## News, Views \& Statistics

## Gold Prices Held Steady Despite Signs of Economic Woes

Even with stocks heading lower on Monday, safe-haven gold seemed unable to take advantage of further indications of global economic malaise as investors turned cautious ahead of key references for the Federal Reserve's next policy decision. Gold futures for August delivery on the Comex division of the New York Mercantile Exchange, dipped $\$ 1.05$, or $0.1 \%$, to $\$ 1,399.05$ a troy ounce by 10:42 AM ET (14:42 GMT). In a session bereft of major economic reports in the U.S., Japan's core machinery orders fell by the most in eight months in a worrying sign that global trade tensions are taking a toll on corporate investment. Although German industrial production showed a meager recovery in May, the meager growth was still weaker than expected, failing to erase concerns over the slowdown in the euro zone's largest economy. "The upside: the German economy is not falling off a cliff. The downside: the relief is too feeble to justify any optimism," Carsten Brzeski, chief economist at ING in Germany, said in a note. Following the strong U.S. employment report that reduced expectations for aggressive easing from the Fed, markets turned their attention to a busy week in references for the next policy decision at the end of the month. With no fewer than 10 policymakers on this week's agenda, the focus will likely be on Fed Chairman Jerome Powell's testimony to Congress on both Wednesday and Thursday. With Fed funds futures fully pricing in a quarter-point reduction to interest rates at the July 30-31 meeting, Powell will have the opportunity to send a clearer to message to markets on the Fed's intentions. In other metals trading, silver futures rose $0.5 \%$ to $\$ 15.0683$ a troy ounce by 10:47 AM ET (14:47 GMT).

## Kharif sowing hit by deficit rains; acreage down $27 \%$ so far

Area sown under kharif crops was down by $27 \%$ at 234.33 lakh hectare amid deficient monsoon rainfall last month, according to the latest government data. However, the sowing operation is expected to pick-up in the coming days as the IMD has projected good rains in July and August. Besides, the government has announced significant hike in the minimum support price of 14 notified kharif crops. Sowing of kharif crops begin with the onset of southwest monsoon, which this year arrived late delaying the sowing operation and rainfall remained deficient by 33 per cent, according to the IMD data. According to the latest sowing data released by the Agriculture Ministry, area under Kharif cultivation was only 234.33 lakh hectare till last week of the kharif season of 2019-20 crop year (July-June), as against last year's 319.68 lakh hectare. Rice, the main kharif crop, was sown in 52.47 lakh hectare till last week, down from 68.60 lakh hectare in the year-ago period. Less area was reported from Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Assam, West Bengal and Himachal Pradesh, among others.

| COMMODITY | CLOSE | S2 | S1 | PIVOT | R1 | R2 | TREND |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SILVER | 38044 | 37818 | 37931 | 38063 | 38176 | 38308 | Up |
| GOLD | 34597 | 34327 | 34462 | 34645 | 34780 | 34963 | Up |
| CRUDE OIL | 3981 | 3900 | 3941 | 3974 | 4015 | 4048 | Down |
| COPPER | 437.85 | 432.60 | 435.20 | 438.60 | 441.20 | 444.60 | Down |
| NATURAL GAS | 163.90 | 158.50 | 161.20 | 165.00 | 167.70 | 171.50 | Down |
| JEERA | 17380 | 17235 | 17310 | 17375 | 17450 | 17515 | Up |
| TURMERIC | 6582 | 6500 | 6540 | 6582 | 6624 | 6666 | Up |
| SOYBEAN | 3575 | 3524 | 3549 | 3593 | 3618 | 3662 | Down |
| RM SEED | 3903 | 3859 | 3881 | 3917 | 3939 | 3975 | Sideways |
| GUAR SEED | 4385 | 4334 | 4359 | 4387 | 4412 | 4440 | Down |

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## International Markets

| COMMODITY | CLOSE | $\%$ <br> CHANGE |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| LONDON SPOT GOLD | $\$ 1397.58$ | -0.07 |
| LONDON SPOT SILVER | $\$ 15.02$ | +0.07 |
| NYMEX CRUDE OIL | $\$ 58.01$ | +0.71 |
| NYMEX NATURAL GAS | $\$ 2.395$ | -1.80 |

## Economic Data

| Data | Previous | Forecast | Time |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No major release | - | - | - |

## RECOMMENDATIONS

## LEAD

LEAD JULY: TRADING RANGE 151.20-153.50.


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

## SOYBEAN

SOYBEAN AUG: TRADING RANGE 3580-3470.


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