



# Commodities Weekly

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# Bloomberg Commodity Index

105.88 ▲



**Components (BCOM Index):**

Energy: (WTI Crude Oil, Natural Gas, Brent Crude Oil, Low Sulphur Gas Oil, RBOB Gasoline, ULS Diesel)

Grains: (Corn, Soybeans, Soybean Meal, Chicago Wheat, Soybean Oil, Kansas HRW Wheat)

Industrial Metals: (COMEX Copper, LME Zinc, LME Aluminium, LME Nickel)

Precious Metals: (Gold, Silver)

Softs: (Sugar, Coffee, Cotton)

Livestock: (Live Cattle, Lean Hogs)

# S&P GSCI

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Components of S&P Goldman Sachs Commodity Index (GSCI):

Energy: (Crude Oil, Natural Gas)

Grains: (Corn, Soybeans, Wheat)

Industrial Metals: (Aluminum, Copper, Zinc, Nickel, Lead)

Precious Metals: (Gold, Silver, Platinum)

Softs: (Sugar, Coffee, Cotton, Cocoa)

Livestock: (Cattle, Hogs)

# Weekly Snapshot

**Objective:** Recent increase in commodity import and volatility in global market raised the concern for proper management of commodity prices. BRAC Bank Ltd. has always been highly active in introducing different hedging products as well as informing clients with latest market trends. In light of this we are issuing this commodity update to inform our clients about the latest trend and updates in global commodity market.

Commodity	Unit	Closing Price	% Δ Weekly	% Δ MoM	% Δ YoY	YTD High	YTD Low
<a href="#">Wheat</a>	\$c/BSH	600.00	▲ 2.96%	▲ 7.24%	▲ 8.79%	602.75	526.00
<a href="#">Sugar</a>	\$c/LBS	20.42	▲ 5.48%	▲ 5.53%	▲ 6.02%	20.45	17.57
<a href="#">Soybean</a>	\$c/BSH	1,036.00	▼ -1.29%	▼ -0.58%	▲ 3.78%	1,079.75	978.75
<a href="#">Palm Oil</a>	\$/Ton	1,036.10	▲ 1.95%	▲ 7.50%	▲ 4.08%	1,061.37	922.70
<a href="#">Cotton</a>	\$c/LBS	67.11	▲ 2.26%	▲ 1.87%	▼ -1.89%	69.44	65.01
<a href="#">Brent Crude</a>	\$/BBL	74.74	▲ 0.11%	▼ -2.63%	▲ 0.13%	82.63	74.06
<a href="#">LNG</a>	\$/MMBTU	16.10	▲ 8.05%	▲ 16.67%	▲ 14.18%	16.10	13.80
<a href="#">Steel</a>	\$/Ton	768.00	▲ 1.72%	▲ 3.78%	▲ 8.32%	775.00	688.00
<a href="#">SHFE Zinc</a>	\$/Ton	3,291.05	▲ 0.44%	▲ 1.05%	▼ -6.36%	3,536.47	3,161.27
Indonesian Coal*	\$/Ton	124.01	0.00%	0.00%	▲ 1.22%	124.01	124.01
Australian Coal	\$/Ton	188.00	0.00%	▼ -2.25%	▼ -6.07%	206.00	187.00
Gold	\$/Ozs	2,883.18	▲ 0.80%	▲ 2.93%	▲ 9.89%	2,942.70	2,613.90

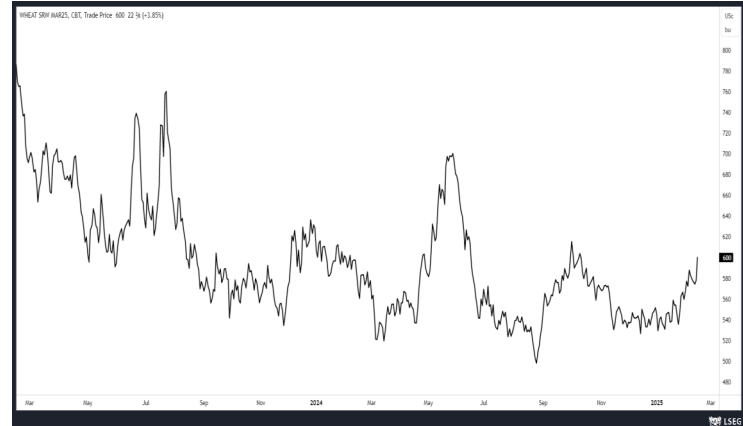
\*Price published monthly once by Indonesian Govt

