



MMi Dashboard

Iron Ore Price Indices

Iron Ore Port Stock (FOT Qingdao) IOPI61 61% Fe Fines RMB/t	
	817
-3	-0.39%
Jan 16th, 2026	

Iron Ore Port Stock (FOT Qingdao) IOPI65 65% Fe Fines RMB/t	
	910
-2.00	-0.22%
Jan 16th, 2026	

Iron Port Stock (FOT Qingdao) IOPI58 58% Fe Fines RMB/t	
	725
-5	-0.72%
Jan 16th, 2026	

Iron Ore Seaborne (CFR Qingdao) IOSI61 61% Fe Fines USD/dmt	
	107.24
-0.15	-0.14%
Jan 16th, 2026	

Iron Ore Seaborne (CFR Qingdao) IOSI65 65% Fe Fines USD/dmt	
	122.36
-0.27	-0.22%
Jan 16th, 2026	

Iron Ore Port Stock (FOT Qingdao) IOPLI 62.5% Fe Lump RMB/t	
	883
3	0.34%
Week Ending Jan 16th, 2026	

Exchange Traded Contracts

DCE Iron Ore 62% Fines I2605 (May) RMB/t (3pm close)	
	812.00
-1.00	-0.12%
Jan 16th, 2026 (3pm close)	

SGX Iron Ore (CFR Qingdao) 62% Fe Fines December 25 USD/dmt	
	107.70
0.50	0.47%
Jan 16th, 2026 (5.30 pm Print)	

SHFE Rebar RB2605 (Jan) RMB/t	
	3163
3	0.09%
Jan 16th, 2026 (3pm close)	

Freight Rates

C3, Tubarao - Qingdao USD/t	
	19.54
-0.84	-4.1%
Jan 15th, 2026	

C5, W. Australia - Qingdao USD/t	
	7.57
0.05	0.6%
Jan 15th, 2026	

Steel Rebar (China Domestic) RMB/t	
	3195
6	0.19%
Week Ending Jan 16th, 2026	

Inventory Levels

Iron Ore Inventory at Chinese Ports (35) million tonnes	
	148.76
1.73	1.18%
Week Ending Jan 16th, 2026	

Steel Inventory in China million tonnes	
	8.71
-0.01	-0.06%
Week Ending Jan 16th, 2026	

Steel HRC (China Domestic) RMB/t	
	3290
16	0.49%
Week Ending Jan 16th, 2026	

IRON ORE PORT STOCK INDEX (IOPI)

Jan 16th, 2026		FOT Qingdao (inc. 13% VAT), RMB/wet tonne							CFR Qingdao Equivalent (exc. 13% VAT), USD/dry tonne ¹						
Index	Fe Content	Price	Change	Change %	MTD	YTD	Low ²	High ²	Price	Change	Change %	MTD	YTD	Low ²	High ²
IOPI62	62% Fe Fines	817	-3	-0.4%	788	831	683	1063	108.25	-0.46	-0.4%	102.35	108.35	89.33	140.24
IOPI58	58% Fe Fines	725	-5	-0.7%	692	729	610	963	96.78	-0.75	-0.8%	90.41	95.58	80.25	128.13
IOPI65	65% Fe Fines	910	-2	-0.2%	899	942	794	1175	121.05	-0.30	-0.2%	117.28	123.33	104.47	155.37

IRON ORE SEABORNE INDEX (IOSI)

Jan 16th, 2026		CFR Qingdao, USD/dry tonne						
Index	Fe Content	Price	Change	Change %	MTD	YTD	Low ²	High ²
IOSI62	62% Fe Fines	107.24	-0.15	-0.14%	103.61	109.52	89.79	142.65
IOSI65	65% Fe Fines	122.36	-0.27	-0.22%	115.09	123.91	98.23	171.65

MARKET COMMENTARY

Today, Dalian iron ore futures opened higher but retreated in the afternoon, exhibiting a "rise then fall" pattern. The benchmark contract (2605) ultimately closed at 812 RMB/tonne, down 0.48% from the previous trading day. Spot prices fell by 0-5 RMB/tonne. Traders showed average enthusiasm for quoting, while steel mill inquiries were sparse, with procurement mostly limited to routine restocking. The overall trading atmosphere was mediocre.

According to the latest SMM statistics, total iron ore inventory across 35 major national ports reached 146.76 million tonnes, a week-on-week increase of 1.74 million tonnes. Structurally, the accumulation was concentrated in Iron Concentrates. This shift has directly narrowed the price spread between domestic and imported ore. Driven by "cost reduction and efficiency enhancement" strategies, the cost-performance advantage of domestic ore has become relatively prominent, prompting steel mills to shift procurement towards domestic sources, thereby substituting demand for imported ore.

Simultaneously, port discharge performance was weak. SMM data recorded a daily average discharge volume of 2.446 million tonnes, a week-on-week decline of 29,000 tonnes. The decline in discharge volume, superimposed on continuous inventory accumulation, has caused supply pressure to climb, suppressing upward momentum for iron ore prices.

Regarding market sentiment, given the lack of strong bullish drivers, enthusiasm for a rally has cooled, limiting upside potential. However, considering the approaching Lunar New Year, the gradual release of pre-holiday restocking expectations provides rigid support on the demand side, effectively sealing off space for a significant price collapse. Weighing the current supply-demand status against seasonal factors, iron ore prices are expected to enter a stalemate—pressed from above but supported from below—continuing a range-bound oscillation in the short term.

