April 2017

Industry Update

Food and Agribusiness



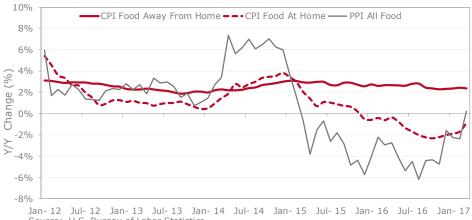
Supermarket & Restaurant Comps

- Supermarket comparable sales are in the -4.0% to -3.0% range driven by -4.5% to -4.0% volume decline and 0.5% to 1.0% price. The comps show a steepening of 4Q16's volume-led -100bp deceleration from 3Q16's average total comp of -0.5%.
- Restaurant comparable sales are in the -1.5% to -0.5% range driven by -3.5% to -3.0% volume growth and 2.0% to 2.5% price. March's performance was led by continued weak traffic trends in the QSR category.

Key Demand Developments

- Growth in housing prices remain a positive to consumer balance sheets, with the Case-Shiller 20 city index rising +5.7% Y/Y in January.
- The performance of the S&P 500 was up +17% YoY, a tailwind for the consumer balance sheet.
- The consumer income statement is also boosted by job and wage growth as non-farm payrolls increased by +1.5% Y/Y in March and average hourly earnings increased +2.3% Y/Y, both tailwinds for the consumer income statement.
- Gas prices continue to be a tailwind for the consumer; oil futures have hovered near \$50/barrel, up +35% YoY. Despite YoY gains, gas prices remain -25% below the 5 year average.
- The Consumer Confidence Index as measured by the Conference Board was 125.6 in March +29.5 points above the Mar16 reading of 96.1.

Consumer and Producer Price Indices



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Price & Food Inflation Developments

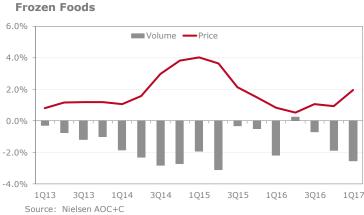
- We maintain a constructive outlook for volumes given pricing levels below 3%. The spread between restaurant and food retail pricing continues to be historically wide.
- Restaurant pricing measured by the CPI food away from home index (CPI-FAFH) increased +2.4% in March Y/Y, which is flat vs. the prior month and down -30bp vs. the prior year.
- Food Retail pricing measured by the CPI food at home index decreased -0.9% in March Y/Y, which is up +80bp vs. the prior month and down -30bp vs. the prior year.
- The Producer Price Index (PPI All Food) increased +0.2% in March Y/Y, which is up +260bp vs. the prior month and +320bp vs. the prior year.



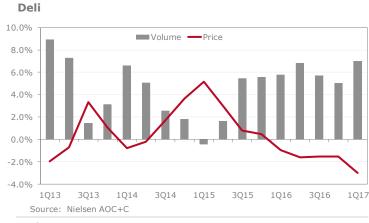
Grocery Department Trends: Dry grocery volumes declined sharply in 1Q17 while volumes in produce and deli maintain momentum. Pricing remains weak in most departments.

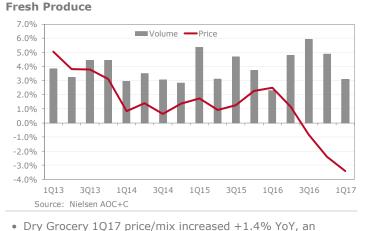


Source: Nielsen AOC+C











- increase of +30bp vs. 4Q16. Dry Grocery volumes decreased -3.5% YoY, a decrease of -290bp vs. 4Q16.
- Dairy 1Q17 price/mix decreased -0.1% YoY, an increase of +360bp vs. 4Q16. Dairy volumes decreased -4.6% YoY, a decrease of -220bp vs. 4Q16.
- Fresh Produce 1Q17 price/mix decreased -3.4% YoY, a decrease of -100bp vs. 4Q16. Fresh Produce volumes increased +3.1% YoY, a decrease of -180bp vs. 4Q16.
- Frozen Food 1Q17 price/mix increased +2.0% YoY, an increase of +110bp vs. 4Q16. Frozen Food volumes decreased -2.6% YoY, a decrease of -70bp vs. 4Q16.
- Deli 1Q17 price/mix decreased -3.0% YoY, a decrease of -140bp vs. 4Q16. Deli volumes increased +7.0% YoY, an increase of +200bp vs. 4Q16.
- Bakery 1Q17 price/mix decreased -0.2% YoY, a decrease of -60bp vs. 4Q16. Bakery volumes decreased -1.4% YoY, a decrease of -270bp vs. 4Q16.



Food Company Margin Heat Map YoY						
Price vs. Volume	Comm	odities	Labor	Energy		
	Grain	Protein				
Constructive	Slightly Inflationary		Inflationary	Mixed		
	Mixed	Mixed				

Food Company Input Cost Summary:

As we enter 2017 a large portion of commodities have begun a modest bounce of 15/16 low levels.

- Economic Backdrop: Economic activity grows but input cost inflation handicapped by the strong dollar.
- Corn, Wheat & Soy Prices: 15/16 prices reflected deflationary pressures, 16/17 forecasts continued low price levels in corn, wheat and soy on increased production across all three commodities.
- Chicken: Prices have showed moderate inflation above 2015/16 levels as supplies are tightening and exports taper off near 2016 levels.
- Beef: Prices are below 2016 levels as cold storage inventory and export levels are up YoY and heifer slaughter outpaces 2016 rates.
- **Pork:** Prices are near 2015/16 levels despite ample but tightening supplies and improving exports.
- Packer Margin Environment: Chicken ratios are near 2016 levels, beef ratios have begun to break out above 2016 levels while pork ratios have retreated off Oct16 highs.
- Seafood: Shrimp prices are in-line with 2015/16 levels; salmon prices have broken out above 2015/16 levels and pollock prices are at multi-year lows.
- **Dairy:** Current prices are moderately above 2016 levels as exports improve despite ample supplies.
- Specialty Crops: Current sugar, coffee, cotton and orange juice prices are inflationary YoY, while cocoa prices have been in decline since June.
- Forestry Products: Strength in housing starts and remodel activity continues to support demand for framing lumber and structural panel prices.
- Crop Inputs: Fertilizer prices remain below 2015 levels with higher than expected imports, with all four prices measured in-line with 2H16 levels.
- Energy & Labor: Global oil prices have kept energy prices in check, while we observe wage inflation gains in restaurants and food manufacturing.

