



# Commodities Weekly

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# Bloomberg Commodity Index

98.14 ▼



**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	<b>532.25</b>	▼ -2.20%	▼ -6.70%	▼ -6.66%	<b>720.00</b>	<b>493.50</b>
<a href="#">Sugar</a>	\$c/LBS	<b>21.08</b>	▼ -1.31%	▼ -7.30%	▼ -19.05%	<b>24.62</b>	<b>17.52</b>
<a href="#">Soybean</a>	\$c/BSH	<b>989.50</b>	▲ 0.61%	▲ 0.71%	▼ -26.31%	<b>1,289.50</b>	<b>936.25</b>
<a href="#">Palm Oil</a>	\$/Ton	<b>1,130.63</b>	▲ 8.75%	▲ 5.33%	▲ 35.18%	<b>1,165.30</b>	<b>872.09</b>
<a href="#">Cotton</a>	\$c/LBS	<b>73.35</b>	▲ 2.37%	▲ 5.43%	▼ -7.62%	<b>107.25</b>	<b>65.30</b>
<a href="#">Brent Crude</a>	\$/BBL	<b>72.94</b>	▼ -2.97%	▼ -0.30%	▼ -11.94%	<b>92.18</b>	<b>68.68</b>
<a href="#">LNG</a>	\$/MMBTU	<b>15.10</b>	▲ 3.42%	▲ 9.42%	▼ -7.93%	<b>15.10</b>	<b>8.30</b>
<a href="#">Steel</a>	\$/Ton	<b>700.00</b>	▲ 2.94%	▼ -2.10%	▼ -32.95%	<b>1,135.00</b>	<b>654.00</b>
<a href="#">SHFE Zinc</a>	\$/Ton	<b>3,606.59</b>	▲ 3.84%	▲ 1.55%	▲ 21.43%	<b>3,699.10</b>	<b>2,859.79</b>
Indonesian Coal*	\$/Ton	<b>114.43</b>	0.00%	▼ -12.76%	▼ -18.15%	<b>131.17</b>	<b>109.77</b>
Australian Coal	\$/Ton	<b>204.38</b>	▼ -0.06%	▼ -1.03%	▼ -36.29%	<b>336.00</b>	<b>176.00</b>
Gold	\$/Ozs	<b>2,653.55</b>	▼ -2.18%	▼ -3.29%	▲ 2.68%	<b>2,790.15</b>	<b>1,984.09</b>

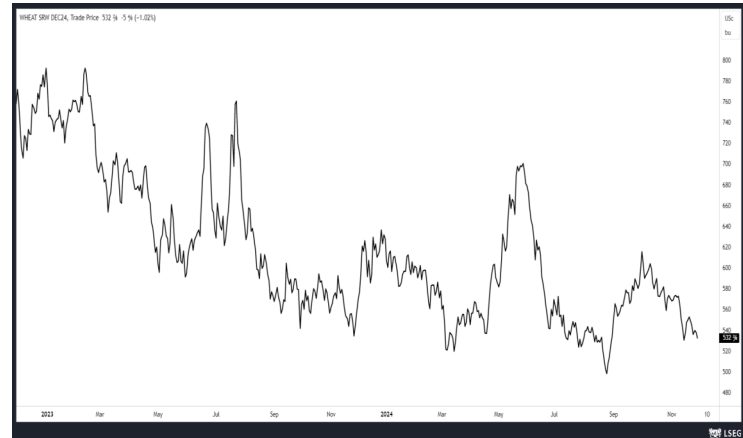
\*Price published monthly once by Indonesian Govt

# Wheat

Last Price

USc **532.25**/BSH

CBOT wheat futures ended the session lower on a choppy day of trading Friday, as prices remained under pressure by both Russia and Argentina selling crops into the global market at a discount. CBOT March soft red winter wheat [WH25](#) settled down 1/2-cent at \$5.48 a bushel. K.C. March hard red winter wheat [KWH25](#) ended down 3-3/4 cents at \$5.40-3/4 a bushel, after setting a new contract low earlier in the session. Wheat did [gain some support](#) on news that Russia planned to cut its 2025 export quota and hiked wheat-export duties as the government moved to curb inflation. Weather conditions for the U.S. wheat crop continue to look largely benign, with threats of damage from cold weather confined to the far Northern Plains so far.



