

# Commodities Outlook for March 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
	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	1.69	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	1.68	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	64.17	5.36	1.55	457	476	5.39	4.31	10.96	238.43	89.50
2025	Mar	67.94	4.12	1.55	541	410	5.43	4.54	10.05	203.09	86.32
	Apr	62.96	3.42	1.69	498	472	5.35	4.73	10.29	208.07	89.29
	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
	m-t-d Mar	78.47	2.99	1.32	456	514	5.82	4.38	11.62	235.74	95.94
Forecast	2026 avg.	75.00 ↑	4.00	2.00	475	500 ↑	5.90 ↑	4.80 ↑	11.40 ↑	220.00	95.00
	2027 avg.	68.00 ↑	3.50	2.25	465	560	6.90	5.60	12.60	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	4,913	87.33	5.91	1.42	1.48	7.92	104
2025	Mar	2,982	33.21	4.41	1.21	1.31	7.28	101
	Apr	3,212	32.27	4.17	1.08	1.19	6.90	96
	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
	m-t-d Mar	5,217	86.04	5.87	1.50	1.49	7.80	105
Forecast	2026 avg.	5,000 ↑	75.00 ↑	5.50	1.40 ↑	1.35	7.35 ↑	105
	2027 avg.	4,500 ↑	60.00 ↑	5.30 ↑	1.30 ↑	1.30	7.25 ↑	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
<b>Forecast</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>368.5</b>	<b>221.1</b>	<b>679.8</b>	<b>159.5</b>	<b>190.4</b>	<b>360.0</b>
	<b>2027</b>	<b>340.9</b>	<b>200.2</b>	<b>622.7</b>	<b>158.1</b>	<b>211.7</b>	<b>333.0</b>
	2024 Q2	288.2	234.2	426.4	148.1	184.5	281.7
	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
<b>Forecast 2026</b>	<b>Q1</b>	<b>370.0</b>	<b>217.0</b>	<b>693.6</b>	<b>154.1</b>	<b>182.7</b>	<b>361.4</b>
	<b>Q2</b>	<b>383.7</b>	<b>247.2</b>	<b>685.1</b>	<b>165.2</b>	<b>190.9</b>	<b>374.8</b>
	<b>Q3</b>	<b>362.5</b>	<b>218.5</b>	<b>665.5</b>	<b>160.2</b>	<b>191.6</b>	<b>354.2</b>
	2025 Feb	286.2	210.8	452.8	167.0	179.2	292.3
	Mar	284.4	201.4	461.1	183.8	168.4	291.8
	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

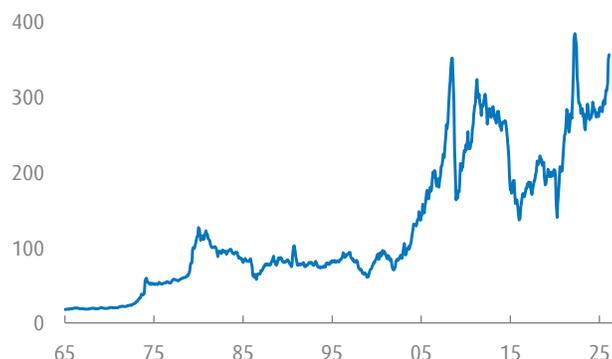
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### All-Commodity Index

Nominal US\$-Terms

(2003 = 100)

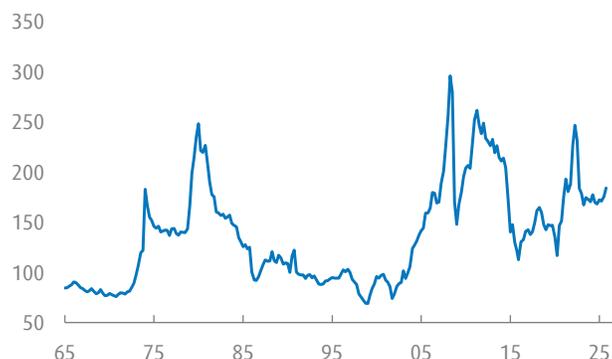


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### All-Commodity Index

Real US\$-Terms

(2003 = 100)



Source: BMO Economics

### All-Commodity Index

Nominal

(2003 = 100)



Source: BMO Economics

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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
<b>Metals &amp; Minerals</b>	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
<b>Oil and Gas</b>	49.7	100.0
Crude Oil	43.8	88.3
Cdn. Natural Gas	5.8	11.7
<b>Forest Products</b>	6.8	100.0
Lumber	5.5	81.7
OSB	1.2	18.3
<b>Agricultural Products</b>	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
<b>All Commodities</b>	100.0	—

Source: BMO Economics

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