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News, Views & Statistics

Gold Prices Bounce as Weak Dollar Provides Relief, Attention Shifts to Jobs

Gold prices rebounded on Wednesday after declining more than 1% a day earlier as the dollar took a pause from its climb this week and investors prepared for a slew of events at the end of the week. At 12:06 PM, gold futures for December delivery on the Comex division of the New York Mercantile Exchange fell \$3.60, or 0.30%, to \$1,202.70 a troy ounce. Meanwhile, the U.S. dollar index, which measures the greenback's strength against a trade-weighted basket of six major currencies, gained 0.47% to 95.52. The dollar appeared to take a breather as market participants waited to see if U.S. President Trump would slap tariffs on an additional \$200 billion worth of imports from China as soon as Thursday, which would ratchet up the trade row with Beijing. A weaker greenback makes the dollar-denominated metal more affordable for holders of foreign currencies. Data overnight showed that business activity in China slowed in August, indicating that the trade dispute with the U.S. is hitting demand. Trade talks between the U.S. and Canada resumed on Wednesday, with Trump threatening to leave Canada out of a new deal already negotiated with Mexico. In U.S. economic data, the U.S. trade deficit increased to a five-month high in July, registering its largest increase in three years, as exports of soybeans and civilian aircraft declined and imports hit a record high. Markets were shifting gears to the U.S. labor market with the ADP monthly report on job creation and weekly jobless claims on Thursday to be followed by the official August monthly employment report at the end of the week. The consensus forecast is for the creation of 191,000 jobs last month, while the unemployment rate is expected to hold steady at 3.9%. With expectations pointing to another solid reading for the U.S. labor market, the report is not likely to move market expectations for the Federal Reserve to hike interest rates by a quarter points at the next policy meeting on Sept. 25-26. Higher interest rates tend to weigh on demand for gold, which doesn't bear interest, in favor of yield-bearing investments.

Turmeric futures fall 0.74 pc on weak demand

Turmeric prices fell by 0.74 per cent to Rs 6,672 per quintal in futures market Wednesday on account of easing demand from retailers and industrial buyers at the spot market. Reports of improved sowing from major growing areas of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Maharashtra also influenced the turmeric futures prices. At the National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange, turmeric for September declined by Rs 50, or 0.74 per cent, to Rs 6,672 per quintal with an open interest of 8,485 lots. Market analysts said off-loading of positions by traders, triggered by fall in domestic as well as export demand against adequate stocks position mainly exerted pressure on turmeric prices.

COMMODITY	CLOSE	S2	S1	PIVOT	R1	R2	TREND
SILVER	36397	35442	35920	36737	37215	38032	Up
GOLD	30310	30104	30207	30322	30425	30540	Up
CRUDE OIL	4931	4883	4907	4948	4972	5013	Up
COPPER	419.45	413.70	416.60	418.45	421.35	423.20	Up
NATURAL GAS	200.90	197.90	199.40	201.80	203.30	205.70	Up
JEERA	19630	19380	19505	19625	19750	19870	Up
TURMERIC	6760	6656	6708	6770	6822	6884	Sideways
SOYBEAN	3235	3172	3203	3259	3290	3346	Down
RM SEED	4080	4050	4065	4092	4107	4134	Down
GUAR SEED	4365	4266	4315	4346	4396	4427	Down



International Markets

COMMODITY	CLOSE	%	
		CHANGE	
LONDON SPOT GOLD	\$1195.67	+0.37	
LONDON SPOT SILVER	\$14.18	+0.21	
NYMEX CRUDE OIL	\$68.84	-0.75	
NYMEX NATURAL GAS	\$2.797	-0.64	

Economic Data

Data	Previous	Forecast	Time
ADP Non-Farm	219K	195K	5:45pm
Jobless Claim	213K	214K	6:00pm
ISM Non-Mfg.	55.7	56.8	7:30pm
NG inv.	+70B	+60B	8:00pm
Crude Oil Inv.	-2.6M	-2.2M	8:30pm

RECOMMENDATIONS

CRUDE OIL

CRUDE OIL SEP-SELL AT 4970-4972 TP-4911/4869 SL ABOVE 5010.



Crude oil broke below immediate support on daily chart and closed the day in a negative candlestick. Sell on small rise.



DHANIYA

DHANIYA OCT: BUY AT 5320-5315 TP-5420/5505 SL BELOW 5250.



Dhaniya outperformed other spices yesterday and closed on upper circuit levels. The rounded seed spice also broke above a crucial trend line resistance.



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