Key Commodity Heat Map						
Commodity	Price	Y/Y	M/M			
Corn	\$3.66	+0.5%	-1.3%			
Wheat	\$4.36	-6.7%	-1.6%			
Soybeans	\$10.01	+11.9%	-3.7%			
Broilers	\$0.94	+9.6%	+11.1%			
Cattle	\$1.16	-14.8%	+1.2%			
Hogs	\$0.70	-8.6%	+0.5%			
Milk	\$16.21	+19.5%	-1.9%			
Shrimp	\$4.55	+6.6%	+0.3%			
Salmon	\$5.46	+14.7%	-3.2%			
Nat. Gas	\$7.84	+11.2%	+0.3%			
Electricity	\$10.21	+0.8%	-1.2%			
Heating Oil	\$2.55	+31.1%	+1.1%			
Rest. Labor	\$13.25	+4.0%	+0.5%			
Sup. Labor	\$13.13	+0.4%	0.0%			
Food Labor	\$16.79	+3.2%	-0.1%			

 $^{^*}$ Monthly average corn, wheat, soybeans in * Jbu; broiler, shrimp in * Jb; cattle, hogs, milk in,

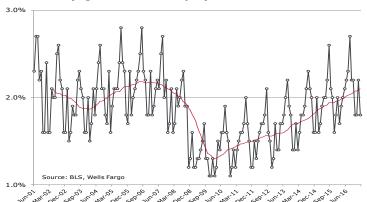
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Source: USDA; BLS; IMF; IntraFish

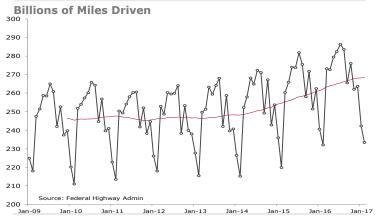


Economics: Economic activity grows but input cost inflation handicapped by the strong dollar.

Voluntary Quits as % of Employment

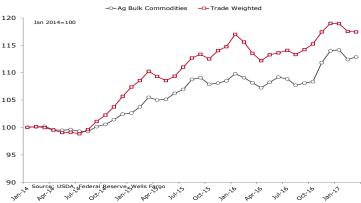




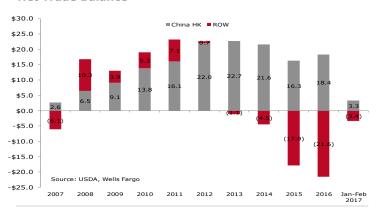


- The February 2017 voluntary quits as a percentage of employment of 1.8% was up +0.1% vs. the Feb16 reading of 1.7%. The 12 month rolling average is approaching prerecessionary levels.
- The March 2017 weekly average earnings are growing +2.4% YoY on a nominal basis; when deflated by food & beverage CPI the Mar17 average wages of \$719/week increased +2.0% vs. Mar16. The pre-recession inflation adjusted peak was \$703/week in December of 2006.
- The February 2017 monthly average miles driven of 234 billion increased +0.6% vs. Feb16 as gas prices and better employment continue to provide tailwinds.

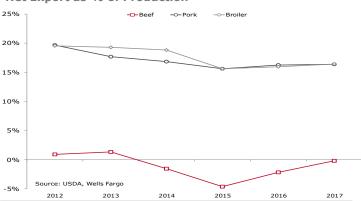
Trade Weighted Dollar vs. Ag Index



Net Trade Balance



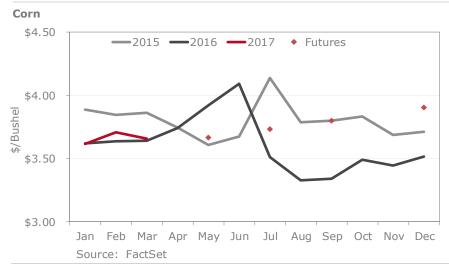
Net Export as % of Production



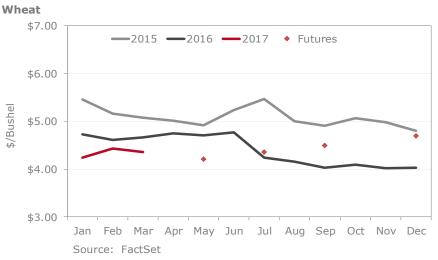
- The March 2017 trade weighted dollar index value of 117.4 vs. bulk commodity dollar index value of 110.8 represents a narrower gap when compared to the March 2016 values of 113.5 and 105.9 respectively.
- The 2017 YTD net trade balance of -\$0.1 billion represents a smaller deficit compared the Jan-Feb 2016 total of -\$2.0 billion. The 2016 full year net trade balance of -\$3.2 billion is the largest full year trade deficit since pre 2007.
- The 2017 pork and broiler markets face a stronger headwind from dollar strengthening as net exports comprise 16.4% and 16.4% percent of total production vs. -0.2% for beef.



Soft Commodities Prices: 15/16 prices reflected deflationary pressures, 16/17 forecasts continued low price levels in corn, wheat and soy on increased production.

