

Commodities Outlook for February 2021

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Energy, Materials and Agriculture

		Natural Gas		Lumber (US\$/mbf)	Wheat (US\$/bushel)	Canola (US\$/tonne)	Cattle (US\$/cwt)	Hogs	
		Crude Oil (US\$/bbl)	Henry Hub (US\$/mmbtu)						AECO
2008		99.57	8.86	7.78	215	7.98	527	93.60	66.05
2009		61.69	3.95	3.51	177	5.30	371	83.85	58.11
2010		79.43	4.39	3.89	255	5.81	429	94.95	75.60
2011		95.08	4.00	3.67	255	7.10	566	114.54	90.34
2012		94.20	2.75	2.39	299	7.50	601	122.65	84.93
2013		97.93	3.73	3.08	356	6.84	545	126.40	89.33
2014		93.26	4.39	4.08	349	5.88	400	151.50	105.83
2015		48.69	2.63	2.12	277	5.08	371	146.49	69.40
2016		43.21	2.52	1.64	305	4.36	366	118.61	65.60
2017		50.91	2.99	1.67	401	4.36	393	117.90	69.87
2018		64.84	3.17	1.19	480	4.95	389	114.64	65.26
2019		56.99	2.57	1.36	360	4.94	344	115.84	69.92
2020		39.27	2.03	1.67	556	5.50	372	105.54	59.83
y-t-d 2021		52.27	2.75	2.13	903	6.54	529	114.49	69.20
2020	Feb	50.53	1.91	1.39	433	5.49	345	118.90	60.59
	Mar	29.46	1.79	1.39	367	5.35	331	102.30	61.31
	Apr	16.61	1.74	1.42	317	5.41	327	90.38	46.62
	May	28.55	1.75	1.51	361	5.15	334	95.43	62.68
	Jun	38.32	1.63	1.41	392	4.97	346	95.23	48.38
	Jul	40.72	1.76	1.49	547	5.24	354	100.76	49.56
	Aug	42.35	2.30	1.90	808	5.14	370	104.86	52.97
	Sep	39.59	1.92	1.71	948	5.49	391	106.46	65.42
	Oct	39.46	2.39	1.91	697	6.06	401	106.84	71.92
	Nov	41.01	2.61	2.18	584	5.98	430	110.07	65.52
	Dec	47.05	2.58	2.01	818	6.00	474	110.06	66.18
2021	Jan	52.07	2.71	2.18	899	6.55	526	114.39	69.06
	m-t-d Feb	54.16	3.06	n.a.	n.a.	6.48	554	115.43	70.55
Forecast	2021 avg.	55.00 ↑	2.70 ↑	2.20 ↑	650 ↑	6.30	485 ↑	115.00	77.00
	2022 avg.	55.00	2.50	1.85 ↑	400	6.00	440	122.00	80.00

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Base and Precious Metals

		Copper	Aluminum (US\$/lb)	Zinc	Nickel	Gold (US\$/oz)	Silver
2008		3.15	1.17	0.85	9.57	872	15.01
2009		2.34	0.75	0.75	6.64	973	14.67
2010		3.42	0.99	0.98	9.89	1225	20.16
2011		4.00	1.09	0.99	10.38	1570	35.11
2012		3.61	0.92	0.88	7.96	1668	31.15
2013		3.32	0.84	0.87	6.81	1411	23.83
2014		3.11	0.85	0.98	7.65	1266	19.08
2015		2.50	0.75	0.88	5.37	1160	15.70
2016		2.21	0.73	0.95	4.35	1248	17.10
2017		2.80	0.89	1.31	4.72	1258	17.06
2018		2.96	0.96	1.33	5.95	1270	15.71
2019		2.72	0.81	1.16	6.31	1393	16.20
2020		2.80	0.77	1.03	6.25	1770	20.51
	y-t-d 2021	3.61	0.91	1.22	8.09	1868	26.13
2020	Feb	2.58	0.76	0.96	5.78	1599	17.91
	Mar	2.35	0.73	0.86	5.38	1594	14.90
	Apr	2.29	0.66	0.86	5.33	1680	15.04
	May	2.37	0.66	0.89	5.50	1716	16.22
	Jun	2.60	0.71	0.92	5.76	1734	17.73
	Jul	2.88	0.74	0.98	6.05	1841	20.44
	Aug	2.95	0.79	1.09	6.57	1971	26.90
	Sep	3.04	0.79	1.11	6.74	1923	25.84
	Oct	3.04	0.82	1.11	6.90	1903	24.26
	Nov	3.20	0.88	1.21	7.17	1870	24.05
	Dec	3.52	0.92	1.26	7.62	1854	24.93
2021	Jan	3.62	0.91	1.23	8.10	1870	25.90
	m-t-d Feb	3.53	0.89	1.15	8.07	1852	28.40
Forecast	2021 avg.	3.15	0.85	1.15	7.15	1900	27.00 ↑
	2022 avg.	2.70	0.80	0.95	7.00	1875	22.00

