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**News, Views & Statistics**

**Gold Prices Hold Near 5-Week Lows Amid Firm Dollar**

Gold prices were little changed near the prior session's five-week low on Tuesday, as a broadly stronger U.S. dollar dampened the appeal of the yellow metal. Comex gold futures were at \$1,286.95 a troy ounce by 8:35AM ET (13:35 GMT), after falling as low as \$1,283.80 on Monday, its worst level since Jan. 24. Meanwhile, spot gold was flat at \$1,285.89 per ounce. The U.S. dollar index, which measures the greenback's strength against a basket of six major currencies, was at 96.71, not far from the previous day's two-week high. A stronger U.S. dollar usually weighs on gold, as it dampens the metal's appeal as an alternative asset and makes dollar-priced commodities more expensive for holders of other currencies. Losses were held in check as China cut its 2019 economic growth target, dimming the outlook for the global economy. China said on Tuesday it was targeting economic growth of 6.0% to 6.5% in 2019, down from the 6.6% growth reported last year, which was already the lowest in decades. Authorities also announced more stimuli, including cuts in taxes, increases in infrastructure investment, and lending to small firms. "Global growth concerns are a long-term factor and we will see some support coming in for gold," said Renisha Chainani, head of commodity and currency research at Monarch Network Capital. In other metals trading, silver futures inched up 1.1 cents, or about 0.1%, to trade at \$15.11 a troy ounce. Meanwhile, palladium futures shed 0.5% to \$1,477.40 an ounce, while platinum tacked on 0.2% to \$840.70 an ounce.

**India's Jeera production seen up 9% this year**

Cumin seed (jeera) production in India is estimated to reach 4, 16,000 tons in 2019, about 9% higher than the previous year, supported by a sharp jump in production in Rajasthan. According to the latest crop estimates released by the Federation of Indian Spice Stakeholders (FISS) and Agriculture Produce Market Committee, Unjha, jeera production in Gujarat is likely to dip to the tune of 3% to 1,66,640 tons. The dip in Gujarat will get compensated by a sharp jump in production in Rajasthan at 2, 49,960 tons, about 20% higher than in the previous year. The area under jeera increased by 19% in Rajasthan to 506,000 hectares, from 425,000 hectares last year with improved yield at 494 kg per hectare, up from 489 kg last year. For Gujarat, the jeera area saw a marginal dip of 5% at 315,000 hectares, as compared to 332,000 hectares last year. The yield in the State is expected to be 2% higher at 529 kg per hectare, as against 520 kg last year. A lower crop in the global market would propel India's jeera exports, which will further lift prices. Jeera quoted in the range of Rs 16,350-16,450 a quintal in the spot market in Unjha.

COMMODITY	CLOSE	S2	S1	PIVOT	R1	R2	TREND
SILVER	38502	38095	38299	38581	38785	39067	Reversal
GOLD	32109	31844	31977	32202	32335	32560	Reversal
CRUDE OIL	4012	3929	3971	4007	4049	4085	Down
COPPER	460.75	457.30	459.00	460.80	462.60	464.40	Up
NATURAL GAS	203.10	200.00	201.60	203.00	204.60	206.00	Up
JEERA	15300	15115	15210	15270	15370	15425	Up
TURMERIC	6344	6236	6290	6374	6428	6512	Down
SOYBEAN	3737	3674	3705	3734	3765	3794	Up
RM SEED	3809	3777	3793	3821	3837	3865	Down
GUAR SEED	4196	4159	4178	4211	4229	4262	Down

### International Markets

COMMODITY	CLOSE	% CHANGE
LONDON SPOT GOLD	\$1284.01	-0.27
LONDON SPOT SILVER	\$15.11	+0.07
NYMEX CRUDE OIL	\$56.67	+0.14
NYMEX NATURAL GAS	\$2.869	+0.42