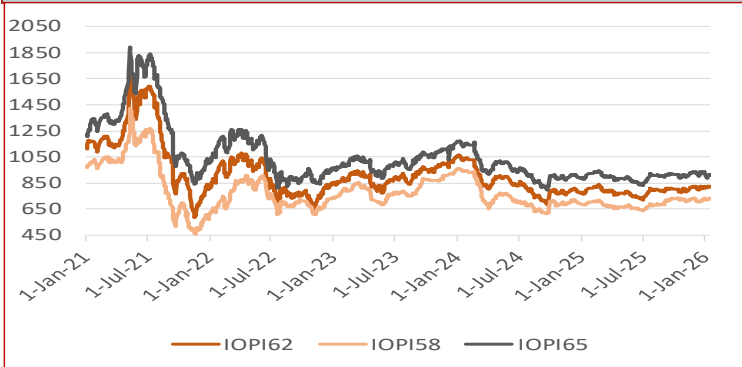
IRON ORE PORT LUMP INDEX (IOPLI)

Week Ending Jan 16th, 2026		FOT Qingdao (inc. 13% VAT), RMB/wet tonne							CFR Qingdao Equivalent (exc. 13% VAT), USD/dry tonne ³						
Index	Fe Content	Price	W-o-W	Change %	MTD	YTD	Low ²	High ²	Price	W-oW	Change %	MTD	YTD	Low ²	High ²
IOPLI62	62.5% Fe Lump	883	3	0.3%	898	958	820	1210	112.44	0.60	0.53%	112.34	120.26	102.77	153.57

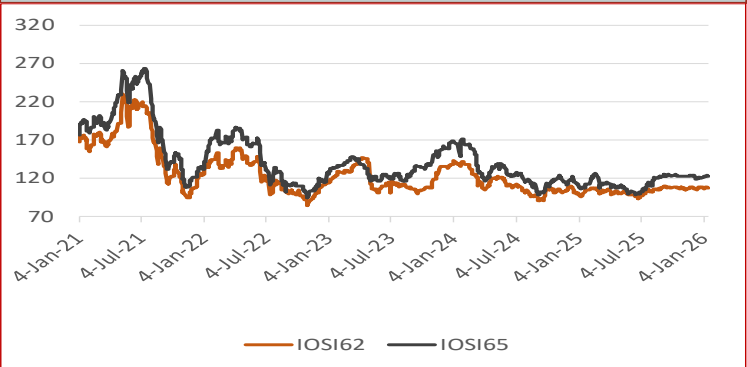
IRON ORE DOMESTIC CONCENTRATE SPOT PRICE ASSESSMENTS AND COMPOSITE INDEX

Week Ending Jan 16th, 2026				RMB/tonne (excluding tax) ³				USD/tonne (excluding tax) ³			
Province	Region	Product	Basis	This week	Change %	Low ²	High ²	This week	Change %	Low ²	High ²
Hebei	Hanxing	66% Fe Concentrate	Dry	972	0.0%	859	1226	138.65	0.11%	119.88	172.59
Hebei	Qian'an	65% Fe Concentrate	Dry	990	0.5%	880	1300	141.22	0.62%	122.81	183.23
Liaoning	Anshan	65% Fe Concentrate	Wet	760	1.1%	690	970	108.41	1.18%	96.49	136.72
Shandong	Zibo	65% Fe Concentrate	Dry	1020	1.4%	878	1294	145.50	1.51%	122.53	182.16
Week Ending Jan 16th, 2026				This week	Change %	Low ²	High ²	¹ Exchange rate applied: RMB/USD = 7.191 ² Last 12 months ³ Weekly exchange rate applied: RMB/USD = 7.19258			
China Mines Concentrate Composite Index RMB/WT				890.59	0.39%	802.20	905.40				

IRON ORE PORT INDEX, FOT QINGDAO (RMB/WT)



IRON ORE SEABORNE INDEX, CFR QINGDAO (USD/DMT)



IRON ORE PORT STOCK INDEX MONTHLY, QUARTERLY AND YEAR-TO-DATE AVERAGES

Jan 16th, 2026		FOT Qingdao (inc. 13% VAT), RMB/wet tonne							CFR Qingdao Equivalent (exc. 13% VAT), USD/dry tonne						
Index	Fe Content	September	October	November	December	MTD	QTD	YTD	September	October	November	December	MTD	QTD	YTD
IOPI62	62% Fe Fines	801	792	805	798	788	783	831	104.69	103.56	105.46	100.24	102.35	101.69	108.35
IOPI58	58% Fe Fines	716	726	720	716	692	687	729	94.18	95.66	95.02	94.72	90.41	89.73	95.58
IOPI65	65% Fe Fines	914	903	917	925	899	894	942	119.85	118.69	120.64	122.17	117.28	116.64	123.33