**Technical:**

Wheat closes lower on choppy day of trading. Next level to watch 596.00.

**Support:**

519.50 = Mar 2024 Low

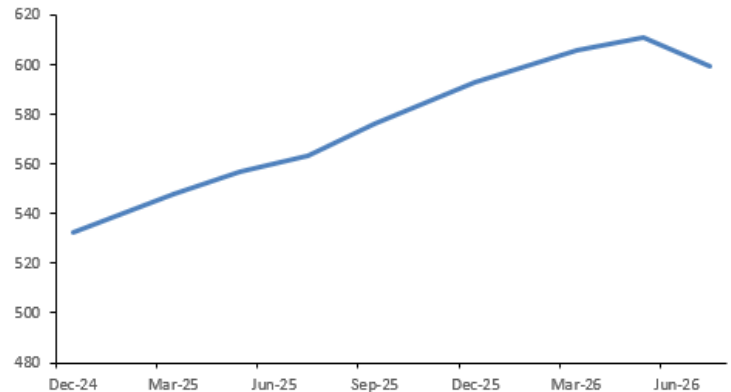
493.50 = Aug 2024 Low

**Resistance:**

596.25 = Sep 2024 High

614.50 = Apr 2024 High

**Futures Curve**



# Sugar

Last Price USc **21.08**/LBS

March white sugar [LSUc1](#) settled down 0.7% at \$556.10 a ton.

A weak tail to Brazil's sugarcane crop was helping to underpin prices, with mill closures running well ahead of normal.

Brazil's agriculture state agency [Conab](#) on Thursday estimated Brazilian sugar production in 2024/25 at 44 million metric tons, down from a previous forecast of 46 million tons.



**Technical:**

Raw sugar slips further, next level to watch 20.78.

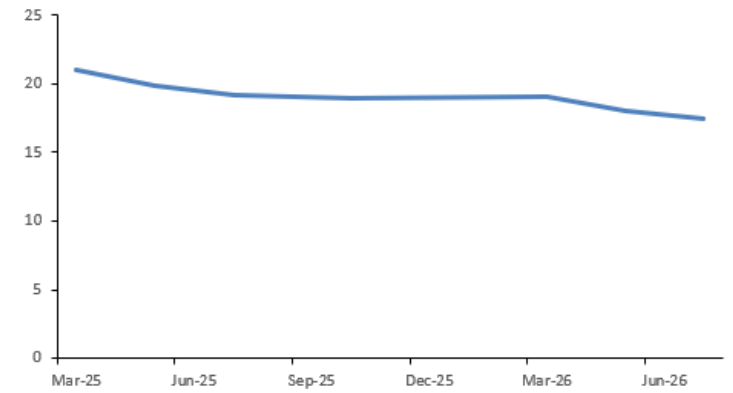
**Support:**

20.78 = Jul 2024 High  
20.00 = May 2024 High

**Resistance:**

21.55 = Oct 2024 Low  
22.78 = Jul 2023 Low

## Futures Curve

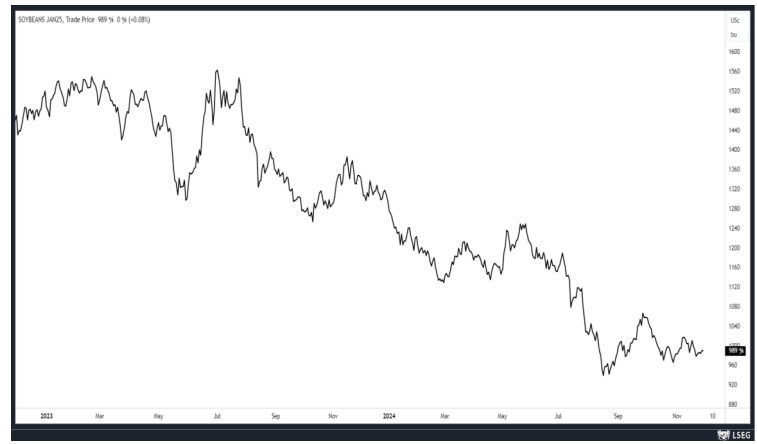


# Soybean

Last Price USc **989.50**/BSH

CBOT soybean futures ended slightly higher on Friday on technical trading and a flurry of export demand.