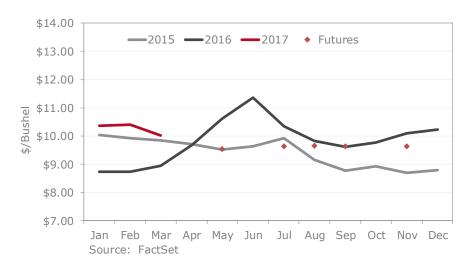


- The March monthly average corn price of \$3.66/bu decreased -1.3% vs. the prior month and increased +0.5% vs. the prior year period.
- The WASDE's (World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates) median average farm price projection for 2016/17 is \$3.40/bu, down -5.8% from \$3.61/bu in 2015/16. WASDE's prior projection for 2016/17 was \$3.40/bu.
- WASDE forecasts global corn production to be 1,054 million tons in 2016/17 which is up +9.4% vs. 2015/16.



- The March monthly average wheat price of \$4.36/bu decreased -1.6% vs. the prior month and decreased -6.7% vs. the prior year period.
- The WASDE U.S. median average farm price forecast for 2016/17 is \$3.85/bu, down -21.3% from \$4.89/bu in 2015/16. WASDE's prior projection for 2016/17 was \$3.85/bu.
- WASDE forecasts global wheat production to be 751 million tons for 2016/17, which is up +2.2% vs. 2015/16.

Soybeans



- The March monthly average soybean price of \$10.01/bu decreased -3.7% vs. the prior month and increased +11.9% vs. the prior year period.
- The WASDE U.S. median average farm price forecast for 2016/17 is \$9.55/bu, up +6.7% from \$8.95bu in 2015/16.
 WASDE's prior projection for 2016/17 was \$9.60/bu.
- WASDE forecasts global soybean production at 346 million tons for 2016/17, which is up +10.5% vs. 2015/16.



Soft Commodities Fundamentals: 16/17 forecasts point to ample corn and wheat supplies and improved yields across all three commodities.

Corn

	2014/2015	2015/2016E	2016/2017P	2016/2017P	M/M Change	Y/Y Change
			March	April	Forecast	Forecast
Area Planted (mm)	90.6	88.0	94.0	94.0	0.0%	6.8%
Area Harvested	83.1	80.7	86.7	86.7	0.0%	7.4%
Yield per Harvested Acre (bu)	171	168.4	174.6	174.6	0.0%	3.7%
Beginning Stocks (mm bu)	1,232	1,731	1,737	1,737	0.0%	0.3%
Production	14,216	13,601	15,148	15,148	0.0%	11.4%
Imports	32	60	55	55	0.0%	-8.3%
Total Supply	15,479	15,392	16,940	16,940	0.0%	10.1%
Exports	1,864	1,825	2,225	2,225	0.0%	21.9%
Total Use	13,748	13,685	14,620	14,620	0.0%	6.8%
Ending Stocks	1,731	1,708	2,320	2,320	0.0%	35.8%
Stocks to Use (%)	12.6%	12.5%	15.9%	15.9%	0.0%	3.4%

- The April WASDE report for the 2016/17 corn harvest year forecasts yield per acre to increase +3.7% YoY and total supply to increase +10.1% YoY. Ending stocks are expected to be up +35.8% YoY and stocks to use up +3.4% YoY.
- The April WASDE report estimates for total supply, ending stocks and estimated stocks to use were all unchanged vs. the prior month.

Wheat

	2014/2015	2015/2016E	2016/2017P	2016/2017P	M/M Change	Y/Y Change
			March	April	Forecast	Forecast
Area Planted (mm)	56.8	54.6	50.2	50.2	0.0%	-8.1%
Area Harvested	46.4	47.1	43.9	43.9	0.0%	-6.8%
Yield per Harvested Acre (bu)	43.7	43.6	52.6	52.6	0.0%	20.6%
Beginning Stocks (mm bu)	590	752	976	976	0.0%	29.8%
Production	2,026	2,052	2,310	2,310	0.0%	12.6%
Imports	149	117	115	110	-4.3%	-6.0%
Total Supply	2,766	2,921	3,400	3,395	-0.1%	16.2%
Exports	854	775	1,025	1,025	0.0%	32.3%
Total Use	2,013	1,941	2,271	2,236	-1.5%	15.2%
Ending Stocks	753	980	1,139	1,159	1.8%	18.3%
Stocks to Use (%)	37.4%	50.5%	50.2%	51.8%	1.7%	1.3%

- The April WASDE report for the 2016/17 wheat harvest year forecasts yield per acre to increase +20.6% YoY and total supply to increase +16.2% YoY. Ending stocks are expected to be up +18.3% YoY and stocks to use up +1.3% YoY.
- The April WASDE report estimate for total supply decreased -0.1% vs. the prior month; the estimate for ending stocks increased +1.8% and stocks to use increased +170bp vs. the prior month.

Soybeans

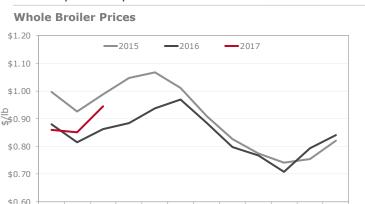
	2014/2015 2015/2016E 2016/2017P 2016/2017P				M/M Change Y/Y Change		
			March	April	Forecast	Forecast	
Area Planted (mm)	83.3	82.7	83.4	83.4	0.0%	0.8%	
Area Harvested	82.6	81.8	82.7	82.7	0.0%	1.1%	
Yield per Harvested Acre (bu)	47.5	48.0	52.1	52.1	0.0%	8.5%	
Beginning Stocks (mm bu)	92	191	197	197	0.0%	3.1%	
Production	3,927	3,929	4,307	4,307	0.0%	9.6%	
Imports	33	30	25	25	0.0%	-16.7%	
Total Supply	4,052	4,150	4,528	4,528	0.0%	9.1%	
Crushings	1,875	1,890	1,940	1,940	0.0%	2.6%	
Exports	1,843	1,760	2,025	2,025	0.0%	15.1%	
Total Use	3,861	3,780	4,093	4,083	-0.2%	8.0%	
Ending Stocks	191	370	435	445	2.3%	20.3%	
Stocks to Use (%)	4.9%	9.8%	10.6%	10.9%	0.3%	1.1%	

- The April WASDE report for the 2016/17 soybean harvest year forecasts yield per acre to increase +8.5% YoY and total supply to increase +9.1% YoY. Ending stocks are expected to be up +20.3% YoY and stocks to use up +1.1% YoY.
- The April WASDE report estimate for total supply was unchanged vs. the prior month, the estimate for ending stocks increased +2.3% vs. the prior month and estimated stocks to use increased +30bp vs. the prior month.

