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INTRODUCTION TO NON-FERROUS METALS CASH-TO-FORWARD PREMIA ANALYSIS

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This report provides a detailed analysis of the cash-to-3M spreads and premium movements across key non-ferrous metals. The cash-to-premium structure reflects near-term supply-demand dynamics, offering critical insights into physical market tightness, investor sentiment, and potential price risks. Monitoring shifts between contango and backwardation helps market participants assess inventory pressures, trade flows, and spot market appetite. The data is pertaining to LME markets.

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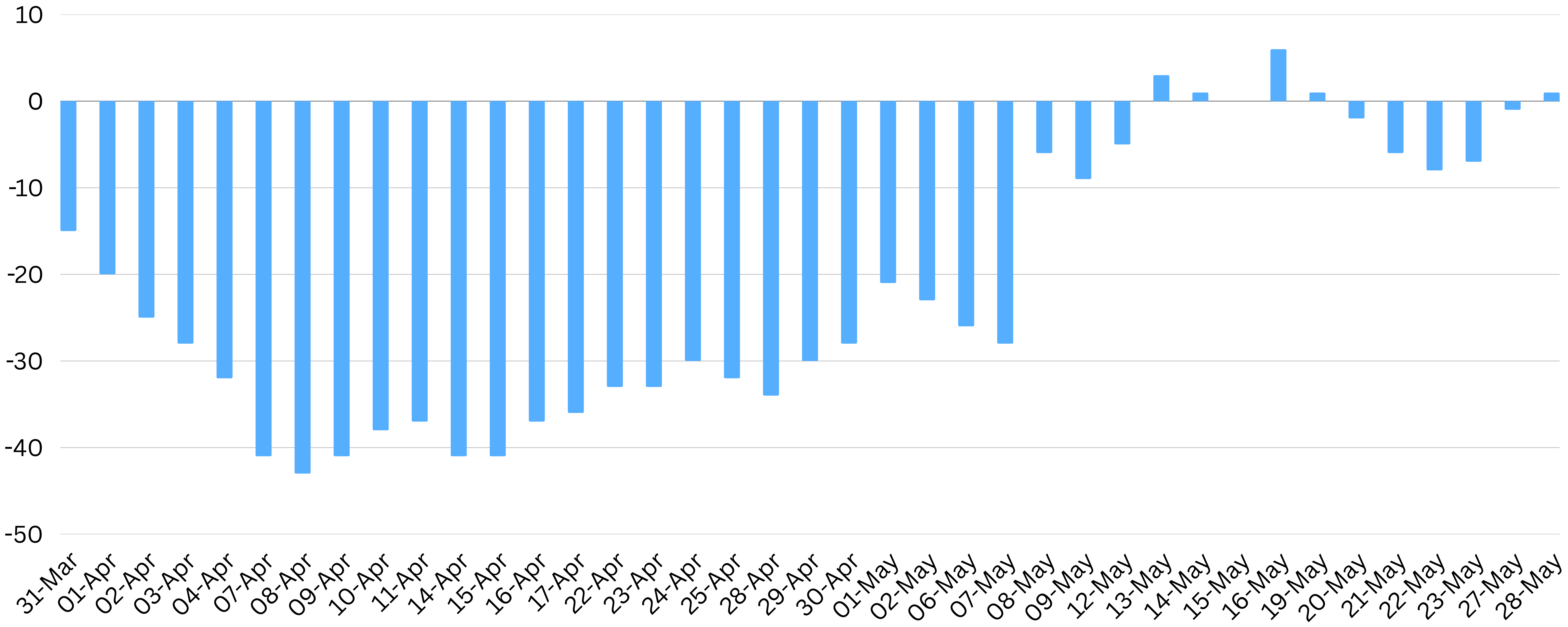
HOW TO ACT ON THE CASH METAL REPORT?

Traders, hedgers, and procurement managers should use the cash-to-premium trends to fine-tune their inventory strategies, time physical purchases or sales, and adjust hedging positions. A tightening spread (moving into backwardation) suggests stronger near-term demand or supply constraints, signaling opportunities to secure material early or consider bullish positioning. Conversely, a widening contango may indicate loosening market conditions, favoring deferred procurement strategies or defensive hedging adjustments.