# Wheat

Last Price

USc **600.00**/BSH

Chicago Board of Trade wheat futures Wv1 soared on Friday to their highest price since October, and support from blistering cold weather in the Black Sea and U.S. Plains regions prompted short covering. Most-active CBOT wheat Wv1 settled up 22-1/4 cents at \$6 per bushel, reaching a high of \$6.02-3/4 per bushel. Cold temperatures in Russian and U.S. hard red winter wheat areas could cause freeze damage to dormant crops that will miss out on a layer of insulating snow cover. Russia is the world's biggest wheat exporter. In France, the soft wheat crop has already worsened sharply since December. Wheat market was also buoyed by brisk weekly U.S. exports, though wheat import tenders this week from Algeria and Saudi Arabia were expected to show continued competition for business from the Black Sea region.



**Technical:**

Wheat hits four-month high as cold threatens Russia, US crops. Next level to watch 614.00.

**Support:**

596.25 = Sep 2024 High

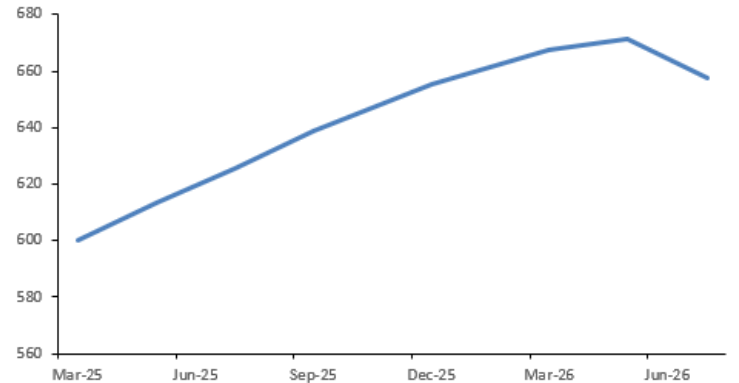
519.50 = Mar 2024 Low

**Resistance:**

614.50 = Apr 2024 High

628.75 = Jan 2024 High

**Futures Curve**



# Sugar

Last Price

USc **20.42**/LBS

Raw sugar SBc1 settled up 0.25 cent, or 1.2%, at 20.42 cents per lb after hitting a two-month high of 20.45 cents. Indian sugar exports had slowed because of rising domestic prices and even the current export quota of one million tons might not be fulfilled. A dry spell in Brazil was also noted in the market, as it could slow cane development. White sugar LSUc1 rose 1.5% at \$537.50 a ton. A total of 411,200 metric tons of mostly Guatemalan white sugar has been tendered against the March contract on ICE Futures Europe.



## Technical:

Raw sugar falls slightly, but records weekly gain. Next level to watch 20.78.

