

Commodities Outlook for May 2026

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Energy, Materials and Agriculture

		Natural Gas		Lumber (US\$/mbf)	Canola (US\$/t)	Wheat ——	Corn (US\$/bu.)	Soybeans ——	Cattle (US\$/cwt)	Hogs (US\$/cwt)	
		Crude Oil (US\$/bbl)	Henry Hub (US\$/mmbtu)								AECO (US\$/mmbtu)
2013		97.93	3.73	3.08	356	545	6.84	5.80	14.08	126.40	89.33
2014		93.26	4.39	4.08	352	400	5.88	4.16	12.46	151.50	105.83
2015		48.69	2.63	2.12	280	371	5.08	3.77	9.45	146.49	69.40
2016		43.21	2.52	1.64	309	366	4.36	3.58	9.87	118.61	65.60
2017		50.91	2.99	1.67	415	393	4.36	3.59	9.77	117.90	69.87
2018		64.84	3.17	1.19	489	389	4.95	3.68	9.32	114.64	65.26
2019		56.99	2.57	1.36	374	344	4.94	3.83	8.90	115.84	69.92
2020		39.27	2.03	1.67	582	372	5.50	3.63	9.52	105.54	59.83
2021		67.98	3.91	2.90	895	694	7.02	5.82	13.75	122.43	91.74
2022		94.60	6.42	4.18	786	749	9.00	6.94	15.50	141.89	97.75
2023		77.63	2.54	1.96	398	559	6.45	5.65	14.16	172.54	81.09
2024		76.10	2.19	1.01	413	448	5.72	4.24	11.02	183.68	84.89
2025		64.81	3.53	1.20	465	465	5.33	4.39	10.39	218.63	92.10
y-t-d	2026	80.03	4.17	1.36	470	500	5.69	4.43	11.33	241.02	90.98
2025	May	60.94	3.12	1.39	446	509	5.25	4.49	10.51	213.90	95.79
	Jun	67.33	3.02	0.68	468	522	5.41	4.31	10.50	223.54	107.19
	Jul	67.24	3.20	0.55	508	507	5.40	4.06	10.09	222.51	107.38
	Aug	64.02	2.91	0.55	501	478	5.09	3.84	10.06	236.76	99.95
	Sep	63.53	2.97	0.23	425	450	5.14	4.13	10.19	233.77	97.76
	Oct	60.07	3.19	1.02	465	441	5.11	4.22	10.35	236.15	88.87
	Nov	59.48	3.79	1.64	405	455	5.35	4.31	11.24	219.34	79.59
	Dec	57.87	4.26	2.24	392	440	5.23	4.40	10.77	227.39	83.37
2026	Jan	60.26	7.72	1.71	449	457	5.18	4.31	10.53	235.02	86.78
	Feb	64.52	3.62	1.32	465	489	5.49	4.30	11.23	242.72	90.67
	Mar	91.00	3.04	1.34	472	525	5.95	4.52	11.71	234.82	93.33
	Apr	98.06	2.77	0.96	490	522	6.01	4.52	11.68	250.04	92.62
m-t-d	May	103.54	2.65	0.93	490	550	6.24	4.69	11.97	252.66	92.42
Forecast	2026 avg.	85.50	3.75	1.75	475	510	6.00	4.90	11.60	230.00	95.00
	2027 avg.	77.56	3.50	2.25	465	570	7.00	5.70	12.80	200.00	98.00

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Base and Precious Metals

		Gold (US\$/oz)	Silver	Copper	Aluminum (US\$/lb)	Zinc	Nickel	Iron Ore (US\$/t)
2013		1,411	23.83	3.32	0.84	0.87	6.81	135
2014		1,266	19.08	3.11	0.85	0.98	7.65	97
2015		1,160	15.70	2.50	0.75	0.88	5.37	56
2016		1,248	17.10	2.21	0.73	0.95	4.35	58
2017		1,258	17.06	2.80	0.89	1.31	4.72	71
2018		1,270	15.71	2.96	0.96	1.33	5.95	69
2019		1,393	16.20	2.72	0.81	1.16	6.31	93
2020		1,770	20.51	2.80	0.77	1.03	6.25	108
2021		1,800	25.16	4.23	1.12	1.36	8.38	159
2022		1,802	21.75	4.00	1.23	1.58	11.71	120
2023		1,943	23.40	3.85	1.02	1.20	9.75	120
2024		2,387	28.24	4.15	1.10	1.26	7.63	110
2025		3,436	39.96	4.51	1.19	1.30	6.87	100
y-t-d 2026		4,832	82.08	5.83	1.50	1.48	7.96	106
2025	May	3,281	32.70	4.32	1.11	1.20	6.95	94
	Jun	3,352	35.97	4.46	1.14	1.20	6.80	92
	Jul	3,342	37.62	4.44	1.18	1.25	6.81	98
	Aug	3,358	37.97	4.38	1.18	1.26	6.76	102
	Sep	3,658	42.53	4.51	1.20	1.33	6.85	101
	Oct	4,058	49.45	4.85	1.26	1.43	6.84	105
	Nov	4,085	50.79	4.90	1.28	1.45	6.66	104
	Dec	4,300	64.37	5.35	1.30	1.43	6.75	106
2026	Jan	4,747	92.22	5.94	1.43	1.46	8.09	103
	Feb	5,012	82.51	5.88	1.39	1.51	7.77	98
	Mar	4,877	78.54	5.67	1.53	1.45	7.75	106
	Apr	4,720	75.81	5.85	1.63	1.52	8.16	107
	m-t-d May	4,561	73.18	5.87	1.64	1.52	8.72	111
Forecast	2026 avg.	5,000	75.00	5.65	1.50	1.40	8.00 ↑	105
	2027 avg.	4,700	60.00	5.70	1.40	1.35	7.75 ↑	100