IRON ORE SEABORNE INDEX MONTHLY, QUARTERLY AND YEAR-TO-DATE AVERAGES

Jan 16th, 2026		CFR Qingdao, USD/dry tonne							Jan 15th, 2026		FREIGHT RATES - DRY BULK US\$/wet tonne				
Index	Fe Content	September	October	November	December	MTD	QTD	YTD	Route	Designation	Change	Change %	Low ²	High ²	
IOSI62	62% Fe Fines	107.88	107.27	106.33	105.42	103.61	102.86	109.52	W. Australia - Qingdao	C5	7.57	0.05	0.6%	5.92	14.89
IOSI65	65% Fe Fines	122.98	122.90	122.46	121.09	115.09	114.25	123.91	Tubarao - Qingdao	C3	19.54	-0.84	-4.1%	16.08	35.02

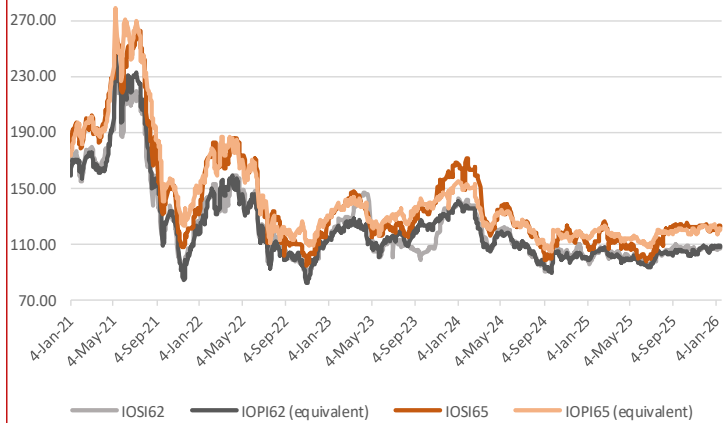
IRON ORE PORT LUMP INDEX MONTHLY, QUARTERLY AND YEAR-TO-DATE AVERAGES

Week Ending Jan 16th, 2026		FOT Qingdao (inc. 13% VAT), RMB/wet tonne							CFR Qingdao Equivalent (exc. 13% VAT), USD/dry tonne ¹						
Index	Fe Content	September	October	November	December	MTD	QTD	YTD	September	October	November	December	MTD	QTD	YTD
IOPLI62	62.5% Fe Lump	926	909	880	864	898	894	958	116.51	114.52	110.83	109.14	112.34	111.86	120.26

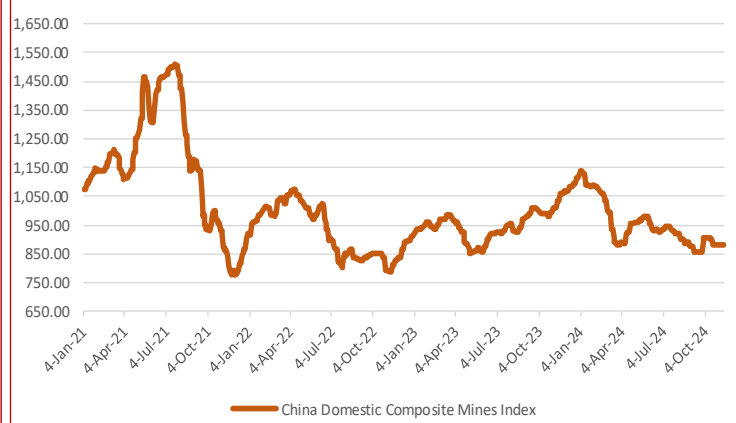
IRON ORE INDEX PREMIUMS/DISCOUNTS

Jan 16th, 2026		PORT STOCK INDEX (RMB/WT)		Jan 16th, 2026		SEABORNE INDEX (USD/DMT)	
Index	Fe Content	Spread to IOPI62	% Spread to IOPI62	Index	Fe Content	Spread to IOSI62	% Spread to IOSI62
IOPI58	58% Fe Fines	-91	-11.17%	IOSI65	65% Fe Fines	15.12	14.10%
IOPI65	65% Fe Fines	93	11.42%				

IRON ORE INDEX COMPARISONS (USD/DMT)



CHINA DOMESTIC COMPOSITE MINES INDEX (RMB/Wet Tonne, including VAT)