## Support:

20.33 = Jun 2024 High

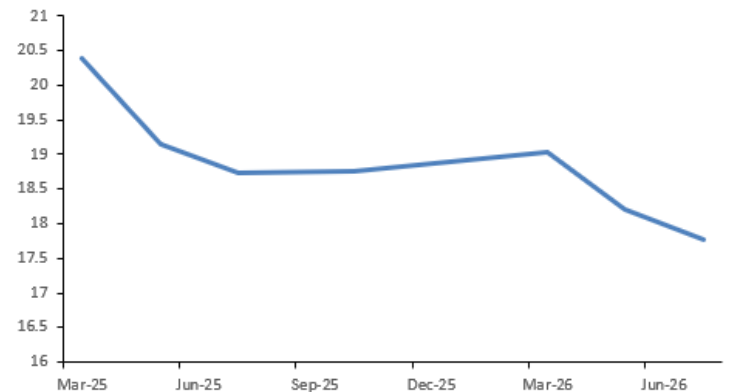
20.00 = May 2024 High

## Resistance:

20.78 = Jul 2024 High

21.90 = Dec 2024 High

## Futures Curve



# Soybean

Last Price USc **1,036.00**/BSH

CBOT soybean futures rose on Friday as traders monitored parched weather in Argentina, a major soy producer. CBOT March soybeans SH25 settled up 6 cents to \$10.36 per bushel. CBOT March soymeal SMH25 ended up \$3.2 to \$295.90 per short ton. March soyoil BOH25 fell 0.18 cent to 46.07 cents per pound. Soy futures were broadly supported by an easing dollar and investor relief that U.S. President Donald Trump did not immediately impose reciprocal tariffs globally. A powerful Brazilian soy grower lobby is recommending farmers reject the inclusion in soy purchase and sale contracts of the obligation to comply with the European Union anti-deforestation law. Weekly U.S. soybean exports were below expectations but the absence of more U.S. tariffs tempered concerns about full-blown trade conflict with top soybean importer China.



**Technical:**

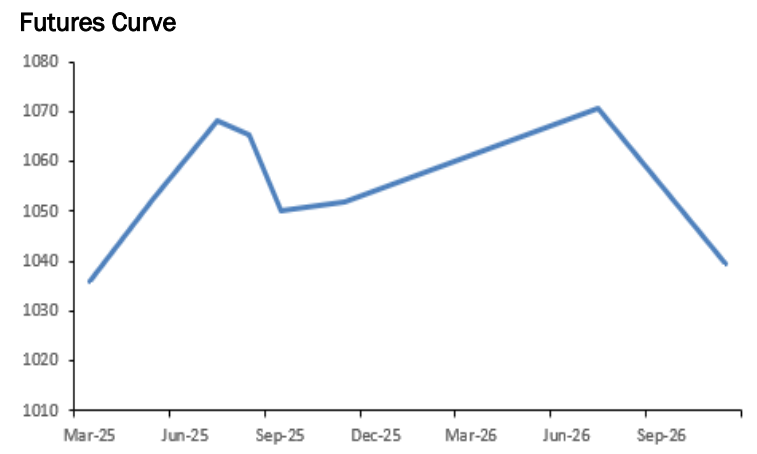
Soybean gains as traders monitor South American weather, next level to watch 1,065.00.

**Support:**

936.25 = Aug 2024 Low  
 910.00 = Jul 2020 High

**Resistance:**

1,065.50 = Oct 2024 High  
 1,115.00 = Feb 2024 Low



# Palm Oil

Last Price

USD **1,036.10**/Ton

Malaysian palm oil futures ended higher on Friday and logged a fourth straight weekly gain, as lower stocks supported the market despite demand concerns and uncertainties surrounding Indonesia's biodiesel mandate. The benchmark palm oil contract FCPOc3 for April delivery on the Bursa Malaysia Derivatives Exchange gained 41 ringgit, or 0.9%, to 4,595 ringgit (\$1,036.10) a metric ton at the close. The contract rose 2.02% this week. The market adjusted slightly on demand concerns though lower end stocks kept prices supported. Oil prices rose and were poised to end three weeks of decline, buoyed by rising fuel demand and expectations that U.S. plans for global reciprocal tariffs would not come into effect until April, giving more time to avoid a trade war. Stronger crude oil futures make palm a more attractive option for biodiesel feedstock.

## Technical:

Palm oil rises on lower production, logs fourth weekly gain, next level to watch 1,181.80.

