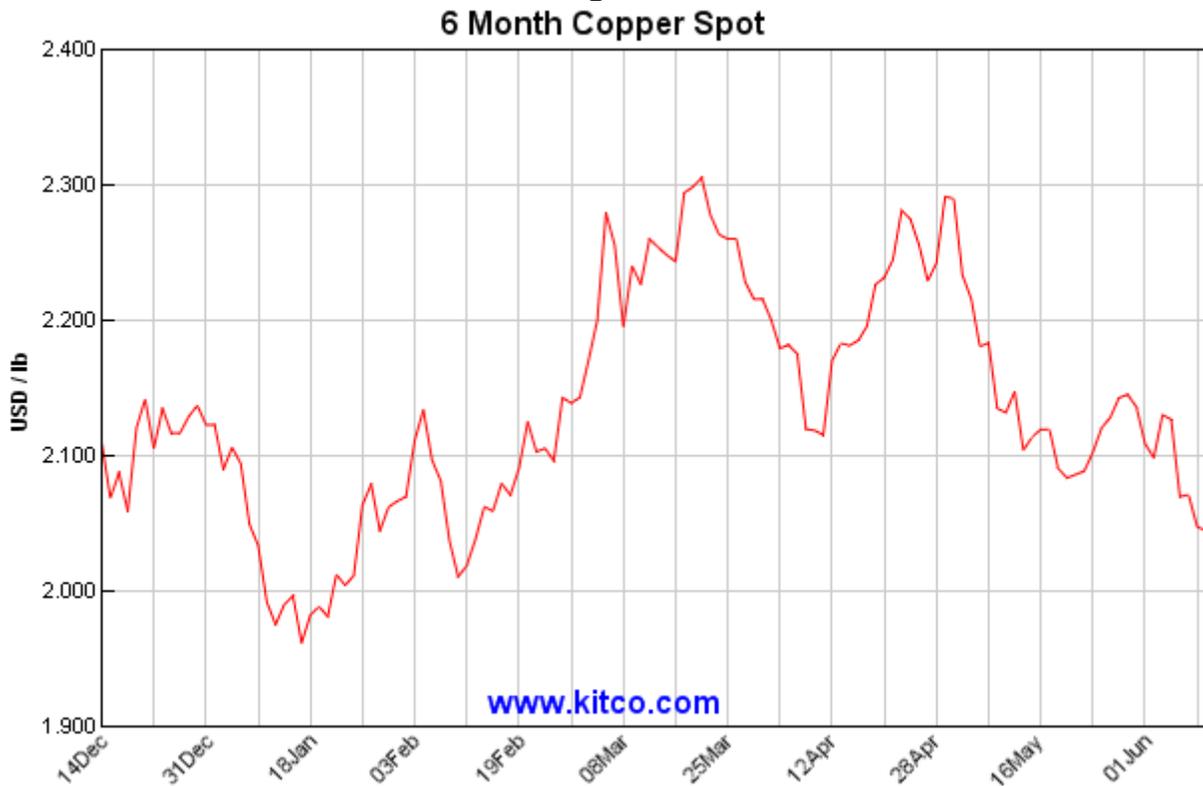


U.S. hot roll coil steel remains in high demand with steel imports down, so prices remain high, despite lower raw material prices. Related, steel tube suppliers announced a \$60/ton increase last week. A great thing for steel supplier profits, after months of problems.

# 304 Stainless Scrap



304 stainless scrap prices unlike other commodities have stayed up and are now at about 9 months highs.

