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News, Views & Statistics

Gold Prices Pull Back from \$1,400 Ahead of Powell Testimony

Gold prices pulled away from the psychological \$1,400 level ahead of Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell's semiannual monetary policy report to Congress. Gold futures for August delivery on the Comex division of the New York Mercantile Exchange, fell \$2.45, or 0.2%, to \$1,398.15 a troy ounce by 7:33 AM ET (11:33 GMT). "Powell's testimony is expected to be perused word-for-word by gold traders looking for clues on how the Fed chief will be voting at this month's Federal Open Market Committee meeting," Investing.com senior commodity analyst Barani Krishnan said. Markets are still pricing in a 25 basis point reduction to interest rates at the July 30-31 meeting but expectations for more aggressive easing have been scaled back since last Friday's strong jobs report. Fed fund futures no longer see the possibility of a 50 basis point cut at the end of July and now even place a 4% probability on the central bank keeping interest rates unchanged. Krishnan pointed to Powell's recent remarks that "an ounce of prevention is worth more than a pound of cure", and said they could be "a hint that the central bank might lean toward a so-called insurance cut to head off a potential economic slowdown." "Yet, if history is a guide, then the Fed has always been known to err on the side of caution—meaning it might withhold the minimum 25 basis points cut the market expects in July, just to see how U.S. jobs perform this month." Krishnan also recommended keeping an eye on the FOMC's release of its June meeting minutes at 2:00 PM ET (18:00 GMT), saying that it could be the other major driver for gold on Wednesday. "This will spell out more clearly what prompted the committee's members to vote the way they did when they decided to hold rates last month," he explained. In other metals trading, silver futures slipped 0.2% to \$15.123 a troy ounce by 7:34 AM ET (11:34 GMT). Palladium futures gained 0.6% to \$1,549.00 an ounce; while sister metal platinum rose 0.5% to \$818.80.

Malaysian Palm Oil stocks fall to 11-month low in June: MPOB

Palm oil inventories in Malaysia fell to their lowest in 11 months at the end of June, the fourth month of declines, according to industry regulator data. End-stocks in June fell 0.97% to 2.42 million tons from May, data from the Malaysian Palm Oil Board (MPOB) showed. That is the lowest since July 2018. Palm oil production in Malaysia fell to 1.52 million tons in June, down 9.2% from May, and also the lowest since July last year. That brings Malaysia's production for the first half of the year to 9.79 million tons. This compares with output of 8.9 million tons in the first half of 2018. Exports in June fell for the first time in four months, down 19.35% from the previous month to 1.38 million tons, it's lowest since February. Malaysia's June palm imports were 101,250 tons.

CLOSE	S2	S1	PIVOT	R1	R2	TREND
38253	37786	38019	38236	38469	38686	Up
34778	34193	34485	34663	34955	35133	Up
4095	3984	4039	4072	4127	4160	Down
40.70	130.30	435.50	438.20	443.40	446.20	Down
.69.30	164.40	166.90	168.70	171.20	173.00	Down
17455	17235	17345	17495	17605	17755	Up
6720	6560	6640	6716	6796	6872	Up
3577	3552	3565	3587	3600	3622	Down
3910	3890	3900	3912	3922	3934	Sideways
4415	4372	4393	4422	4443	4472	Down
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International Markets

COMMODITY	CLOSE	%	
		CHANGE	
LONDON SPOT GOLD	\$1411.98	+1.37	
LONDON SPOT SILVER	\$15.20	+1.00	
NYMEX CRUDE OIL	\$59.87	+2.18	
NYMEX NATURAL GAS	\$2.477	+1.52	

Economic Data

Data	Previous	Forecast	Time
CPI m/m.	0.1%	0.0%	6:00pm
Core CPI m/m	0.1%	0.2%	-
Jobless Claim	221K	220K	-
NG inv.	89B	71B	8:00pm

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



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