Source: USDA WASDE



Chicken: Prices have showed moderate inflation above 2015/16 levels as supplies are tightening and exports taper off near 2016 levels.



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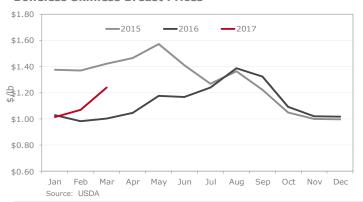
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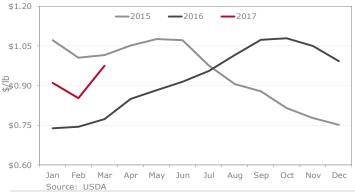


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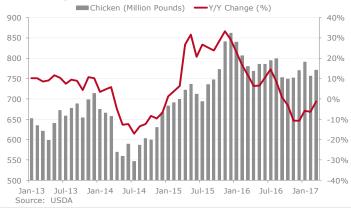


Boneless Skinless Thigh Prices

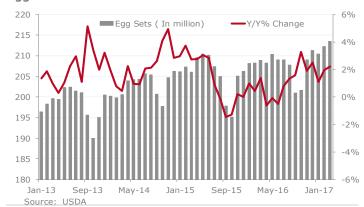


- The March USDA broiler price of \$0.945/lb increased +11.1% vs. the prior month and increased +9.6% vs. Mar16.
- The WASDE U.S. median average price forecast for 2017 is \$0.880/lb, up +4.4% from \$0.843/lb in 2016. The prior projection for 2017 was \$0.860/lb. Total 2016 production is estimated to be 41.53mm lbs., up +2.0% vs. 2016.
- The March average breast price of \$1.239/lb increased +15.8% vs. the prior month and +23.5% vs. Mar16. The March average thigh price of \$0.975/lb increased +14.4% vs. the prior month and increased +26.2% vs. Mar16.

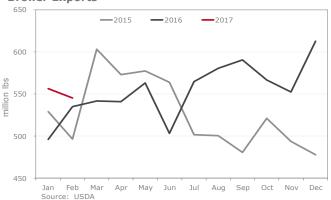
Cold Storage Inventories



Egg Sets



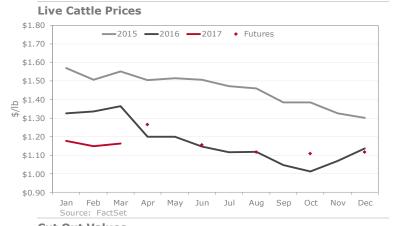
Broiler Exports

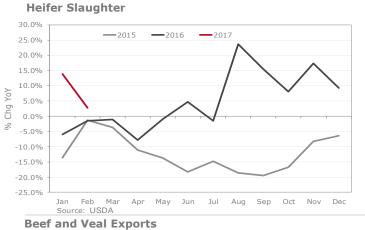


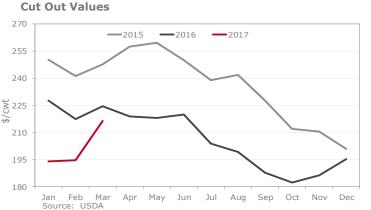
- Fundamentals: Cold storage decreased -1.2% in March Y/Y, which is up +500bp vs. the prior month. Egg sets increased +2.2% in March Y/Y, which is up +20bp vs. the prior month. Exports increased +2.0% in February Y/Y, which is down -1010bp vs. the prior month.
- The March combined regional large egg price of \$0.68/dozen increased +2.1% vs. the prior month and decreased -31.2% vs. Mar16.



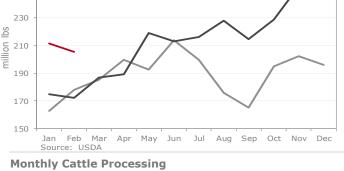
Beef: Prices are below 2016 levels as cold storage inventory and export levels are up YoY and heifer slaughter outpaces 2016 rates.



