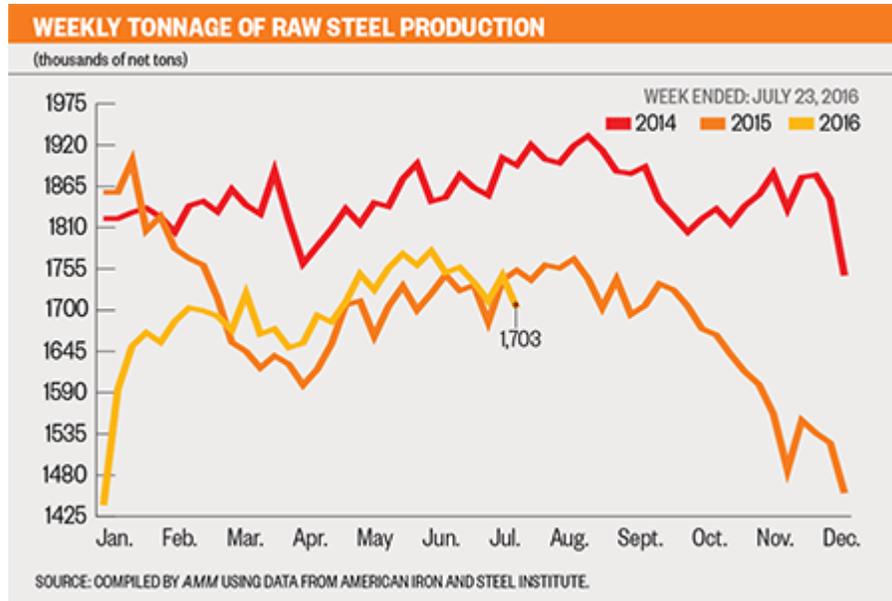


This is the Scrap Metal & Commodities Recycling report, by BENLEE Roll off, Lugger and Open Top Trailers and Raleigh and Goldsboro Metal Recycling Monday August 1st, 2016.

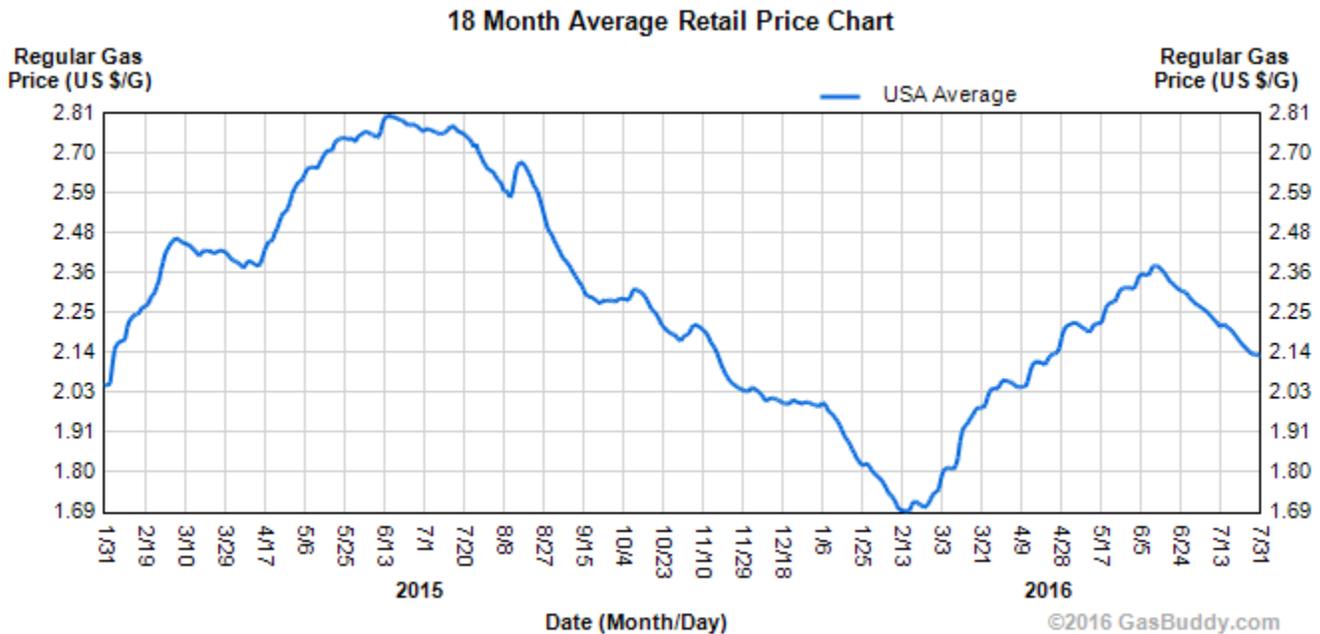
In this report, commodity prices and economic reports were mixed.



