

## Monthly Market Insights, Review of July 2023

- Global equity markets experienced a positive month in July, led by the Dow Jones Industrials Index that gained 3.3%. The market enjoyed an increasingly positive sentiment across the board with inflation tapering and many markets recovering, particularly commodities.
  - In addition to the DJIA's impressive rise, most other indexes also enjoyed value increases, including the S&P 500, which moved up 3% during the month of July.
- The Federal Reserve continued to hike rates in July. Increasing the fed funds rate from 5.25-5.5%. Australia's RBA Governor put rates on pause leading to a rally in the ASX200 and ASX200 commodities up 2.9% and 2.3% respectively.
- Inflation rates continued to cool with United States now sitting at 3% inflation. COVID related supply constraints continue to ease the pressure.

### Market Metrics for July vs YTD

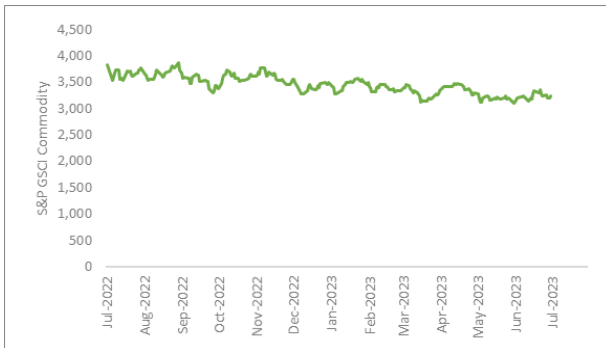
<b>3%</b> S&P 500 (July)	<b>19.8%</b> S&P 500 (YTD)	<b>3.3%</b> DJIA (July)	<b>7.3%</b> DJIA (YTD)	<b>2.2%</b> FTSE 100 (July)	<b>1.9%</b> FTSE 100 (YTD)	<b>2.9%</b> ASX 200 (July)	<b>6.7%</b> ASX 200 (YTD)
<b>9.8%</b> S&P GSCI (July)	<b>0.5%</b> S&P GSCI (YTD)	<b>2.3%</b> ASX200 Res (July)	<b>4.7%</b> ASX200 Res (YTD)	<b>1.5%</b> Gold (US\$) (July)	<b>5.2%</b> Gold (US\$) (YTD)	<b>13.5%</b> Crude/Brent (July)	<b>4.2%</b> Crude/Brent (YTD)

Source: Bloomberg, S&P Global Market Intelligence, Investing.com, Trading Economics, MarketWatch, NASDAQ, KME

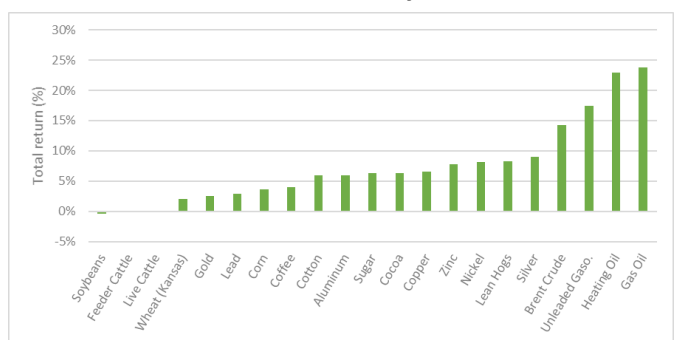
## Commodity Highlights

- Commodities enjoyed a strong July with the GSCI Commodity index enjoying its best month so far this year up 9.8% shrugging off all this years losses sitting at +0.5% YTD.
- Oil experienced multi-month highs in July due to tightening supply. This has been one of the hottest summers on record and many refineries around the world have reduced their output in an effort to protect their facilities and workers.
- Soybeans experienced a slight retracement in price in July after significant gains last month. One of the only losers in the commodity space this month.
- July has been an incredible month for commodities overall with notable gains across Silver, Nickel, Zinc and Copper. Supply constraints continue to be exacerbated by geopolitics, ageing deposits and costly production.