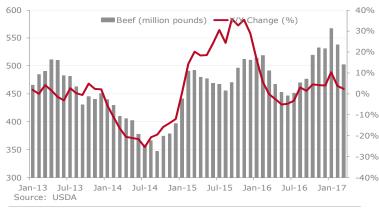


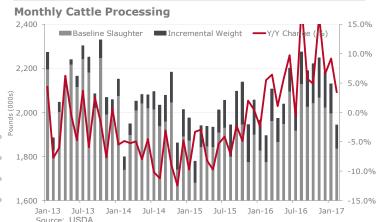








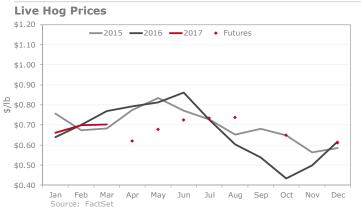


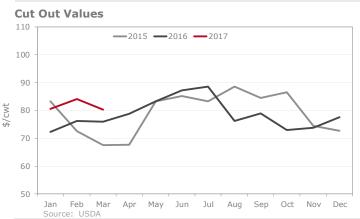


- The March cattle price of \$1.16/lb increased +1.2% vs. the prior month and decreased -14.8% vs. Mar16.
- The WASDE U.S. median average price forecast for 2017 is \$118.0/cwt, down -2.4% from \$120.86/cwt in 2016. The prior projection for 2017 was \$117.5/cwt. Total 2017 production is estimated to be 26.5mm lbs., up +5.1% vs. 2016.
- The March average cut-out value increased +11.1% vs. the prior month and decreased -3.7% vs. Mar16.
- Fundamentals: Cold storage increased +2.3% in March Y/Y, which is down -140bp vs. the prior month. Heifer slaughter numbers increased +2.7% in February Y/Y, which is down -1120bp vs. the prior month. Exports increased +19.3% in February Y/Y, which is down -160bp vs. the prior month. Cattle head processed increased +3.5% in February Y/Y which is down -570bp vs. the prior month. Slaughter weight data indicates that heavier weights contributed to +5.5% of total slaughter volume, which decreased -90bp vs. the prior year period.

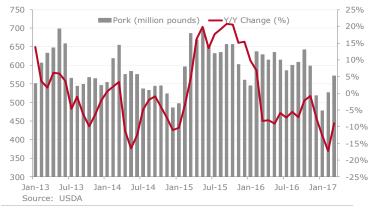


Pork: Prices are near 2015/16 levels despite ample but tightening supplies and improving exports.

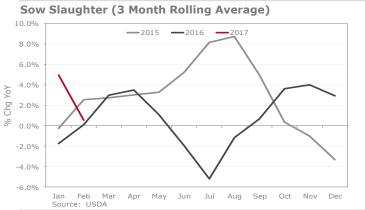


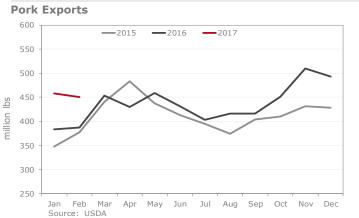


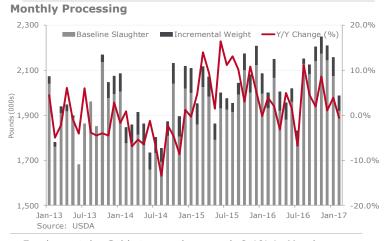
Cold Storage Inventories



- The March average hog price of \$0.70/lb increased +0.5% vs. the prior month and decreased -8.6% vs. Mar16.
- The WASDE U.S. median average price forecast for 2017 is \$44.0/cwt, down -4.8% from \$46.2/cwt in 2016. The prior projection for 2017 was \$44.5/cwt. Total 2017 production is estimated to be 26.1mm lbs., up +4.7% vs. 2016.
- The February average cut-out value decreased -4.6% vs. the prior month and increased +5.6% vs. Mar16.





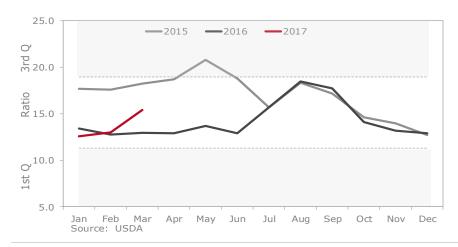


• Fundamentals: Cold storage decreased -9.1% in March Y/Y, which is up +820bp vs. the prior month. Sow slaughter increased +0.5% in February Y/Y, which is down -450bp vs. the prior month. Exports increased +16.4% in February Y/Y, which is down -320bp vs. the prior month. Hogs processed decreased -0.6% in February Y/Y which is down -450bp vs. the prior month. Slaughter weight data indicates that heavier weights contributed to +3.3% of total slaughter volume, which is unchanged vs. the prior year period.



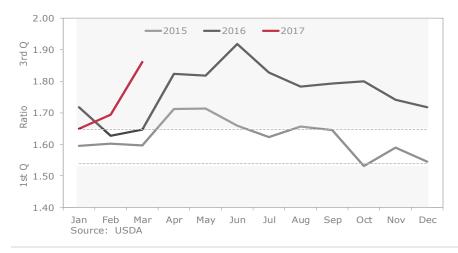
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Chicken



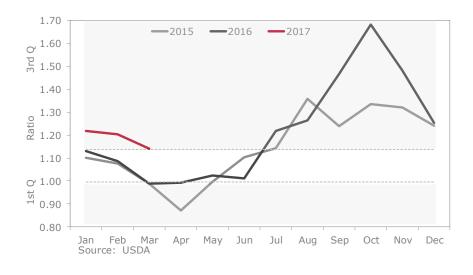
- The March USDA monthly average chicken breast price to feed cost ratio of 15.4 increased +2.4 vs. the prior month and increased +2.5 vs. the prior year period.
- The 10 year average ratio of 15.6 places the Mar17 result in the middle 50% of the 2006-2017 monthly results

Beef



- The March USDA monthly average beef cut-out to live cattle ratio of 1.86 increased +0.17 vs. the prior month and increased +0.21 vs. the prior year period.
- The 10 year average ratio of 1.60 places the Mar17 result in the top 25% of the 2006-2017 monthly results.

Pork

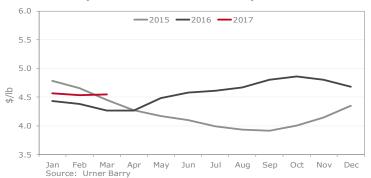


- The March USDA monthly average pork cut-out to live hog ratio of 1.14 decreased -0.06 vs. the prior month and increased +0.15 vs. the prior year period.
- The 10 year average ratio of 1.08 places the Mar17 result in the top 25% the 2006-2017 monthly results.

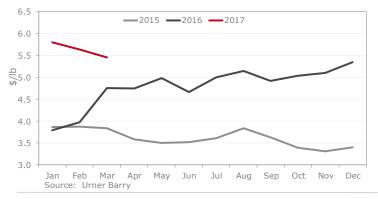


Seafood: Shrimp prices are in-line with 2015/16 levels; salmon prices have broken out above 2015/16 levels and pollock prices are at multi-year lows.