Commodity	28-05-25	27-05-25	Change
Al	2469	2484	-0.60%
Cu	9610	9637	-0.28%
Pb	1965	1965	0.00%
Zn	2667	2685	-0.67%
Ni	14817	15214	-2.61%
Sn	31581	32477	-2.76%

Source: Bloomberg, 3 Month Forward price of LME

LME Aluminium: Cash / 3M Forward Spread



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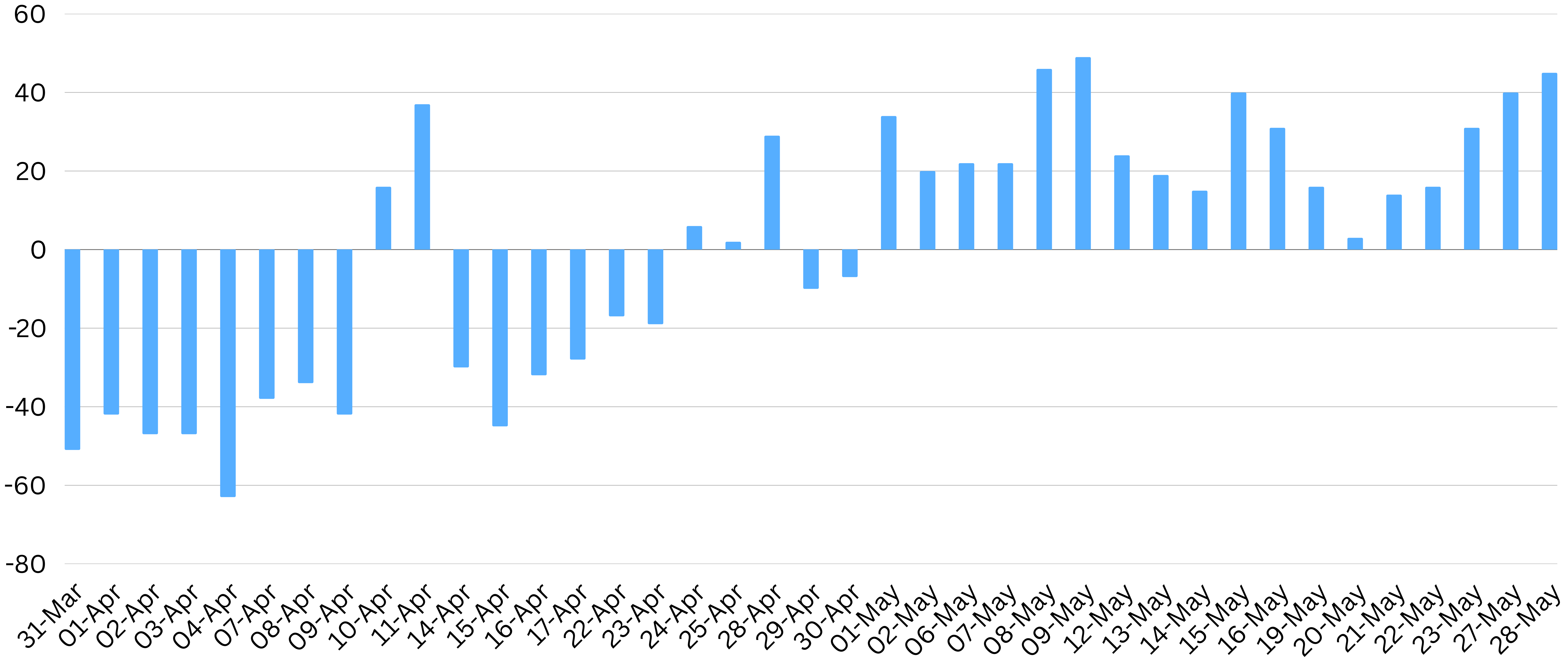
LME Copper: Cash / 3M Forward Spread