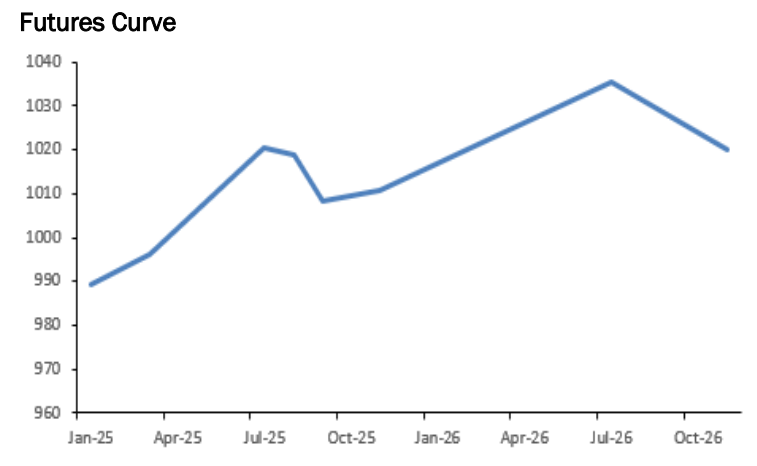
But soybean prices remained under pressure on forecasts for timely showers in Brazil and Argentina, which should continue to aid development in what is expected to be a hefty crop. CBOT soybeans [Sv1](#) settled up 3/4-cent at \$9.89-1/2 a bushel and corn [Cv1](#) rose 5 cents at \$4.33 a bushel. The most-active wheat contract [Wv1](#) ended the session down 1/2-cent at \$5.48 a bushel. Soyoil futures turned higher, following Malaysian palm oil futures [FCPOc3](#), which rose for a fifth straight session and booked a weekly gain on Friday amid supply concerns.



**Technical:**  
 Soybeans tick up on export demand, next level to watch 1020.00.

**Support:**  
 936.25 = Aug 2024 Low  
 910.00 = Jul 2020 High

**Resistance:**  
 1,020.50 = Jul 2024 Low  
 1,065.50 = Oct 2024 High

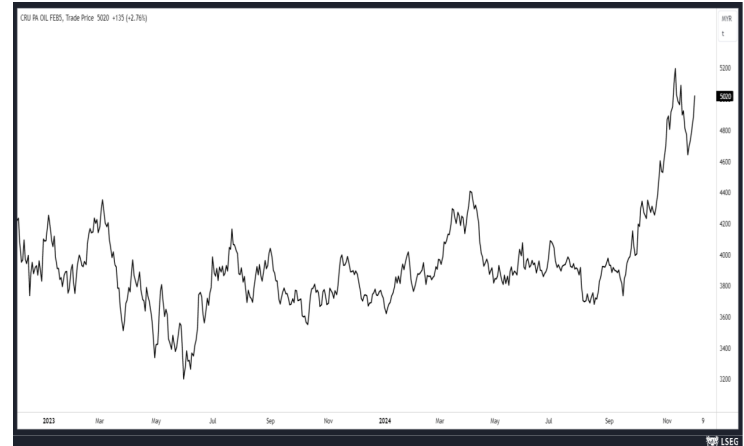


# Palm Oil

Last Price

USD **1,130.63**/Ton

Malaysian palm oil futures rose for a fifth straight session and booked a weekly gain on Friday, amid supply concerns as heavy rains in the country were exacerbating already weak production levels. The benchmark palm oil contract [FCPOc3](#) for February delivery on the Bursa Malaysia Derivatives Exchange gained 138 ringgit, or 2.82%, to 5,023 ringgit (\$1,131.31) a metric ton at the close. The contract rebounded to log a weekly gain of 8.21%, the highest since June 2023, after falling for the past two consecutive weeks. The ringgit [MYR=](#), palm's currency of trade, strengthened 0.09% against the dollar, making the commodity more expensive for holders of foreign currencies.



## Technical:

Palm rises for fifth session, logs weekly gain, next level to watch 1,165.00.

