

The CountryWatch Forecast provides a vast amount of data heretofore unavailable in single location and offers a comprehensive country-by-country view of the global economy. The CountryWatch Forecast product will be launched with the 2009 Edition and updated annually in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of each year. The CountryWatch Macroeconomic Forecast will be updated semi-annually in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter and 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of each year.



### **Macroeconomic**

The CountryWatch Macroeconomic Forecast projects the major macroeconomic variables of each of the established countries in the world over a 20 year period. In addition this Forecast provides five years of history. These variables include GDP and its principal components: consumption, investment spending, government spending, exports and imports. In addition, the CountryWatch Macroeconomic Forecast makes projections on inflation, interest rates, inflation rates, foreign exchange rates, fiscal policy including tax rates, and the primary components of the balance of payments as well as foreign exchange reserves. The real GDP and inflationary trends are used in an integrated fashion in each of the other forecast segments to provide a forecast that is integrated across all segment lines ( i.e. the GDP that drives the demand for energy products is the same one that drives demand for metals and agriculture).



### **Energy**

The energy sector is one of the most volatile segments of the global economy. The CountryWatch Energy Forecast team develops demand and supply estimates over a 20 year period using five years of historical data for the three major fossil fuel markets: petroleum, natural gas and coal. In addition we project production of electricity from nuclear, hydroelectric and renewable resources. The fossil fuel prices are determined by balancing global demand and global supply over a 20 forward look. Energy is one of the major producers of anthropogenic CO2 emissions and the model also projects forward estimates of CO2 based on the projections of fossil fuel consumption.



### **Metals**

The metals sector is a critical component of the global industrial and financial sectors. The CountryWatch Metals Forecast team develops demand and supply estimates over a 20 year period using five years of historical data for the major industrial metal markets: copper, aluminum, lead, tin, nickel, and zinc. In addition, this forecast projects production of two of the major precious metals: gold and silver. The metal prices for industrial metals are determined by balancing global demand and global supply over a 20 forward period.



### **Agriculture**

The agricultural sector is a critical component of the global economy. The CountryWatch Agricultural Forecast team develops demand and supply estimates over a 20 year period using five years of historical data for the major agricultural markets: corn, soybeans rice, coffee, cocoa, sugar and wheat. The prices for agricultural products are determined by balancing global demand and global supply over a 20 period.

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