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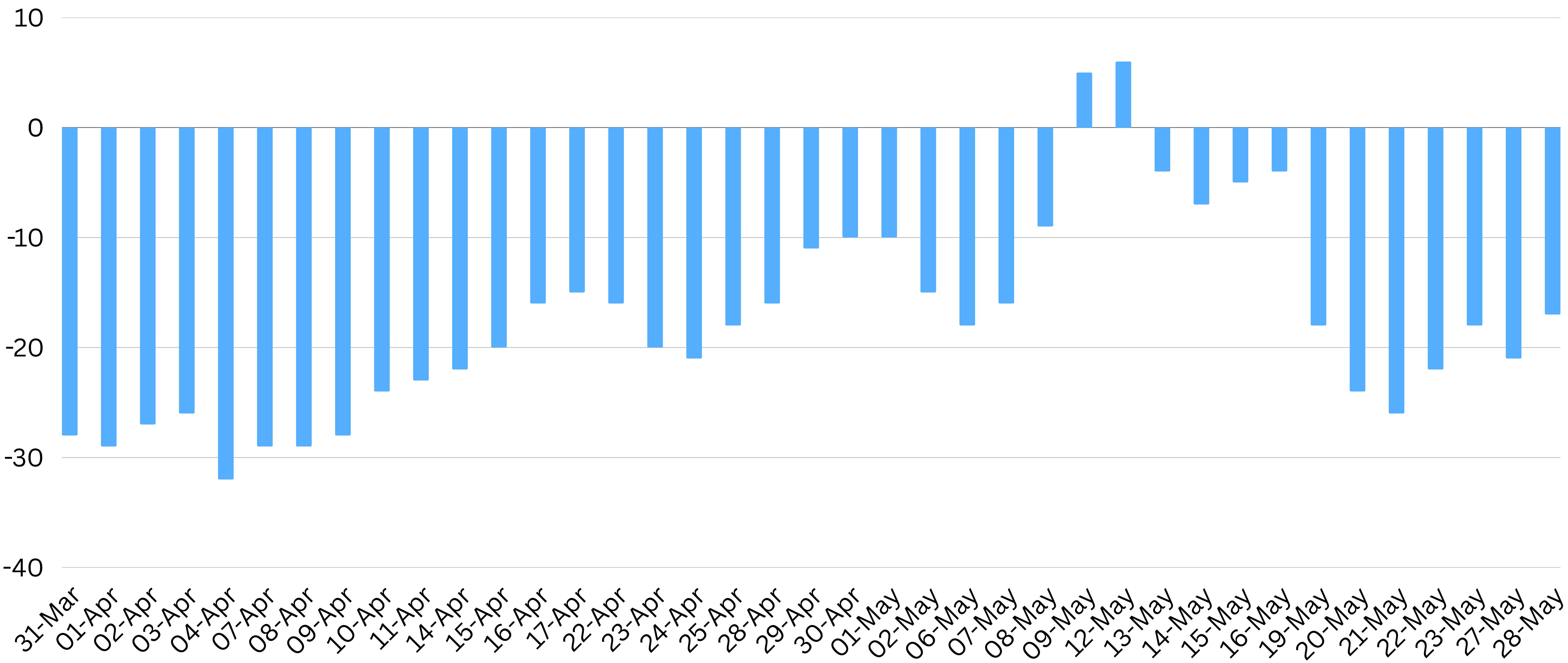
LME Lead: Cash / 3M Forward Spread