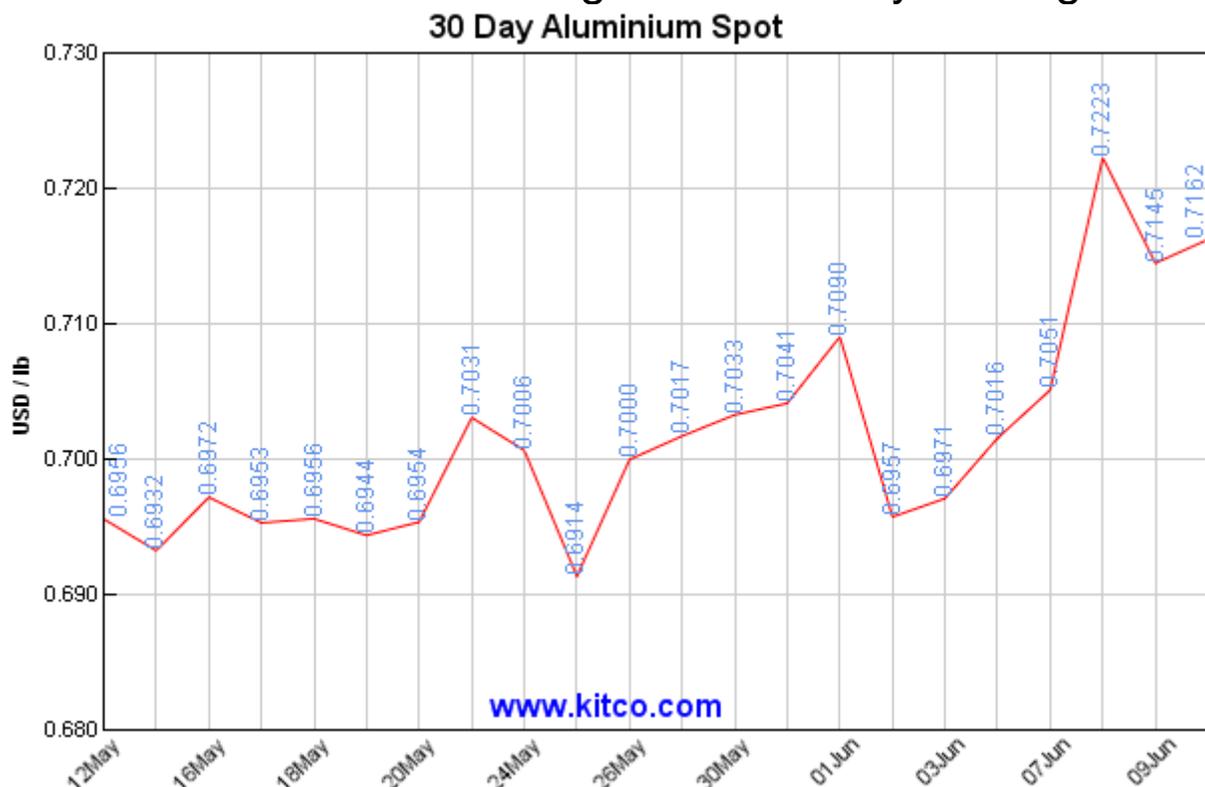


Copper had a tough week and declined to a multi month low,



and when looking at the 5 year copper chart, we see copper prices are near the bottom of the chart, so they are near about 7 year lows.

As we have said, copper is sometimes called Dr. Metal. The health of the global economy can be judged by the price of copper. The low price is an indication that the global economy is not good.



Aluminum unlike other material rose in price last week. A combination of good demand and less supply is keeping aluminum prices up a bit.



And when we see the aluminum inventory chart, we see this 5 year chart showing we are at about 7 year lows, which should bring continued stabilization of aluminum prices.



About 18 months ago, Ford started selling the F150 with an all-aluminum body, which reduced weight and saved fuel. Sales have been great which has been great for aluminum producers.



Last week GM came out with a new ad campaign showing that their steel pickup trucks are more durable than Ford's truck. Of course Ford came out with information denying this.



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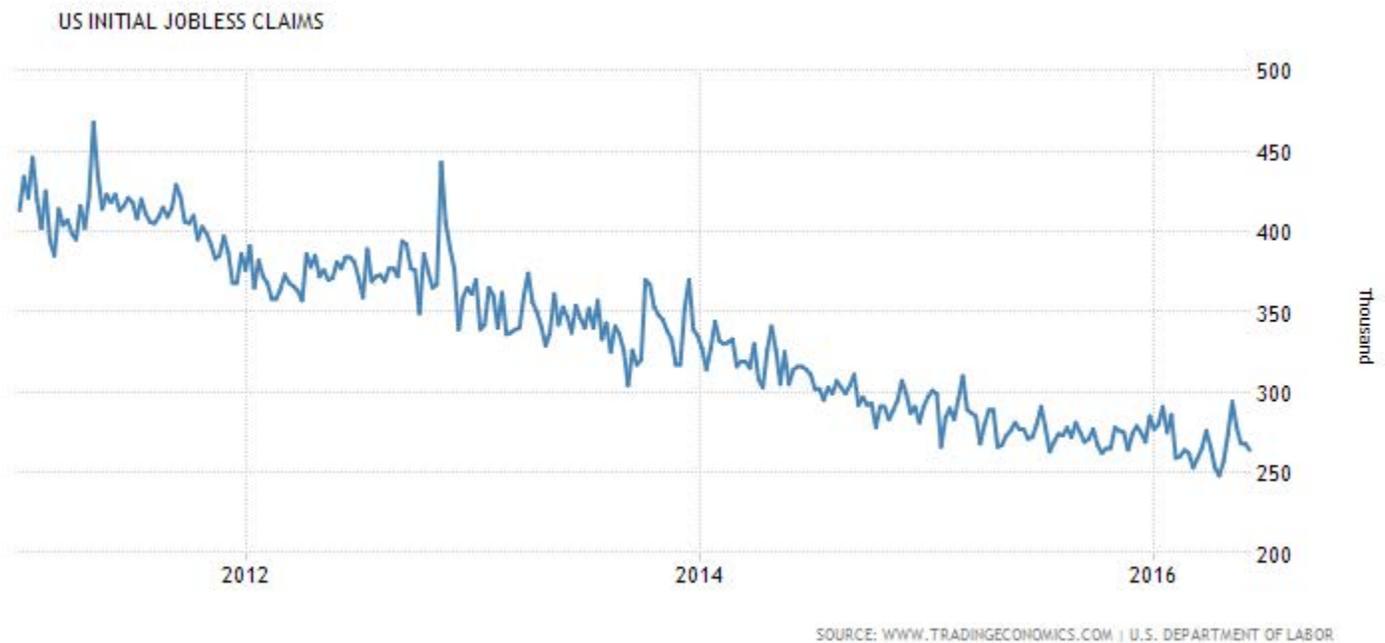
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Europe's economy as a whole is larger than that of the U.S. European's Central Bank President, Mario Draghi warned last Thursday of "lasting economic consequences" of years of weak output. He also said "it has lasting economic consequences, since it can ultimately lead to potential being eroded as well."

