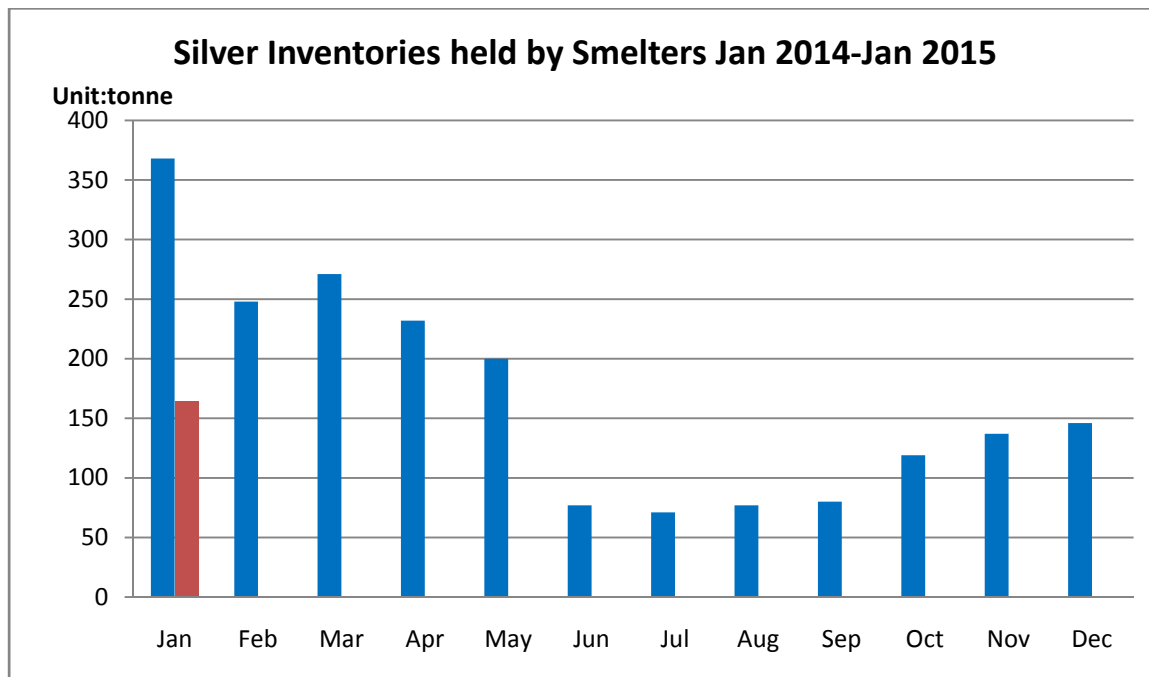


Silver ingot stocks at major Chinese silver smelters up by 12.33% MOM in late January 2015

BEIJING (Asian Metal) 12 Feb 15 - Statistics published by Asian Metal on silver ingot stocks held by 30 silver smelters in China with combined annual production capacity of 13,330 tonnes showed that silver ingot inventories held by the smelters totaled 164t by the end of January 2015, up by 12.33% compared with late December 2014.

The following graph shows silver inventories held by smelters in China Jan 2014-Jan 2015



The following table shows silver ingot stocks in Henan, Zhejiang and Gansu provinces: Unit: tonnes

Province	Late Dec 2014	Late Jan 2015
Henan	23	25
Zhejiang	16	16
Gansu	72	82
Others	35	41
Total	146	164

According to the above data, the silver inventories held by Henan-based and Zhejiang-based smelters in late January increased slightly in late January 2015, compared with late December 2014. Inventories held by Gansu-based silver producers continued to increase in January, as Baiyin Nonferrous Metal has not sold silver ingots for months, leading to an increase in silver inventories there.

Silver market appeared relatively strong during January and most suppliers were very active in selling the metal at the prices of around RMB3,700-3,800/kg (USD18.77-19.28/oz) on the Chinese spot market. However, as silver prices dropped sharply from RMB3,750/t (USD19.02/oz) to RMB3,550/t (USD18.01/oz) during the last two working days of January and most participants predicted that silver market may remain relatively strong in a short time, some suppliers suspended sales temporarily then, leading to a slight increase in inventories.

Impacted by the Spring Festival holiday, some silver producers' silver output will decline during February and most suppliers are active in selling the metal before the holiday. Therefore, the silver inventories may decline slightly by the end of the month.