IRON ORE BRAND SPOT PRICE ASSESSMENTS

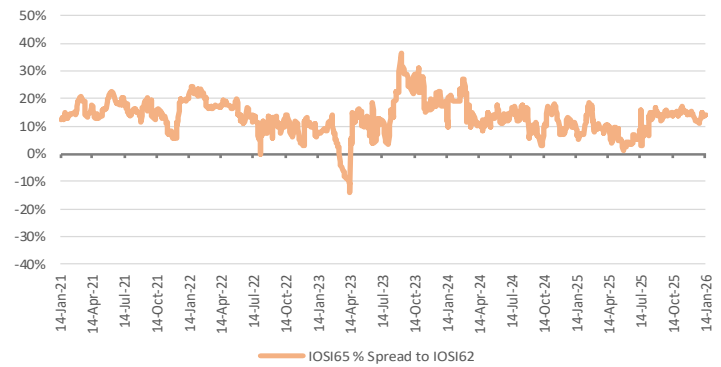
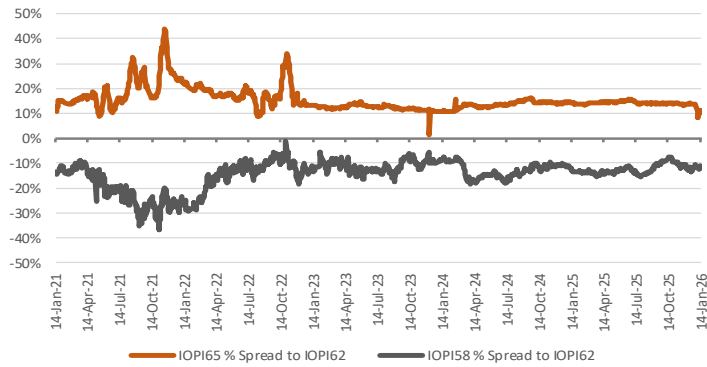
Jan 16th, 2026				Jan 16th, 2026			
PORT STOCK INDEX (RMB/WT)				SEABORNE INDEX (USD/DMT)			
	Price	Change	Diff to IOPI62		Price	Change	Diff to IOSI62
Roy Hill	776	-1	-41	Roy Hill	99.60	-0.20	-7.64
SIMEC Fines	686	5	-131	SIMEC Fines	98.20	-0.15	-9.04
PB Fines	817	-2	0	PB Fines	107.50	-0.10	0.26
Newman Fines	812	-2	-5	Newman Fines	101.30	-0.30	-5.94
MAC Fines	814	0	-3	MAC Fines	101.40	-0.05	-5.84
Jimblebar Blended Fines	735	-1	-82	Jimblebar Blended Fines	96.25	-0.30	-10.99
Carajas Fines	901	-4	84	Carajas Fines	123.10	-0.50	15.86
Brazilian SSF	775	12	-42	Brazilian SSF	102.70	-0.40	-4.54
Brazilian Blend Fines	838	-5	21	Brazilian Blend Fines	113.30	-0.30	6.06
RTX Fines	707	1	-110	RTX Fines	96.70	-0.30	-10.54
West Pilbara Fines	726	-2	-90	West Pilbara Fines	98.50	-0.30	-8.74
Jan 16th, 2026							
PORT STOCK INDEX (RMB/WT)							
	Price	Change	Diff to IOPI58				
SSF	694	-6	-31				
FMG Blended Fines	737	-6	11				
Robe River	720	-6	-5				
Western Fines	720	-6	-5				
Atlas Fines	727	-6	1				
Yandi	714	-6	-11				

IRON ORE INDEX NORMALISATION DIFFERENTIALS

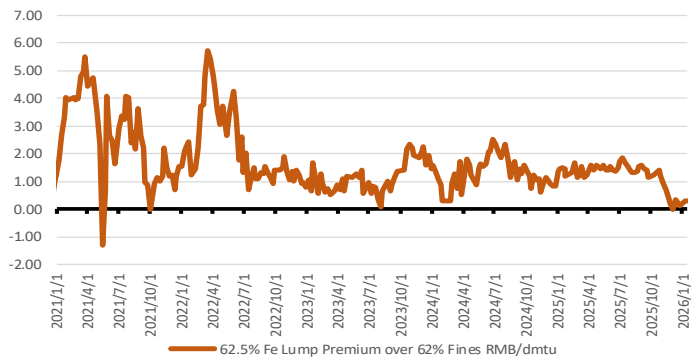
Port Stock Index Product Differentials (RMB/wet tonne)				Seaborne Index Product Differentials (USD/dry tonne)			
	Applicable range	Value	Change		Applicable range	Value	Change
1% Fe	High Grade Fe 60 - 63%	9.00	0.00	1% Fe	High Grade Fe 60 - 63%	0.75	-0.25
	High Grade Fe 63 - 64%	32.00	2.00		High Grade Fe 63 - 64%	2.75	0.00
	High Grade Fe 64 - 65%	32.00	2.00		High Grade Fe 64 - 65%	2.75	0.00
	High Grade Fe 65 - 65.5%	32.00	2.00		High Grade Fe 65 - 65.5%	2.75	0.00
1% Alumina	Low Grade Fe	10.00	-1.00	1% Alumina	High Fe Grade Al <2.25%	6.50	0.00
	High Fe Grade Al <2.25%	20.00	-5.00		High Fe Grade Al 2.25-4%	6.50	0.00
	High Fe Grade Al 2.25-4%	66.00	0.00		High Fe Grade Si <4%	2.75	0.25
	Low Fe Grade Al <2.25%	20.00	0.00		High Fe Grade Si 4 - 6.5%	4.75	0.25
1% Silica	Low Fe Grade Al 2.25-4%	5.00	-4.00	0.01% Phosphorus	High Fe Grade 0.09%<P<0.115%	1.25	-0.25
	High Fe Grade Si <4%	5.00	0.00		High Fe Grade 0.115%<P<0.15%	2.25	0.25
	High Fe Grade Si 4 - 6.5%	46.00	0.00		Low Fe Grade 0.09%<P<0.1%	5.00	0.00
	Low Fe Grade	5.00	0.00				

