



How high can we go???

Pricing of commodities in 2005 attained levels which were previously unthinkable. Copper on both the COMEX and LME exchanges hit all time highs at the latter part of the year and continue their ascent to more lofty levels. According to market analysts there are several factors contributing to the upward movement. Some of which are:

- Continued demand from China as it's Dragon economy continues to require more raw material for its' infrastructure, such as copper for electric lines, and steel for roadway/bridges/buildings etc.
- Increased energy costs and Alumina supply issues have diminished or idled plants throughout the world.
- Supply from new mining/production operations failed to provide levels previously estimated.

What do these mean for the upcoming year? Well your guess is as good as mine. However, it seems safe to say demand will continue to be strong for the majority of base

metals throughout the world. Specifically, US consumption is estimated to be slightly more than last and China is once again forecasted to be the monster that it is and consume even greater amounts than last. Monetary funds buying into the market are controlling the direction of the commodities and have pushed them higher on speculation that consumption will continue. At issue, however, is when these funds decide to abandon ship. This will be the critical force in determining how long of a ride we enjoy.



Pricing of Base Metals continue to rise

Oil/Lubricant Recovery

Many times one has heard of the fines which can be assessed for lack of cleanup or spills associated with lubricant and or petroleum based products. Often, one is able to prevent the flow of these products with simple precautionary steps. These can include, but are not limited to the following:



- Utilizing a drum or other container free of damage or holes.
- Placing a containment barrier around the area where turnings or other metal are generated.
- A simple area one can place a recovery skid where drums can drain into so as no runoff is possible.

The old adage of an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure should be the mantra. Although unintentional, one does not want to find out via the EPA or other agency that their company is responsible for contaminating a waterway.

Quotations

Before God we are equally wise—and equally foolish...

- Albert Einstein

I hear and I forget, I see and I remember, I do and I understand...

- Confucius



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Chowin' down @ the Copper Kettle

Who doesn't need a little bit of summer to get through the last couple weeks of old man winter and "spring" board us into mild and sunny days? Here's an easy recipe to bring back some Barbeque memories of lazy days barbequing in the backyard...

Easy Pulled Pork BBQ

- 1 1/2 – 2 lb Boneless Pork Shoulder
- 1 tsp Liquid Smoke (Optional)
- 1 tsp Garlic Powder
- 1 tsp Salt (Course Kosher Preferred)
- 1 tsp Chili Powder
- 1 tsp Black Pepper
- 1 Cup Chopped Onion
- 1 1/2 Cup BBQ Sauce
- 1/2 Cup Apple Cider Vinegar (White will work also)

Place pork shoulder in crock pot and sprinkle with liquid smoke, garlic powder, salt, chili powder, black pepper, and cover with onions. Cook on low setting for approx. 9 - 11 hours or until cooked through and pork is shredable or falling apart. Drain off excess liquid and fat. Put BBQ sauce and vinegar in crock pot.

Pull pork apart on working surface with forks or tongs, place in crock pot with sauce, mix, and simmer for an additional 30 minutes. Serve with fresh rolls and garnish with Cole slaw for a scrumptious summer BBQ treat!!