### S&P GSCI Performance, LTM



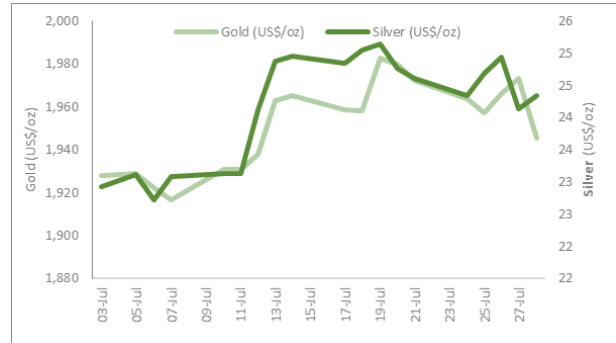
### S&P GSCI and Constituents, Monthly Returns



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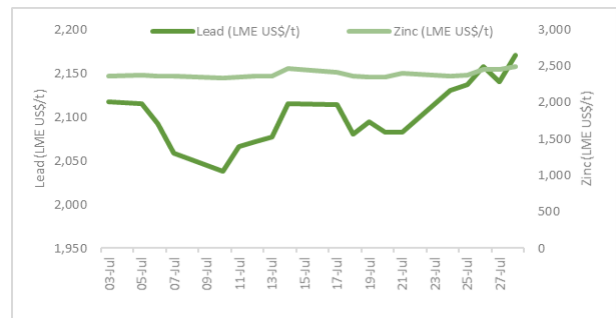
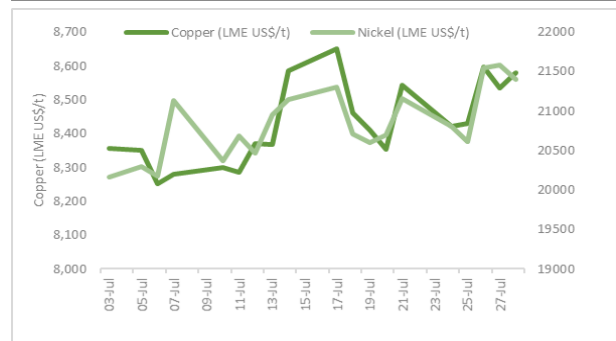
## Precious Metals – gold, silver, palladium, platinum

- Gold enjoyed a slight rebound this month closing up 1.5%. It's first green month since it's yearly high in May.
- Silver had a great month in July increasing 8.8% and gaining back much of the years losses. Currently sitting at -3% for the year.
- Both palladium and platinum experienced a significant price spike in the middle of July whilst finishing relatively flat for the month.
- Weakness in the USD was a large contributor to the advancing precious metals prices.



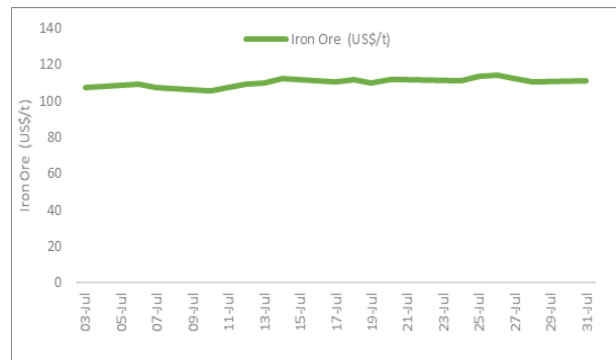
## Base Metals – copper, nickel, lead, zinc

- July saw base metals go near parabolic as fears of supply shortages continue to grow. Copper and Nickel enjoyed much of the upside this month.
  - Copper: +5.2%
  - Nickel: +6.3%
  - Lead: +0.4%
  - Zinc: +6.8%
- Nickel enjoyed a rebound this month after being crowned LMEs worst performing commodity in H1 2023 losing 37% of its value.
- Copper experienced significant gains as well largely off the back of stimulus hopes in China and broader awareness of the upcoming supply deficit.
- Zinc enjoyed a second straight month of gains after hitting it's lowest point since 2020 in May this year.



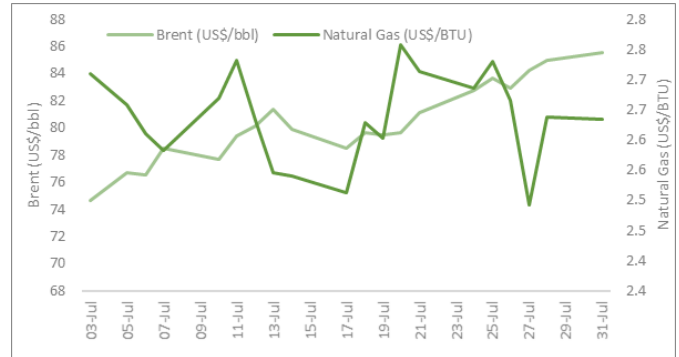
## Bulks – iron ore

- Iron ore drifted down this month closing at -1.3% for the month. A slower than expected recovery of the Chinese economy is dampening global demand for iron ore.
- Increased anticipation for Chinese stimulus might see this change in the coming months.



