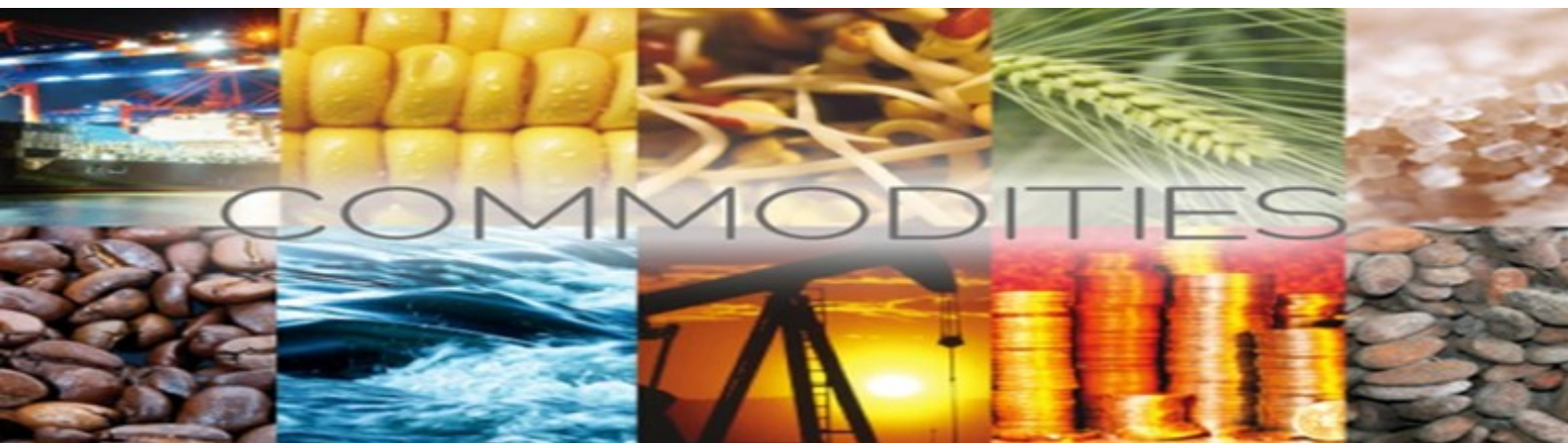


## NEWSLETTER

### COMMODITIES

8 - 14 June 2026



#### **China's sulfur prices near RMB 10,000 per ton amid supply tightness**

China's sulfur market is facing severe supply shortages as import disruptions and limited domestic output drive prices sharply higher. Sulfur prices have surged from RMB 3,850 (\$535)/ton at the start of 2026 to nearly RMB 10,000 (\$1,390)/ton, while port inventories have fallen to about 900,000 tons, down from 2 million tons a year earlier. Some downstream chemical producers face supply risks. ([Cailianpress.com](#))

#### **China completes 58.9% of summer wheat harvest**

China had harvested 200 million mu (around 13.3 million hectares) of summer wheat by June 6, accounting for 58.87% of the national harvest, according to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs. Harvest progress exceeded 95% in Anhui and 90% in Henan, while Jiangsu surpassed 55% and harvesting continued across other key grain-producing provinces. ([Xinhua](#))

#### **China's ethylene glycol market finds support amid tightening supply**

China's ethylene glycol (EG) market is stabilizing, supported by coal-based production costs of around RMB 4,200/tonne (about USD 584/tonne). Spot prices rose to RMB 4,656.67/tonne (about USD 647/tonne) on June 5. Planned maintenance, lower imports and declining port inventories are tightening supply, while weak polyester demand during the seasonal slowdown continues to cap upside potential. ([Futures Daily](#))

#### **Lithium carbonate prices retreat more than 20% amid inventory reassessments**

China's lithium carbonate futures have retreated about 22% over the past month, falling from nearly 210,000 yuan/ton (about US\$29,200/ton) to 163,340 yuan/ton (about US\$22,700/ton). The decline was driven by higher reported inventories, slower-than-expected stock reductions and rising production. Analysts note that much of the inventory increase reflects broader statistical coverage rather than newly added supply. ([Futures Daily](#))

#### **China's copper imports decline in first five months of 2026**

China imported 446,000 tonnes of unwrought copper and copper products in May 2026. Total imports reached 2.013 million tonnes in the first five months of the year, down 7.0% year-on-year. Meanwhile, imports of copper ore and concentrates totaled 2.361 million tonnes in May and 12.275 million tonnes from January to May, representing a 1.0% annual decline. ([General Administration of Customs](#))