

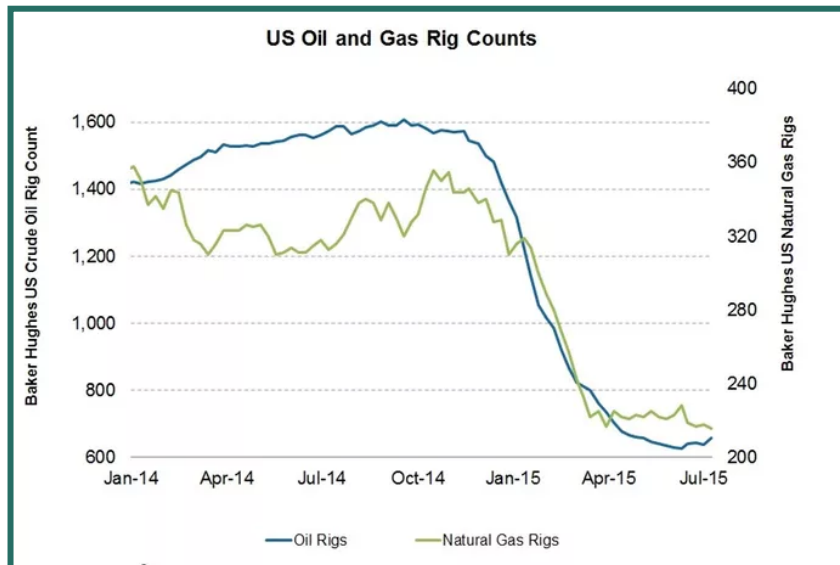
# The UPM Market Informer

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## Biggest US Rig Count Rise in a Year

According to oilfield service company Baker Hughes, there were 876 active oil and gas rigs in the US for the week ending July 24, 2015. This is the third weekly rise in the US rig count in the past four weeks. This also marks the biggest increase in the number of active rigs since August, 2014. *Source: Market Realist*



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## US Oil and Gas Rig Counts

In the week ending July 24, the US rig count increased by 21 crude oil rigs, yet was partially offset by two fewer natural gas rigs. This marks a reversal in crude oil and natural gas rig count trends compared with the previous week. *Source: Market Realist*

## Durable Goods Beats Expectations

Durable goods orders climbed more than expected in June, driven by a jump in transportation orders. Headline orders rose 3.4% while orders excluding transportation and defense rose 0.8%, according to the Census Bureau.

Economists had estimated that headline durable goods orders rose 3.2% in June month-over-month, and climbed 0.5% excluding transportation and defense orders, according to Bloomberg.

The Census Bureau noted that transportation orders led the increase with an 8.9% jump to \$78.4 billion. Ahead of the data, several economists said they expected a rebound in civilian aircraft orders following the biennial Pairs air show. Boeing reported up to 161 new orders, according to Wells Fargo. *Source: Business Insider*

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## Titanium Surcharge Update Source: ATI Specialty Metals

Titanium Alloy	Standard Surcharge Q3, 2015		
	Bar	Billet	Flat
ATI 6-2-4-2 Alloy	\$6.22	\$5.66	\$6.22
ATI 6-4 Alloy	\$5.10	\$4.64	\$5.10
ATI 6-4 ELI Alloy	\$5.10	\$4.64	\$5.10
ATI CP Grade 1	\$4.94	\$4.50	\$4.94
ATI CP Grade 2	\$3.70	\$3.37	\$3.70
ATI CP Grade 4	\$3.70	\$3.37	\$3.70



