

Commodities Outlook for April 2023

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		Crude Oil (US\$/bbl)	Natural Gas Henry Hub (US\$/mmbtu)	AECO (US\$/mmbtu)	Lumber (US\$/mbf)	Canola (US\$/t)	Wheat —— (US\$/bu.)	Corn —— (US\$/bu.)	Soybeans ——	Cattle (US\$/cwt)	Hogs (US\$/cwt)
2010		79.43	4.39	3.89	255	429	5.81	4.27	10.48	94.95	75.60
2011		95.08	4.00	3.67	255	566	7.10	6.79	13.18	114.54	90.34
2012		94.20	2.75	2.39	299	601	7.50	6.94	14.64	122.65	84.93
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	349	400	5.88	4.16	12.46	151.50	105.83
2015		48.69	2.63	2.12	277	371	5.08	3.77	9.45	146.49	69.40
2016		43.21	2.52	1.64	305	366	4.36	3.58	9.87	118.61	65.60
2017		50.91	2.99	1.67	401	393	4.36	3.59	9.77	117.90	69.87
2018		64.84	3.17	1.19	480	389	4.95	3.68	9.32	114.64	65.26
2019		56.99	2.57	1.36	360	344	4.94	3.83	8.90	115.84	69.92
2020		39.27	2.03	1.67	556	372	5.50	3.63	9.52	105.54	59.83
2021		67.98	3.91	2.90	883	694	7.02	5.82	13.75	122.43	91.74
2022		94.60	6.42	4.18	781	749	9.00	6.94	15.50	141.89	97.75
y-t-d 2023		76.64	2.57	2.33	378	599	7.20	6.58	15.07	162.77	79.20
2022	Apr	101.78	6.60	5.47	1,054	929	10.66	7.86	16.82	139.81	104.08
	May	109.34	8.14	5.90	949	908	11.41	7.89	16.77	132.80	104.64
	Jun	114.60	7.70	5.71	595	808	10.11	7.58	16.90	135.77	109.45
	Jul	100.74	7.28	4.20	655	664	8.07	6.63	15.50	135.74	114.98
	Aug	93.11	8.81	2.57	567	654	7.84	6.32	15.70	140.02	105.70
	Sep	84.04	7.88	3.44	501	607	8.56	6.82	14.61	144.63	92.64
	Oct	87.37	5.66	2.42	453	642	8.70	6.86	13.81	147.77	89.27
	Nov	84.37	5.45	4.56	420	649	8.12	6.68	14.42	152.47	84.16
2023	Dec	76.61	5.53	4.56	357	635	7.48	6.51	14.74	154.71	84.95
	Jan	78.16	3.27	2.84	364	621	7.45	6.70	15.10	157.36	78.70
	Feb	76.85	2.38	2.10	433	619	7.52	6.71	15.28	162.55	80.49
	Mar	73.34	2.31	2.22	361	572	6.87	6.37	14.89	164.24	81.01
m-t-d Apr		81.30	2.12	1.87	340	573	6.80	6.54	15.04	171.49	72.93
Forecast 2023 avg.		85.00	3.00 ↓	2.50 ↓	430 ↓	590 ↓	7.30 ↓	6.40	13.80	160.00 ↑	88.00 ↓
2024 avg.		80.00	3.75 ↓	2.75 ↓	500 ↓	570	7.20	5.70	12.80	160.00 ↑	94.00