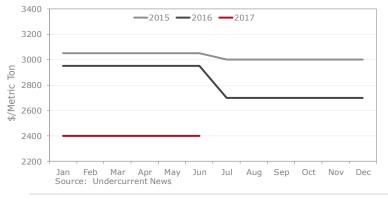




Urner Barry Fresh Farmed Salmon Index

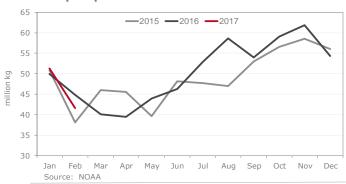


Alaskan Pollock

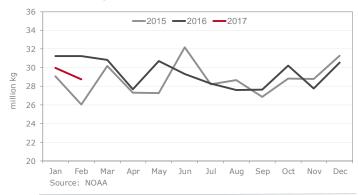


- The March Urner Barry farm-raised white shrimp price of \$4.55/lb increased +0.3% vs. the prior month and increased +6.6% vs. the prior year period.
- The March Urner Barry fresh farmed salmon price of \$5.46/lb decreased -3.2% vs. the prior month and increased +14.7% vs. the prior year period.
- The Undercurrent News 1H17 Alaskan Pollock price of \$2400/metric ton decreased -11.1% vs. the 2H16 price of \$2700/metric ton. 2017 Prices remained under pressure due to increased supply levels from remaining 2016 stock and are the lowest season A price levels on record since 2005.

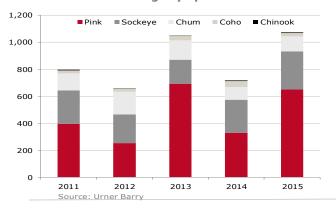
Shrimp Imports - Total Volume



Salmon Imports - Total Volume



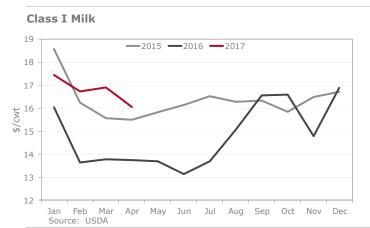
Wild Alaskan Landings by Specie

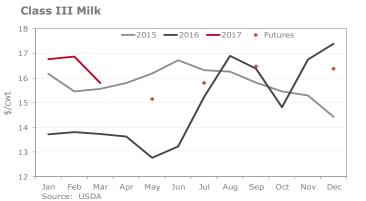


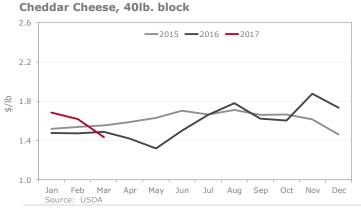
- The February NOAA measure of total US shrimp imports was 41.6mm kg, a decrease of -18.8% vs. the prior month and a decrease of -7.8% vs. Feb16.
- The February NOAA measure of total US salmon imports was 28.7mm kg, a decrease of -4.1% vs. the prior month and a decrease of -8.0% vs. Feb16.
- 2015 wild Alaskan landings by specie increased +49.5% vs. 2014 and was slightly above 2013 total landings. The increase in landings was led by a +98% rise in pink salmon.



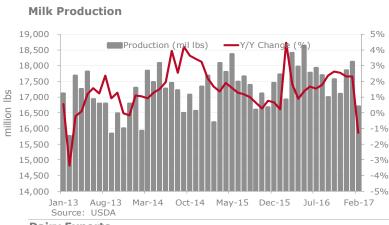
Dairy: Current prices are moderately above 2016 levels as exports improve, despite ample supplies.

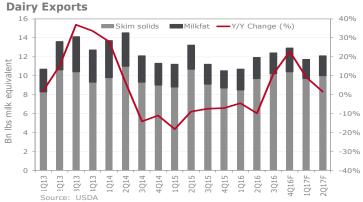


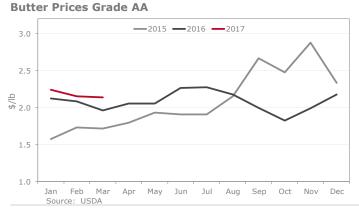




- The April USDA class I milk price of \$16.05/cwt decreased
 -5.0% vs. the prior month and increased +16.8% vs. Apr16.
 The March average class III milk price of \$15.81/cwt decreased -6.3% vs. the prior month and increased +19.5% vs. Mar16.
- The WASDE U.S. median average price forecast for 2017 is \$17.65/cwt, up +8.7% from \$16.24/cwt in 2016. The prior projection for 2017 was \$18.10/cwt. Total 2017 production is estimated to be 217.3 bn lbs., up +2.3% vs. 2016.
- The March USDA average cheese price of \$1.43/lb decreased -11.5% vs. the prior month and -3.6% vs. Mar16.