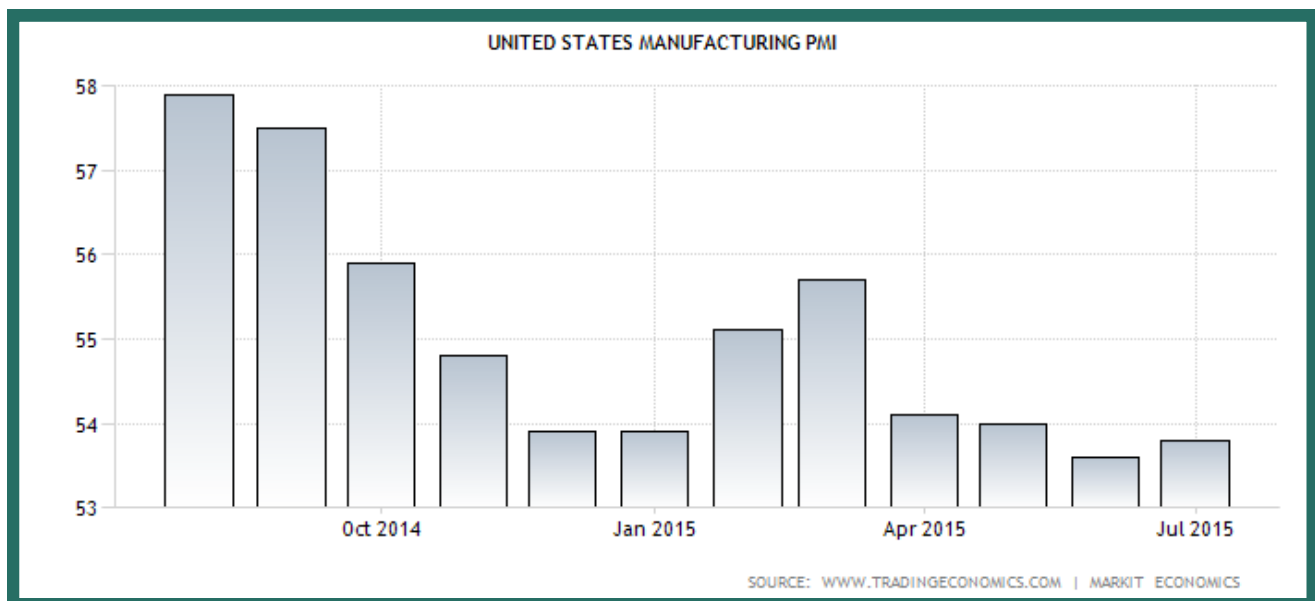
## US Factory Activity Edges Up in July

The Markit Flash U.S. Manufacturing PMI increased slightly to 53.8 in July from a 20-month low of 53.6 in June, better than market expectations. Although job creation slowed to its lowest since April, output and new business increased at a faster pace.

A rebound in overall growth momentum largely reflected stronger rises in output and new business levels in July. Meanwhile, softer job creation was the main factor weighing on the headline PMI during the last survey period.

Measured overall, July's survey pointed to a strong rise in incoming new business, with the rate of expansion picking up to its fastest for three months.

July data indicated that cost inflation remained subdued across the manufacturing sector. Although input prices increased for the third month running, the pace of inflation moderated since June and was well below the survey average. Manufacturers pointed to subdued raw material costs and lower prices from overseas suppliers. Factory gate price inflation also remained subdued in July, with the latest rise in U.S. manufacturers' output charges the weakest recorded for three months. Source: Trading Economics





**Stainless Steel & Cobalt Alloy Surcharge Totals**  
**May 2015—August 2015**  
**High Temp Surcharge Totals**  
**May 2015—October 2015**