## Support:

970.69 = Mar 2024 Low

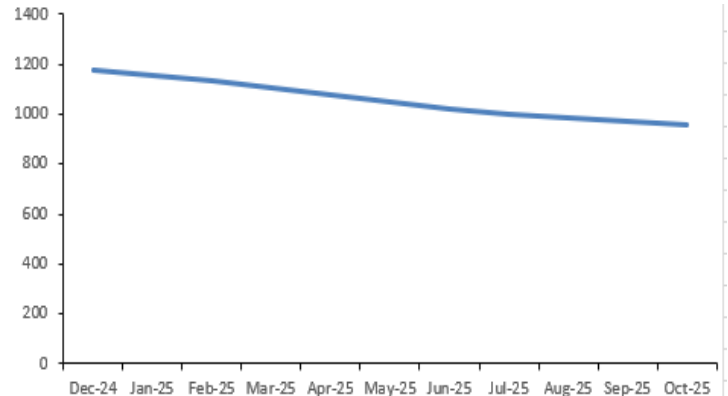
945.74 = Jul 2024 Low

## Resistance:

1,165.30 = Oct 2021 High

1,301.37 = Jan 2022 High

## Futures Curve





# Cotton

Last Price

USc **73.35**/LBS

ICE cotton futures rose on Friday, on track for a second straight weekly gain, as the market saw some rebalancing ahead of the month-end, while a weekly export sales report showed strong buying activity and a softer dollar lent further support. Cotton contracts for March [CTc2](#) rose to 73.35 cents per lb. The contract was up 2.4% for the week so far. The USDA weekly export sales report showed net sales of upland cotton totaling 324,100 running bales for 2024/2025, a marketing-year high, and up 2% from the previous week and 46% from the prior 4-week average. Net sales hit a marketing high for the second week in a row. Oil prices were steady and heading for a weekly drop of more than 2%, pressured by easing concern over supply risks from the Israel-Hezbollah conflict and the prospect of increased supply in 2025.

## Technical:

Cotton futures rise after strong export sales report. Next level to watch 75.00.

## Support:

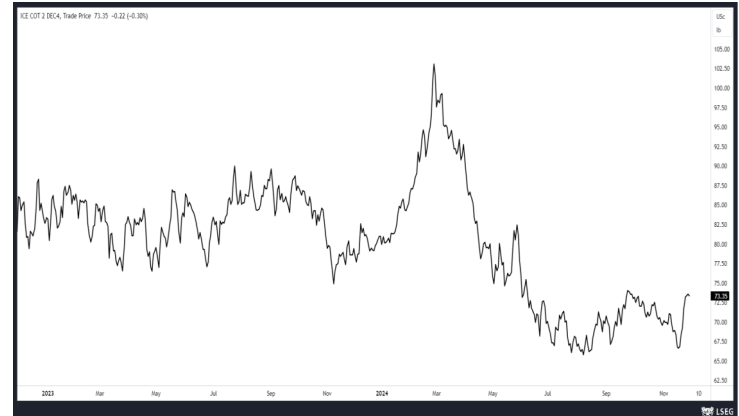
65.30 = Aug 2024 Low

57.26 = Jun 2020 Low

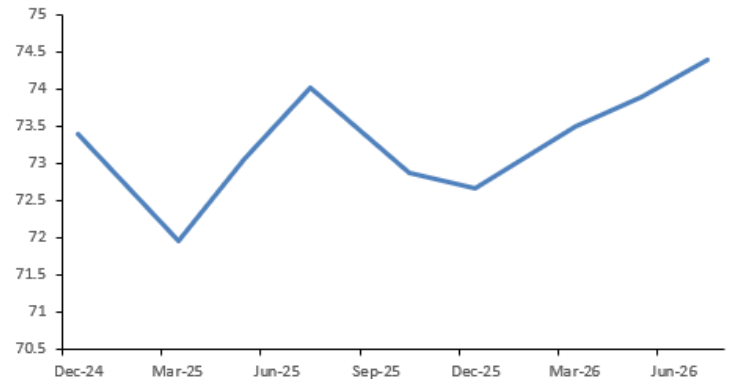
## Resistance:

74.58 = Sep 2024 High

76.53 = Jun 2024 High



## Futures Curve



# Brent Crude

Last Price USD **72.94**/BBL

Oil prices edged lower on Friday and posted a weekly decline of more than 3%, pressured by easing concern over supply risks from the Israel-Hezbollah conflict and the prospect of increased supply in 2025 even as OPEC+ is expected to extend output cuts. Brent crude [LCOc1](#) fell 34 cents, or 0.46%, to settle at \$72.94 a barrel. U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude futures [CLc1](#) fell 72 cents, or 1.05%, to settle at \$68, from the last close before Thursday's Thanksgiving holiday. Trading activity was muted because of the U.S. public holiday. For the week, Brent declined 3.1% while WTI lost 4.8%.