U.S. Steel production declined a bit and has been trending down slightly for about 6 weeks.

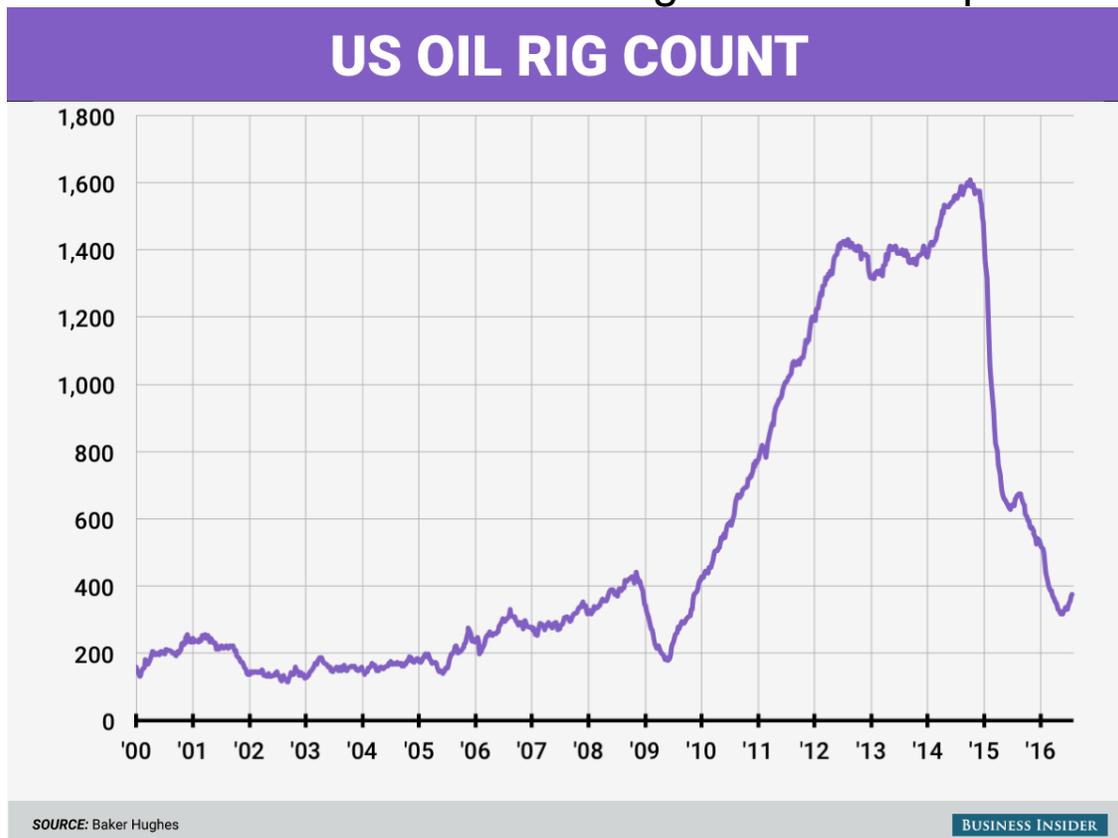


Oil prices continued declining but still remain much higher than 6 months ago.



and Gasoline has begun declining as well which is a

nice positive for those of us with trucking fleets will help the consumer.