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Commodity Indices and Forecasts (US\$-terms : 2003 = 100)

		All Commodities	Oil & Gas	Metals & Minerals	Forest Products	Agricultural Products	All Commodities (C\$-terms)
	2017	185.0	150.7	255.6	147.7	142.0	171.5
	2018	210.2	190.5	265.8	168.9	147.4	194.3
	2019	196.9	167.0	271.4	125.4	141.5	186.6
	2020	187.9	115.6	301.7	205.3	151.4	179.5
	2021	263.4	201.0	354.1	327.8	224.1	235.8
	2022	328.2	281.9	426.4	275.2	262.6	313.8
	2023	275.1	225.5	395.1	142.7	205.9	265.3
	2024	279.1	220.4	421.9	149.2	176.4	273.1
	2025	294.1	191.2	507.9	156.9	176.2	291.6
Forecast	2026	385.9	250.4	687.5	158.6	194.4	377.0
	2027	363.1	227.3	648.0	157.1	214.6	354.7
	2024 Q3	277.2	219.4	422.5	133.1	170.5	270.0
	Q4	276.0	204.4	436.6	154.2	171.8	275.5
	2025 Q1	285.0	211.3	449.8	168.5	173.4	292.1
	Q2	284.7	187.5	483.7	159.3	180.6	281.7
	Q3	294.7	190.5	510.0	159.0	177.0	287.9
	Q4	312.0	175.6	588.0	140.7	173.8	304.8
	2026 Q1	366.0	214.1	685.1	154.7	185.2	357.5
Forecast	Q2	398.6	283.3	674.6	163.8	197.6	389.4
	Q3	389.4	259.0	684.4	159.3	196.2	380.4
	Q4	389.7	245.0	705.7	156.5	198.5	380.7
	2025 Apr	280.8	185.8	473.9	169.0	176.1	281.3
	May	280.6	179.4	484.9	151.6	180.5	277.7
	Jun	292.8	197.3	492.3	157.2	185.4	286.1
	Jul	295.6	197.4	498.8	168.8	182.2	288.7
	Aug	290.4	187.7	500.5	165.6	175.6	283.7
	Sep	298.1	186.4	530.5	142.5	173.0	291.2
	Oct	309.1	177.1	575.1	154.5	171.8	302.0
	Nov	308.9	176.7	577.2	135.8	176.5	301.7
	Dec	318.1	173.1	611.5	131.9	173.2	310.7
	2026 Jan	349.7	187.3	680.3	150.1	174.9	341.6
	Feb	356.3	190.6	691.0	156.0	185.0	348.1
	Mar	391.8	264.4	684.0	158.2	195.8	382.8
	Apr	400.0	283.9	678.1	162.5	197.7	390.8

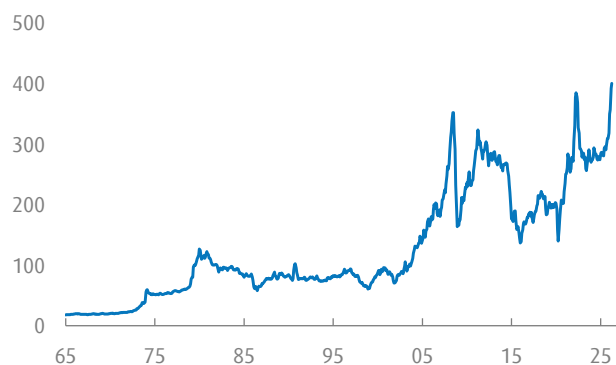
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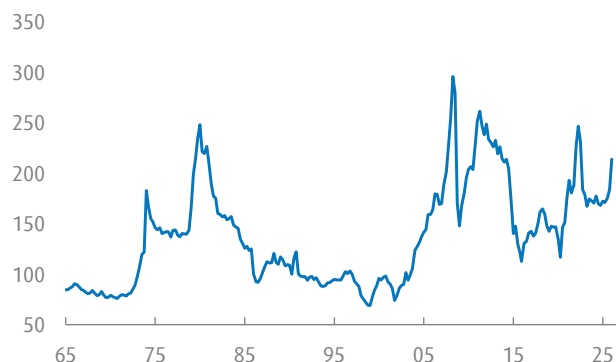


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The all-commodities index and sub-indices consist of the following:

(percent)	Weight in All-Commodities Index	Weight in Sub-Index
Metals & Minerals	33.7	100.0
Gold	9.9	29.5
Silver	0.9	2.8
Aluminum	6.3	18.7
Copper	2.3	6.7
Nickel	2.6	7.6
Zinc	0.9	2.8
Iron Ore	3.0	9.0
Metallurgical Coal	3.2	9.6
Uranium	1.1	3.2
Potash	3.4	10.1
Oil and Gas	49.7	100.0
Crude Oil	43.8	88.3
Cdn. Natural Gas	5.8	11.7
Forest Products	6.8	100.0
Lumber	5.5	81.7
OSB	1.2	18.3
Agricultural Products	9.9	100.0
Wheat	4.1	41.7
Canola	3.1	31.6
Corn	0.2	2.4
Soybeans	1.4	14.0
Hogs	0.3	2.6
Beef Cattle	0.8	7.8
All Commodities	100.0	—

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