### Technical:

Oil settles down as ease of supply risks drives weekly loss, next level to watch 80.00.

### Support:

68.68 = Sep 2024 Low

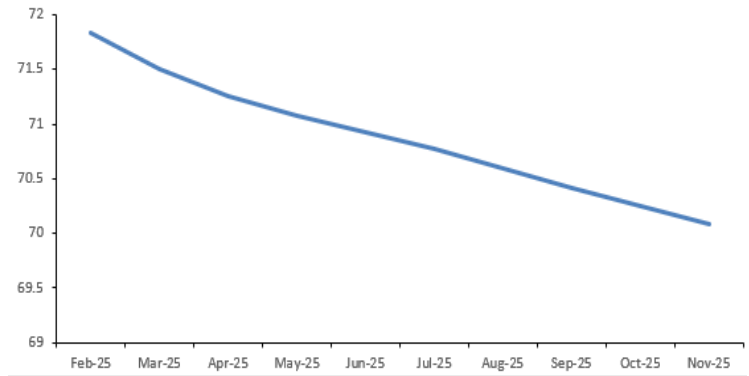
64.60 = Aug 2021 Low

### Resistance:

78.73 = Jun 2023 High

79.30 = Oct 2024 High

### Futures Curve



# LNG

Last Price

USD **15.10**/MMBTU

Asian spot liquefied natural gas (LNG) prices gained for a third consecutive week to hit a new high for the year so far as colder weather in the region drove demand.

The average LNG price for January delivery into northeast Asia [LNG-AS](#) was at \$15.10 per million British thermal units (mmBtu), up 3.4% from the previous week. LNG inventories held by major Japanese electric utilities were at 2.06 million metric tons as of Nov. 24, down from 2.16 million metric tons during the corresponding period of last year and the five-year average of 2.13 million metric tons. In Europe, S&P Global Commodity Insights assessed its daily North West Europe LNG Marker (NWM) price benchmark for cargoes delivered in January on an ex-ship (DES) basis at \$14.271/mmBtu on Nov. 28, a \$0.215/mmBtu discount to the January gas price at the Dutch TTF hub.



## Technical:

Asian spot LNG gains as colder weather drives demand. Next level to watch 15.10.

