## News, Views \& Statistics

## Gold Prices Reach 3-Month Highs on Fed Rate Cut Expectations

Gold prices scaled the heights for a sixth consecutive session on Wednesday, reaching a three-month high after Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell hinted that the U.S. central bank may cut interest rates if the American economy weakens as a consequence of trade disputes. Gold futures for August delivery on the Comex division of the New York Mercantile Exchange, gained $\$ 14.65$, or $1.1 \%$, to $\$ 1,343.35$ a troy ounce by $8: 18$ AM ET ( $12: 18$ GMT). That was its highest level since February. Gold was already in rally-mode thanks to safe-haven demand in the wake of U.S. President Donald Trump's threats of higher tariffs on imports from China and Mexico. Powell's remarks gave it a further boost. In an apparent shift from the prior stance that the Fed would remain "patient" with regard to changing interest rates, Powell said that the U.S. central bank would "act as appropriate to sustain the expansion," noting the high degree of uncertainty on how the current disputes will play out. Fed fund futures are now pricing in the probability of three rate cuts by the end of the year at more than $50 \%$. Lower interest rates would be bullish news for gold as they reduce the opportunity cost of holding the non-yielding metal. Callum Thomas, founder of research house Topdown Charts, noted that U.S. dollar strength had been keeping a cap on gold prices, but the recent shift in expectations for the Fed to cut rates has changed the larger picture.
Govt may increase subsides food grain, Sugar quota
Government is planning to provide one kg of sugar to an additional 16.3 crore families through the PDS at a subsidized rate that will cost the exchequer Rs 4,727 crore and is also mulling offering additional food grains from buffer stock to clear storage ahead of monsoon. According to sources, the food ministry's proposal to extend the scheme of providing sugar at a subsidized rate was discussed during the first Cabinet meeting of the new government held last week but no decision was taken. Instead, the cabinet asked the ministry to rework the proposal and consider the distribution of additional food grains (wheat or rice) under the PDS, they added. At present, sugar is distributed at a subsided rate of Rs 13.5 per kg to 2.5 crore families under the Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY). The proposal is to extend one kg sugar supplies to additional 16.29 crore beneficiary families, would cost Rs 4,727 crore to the exchequer, sources said. The ministry is thinking of supplying 1 or 2 kg of additional food grains but a final call is yet to be taken, sources said. Under the NFSA, the government is supplying 5 kg of food grains each per month to over 80 crore people at a highly subsidized price. Wheat is being supplied ar Rs 2 per kg , while rice at Rs 3 per kg .

| COMMODITY | CLOSE | S2 | S1 | PIVOT | R1 | R2 | TREND |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SILVER | 36914 | 36466 | 36690 | 37046 | 37270 | 37626 | Up |
| GOLD | 32717 | 32468 | 32593 | 32774 | 32899 | 33080 | Up |
| CRUDE OIL | 3563 | 3421 | 3492 | 3593 | 3664 | 3765 | Down |
| COPPER | 403.80 | 399.70 | 401.70 | 405.90 | 408.00 | 412.20 | Down |
| NATURAL GAS | 166.70 | 164.50 | 165.60 | 167.20 | 168.30 | 169.90 | Down |
| JEERA | 17790 | 17385 | 17590 | 17715 | 17920 | 18045 | Up |
| TURMERIC | 6910 | 6772 | 6842 | 6892 | 6962 | 7012 | Up |
| SOYBEAN | 3620 | 3576 | 3598 | 3625 | 3647 | 3674 | Down |
| RM SEED | 3920 | 3857 | 3889 | 3908 | 3940 | 3959 | Sideways |
| GUAR SEED | 4241 | 4144 | 4192 | 4233 | 4281 | 4322 | Down |

## International Markets

| COMMODITY | CLOSE | $\%$ <br> CHANGE |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| LONDON SPOT GOLD | $\$ 1329.50$ | +0.23 |
| LONDON SPOT SILVER | $\$ 14.80$ | +0.20 |
| NYMEX CRUDE OIL | $\$ 51.15$ | -3.69 |
| NYMEX NATURAL GAS | $\$ 2.408$ | -0.95 |

## Economic Data

| Data | Previous | Forecast | Time |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jobless Claims | 215 K | 215 K | $6: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ |
| NG Inv. | 114 B | - | $8: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ |

## RECOMMENDATIONS

COPPER
COPPER JUNE: TRADING RANGE 398.00-408.50.


The trend is indecisive in this metal counter. Wait for our intraday trading strategy.

## JEERA

JEERA JUNE: TRADNG RANGE 17720-18050.


The trend is indecisive in this agro counter. Wait for our intraday trading strategy.

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