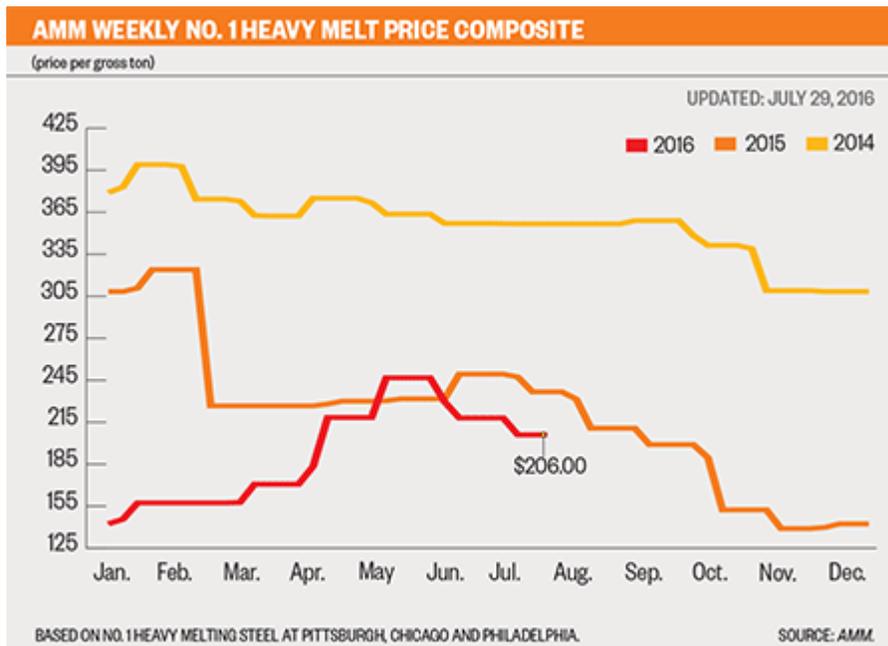


The oil rig count increased again last week and we have heard stories of hiring and measureable capital investment in the oil fields, which will support commodity prices.



SOURCE: WWW.TRADINGECONOMICS.COM | THE STEEL INDEX

Iron ore finished up at \$59/MT making it up a big 6% for the week and a big 11% for the month, which means iron ore is now up more than 50% from the lows of about 7 months ago.



Scrap steel prices have remained steady, but there is word of some increases in export prices, yet at least one major steel mill canceled orders last Friday, meaning there could be lower prices this week.

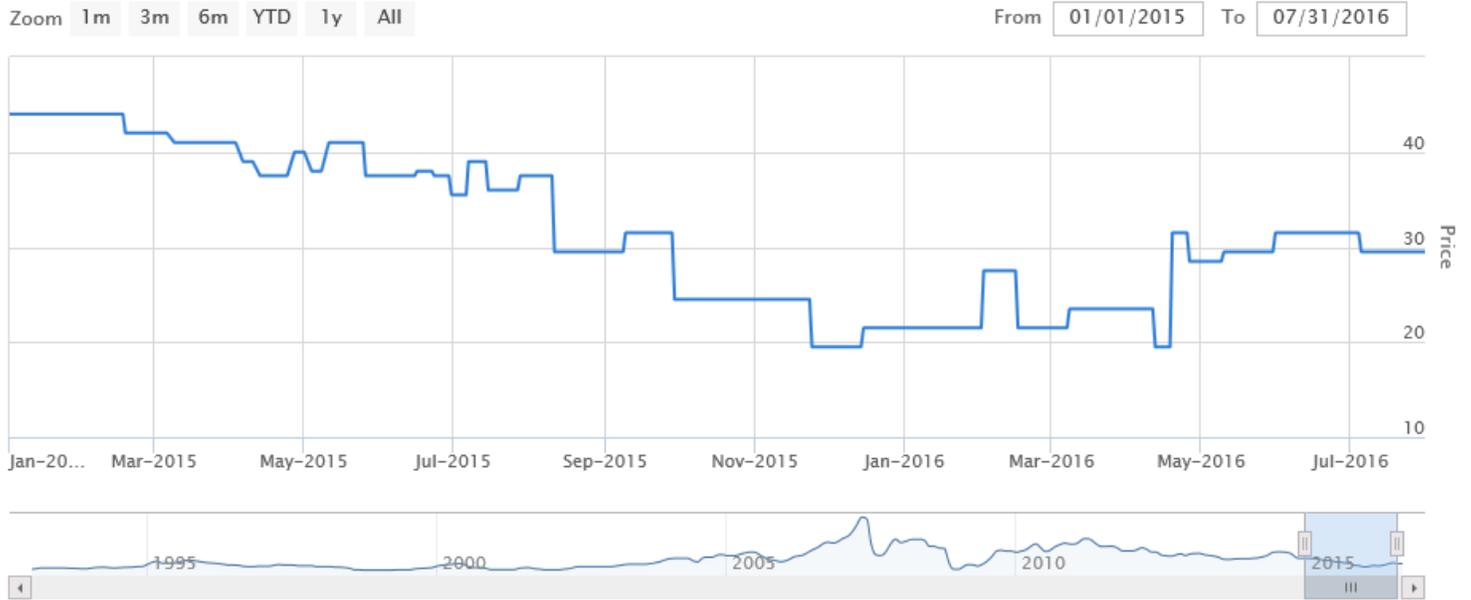
It remains probable that prime grades will be weaker than obsolete grades due to weak flows of obsolete material coming into scrap yards.