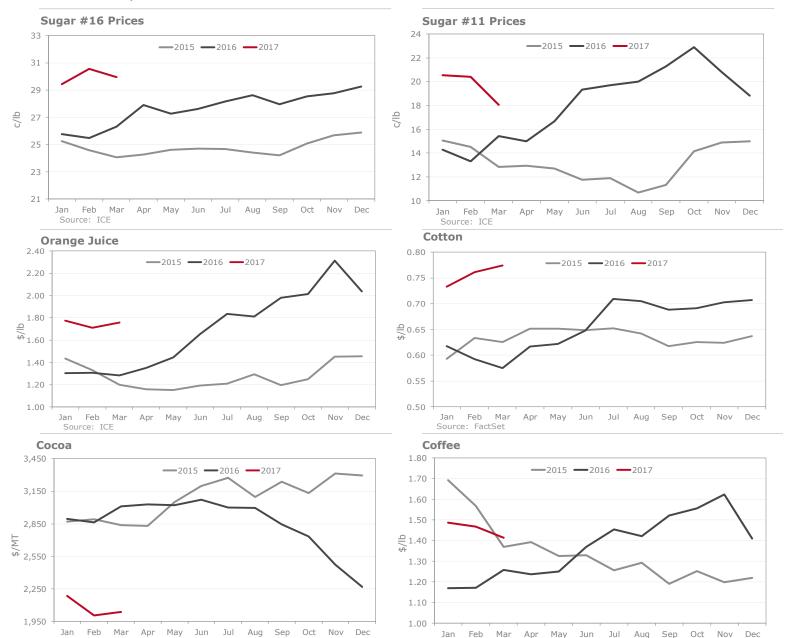




- Fundamentals: Milk production decreased -1.3% in February Y/Y, which decreased -360bp vs. the prior month. The milk cow herd size was up +50bp vs. the prior year period. Total milkfat and skim solid exports are expected to increase +9.3% in 1Q17 Y/Y, which is down -1360bp vs. the prior quarter.
- March average USDA Grade AA butter prices of \$2.14/lb decreased -0.7% vs. the prior month and increased +9.1% vs. Mar16.



Specialty Crops: Current sugar, coffee, cotton and orange juice prices remain inflationary YoY, while cocoa prices have been in decline since June.



 The March ICE sugar #16 average price of \$0.300/lb decreased -2.0% vs. the prior month and increased +13.8% vs. the prior year period.

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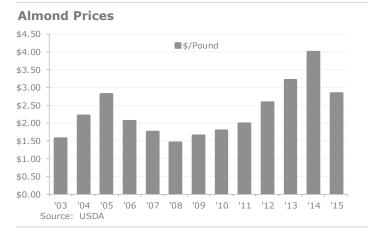
- The March ICE orange juice average price of \$1.76/lb increased +2.8% vs. the prior month and increased +37.1% vs. the prior year period.
- The March cocoa average price of \$2,036/MT increased +1.6% vs. the prior month and decreased -32.4% vs. the prior year period.
- The March ICE sugar #11 average price of \$0.181/lb decreased -11.5% vs. the prior month and increased +17.0% vs. the prior year period.

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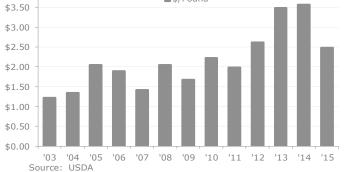
- The March average cotton price of \$0.77/lb increased +1.7% vs. the prior month and increased +34.7% vs. the prior year period
- The March average coffee price of \$1.41/lb decreased -3.6% vs. the prior month and increased +12.4% vs. the prior year period.



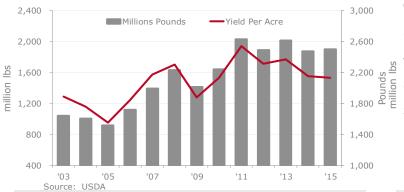
Specialty Crops: Growers anticipate improved yields in 2016 while keeping an eye on opportunities to improve both foreign and domestic shipments.



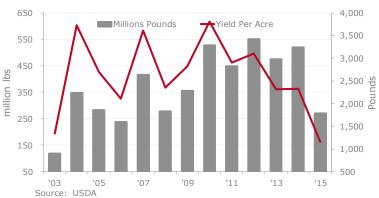




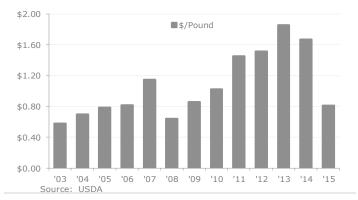
Almond Acres & Yield



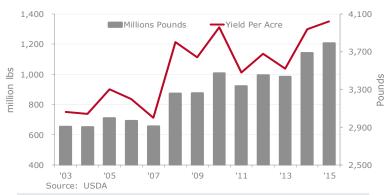
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Walnut Prices



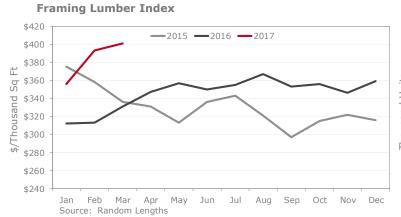
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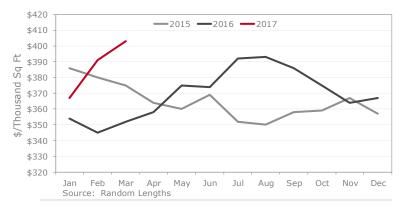
- The 2015 USDA average grower price for almonds of \$2.84/lb decreased -29.0% vs. the 2014 average price of \$4.00/lb.
- The 2015 total annual almond production of 1,900 million pounds increased +1.6% vs. the 2014 annual production of 1,870 million pounds. The 2015 average yield per acre of 2,130 pounds decreased -0.9% vs. the 2014 average of 2,370 pounds.
- The 2015 USDA average grower price for walnuts of \$0.81/lb decreased -51.5% vs. the 2014 average price of \$1.67/lb.
- The 2015 USDA average grower price for pistachios of \$2.48/lb decreased -30.5% vs. the 2014 average price of \$3.57/lb.
- The 2015 total annual pistachio production of 270mm pounds decreased -48.0% vs. the 2014 production of 519mm pounds. The 2015 average yield per acre of 1,160 pounds decreased -50.2% vs. the 2014 average of 2,330 pounds.
- The 2015 total annual walnut production of 1,206mm pounds increased +5.6% vs. the 2014 production of 1142mm pounds. The 2015 average yield per acre of 4,020 pounds increased +2.0% vs. the 2014 average of 3,940 pounds.



Forestry Products: Strength in housing starts and remodel activity continues to support demand for framing lumber and structural panel prices.