Port Stock Price Differentials to Qingdao Port for PB Fines (RMB/wet tonne)											
Port	Value	Change	Port	Value	Change	Port	Value	Change	Port	Value	Change
Bayuquan	-20.00	0.00	Fangcheng	-25.00	0.00	Lanshan	0.00	0.00	Rizhao	0.00	0.00
Beilun	0.00	0.00	Jiangyin	-15.00	0.00	Lianyungang	-3.00	0.00	Shekou	0.00	0.00
Caofeidian	-10.00	0.00	Jingtang	-10.00	0.00	Majishan	0.00	0.00	Taicang	-20.00	0.00
Dalian	0.00	0.00	Lanqiao	0.00	0.00	Qingdao	0.00	0.00	Tianjin	-15.00	0.00

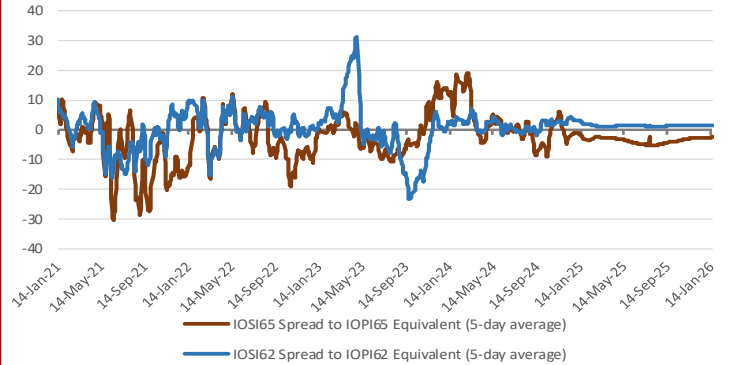
IRON ORE INDEX PREMIUMS/DISCOUNTS



WEEKLY IRON ORE PORT STOCK LUMP PREMIUM (RMB/DMTU)



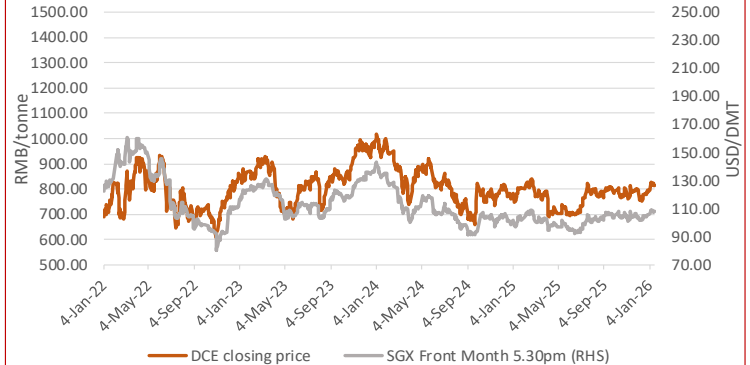
IRON ORE SEABORNE TO PORT STOCK PRICE SPREADS (USD/DMT)



TOTAL IRON ORE INVENTORIES AT CHINA PORTS (MILLION TONNES)



FUTURE TRADING—FRONT MONTH CLOSING PRICE



IRON ORE PORT INVENTORIES (MILLION TONNES)

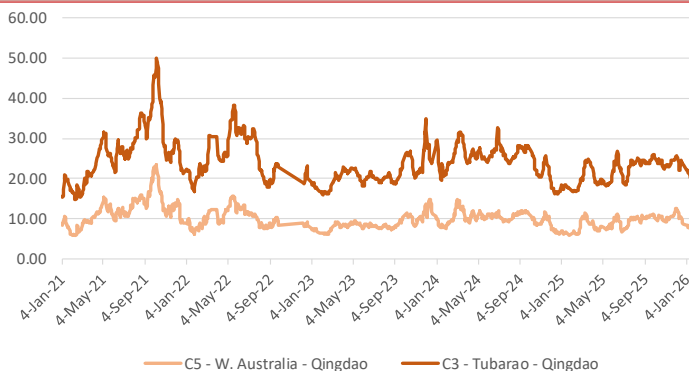
Week Ending Jan 16th, 2026

Province	This week	Change %	Low ²	High ²
Jingtang	14.86	1.02%	8.29	17.20
Qingdao	32.27	1.06%	22.28	33.46
Caofeidian	15.99	5.61%	7.56	20.28
Tianjin	11.36	2.25%	6.64	12.36
Rizhao	14.73	0.75%	11.52	21.35
Total (35 Ports)	148.76	1.18%	105.01	150.72

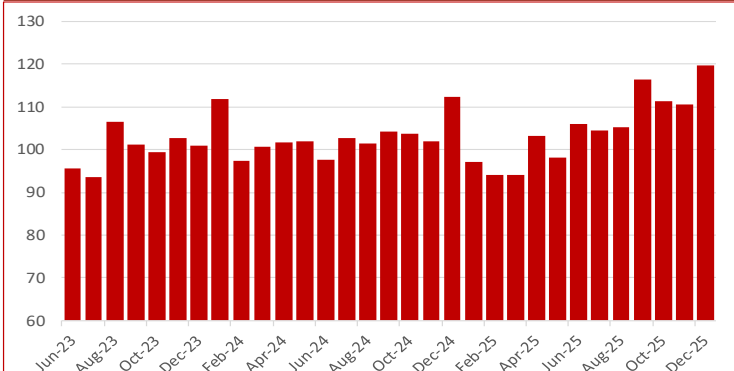
IRON ORE FUTURES CONTRACTS

Closing Date	DCE (RMB/WMT)			SGX (USD/DMT)		
	Jan 16th, 3pm close			Jan 16th, 5:30pm		
Contract	I2605	Change	Change %	Jun. 26	Change	Change %
Closing Price	812.00	-1.00	-0.12%	107.70	0.50	0.47%
Vol traded ('000 lots)	25.63	0.33	1.30%	10.35	0.81	8.45%
Open positions ('000 lots)	64.89	-0.35	-0.54%	54.85	-0.59	-1.06%
Day Low	809.5	-2.50	-0.31%	106.05	-0.75	-0.70%
Day High	821.5	0.00	0.00%	107.70	-0.55	-0.51%