## Hot Rolled Coil Steel



Hot roll coil prices remained stable at a fairly high level. Tariffs raising import prices continue to have their effect on keeping overall prices higher.

# 304 Stainless Scrap



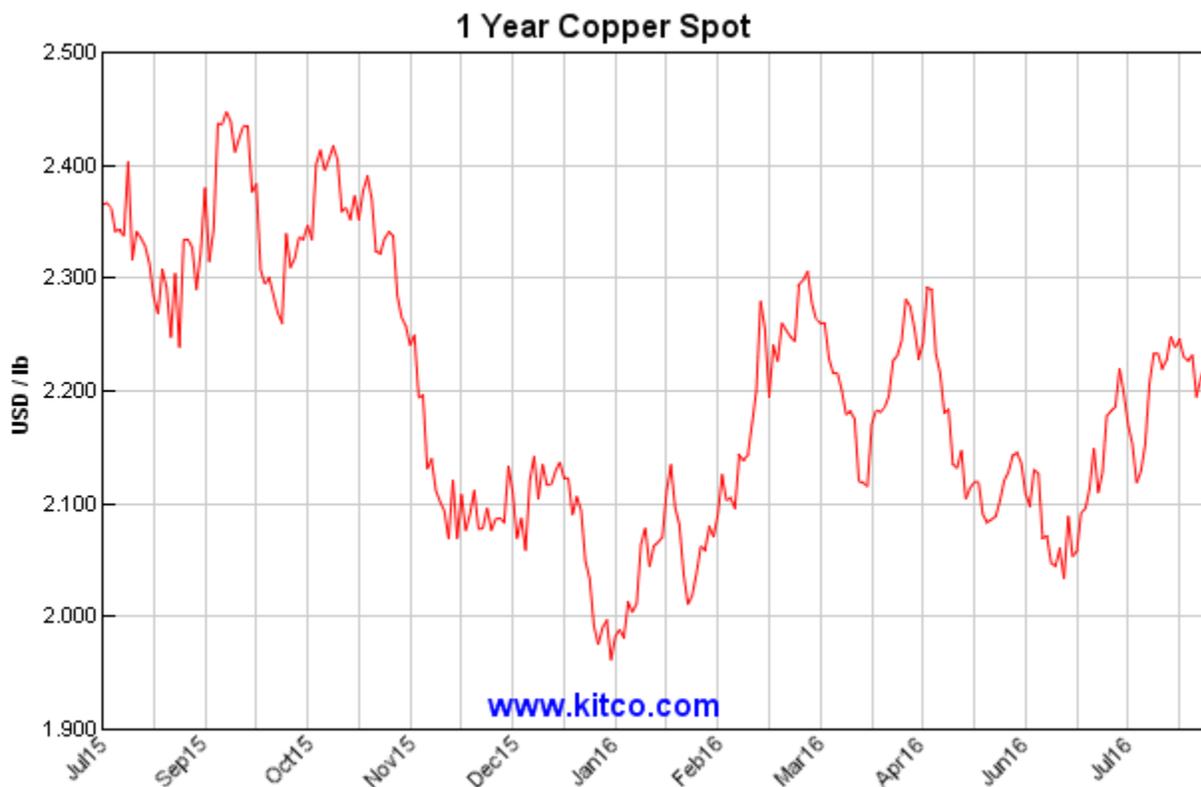
and we see 304 stainless scrap prices held near their recent high.