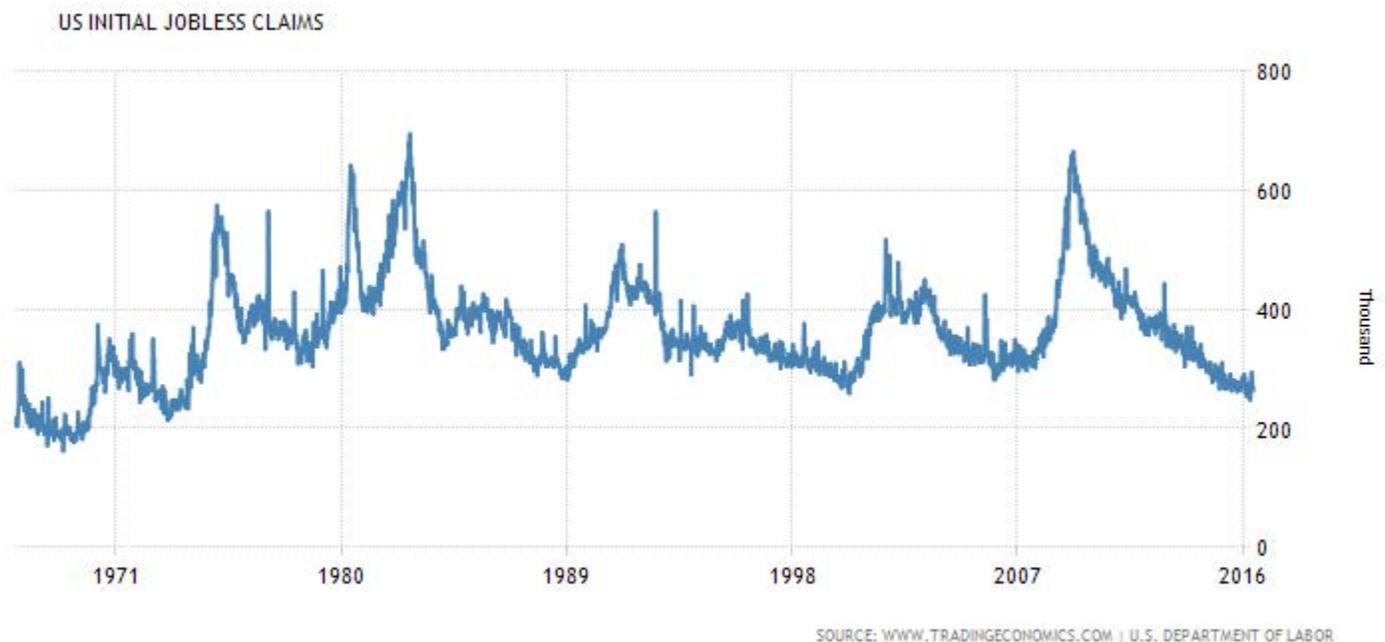


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China's imports of all commodities, while better than a few months ago, remain trending down, which helps explain why commodities prices remain low. There are reports that China's oil imports are up, which is a good economic sign, but overall imports are down.



On a major positive looking at this 5 year chart of U.S. initial unemployment claims, we see we are near 5 year lows of people being laid off from their jobs. It is the 66<sup>th</sup> week of less than 300,000, which is the longest streak of under 300,000 since 1973.



Even more impressive is looking at unemployment claims in a 50 year chart. It shows that despite a much larger economy and

workforce today, we are near levels not seen since the early 1970s in layoffs. A very good performance.

Product of the week is a safety and efficiency item. Flat tires can cause accidents and major costs. Also, underinflated tires hurt fuel mileage and tire wear.



BENLEE now sells automatic tire inflation systems that after a puncture or leak has been detected they will keep most tires inflated until they can be serviced. Importantly, these systems can be retrofitted on existing trailers.

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