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Base and Precious Metals

		Gold (US\$/oz)	Silver	Copper	Aluminum (US\$/lb)	Zinc	Nickel	Iron Ore (US\$/t)
	2010	1,225	20.16	3.42	0.99	0.98	9.89	147
	2011	1,570	35.11	4.00	1.09	0.99	10.38	169
	2012	1,668	31.15	3.61	0.92	0.88	7.96	130
	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
	y-t-d 2023	1,902	22.82	4.05	1.08	1.40	11.63	124
2022	Apr	1,935	24.51	4.62	1.48	1.98	15.10	151
	May	1,852	21.90	4.25	1.28	1.70	12.67	133
	Jun	1,835	21.49	4.10	1.16	1.65	11.71	130
	Jul	1,739	19.09	3.42	1.09	1.40	9.74	107
	Aug	1,766	19.72	3.61	1.10	1.62	9.97	105
	Sep	1,685	18.82	3.51	1.01	1.42	10.28	98
	Oct	1,666	19.41	3.46	1.02	1.34	9.94	93
	Nov	1,725	21.00	3.64	1.06	1.33	11.45	95
	Dec	1,794	23.23	3.80	1.09	1.42	13.08	104
2023	Jan	1,898	23.80	4.08	1.13	1.49	12.80	119
	Feb	1,858	21.98	4.06	1.10	1.43	12.10	116
	Mar	1,909	21.93	4.01	1.04	1.34	10.56	127
	m-t-d Apr	2,007	24.93	4.04	1.05	1.29	10.47	120
Forecast 2023 avg.		1,850 ↑	22.00 ↑	3.90 ↑	1.05	1.35 ↑	10.50	110
2024 avg.		1,750 ↑	21.50	3.65 ↑	1.10	1.20 ↑	9.00	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)
	2014	250.6	273.7	265.5	120.0	173.4	197.4
	2015	170.1	143.6	229.3	97.5	150.6	154.8
	2016	164.6	127.9	237.2	109.7	138.9	155.6
	2017	184.7	150.7	255.6	144.1	142.0	171.2
	2018	210.1	190.5	265.8	168.1	147.4	194.2
	2019	196.7	167.0	271.4	122.9	141.5	186.4
	2020	187.4	115.6	301.7	196.9	151.4	178.9
	2021	262.9	201.0	354.1	319.5	224.1	235.2
	2022	328.3	281.9	426.3	276.4	262.6	313.9
Forecast	2023	283.2	247.3	382.3	146.9	219.2	270.2
	2024	263.6	234.8	339.7	170.2	213.0	242.3
	2021 Q3	260.1	209.3	359.2	191.5	224.4	233.9
	Q4	274.6	229.7	353.5	257.9	242.5	247.2
	2022 Q1	337.3	277.6	420.8	455.6	272.2	305.4
	Q2	377.4	323.7	492.5	305.7	303.7	343.8
	Q3	358.5	323.2	453.4	257.7	280.9	329.3
	Q4	285.7	246.5	386.3	144.5	236.0	277.1
	2023 Q1	280.7	221.4	414.7	132.7	223.5	271.0
Forecast	Q2	284.4	243.2	392.9	140.7	220.0	274.9
	Q3	284.5	262.0	363.0	157.9	216.6	270.4
	Q4	283.3	262.6	358.8	156.4	216.8	264.6
	2022 Mar	378.4	317.8	465.5	489.8	310.5	343.0
	Apr	383.7	302.6	528.0	370.1	309.0	345.6
	May	381.0	327.3	488.4	335.9	315.0	350.2
	Jun	367.5	341.3	461.2	211.2	287.2	335.6
	Jul	327.0	301.1	410.6	226.1	240.6	302.0
	Aug	318.0	282.7	417.8	198.3	236.7	293.0
	Sep	292.9	255.1	388.5	175.2	237.9	278.2
	Oct	291.8	259.7	380.0	160.3	242.3	285.7
	Nov	288.3	250.8	386.3	149.8	237.4	277.0
	Dec	277.0	229.0	392.7	123.5	228.4	268.6
	2023 Jan	284.5	228.5	415.7	125.1	227.3	273.0
	Feb	283.1	222.9	415.0	147.2	229.0	271.6
	Mar	274.6	212.8	413.3	125.7	214.2	268.4

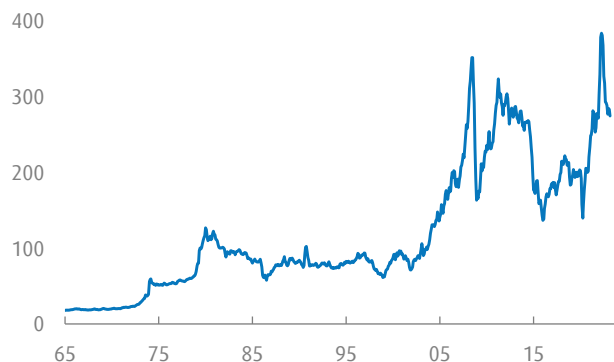
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All-Commodity Index

Nominal US\$-Terms

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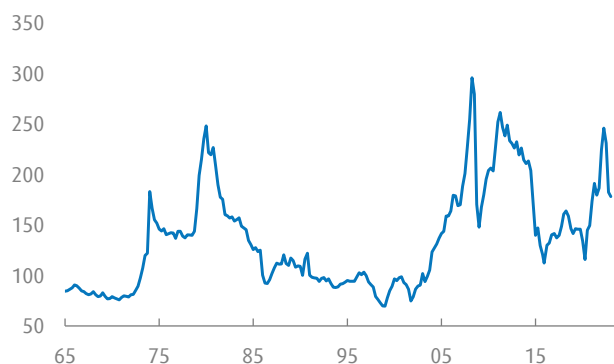


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The all-commodities index and sub-indices consist of the following:

(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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