## Support:

12.60 = Jun 2024 High

12.00 = Jun 2024 Low

## Resistance:

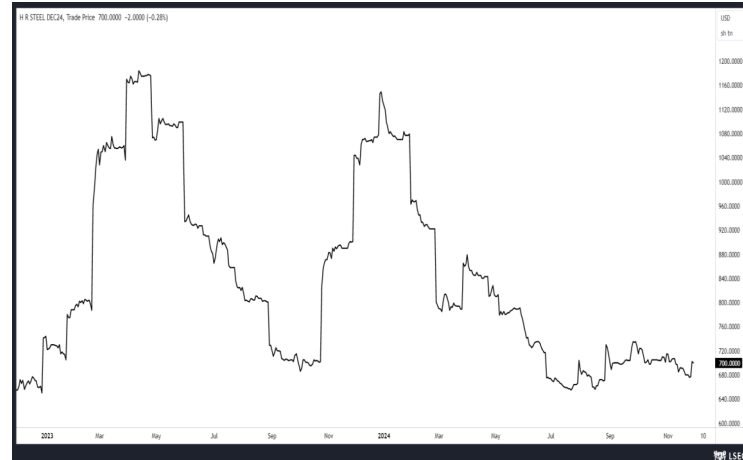
15.70 = Dec 2023 High

17.00 = Nov 2023 High

# Steel (HRC)

Last Price USD **700.00**/ tons

Dalian iron ore futures climbed to their highest in more than a month on Friday to end the week higher, as a stronger economic outlook for top consumer China lifted market sentiment. The most-traded January iron ore contract on China's Dalian Commodity Exchange (DCE) [DCIOcv1](#) ended daytime trade 1.14% higher at 797.5 yuan (\$110.29) a metric ton. The contract earlier rose as high as 806.5 yuan, strongest since Oct. 14, and added 2.90% this week. Other steelmaking ingredients on the DCE surrendered earlier gains, with coking coal [DJMcv1](#) and coke [DCJcv1](#) both down 0.24%. Most steel benchmarks on the Shanghai Futures Exchange were stronger. Rebar [SRBcv1](#) advanced almost 0.5%, hot-rolled coil [SHHCcv1](#) rose about 0.6%, wire rod [SWRcv1](#) added around 0.5%, while stainless steel [SHSScv1](#) lost 0.46%.



## Technical:

Iron ore advances on firmer China economic outlook; posts weekly rise. Next level to watch 750.00.

## Support:

650.00 = Dec 2022 Low

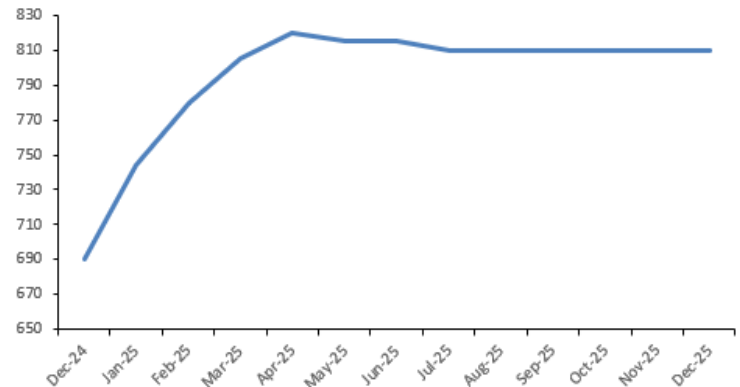
645.00 = Nov 2022 Low

## Resistance:

765.00 = Sep 2022 Low

783.00 = Mar 2024 Low

Futures Curve of SHFE Steel Futures



# SHFE Zinc

Last Price USD **3,606.59**/Tons

The most-traded SHFE zinc 2501 contract opened at 25,245 yuan/mt, initially rose to 25,325 yuan/mt, then fluctuated downward along the daily moving average to a low of 25,145 yuan/mt as longs reduced positions. It then fluctuated rangebound near the daily moving average and finally closed down at 25,215 yuan/mt, a decrease of 140 yuan/mt or 0.55%. Trading volume decreased to 170,000 lots, and open interest decreased by 6,531 lots to 151,000 lots. Overnight, SHFE zinc recorded a bearish candle, with the upper Bollinger Band forming resistance and the 10-day moving average providing support below. Currently, SHFE zinc is moving downward due to the exit of longs, but supply-side issues persist, which is expected to continue supporting zinc prices.



## Technical:

Zinc price moves upward, next level to watch 3,700.00

## Support:

3,361.27 = Aug 2024 High

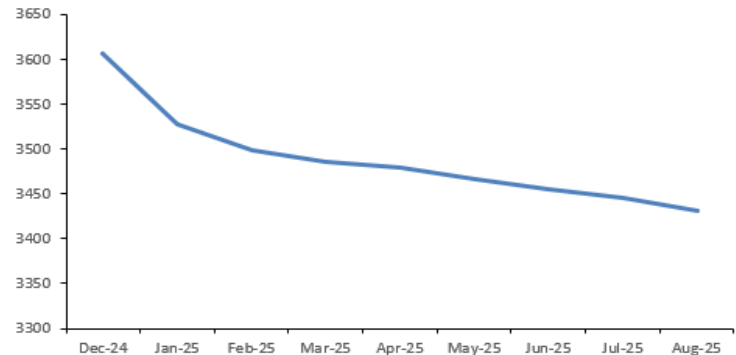
3,268.61 = Apr 2022 High

## Resistance:

3,699.10 = Nov 2024 High

3,735.00 = Oct 2022 High

## SHFE Zinc Forward Curve



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