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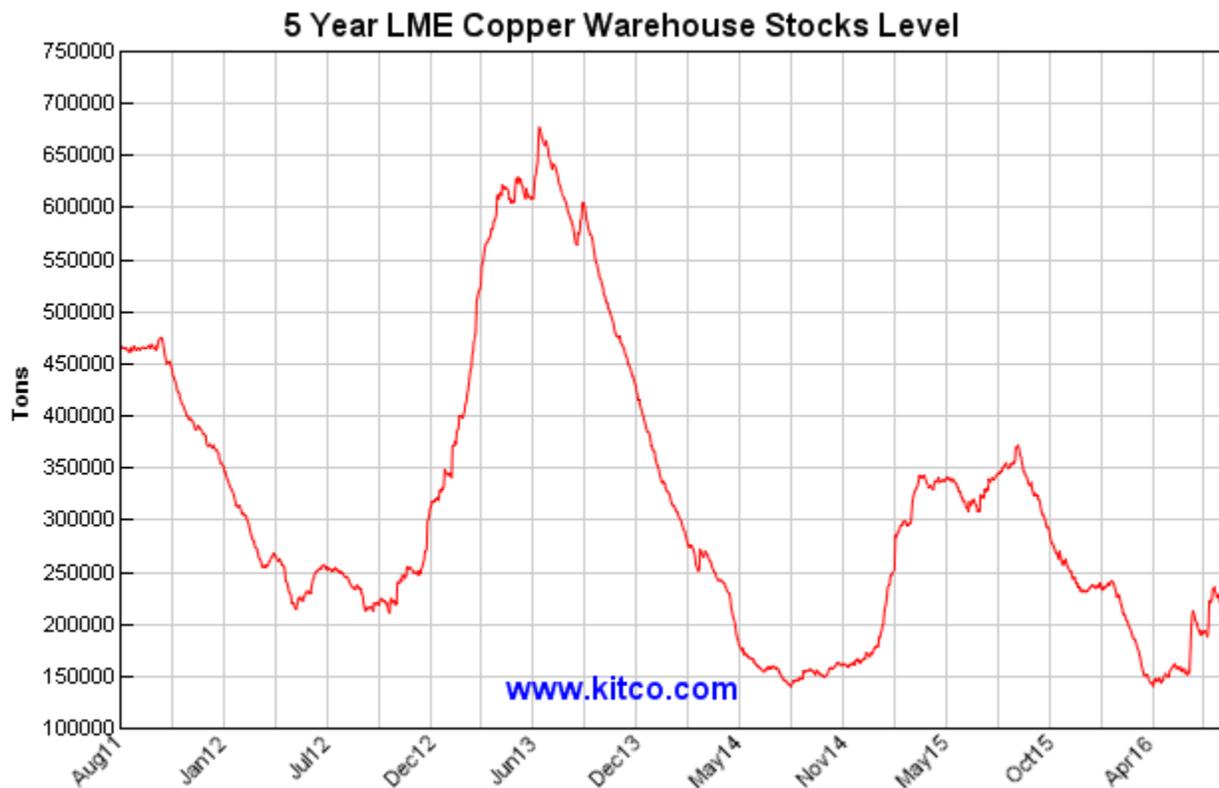


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Copper declined slightly during the week, but ended up about where it started and copper remains in a trading range