DRY BULK FREIGHT RATES (USD/MT)



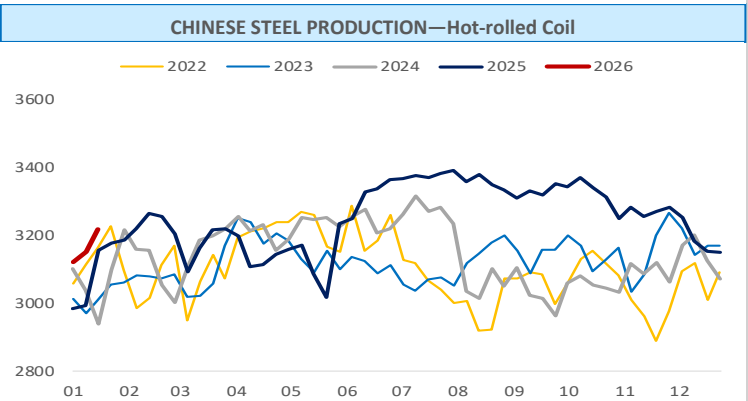
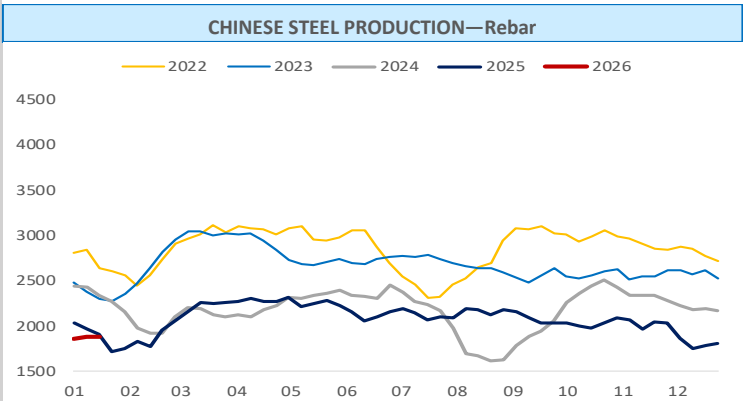
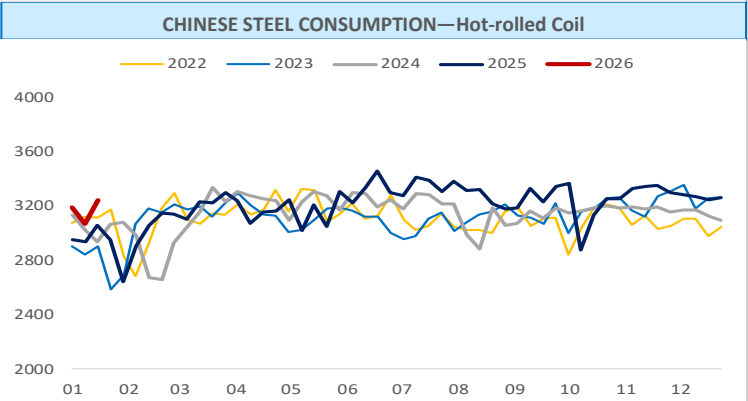
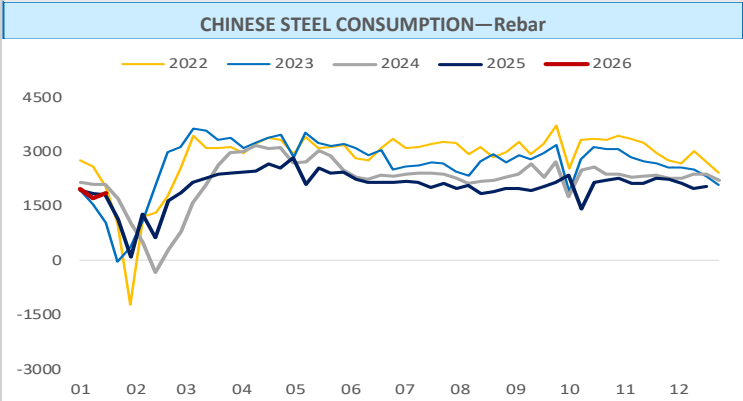
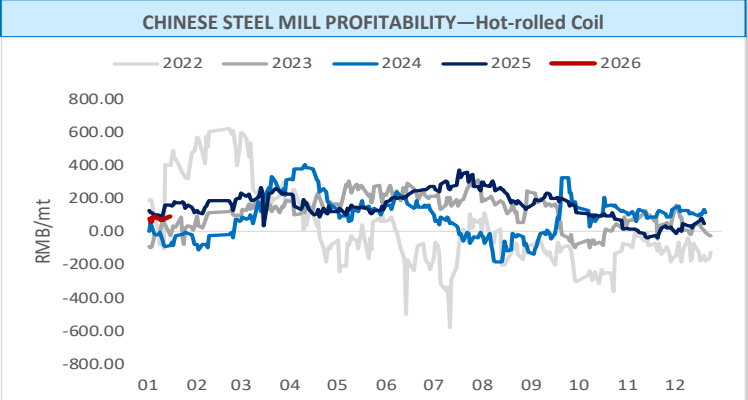
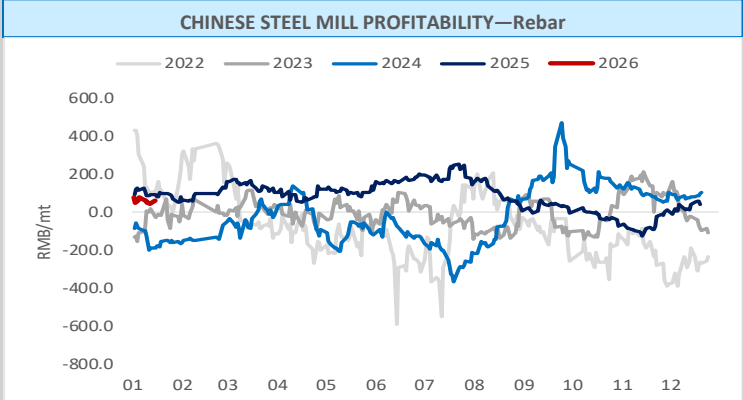
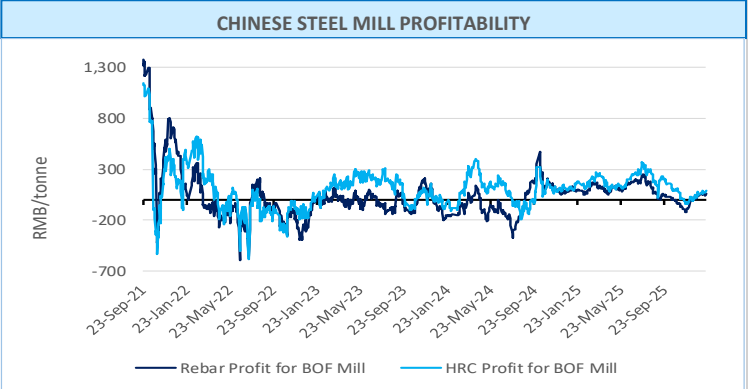
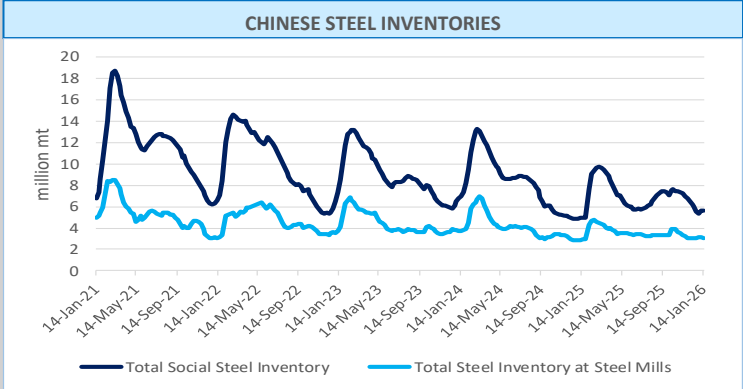
TOTAL CHINA IRON ORE IMPORT VOLUMES (MILLION TONNES)