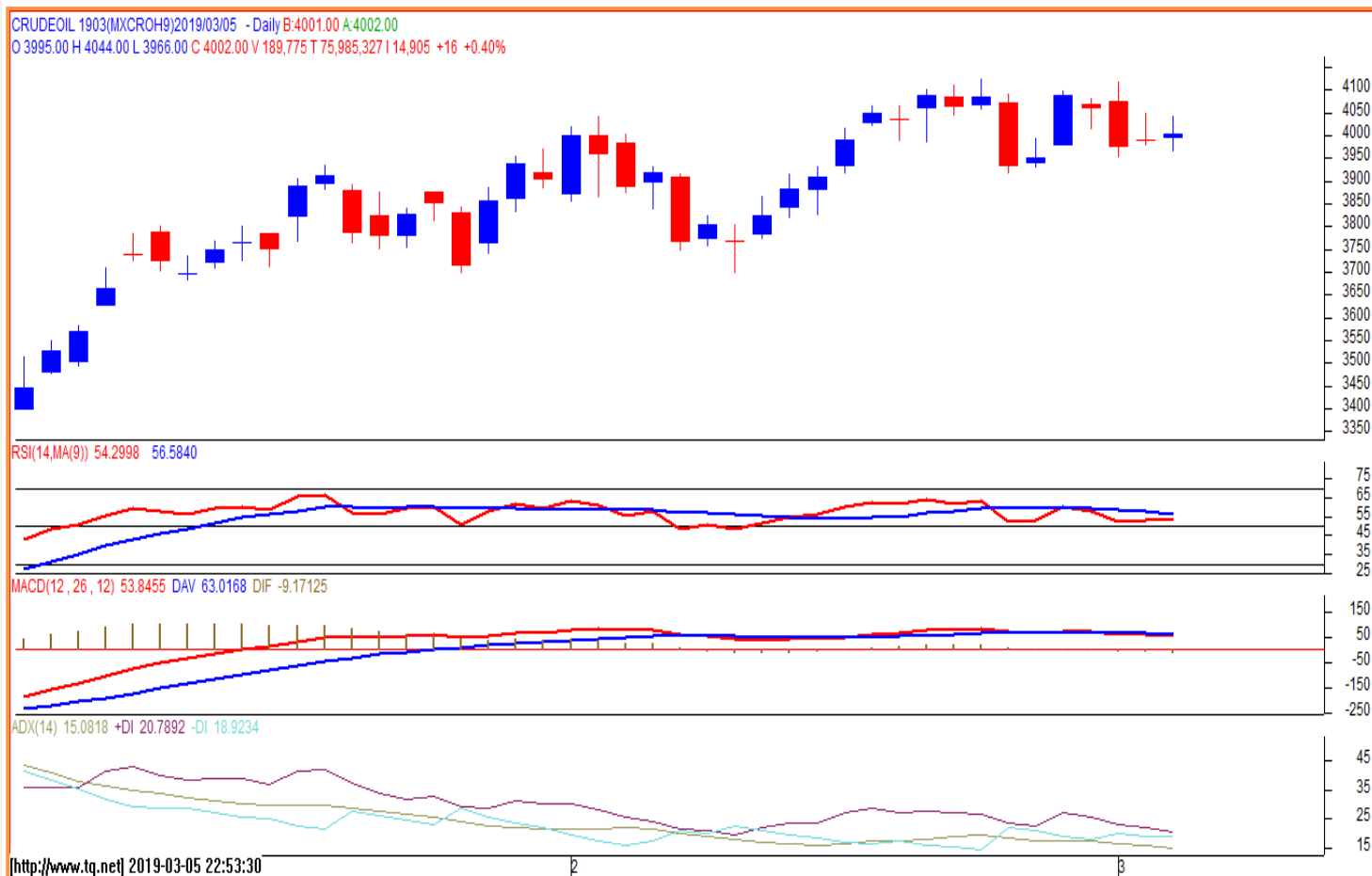
### Economic Data

Data	Previous	Forecast	Time
ADP Non-Farm	213K	190K	6:45pm
Crude Oil Inv.	-8.6M	-	9:00pm

### RECOMMENDATIONS

#### CRUDE OIL

**CRUDE OIL MAR: SELL AT 4000-4002 TP-3943 SL ABOVE 4038.**



Bulls failed to prove their dominance in crude oil yesterday after two consecutive weeks of downtrend. The fall is likely to extend as bears are looking set to take a decisive turn today.

## SOYBEAN

**SOYBEAN APR: SELL BELOW 3730 TP-3683 SL ABOVE 3765.**



On the back of profit booking and short covering at lower levels, a temporary bounce back was seen in soybean. However the trend is still bearish which was evident by the fall seen in last hour of yesterday's trading session.

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