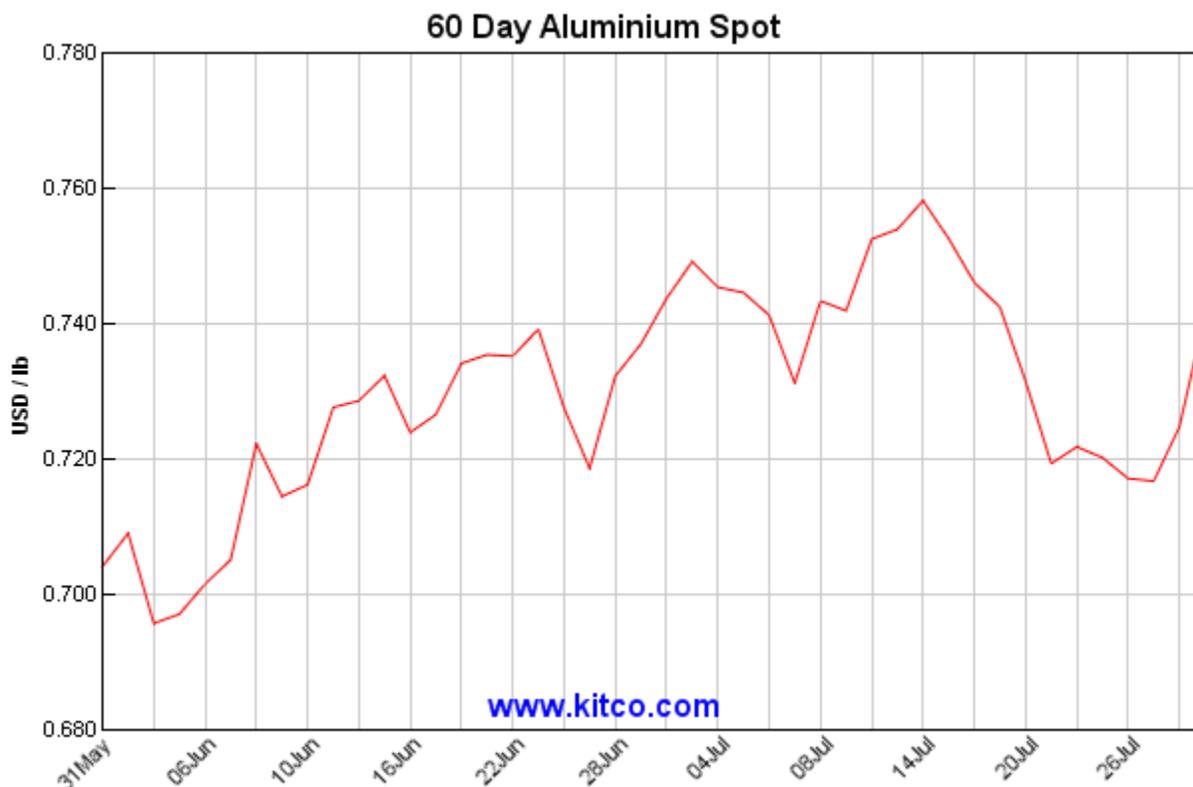


so the one year copper chart shows it is where it was about 8 months ago.



When looking at this 5 year copper inventory chart, levels are near multi year lows which is another positive when looking at

global activity, due to the price of copper can be an indicator of global activity.



Aluminum after declining two weeks ago had a nice uptick last week.

The aluminum industry like copper took enormous amounts of production off line last year. When looking at inventory levels

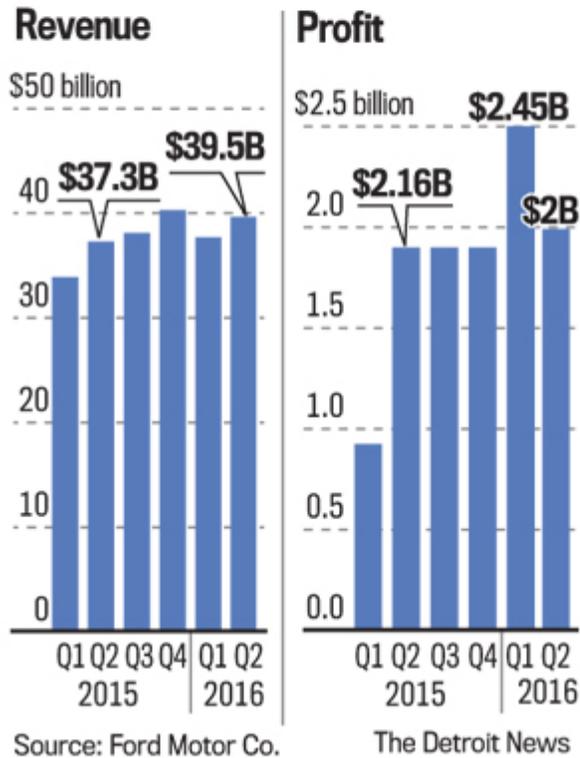
1 Year LME Aluminium Warehouse Stocks Level



we now see stabilization, after years of declines, which helped reduce the years of falling prices.

# Ford's 2Q earnings

Ford Motor Co. earned \$2 billion in the second quarter, down 9 percent from a year ago due in part to rising incentives and slowing sales in the U.S.



Ford announced second quarter earnings that were slightly down from last year, yet total first half earnings were a record in the company's history.

# Ford's Stock



but Ford's stock price declined as they also announced that sales in the U.S. may no longer be growing,

and have stabilized at a record level. Wall Street likes growth, not just high levels. Of course these high levels keep upward pressure on commodity prices.