## Support:

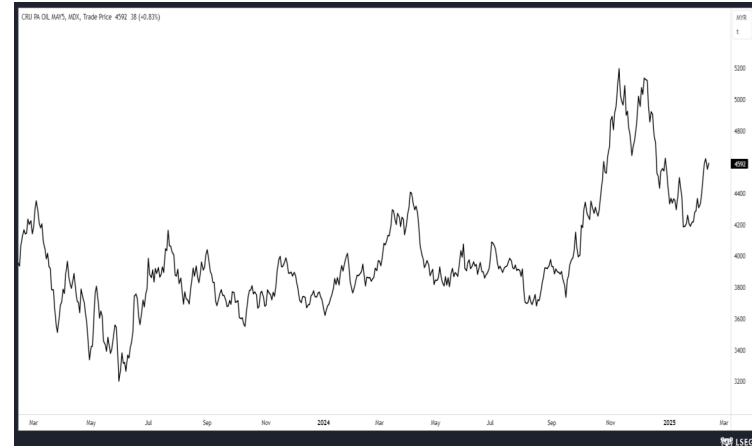
970.69 = Mar 2024 Low

945.74 = Jul 2024 Low

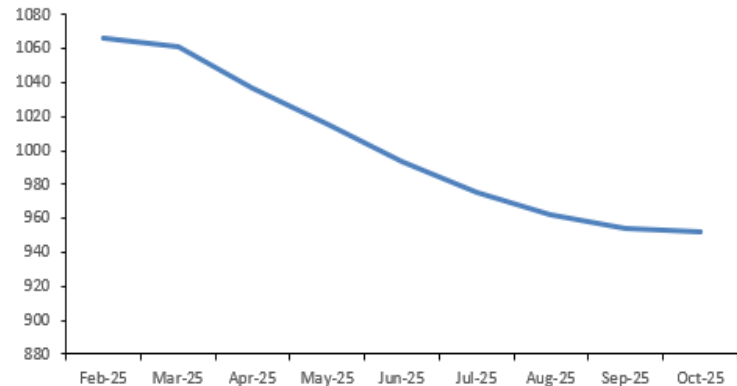
## Resistance:

1,181.80 = Oct 2021 High

1,301.37 = Jan 2022 High



## Futures Curve





# Cotton

Last Price

USc **67.11**/LBS

ICE cotton prices rose on Friday and were on track for their first weekly rise in three, supported by a weaker U.S. dollar and an up-beat sentiment in the grains and oil market. Cotton contracts for May [CTc2](#) rose 0.62 cent, or 0.91%, at 68.6 cents per lb. The contract is up nearly 3% so far this week. A weaker dollar makes green-back-priced cotton less expensive for overseas buyers. Chicago corn, wheat and soybean futures extended gains, supported by investor relief that U.S. President Donald Trump did not immediately impose reciprocal tariffs globally, as well as concern over crop weather in various parts of the world. Higher oil prices make cotton-substitute polyester more expensive.

## Technical:

Cotton poised for weekly gain on lower dollar, higher oil, grains. Next level to watch 75.00.

## Support:

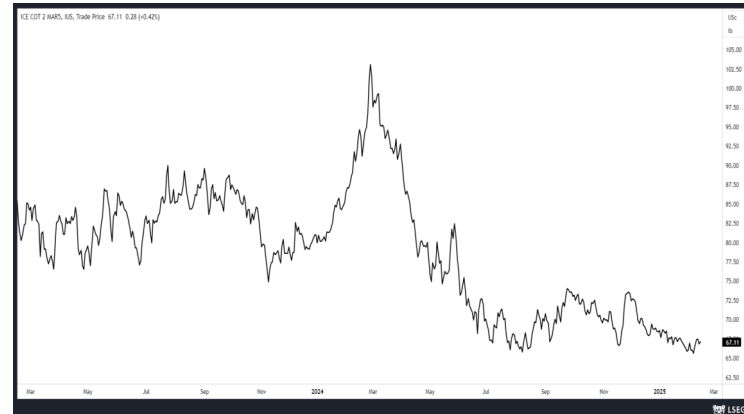
65.30 = Aug 2024 Low

57.26 = Jun 2020 Low

## Resistance:

74.58 = Sep 2024 High

76.53 = Jun 2024 High



## Futures Curve



# Brent Crude

Last Price

USD **74.74**/BBL

Oil prices settled down on Friday on prospects for a peace deal between Russia and Ukraine that could ease global supply disruptions by ending sanctions against Moscow, but losses were limited by a delay in U.S. immediate reciprocal tariffs. Brent LCOc1 futures settled down 28 cents, or 0.37%, at \$74.74 a barrel. U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude CLc1 fell 55 cents, or 0.77%, to \$70.74. For the week, Brent gained 0.11% while WTI lost around 0.37%. President Donald Trump ordered U.S. officials this week to begin talks on ending the war in Ukraine after Russian President Vladimir Putin and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy expressed a desire for peace in separate phone calls with him. Lifting sanctions on Moscow in the event of a peace deal should boost global energy supplies. The oil and gas rig count, an early indicator of future output, rose by two to 588 in the week to February 14.

## Technical:

Oil settles lower, supply worries ease on hopes for Ukraine peace deal, next level to watch 80.00.

