



Daily Virtual Steel Mill Report

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Verdict:

- Short-run Neutral to Bullish.

Macro:

- Six China departments jointly issued an announcement concerning regulating the import management of recycled copper ,copper alloy raw materials and recycled aluminum and aluminum alloy raw materials. Recycled copper and aluminum raw materials that meet the requirements do not belong to solid waste and can be freely imported.
- The U.S. Department of Labor said that in the week ending October 19th, the number of initial claims for unemployment benefits fell by 15,000 to 227,000 after seasonal adjustment. The previous forecast was 242,000. This is the second consecutive week of decline, which may reflect the reduction in the number of claims caused by Hurricane Helen.

Iron Ore Key Indicators:

- Platts62 \$99.25, +1.00, MTD \$104.33. The physical market was in wait-and-see mode. The steel market is shifting some sales from northern to southern area before winter comes.
 - China 45 ports iron ore inventories at 153.42 million tons, up 441,500 tons on the week. Daily evacuations at 3.23 million tons, down 25,600 on the week.
 - On October 23, Australian iron ore miner BHP narrowed discounts for term contracts of its flagship fines brands in November. The discount for MACF narrowed from \$4.58/dmt in October to \$4.34/dmt in November. NHGF's discount narrowed from \$2.57/dmt to \$2.15/dmt. The steepest change was in JMBF, with the discount narrowing from \$7.85/dmt to \$7.28/dmt.
- SGX Iron Ore 62% Futures& Options Open Interest (Oct 24th)

Steel Key Indicators:

- In terms of MySteel's statistics, steel mills imported 89.79 million tons of iron ore. This figure shows a decrease of 278,200 tons on a weekly basis and is 636,500 tons less compared to the same period last year. The capacity utilization rate of blast furnaces in 247 sampled steel mills stands at 88.48%, with a weekly increase of 0.49% and a year-on-year decrease of 2.25%. The daily output of hot metal is 2.36 million tons, representing an increase of 13,300 tons week-on-week and a reduction of 70,400 tons year-on-year.

Coking Coal and Coke Indicators:

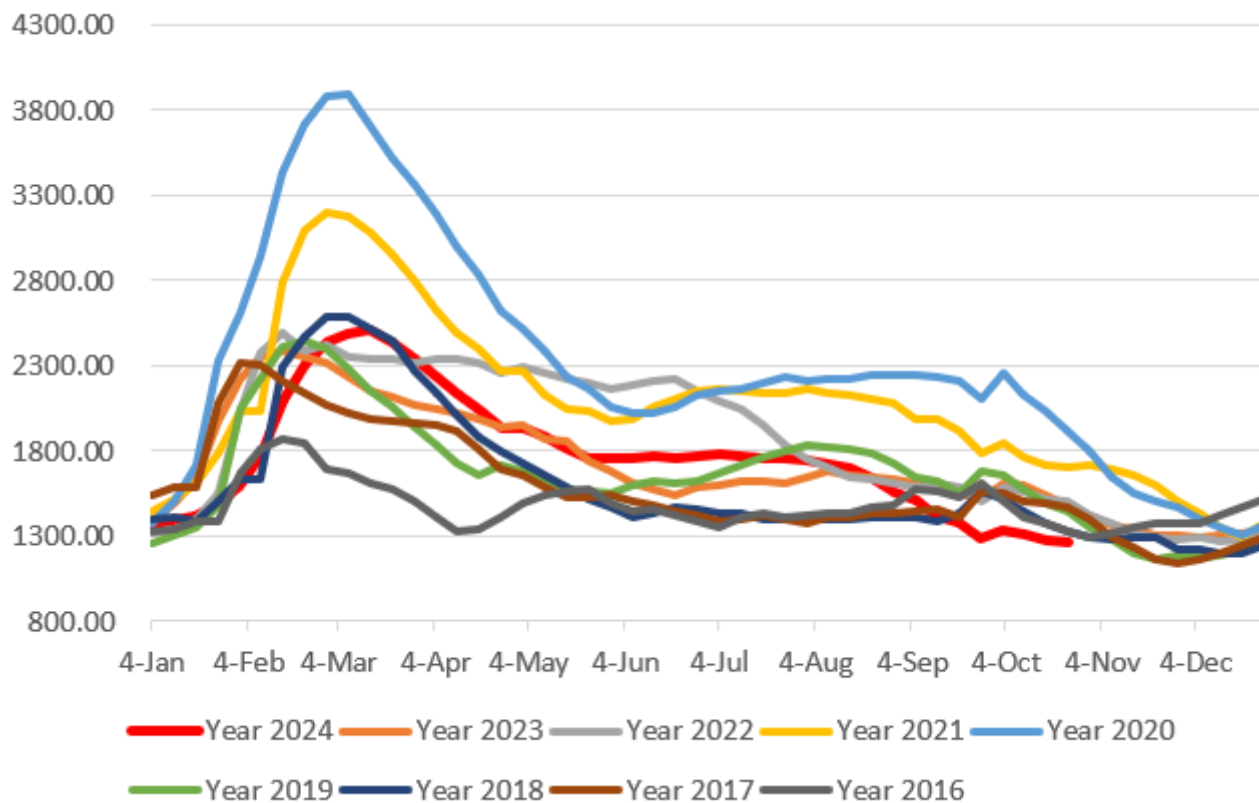
- According to the data of China Shanxi Provincial Bureau of Statistics, in September 2024, the output of raw coal above designated size in Shanxi was 118.066 million tons, reaching a new high for single-month output this year.



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Five Major Steels Inventories(10,000 tonnes)



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