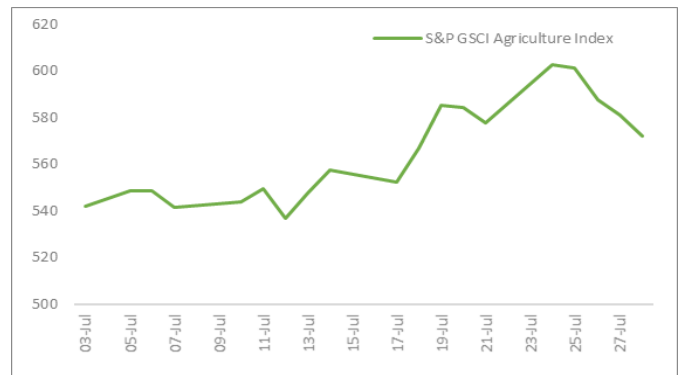
## Energy – oil & gas

- Oil experienced one of its best months in a little while posting gains of 13.5% a number not seen since the Russian invasion on Ukraine saw oil prices skyrocket.
- Natural gas continues to experience elevated volatility, retreating 5.6% for the month and down over 30% for the year. This is largely due to gas prices stabilizing after the extreme prices rises last year in relation to the war.



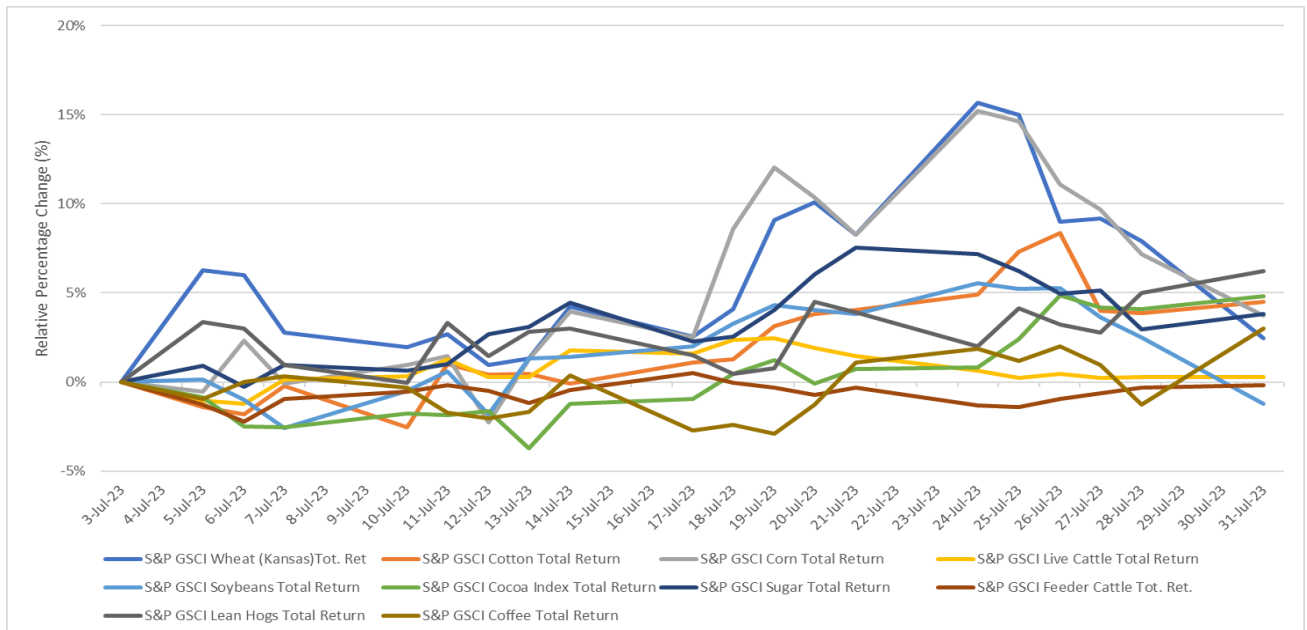
## Agriculture

- Another great month for agriculture as the S&P GSCI gained another 3% this month putting it back in the black for the year.
- A few standouts this month being Lean Hogs, Cotton, Cocoa and Sugar all experiencing gains greater than 5%
- Remarkably almost all Agricultural products enjoyed gains this month with only Soybeans and Cattle feeder experiencing slight retracements of <1%.
- Whilst global warming has had extreme consequences all over the world. It has played a key role in what has been record crop harvests year after year. We will see if this effects the pricing dynamic over the coming months.



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## Selected S&P GSCI agriculture product returns relative performance July 2023



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