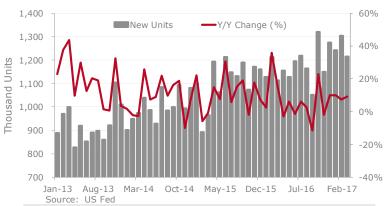




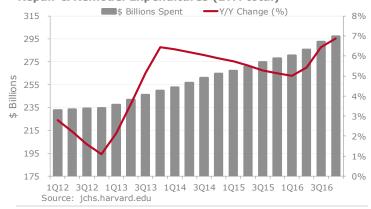


- The March Framing Lumber Composite Index of \$401/thousand sq ft increased +2.0% vs. the month prior and increased +21.1% vs. the prior year period.
- The March Structural Panel Composite Index of \$403/thousand sq ft increased +3.1% vs. the prior month and increased +14.5% vs. the prior year period.

U.S. Housing Starts



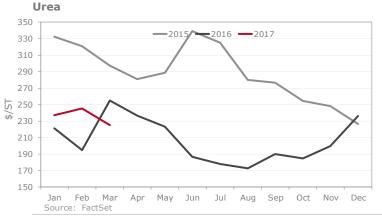
Repair & Remodel Expenditures (LTM total)

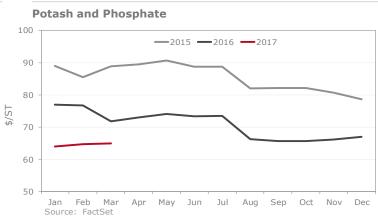


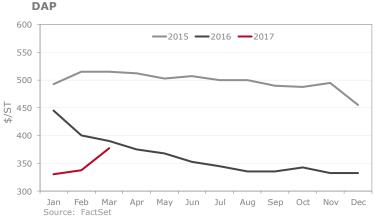
- The March U.S. Housing Starts of 1.22 million units decreased -6.8% vs. the prior month and increased +9.2% vs. the prior year period.
- The 4Q16 LTM repair and remodel total expenditure of \$297.1Bn increased +1.6% vs. the prior quarter and +6.9% vs. the prior year period.



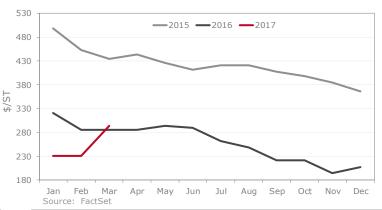
Crop Inputs: Fertilizer prices remain under pressure with higher than expected imports, with all four prices measured in-line with 2H16 levels.







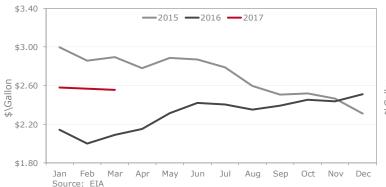




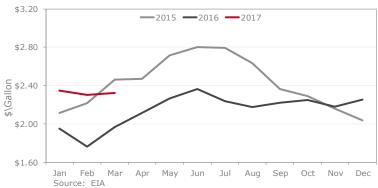
- The March average urea index price of \$225.0/ST decreased -8.4% vs. the prior month and -11.8% vs. the prior year period.
- The March average DAP index price of \$377.0/ST increased +11.7% vs. the prior month and decreased -3.3% vs. the prior year period.

Diesel Fuel Prices

- The March average potash and phosphate index price of \$64.9/ST increased +0.3% vs. the prior month and decreased -9.6% vs. the prior year period.
- The March average ammonia index price of \$294.0/ST increased +27.5 vs. the prior month and +3.2 vs. the prior year period.



Gasoline Prices

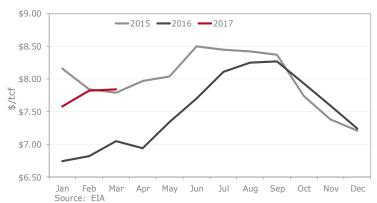


- The March average diesel fuel price of \$2.55/gal decreased -0.5% vs. the prior month and increased +22.2% vs. the prior year period.
- The March average regular grade gasoline price of \$2.33/gal increased +0.9% vs. the prior month and increased +18.1% vs. the prior year period.

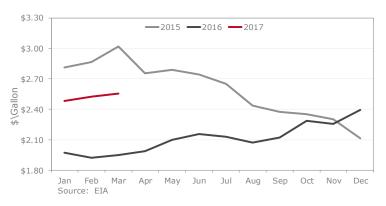


Energy and Labor: Global oil prices have kept energy prices in check, while we observe wage inflation gains in restaurants and food manufacturing.

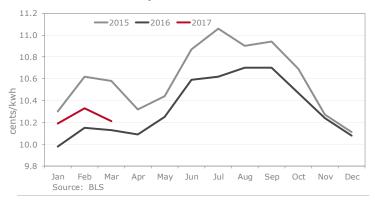




Heating Oil Retail Prices



Commercial Electricity Prices



- The March average natural gas price of \$7.840/Mcf increased +0.3% vs. the prior month and increased +11.2% vs. the prior year period.
- The March average heating oil price of \$2.55/gal increased +1.1% vs. the prior month and increased +31.1% vs. the prior year period.
- The March average electricity price of \$0.1021/kWh decreased -1.2% vs. the prior month and increased +0.8% vs. the prior year period.

Restaurant Hourly Earnings



Supermarket Hourly Earnings (3 Month Rolling Average)



Food Manufacturing Hourly Earnings



- The restaurant labor index increased +4.0% Y/Y in March, which up +10bp vs. the prior month and up +80bp vs. the prior year period.
- The supermarket labor index increased +0.2% Y/Y in February, which was up +10bp vs. the prior month and down -200bp vs. the prior year period.
- The food manufacturing labor index increased +3.2% Y/Y in March, which was down -60bp vs. the prior month and down -50bp vs. the prior year period.



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