## Support:

68.68 = Sep 2024 Low

64.60 = Aug 2021 Low

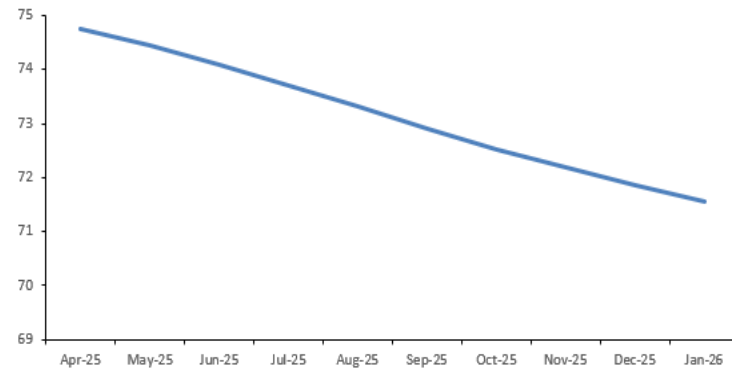
## Resistance:

78.73 = Jun 2023 High

79.30 = Oct 2024 High



## Futures Curve



# LNG

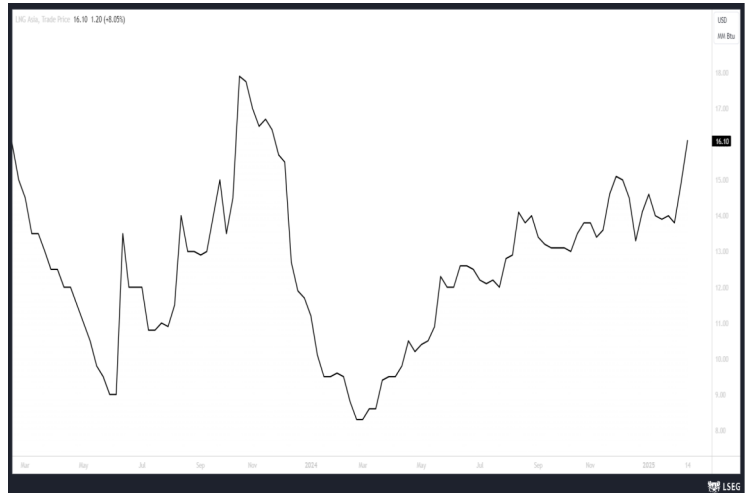
Last Price

USD **16.10**/MMBTU

Asian spot liquefied natural gas prices rose to an over one-year high this week, amid forecasts of colder temperatures and as concerns over Europe's storage levels persist.

The average LNG price for March delivery into northeast Asia [LNG-AS](#) was at \$16.10 per million British thermal units (mmBtu), the highest since November 2023.

The average price for April delivery is estimated at \$15.50/mmBtu. Asian prices were also supported as the market needs to remain competitive and keep itself priced into some spot volumes, for a baseline level of LNG to flow into Asia.



**Technical:**

Asian spot LNG gains amid colder weather, Europe stocks concerns. Next level to watch 16.70.