STEEL SPOT MARKET PRICES—CHINA			
Steel Spot Market RMB/tonne			
Product	2026/01/16	Change	Change %
ReBar HRB400 ϕ18mm	3,195	6	0.19%
Wirerod Q300 ϕ6.5mm	3,386	4	0.12%
HRC Q235/SS400 5.5mm*1500*C	3,290	16	0.49%
CRC SPCC/ST12 1.0mm*1250*2500	3,823	-7	-0.18%
Medium & Heavy Plate Q235B 20mm	3,363	0	0.00%
GI ST02Z 1.0mm*1000*C	4,097	-3	-0.08%
Colour Coated Plate	6,350	0	0.00%

CHINESE STEEL MILL PROFITABILITY			
SMM Tracking of Steel Mill P&L - Rebar and Hot-rolled Coil (RMB/tonne)			
Category	Price	Change (WoW)	Note
MMi (Fe 62%), USD/mt excluding tax	108.25	-0.19	Mmi CFR Equivalent index for 1st Feb
Coke	1,605	0	2nd grade met coke, Tangshan, incl. tax
Steel Scrap	2,380	50	steel scrap (6mm) in Zhangjiagang, ext. tax
Billet Cost	2,579	4	Q234, incl. tax
Rebar cost - Blast furnace	3,140	4	calculated based on theoretical weight, incl. tax
Rebar profit - Blast furnace	60	-4	based on Shanghai prices, incl. tax
Hot-rolled coil cost - Blast furnace	3,221	4	based on actual weight, incl. tax
Hot-rolled coil profit - Blast furnace	89	16	based on Shanghai prices, incl. tax

Note: 1. Costs in the table are calculated based on today's market prices and facout our management, sales, financial and depreciations fe
2. The cost refers to average cost in the industry based on SMM's survey of small, medium and large mills in China