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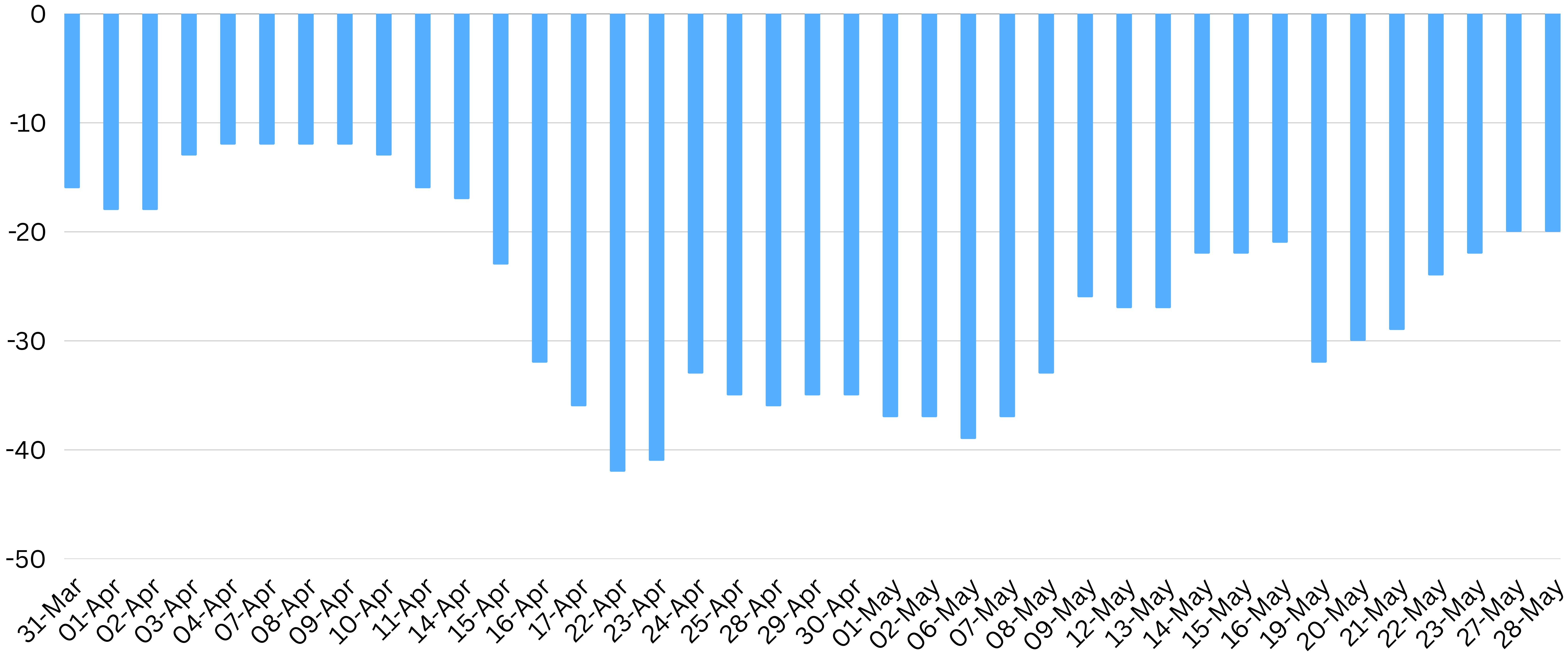
LME Zinc: Cash / 3M Forward Spread



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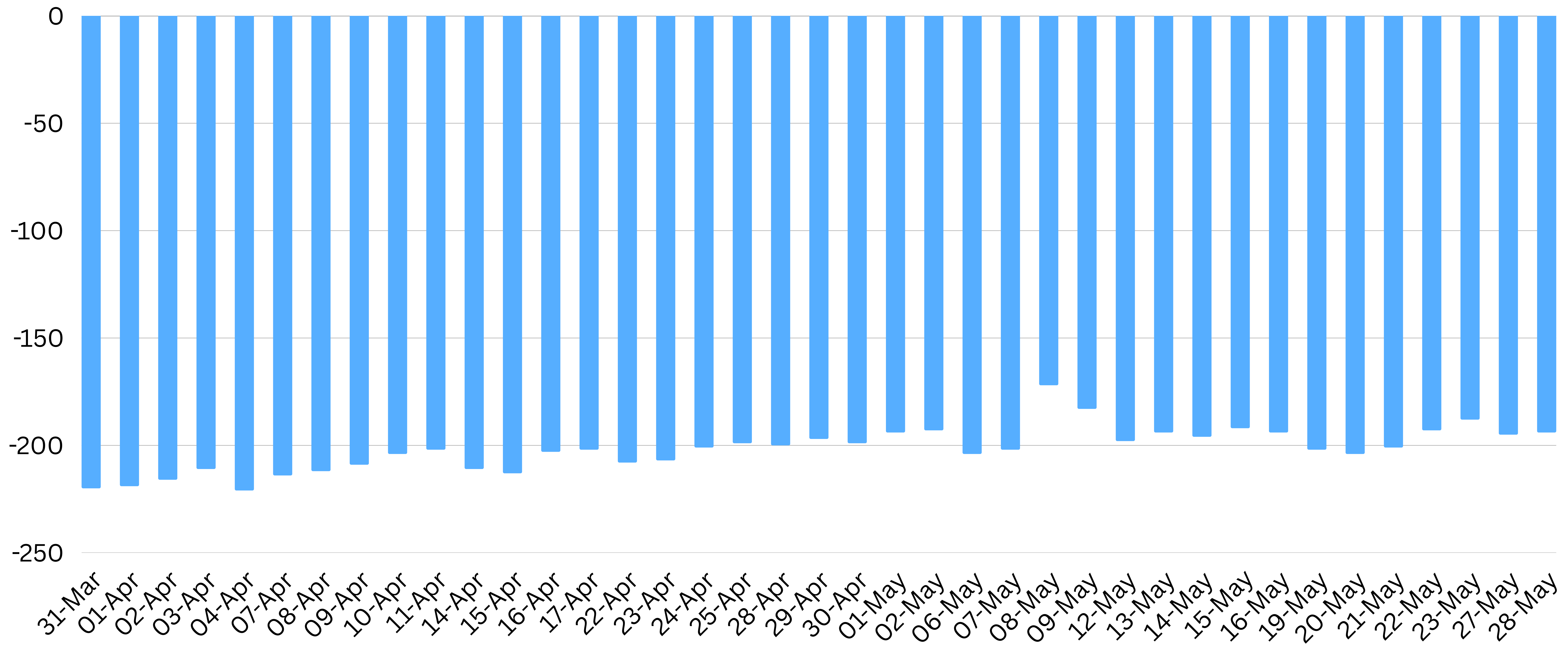
LME Nickel: Cash / 3M Forward Spread