**Support:**

- 15.70 = Dec 2023 High
- 15.10 = Nov 2025 High

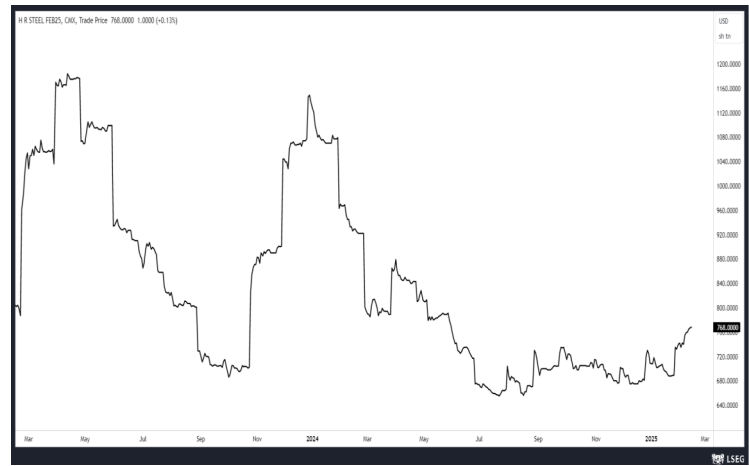
**Resistance:**

- 16.70 = Nov 2023 High
- 17.90 = Oct 2023 High

# Steel (HRC)

Last Price USD **768.00**/ tons

Iron ore futures prices rose on Friday and were on track for a weekly gain, supported by heightened concerns over cyclone-led supply disruptions in major producer Australia. The most-traded May iron ore contract on China's DCE DCIOcv1 was up 0.67% at 824 yu-an (\$113.14) a metric ton. The contract has gained 0.5% so far this week. The benchmark March iron ore SZZFH5 on the Singapore Exchange climbed 1.73% to \$108.3 a ton, and poised for a weekly gain of 1.8%. Australia's iron ore export hub, the world's largest, braced on Friday for a powerful tropical cyclone, forcing the closure of all major commodity ports in the country's northwest. China imported a record high of 1.24 billion tons of iron ore last year, with 60% coming from Australia. Rebar SRBcv1 added 0.12%, hot-rolled coil SHHCcv1 edged 0.21% higher, wire rod SWRCv1 inched up 0.17%, while stainless steel SHSScv1 dipped 0.41%.



**Technical:**

Iron ore rises on cyclone-led supply disruptions in Australia. Next level to watch 783.00.

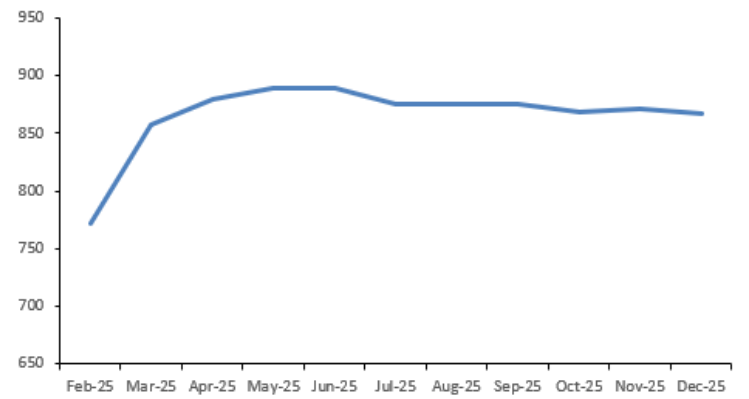
**Support:**

- 745.00 = Jan 2025 High
- 650.00 = Dec 2022 Low

**Resistance:**

- 783.00 = Mar 2024 Low
- 813.00 = May 2024 High

**Futures Curve of Steel Futures**



# SHFE Zinc

Last Price USD **3,291.05**/Tons

The most-traded SHFE zinc 2503 contract opened at 23,745 yuan/mt. It closed down at 23,737.5 yuan/mt, a decrease of 40 yuan/mt or 0.17%. Trading volume decreased to 53,235 lots, while open interest increased by 175 lots to 84,880 lots.

Overnight, SHFE zinc recorded a bearish candlestick, with resistance formed by the 40-day moving average above. Although the inventory buildup of zinc ingots this week was limited and low inventory still provided support for zinc prices, and downstream enterprises gradually resumed production after the Lantern Festival, short-term spot consumption of zinc ingots showed no significant improvement. As a result, SHFE zinc's upward momentum was limited, maintaining a fluctuating trend.



### Technical:

Zinc price moves down, next level to watch 3,352.00

### Support:

3,154.87 = May 2024 Low

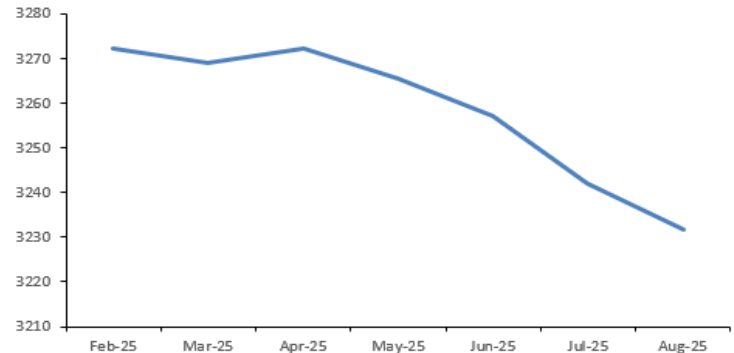
3,083.84 = Jul 2024 Low

### Resistance:

3,352.09 = Aug 2024 High

3,426.57 = Jul 2024 High

### SHFE Zinc Forward Curve



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