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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)
	2012	279.7	270.2	353.8	108.4	216.9	199.5
	2013	271.7	283.0	304.1	128.6	200.1	199.6
	2014	252.1	271.4	270.5	121.3	170.0	198.4
	2015	170.9	142.5	244.8	98.3	151.3	155.5
	2016	160.7	126.9	241.1	110.3	135.9	151.8
	2017	178.1	149.6	249.4	144.8	139.8	165.0
	2018	204.3	189.0	257.5	169.5	147.2	188.8
	2019	191.0	165.6	267.4	124.4	141.3	180.9
	2020	179.8	114.7	303.7	198.2	151.3	171.5
Forecast	2021	219.5	160.3	336.4	234.0	181.3	198.0
	2022	209.6	159.9	326.6	144.0	171.8	187.0
	2019 Q2	191.7	173.4	258.3	114.5	138.3	182.9
	Q3	192.3	163.5	276.8	123.5	137.9	181.2
	Q4	194.7	165.0	278.0	131.3	145.7	183.5
	2020 Q1	178.4	132.8	279.2	139.8	149.2	170.5
	Q2	150.8	81.9	285.9	126.5	139.5	149.0
	Q3	192.2	119.2	322.5	271.1	147.8	182.6
	Q4	197.7	125.0	327.2	255.5	168.9	184.0
Forecast 2021	Q1	227.5	160.5	340.4	326.4	189.1	206.9
	Q2	223.4	160.2	340.8	269.1	185.0	202.2
	Q3	215.5	160.1	334.2	188.8	177.9	193.8
	2020 Jan	197.7	165.8	282.6	136.5	155.1	184.6
	Feb	187.0	146.0	281.6	151.1	149.5	177.4
	Mar	150.4	86.7	273.3	131.9	143.2	149.5
	Apr	131.6	50.6	281.2	112.5	140.9	132.3
	May	151.9	84.0	285.2	128.2	139.7	151.5
	Jun	169.0	111.1	291.3	138.6	138.0	163.4
	Jul	182.2	118.2	309.0	193.0	143.7	175.8
	Aug	198.3	124.0	331.5	286.3	145.4	187.4
	Sep	196.2	115.4	327.0	334.1	154.3	184.8
	Oct	191.7	116.1	324.4	255.9	164.7	181.0
	Nov	192.6	120.9	325.9	218.0	167.7	179.7
	Dec	208.9	137.8	331.4	292.5	174.2	191.2
	2021 Jan	221.4	152.2	335.7	322.4	190.4	201.2

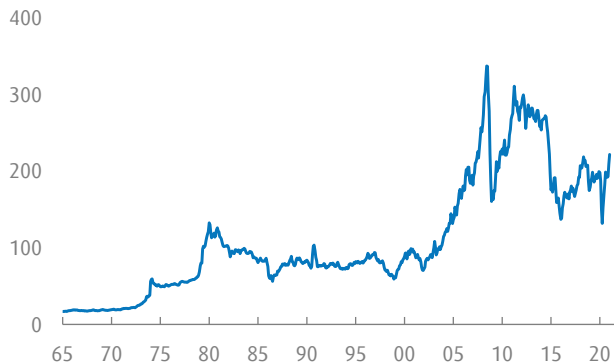
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All-Commodity Index

Nominal US\$-Terms

(2003 = 100)

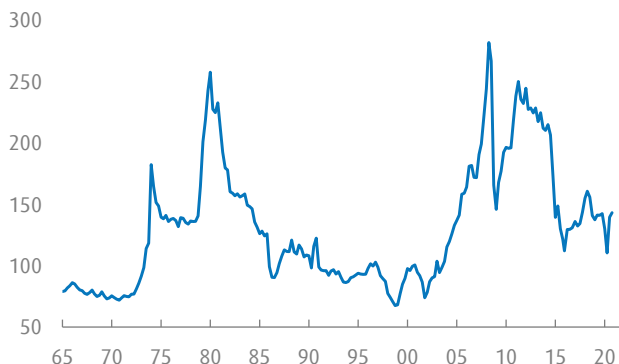


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Real US\$-Terms

(2003 = 100)



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The BMO Capital Markets Commodity Price Index is a fixed-weight, export-based index that encompasses the price movement of 16 commodities key to Canadian exports. Weights are each commodity's average share of the total value of exports of the 16 commodities during the period 2012-16. Similarly, weights of sub-index components reflect the relative importance of commodities within their respective product group.

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

(percent)	Weight in All-Commodities Index	Weight in Sub-Index
Metals & Minerals	29.8	100.0
Gold	10.6	35.4
Silver	1.4	4.6
Aluminum	6.4	21.4
Copper	2.3	7.8
Nickel	3.2	10.8
Zinc	0.9	3.0
Uranium	1.3	4.4
Potash	3.8	12.6
Oil and Gas	54.6	100.0
Crude Oil	47.6	87.2
Cdn. Natural Gas	7.0	12.8
Forest Products	6.5	100.0
Lumber	5.5	84.1
OSB	1.0	15.9
Agricultural Products	9.1	100.0
Wheat	4.5	49.5
Canola	3.3	36.6
Hogs	0.3	3.0
Beef Cattle	1.0	10.9
All Commodities	100.0	—

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