US INITIAL JOBLESS CLAIMS



SOURCE: WWW.TRADINGECONOMICS.COM | U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

U.S. initial jobless claims rose a bit, but the 4 week average is at the lowest level since April

and at 266,000 claims, it is well below 300,000 which is a key measure meaning job growth continues.



Caterpillar a major supplier to the commodities industry released lower earnings last week and said “We’re not expecting an upturn in important industries like mining, oil and gas and rail, to happen this

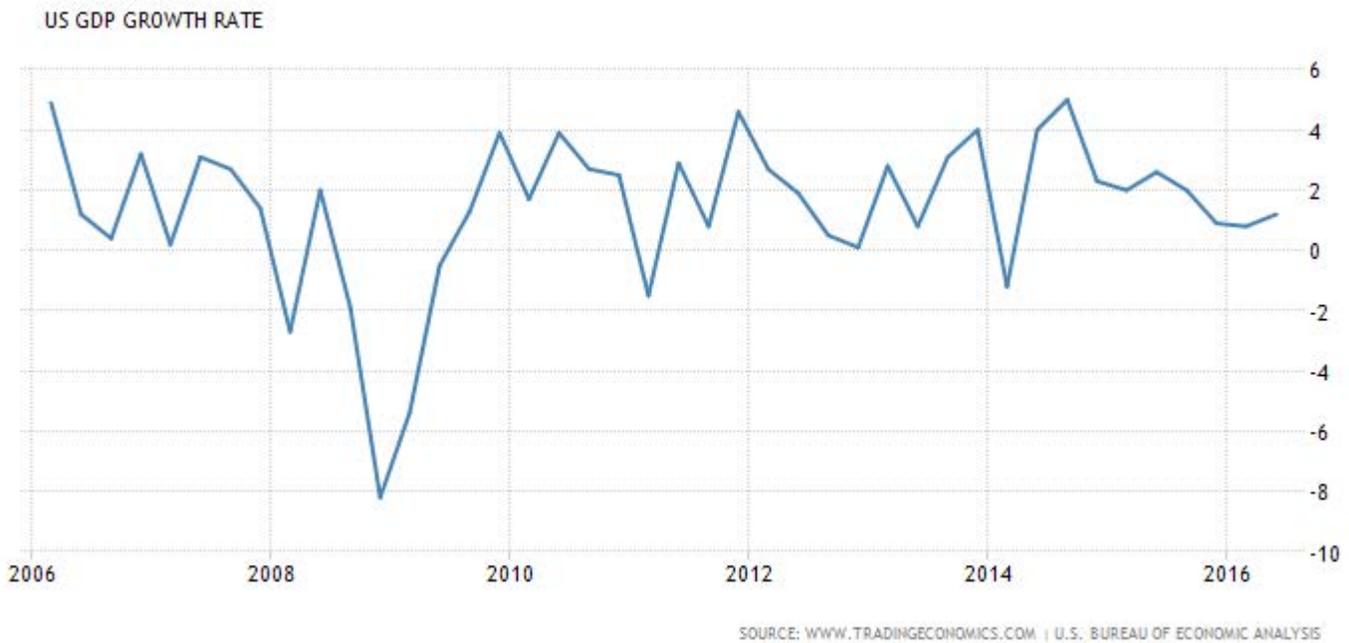
year” and, “Once it does recover, we expect substantial incremental profit improvement”

This forecast could mean somewhat stable commodity prices this year, with upward pressure possibly coming in 2017.



Waste Management, the country’s largest waste hauler released that their earnings were 5% ahead of last year. As an indicator of positive U.S. growth, they said that their commercial collection volume grew for the first time since 2005

but they reported that recycling volumes declined 2.9 percent for the quarter.



U.S. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) was released last week and showed a slow 1.2 percent growth, which while slow, makes this the 4<sup>th</sup> longest period of growth since the end of World War II.

# China's Caixin Manufacturing Index



China's Caixin Manufacturing PMI rose to 50.6 in July from 48.6 in June and beat market consensus of 48.7. At over 50 it was the first month of expansion since February 2015,

as output rose the most in two years and new orders expanded at the fastest pace in nearly 1-1/2-years. I will add that there was another report out of China that showed a small decline in activity.

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