IRON ORE INDEX SPECIFICATIONS, COMPILATION RATIONALE AND DATA EXCLUSIONS

Iron Ore Index Specifications (Port and Seaborne)					Iron Ore Index Compilation Rationale and Data Exclusions
Fe %	65% Fe Fines	62% Fe Fines	58% Fe Fines	62.5% Fe Lump	
Alumina %	65.00	62.00	58.00	62.50	
Silica%	1.40	2.25	2.25	1.50	
Phosphorus %	1.50	4.00	5.50	3.50	
Sulphur %	0.06	0.09	0.05	0.08	
Moisture %	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	
	8.00	8.00	9.00	4.00	
Sizing	Granular size below 10mm for at least 90% of cargo; maximum of 40% below 150 micron			Size below 6.3mm max 15% Size above 31.15mm max 25%	
Pricing Point	Qingdao Port (FOT and CFR respectively)			FOT Qingdao Port	
Timing (Seaborne)	Loading within 4 weeks, Delivery within 8 weeks			Delivery within 2 weeks	
Payment Terms	L/C at sight			L/C at sight or CAD	

Data Exclusions*			
	62%	58%	65%
Port Index	0	0	0
Seaborne index	0		0
Lump Index 62.5	0		

* Number of price submissions for iron ore indices that were excluded from index calculations today as they were anomalous and could not be verified

IRON ORE DOMESTIC CONCENTRATE INDEX CALCULATION METHODOLOGY

The compilation method for price index generally refers to the compilation method of CPI price index and other price indices, breakdown the price data and calculate the average value according to a certain method, taking the vertical axis as the regional composite index (average of different grade index) and the horizontal axis as the grade composite index (average of different regional index), a total composite index for domestic ore can be output ultimately. The process system is also adopted in the calculation i.e. each sub-index can be obtained as well.

AVERAGE IRON ORE SPECIFICATIONS APPLIED FOR BRAND PRICE ASSESSMENTS

PORT STOCK BRANDS						SEABORNE BRANDS					
Jan 16th, 2026	Specifications applied for 62% brand assessments						Specifications applied for 62% brand assessments				
	Fe	Alumina	Silica	Phos	Moisture		Fe	Alumina	Silica	Phos	Moisture
Roy Hill	60.88%	2.35%	4.45%	0.055%	9.26%	Roy Hill	60.70%	2.30%	4.90%	0.055%	8.00%
SIMEC Fines	60.00%	2.30%	6.30%	0.060%	6.00%	SIMEC Fines	60.00%	2.30%	6.30%	0.060%	6.00%
PB Fines	61.64%	2.31%	3.87%	0.099%	9.45%	PB Fines 62%	62.00%	2.60%	4.30%	0.090%	9.50%
Newman Fines	62.49%	2.31%	3.98%	0.090%	7.72%	Newman Fines	62.30%	2.40%	4.40%	0.090%	8.00%
MAC Fines	60.43%	2.38%	4.64%	0.078%	7.57%	MAC Fines	60.80%	2.35%	4.70%	0.080%	7.80%
Jimblebar Blended Fines	60.87%	2.95%	4.53%	0.111%	7.32%	Jimblebar Blended Fines	60.50%	3.00%	4.50%	0.120%	8.00%
Carajas Fines	64.90%	1.39%	1.82%	0.080%	7.78%	Carajas Fines	65.10%	1.50%	1.70%	0.080%	8.50%
Brazilian SSF	62.00%	1.00%	6.50%	0.040%	6.00%	Brazilian SSF	62.00%	1.00%	6.50%	0.040%	6.00%
Brazilian Blend Fines	62.56%	1.58%	4.79%	0.091%	8.72%	Brazilian Blend Fines	63.00%	1.50%	5.00%	0.070%	7.00%
RTX Fines	61.00%	3.10%	4.50%	0.135%	7.50%	RTX Fines	61.00%	3.10%	4.50%	0.135%	7.50%
West Pilbara Fines	60.10%	2.30%	4.70%	0.075%	8.50%	West Pilbara Fines	60.10%	2.30%	4.70%	0.075%	8.50%
Jan 16th, 2026	Specifications applied for 58% brand assessments										
	Fe	Alumina	Silica	Phos	Moisture						
SSF	56.49%	3.20%	6.19%	0.065%	9.18%						
FMG Blended Fines	58.20%	2.43%	5.54%	0.057%	8.29%						
Robe River	56.44%	3.16%	5.73%	0.042%	8.44%						
Western Fines	57.88%	2.87%	7.50%	0.062%	7.45%						
Atlas Fines	58.00%	1.85%	5.50%	0.090%	9.00%						
Yandi	56.87%	1.58%	6.41%	0.042%	9.53%						

BLOOMBERG TICKERS

PORT STOCK INDICES			SEABORNE INDICES	
	FOT Qingdao (RMB/wet tonne)	CFR Qingdao Equivalent (USD/dry tonne)		CFR Qingdao (USD/DMT)
IOPI62	IRCNQ001	IRCNQ004	IOSI62	IRCN0034
IOPI58	IRCNQ002	IRCNQ005	IOSI65	IRCN0035
IOPI65	IRCNQ003	IRCNQ006		
IOPLI62	IRCN0036	IRCN0037		

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