Grades	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct
15-5	0.4128	0.4252	0.4180	0.3890	*	*
15-7	0.5883	0.5961	0.5740	0.4994	*	*
17-4	0.4048	0.4158	0.4095	0.3829	*	*
17-7	0.5184	0.5411	0.5245	0.4779	*	*
18SR	0.1914	0.1882	0.1984	0.1950	*	*
201	0.3934	0.4050	0.3984	0.3662	*	*
301 7.0%	0.5188	0.5410	0.5247	0.4782	*	*
302/304/304L	0.5659	0.5911	0.5716	0.5204	*	*
304-8.5%	0.5887	0.6157	0.5944	0.5402	*	*
305	0.7530	0.7924	0.7583	0.6830	*	*
309	0.7820	0.8209	0.7865	0.7118	*	*
310	1.1188	1.1823	1.1223	1.0057	*	*
316/316L	0.7649	0.7848	0.7500	0.6546	*	*
317L	0.8895	0.9062	0.8633	0.7465	*	*
321	0.6030	0.6322	0.6091	0.5515	*	*
347	0.8708	0.9000	0.8768	0.8193	*	*
409/409 Mod	0.1395	0.1376	0.1478	0.1433	*	*
410/410S	0.1458	0.1438	0.1540	0.1497	*	*
430	0.1832	0.1803	0.1903	0.1869	*	*
434	0.2298	0.2221	0.2290	0.2137	*	*
439	0.1913	0.1883	0.1981	0.1949	*	*
440A	0.1832	0.1803	0.1903	0.1869	*	*
2205	0.6620	0.6574	0.6351	0.5532	*	*
2507	0.7106	0.7084	0.6834	0.5980	*	*
20	2.2740	2.1786	2.0408	1.8573	1.9846	1.8358
263	5.0693	4.8541	4.4188	4.0922	4.5332	4.3212
276	5.4954	5.2299	5.0069	4.6452	4.8266	4.1877
A286	1.5362	1.4611	1.3558	1.2230	1.3137	1.2178
330	1.9944	1.9228	1.7719	1.5872	1.7218	1.5914
400	3.6245	3.5251	3.2886	2.9740	3.2645	2.9435
600	3.9830	3.8800	3.5704	3.1898	3.4728	3.1895
601	3.4191	3.3261	3.0717	2.7575	2.9883	2.7582
625	5.6161	5.4314	5.1938	4.8531	5.0576	4.7636
718	5.3735	5.2544	5.0428	4.7645	4.9517	4.7325
X-750	4.4929	4.3917	4.0906	3.7203	3.9954	3.7201
800H/HT	1.8255	1.7564	1.6245	1.4627	1.5791	1.4674
825	2.5663	2.4564	2.2973	2.0825	2.2243	2.0503
HX	3.5066	3.3298	3.1370	2.8589	3.0226	2.7595
188	6.0600	6.4400	6.3400	*	*	*
L-605	6.7400	7.1500	7.1000	*	*	*

\*Surcharge currently not available

## Metal Price Charts

**LME Nickel Settlement 30 Days - \$/LB**



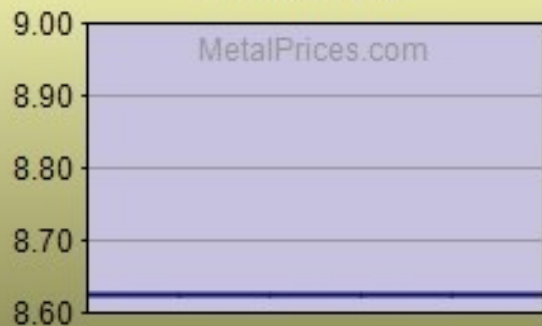
29 Jun, 2015 - 28 Jul, 2015

**Molybdenum Oxide  
FOB North America  
6 Months - \$/LB**



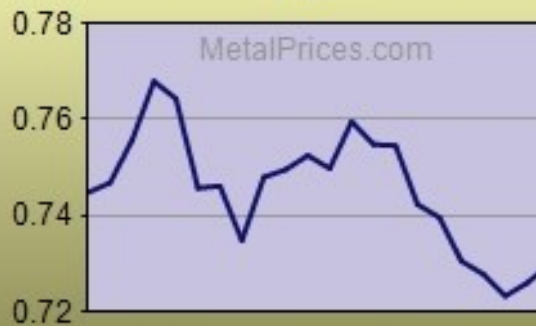
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**Titanium Ingot 6Al 4V  
6 Months - \$/LB**



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**LME Aluminum Settlement 30 Days -  
\$/LB**



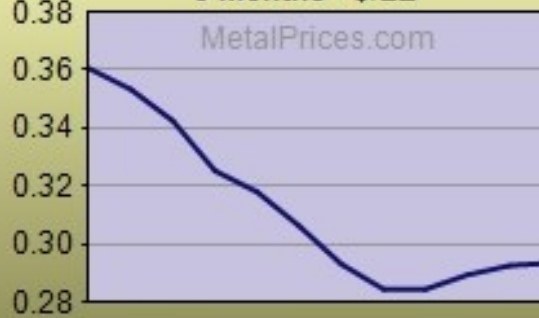
29 Jun, 2015 - 28 Jul, 2015

**Cobalt 99.30%  
FOB North America  
6 Months - \$/LB**



16 Jan, 2015 - 10 Jul, 2015

**SteelBenchmarker Cold Rolled  
USA - East of the Mississippi  
6 Months - \$/LB**



12 Jan, 2015 - 22 Jun, 2015

Source: metalprices.com