## News, Views \& Statistics

## Gold Prices Extend Rally to 7 Days as Rate Cut Expectations Boost Demand

Gold prices continued to head higher for a seventh-consecutive session Thursday as expectations that the U.S. will cut interest rates finally broke the precious metal out of its range-bound trade. Gold futures for August delivery on the Comex division of the New York Mercantile Exchange gained $\$ 8.05$, or $0.6 \%$, to $\$ 1,341.65$ a troy ounce by 10:24 AM ET (14:24 GMT), its highest level since Feb. 1. Although safe-haven demand was supported by U.S. President Donald Trump's plans to implement tariffs against China and Mexico, Ole Hansen, head of commodity strategy at Saxo Bank said that "weaker stocks and lower bond yields over the past few months were not enough to shake gold out of its established range". "What changed was the sudden acceleration is the market expectations for U.S. rate cuts," he added. Lower interest rates lower the opportunity cost of holding the non-yielding metal. But Hansen noted that the recent rally has brought gold to a strong resistance level between $\$ 1,350$ and $\$ 1,380$. "We maintain the view that global growth momentum is slowing and likely to worsen further before renewed policy panic from global central banks will help to stabilize the outlook," he said. Hansen expects a period of consolidation until that materializes, before the yellow metal breaks out towards $\$ 1,480$, a $50 \%$ correction of the 2011-15 selloffs. In other metals trading, silver futures rose $0.9 \%$ at $\$ 14.928$ a troy ounce by 10:25 AM ET (14:25 GMT)..

## CAI retains India's Cotton crop estimates at 315 lakh bales

CAI has retained its cotton production estimate at 315 lakh bales in its latest forecast for the 2018-19 seasons. In the last cotton season, total output stood at 365 lakh bales, the association said Monday. The cotton season runs from October to September. CAI in its forecast for May said the total cotton supply from October 2018 to May 2019 was 325 lakh bales of 170 kg each. The total supply includes arrivals of 287.72 lakh bales up to May 31, 2019, imports of 9.28 lakh bales and the opening stocks of 28 lakh bales at the beginning of the season. Further, the CAI noted that cotton consumption during October 2018 to May 2019 stood at 209 lakh bales. The export shipments till May 31 are estimated at 44 lakh bales. Stocks at the end of May 2019 are estimated at 72 lakh bales, including 32.68 lakh bales with textile mills and remaining 39.32 lakh bales with the CCI, MNCs and others. The total cotton supply till end of the cotton season-- up to September 30, 2019 -- is estimated at 374 lakh bales, which includes the opening stock of 28 lakh bales at the beginning of the season. Imports are estimated at 31 lakh bales. Imports are estimated to be higher compared to the previous year's import estimate of 15 lakh bales. CAI estimated domestic consumption for the entire crop year at 315 lakh bales. Exports are estimated at 46 lakh bales for the season.

| COMMODITY | CLOSE | S2 | S1 | PIVOT | R1 | R2 | TREND |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SILVER | 37025 | 36666 | 36845 | 37048 | 37227 | 37430 | Up |
| GOLD | 32800 | 32628 | 32714 | 32774 | 32860 | 32920 | Up |
| CRUDE OIL | 3577 | 3509 | 3543 | 3585 | 3619 | 3661 | Down |
| COPPER | 405.90 | 401.80 | 403.80 | 405.20 | 407.20 | 408.60 | Down |
| NATURAL GAS | 160.80 | 156.50 | 158.60 | 162.50 | 164.60 | 168.50 | Down |
| JEERA | 17435 | 17185 | 17310 | 17565 | 17690 | 17945 | Up |
| TURMERIC | 6776 | 6644 | 6710 | 6840 | 6906 | 7036 | Up |
| SOYBEAN | 3651 | 3577 | 3614 | 3639 | 3676 | 3701 | Down |
| RM SEED | 3934 | 3898 | 3916 | 3933 | 3951 | 3968 | Sideways |
| GUAR SEED | 4175.5 | 4097 | 4136 | 4201 | 4240 | 4305 | Down |

## International Markets

| COMMODITY | CLOSE | $\%$ <br> CHANGE |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| LONDON SPOT GOLD | $\$ 1338.16$ | +0.53 |
| LONDON SPOT SILVER | $\$ 14.89$ | +0.54 |
| NYMEX CRUDE OIL | $\$ 51.64$ | -0.33 |
| NYMEX NATURAL GAS | $\$ 2.326$ | -2.64 |

## Economic Data

| Data | Previous | Forecast | Time |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Non-Farm Payroll | 263 K | 180 K | $6: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ |
| Jobless Rate | $3.6 \%$ | $3.6 \%$ | - |

## RECOMMENDATIONS

## GOLD

GOLD AUG: BUY AT 32670-32665 TP-32781 SL BELOW 32600.


Gold continued to break barriers that stood in the form of technical resistance. Buy on small dips.

## CASTOR

CASTOR JUNE: SELL AT 5470-5474 TP-5370 SL ABOVE 5540.


Castor is on a falling spree as the oilseed continued to slide without any respite. Sell on rise.

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