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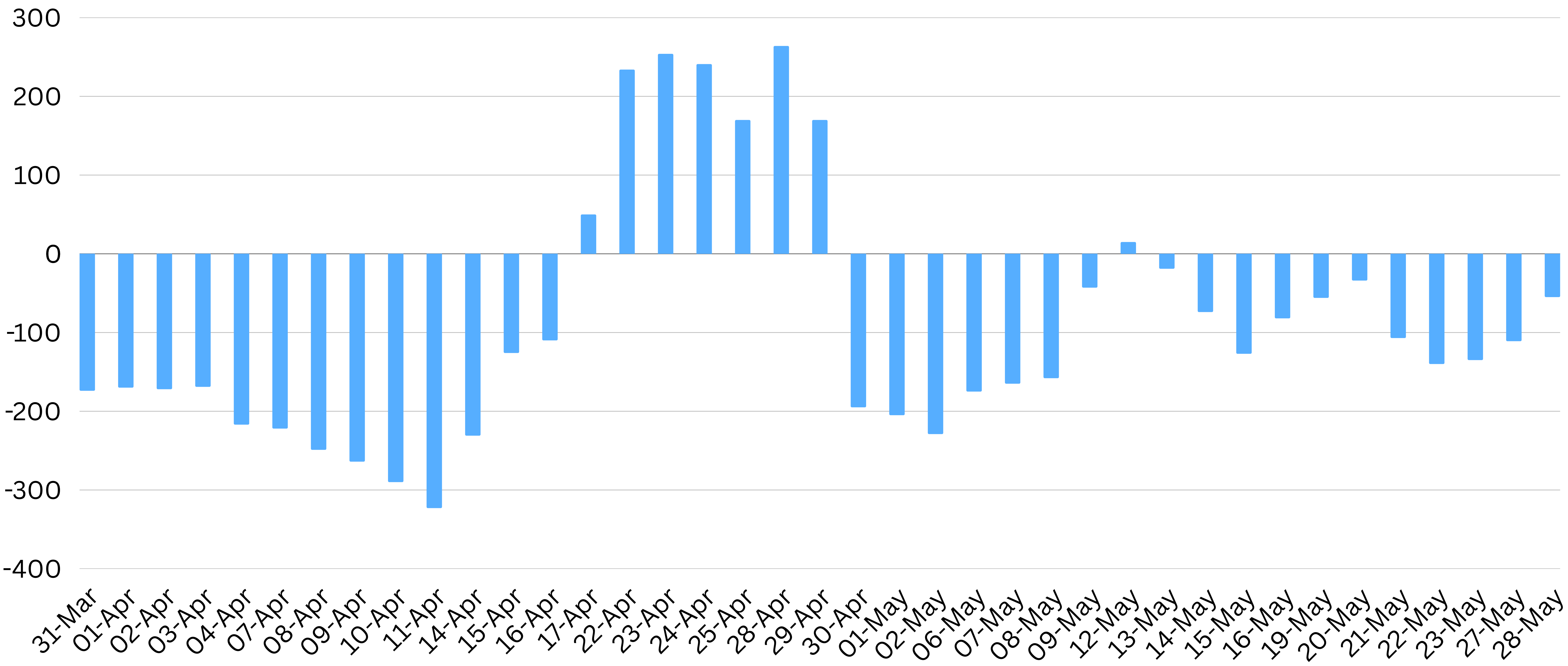
LME Tin: Cash / 3M Forward Spread



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