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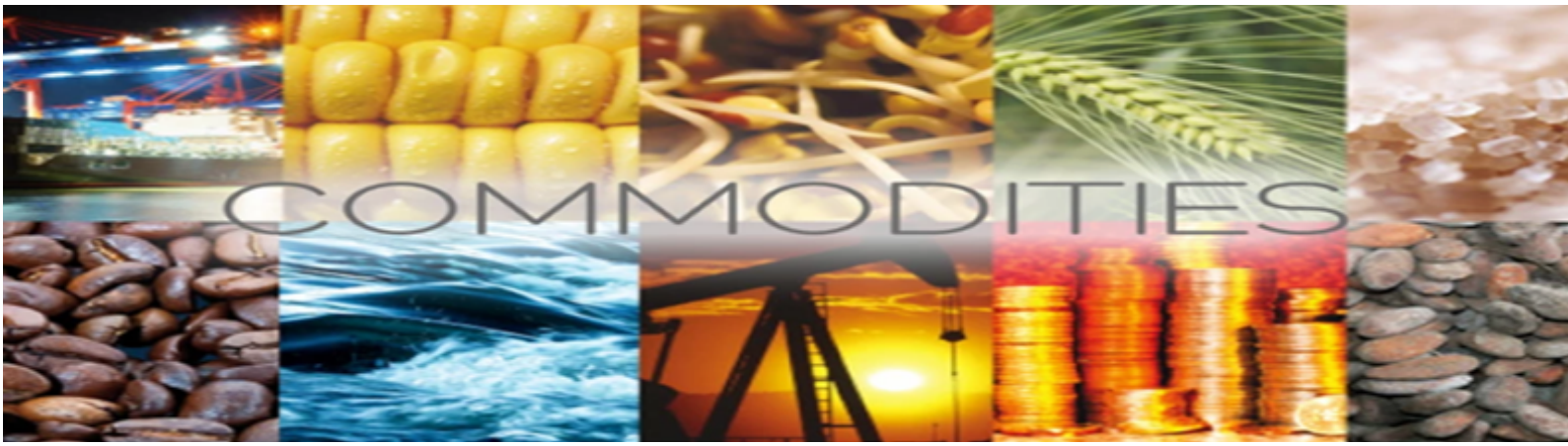

China Continues to Increase Gold Reserves Amid Global Precious Metals Volatility
Gold and silver prices rebounded in November after October's sharp decline, driven by forced fund sales amid liquidity pressures. China's central bank continued buying gold, increasing its reserves for the 24th consecutive month to 78.3 million ounces at the end of October. Global central bank purchases and continued diversification away from the US dollar support long-term gold demand, despite short-term market volatility. **(Futures Daily)**

China's Sugar Market Faces Supply Pressure as Global Prices Weaken
Global sugar prices remain under pressure as major producers revise output forecasts. In China, more than 40 sugar mills in Guangxi are expected to start production in November, compared with 35 last year. Higher carryover stocks and the new harvest are weighing on domestic prices, while import costs and production expenses provide support near RMB 5,100 (USD 703) per tonne. **(Futures Daily)**

China's Ethylene Glycol Market Tightens in the Short Term but Faces Supply Pressure Ahead
China's ethylene glycol prices are supported by lower domestic production and limited imports, particularly from the Middle East, which accounts for over 65% of imports. East China port arrivals are forecast at just 280,000–300,000 tonnes in November. However, new refining capacity and recovering imports are expected to increase supply from mid-December, while weaker textile demand may limit prices. **(Futures Daily)**

China Launches Sunflower Oil Futures to Improve Price Transparency and Manage Import Risks
China's Zhengzhou Commodity Exchange launched sunflower oil futures and options on 12 November, adding new risk-management tools for the edible oil industry. The contracts recorded RMB 5.843 billion in trading value (approximately USD 806 million) on their first day. The launch aims to establish a domestic benchmark price and help importers, processors and traders hedge against price fluctuations. **(Securities Daily)**

El Niño Threatens Brazil's Coffee Production and Global Supply
El Niño-related extreme weather is disrupting coffee cultivation in Brazil, the world's largest coffee producer. In southeastern Brazil, irregular rainfall and high temperatures have caused uneven flowering and fruit development, affecting bean quality and increasing the risk of coffee leaf rust. Local producers warn that the 2027 harvest could face lower output and quality, potentially tightening global coffee supply. **(CCTV Finance)**