## 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 firsthalf 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.

| COMMODITY | CLOSE | S2 | S1 | PIVOT | R1 | R2 | TREND |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SILVER | 38253 | 37786 | 38019 | 38236 | 38469 | 38686 | Up |
| GOLD | 34778 | 34193 | 34485 | 34663 | 34955 | 35133 | Up |
| CRUDE OIL | 4095 | 3984 | 4039 | 4072 | 4127 | 4160 | Down |
| COPPER | 440.70 | 430.30 | 435.50 | 438.20 | 443.40 | 446.20 | Down |
| NATURAL GAS | 169.30 | 164.40 | 166.90 | 168.70 | 171.20 | 173.00 | Down |
| JEERA | 17455 | 17235 | 17345 | 17495 | 17605 | 17755 | Up |
| TURMERIC | 6720 | 6560 | 6640 | 6716 | 6796 | 6872 | Up |
| SOYBEAN | 3577 | 3552 | 3565 | 3587 | 3600 | 3622 | Down |
| RM SEED | 3910 | 3890 | 3900 | 3912 | 3922 | 3934 | Sideways |
| GUAR SEED | 4415 | 4372 | 4393 | 4422 | 4443 | 4472 | Down |

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## International Markets

| COMMODITY | CLOSE | $\%$ <br> 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. | $0.1 \%$ | $0.0 \%$ | $6: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ |
| Core CPI m/m | $0.1 \%$ | $0.2 \%$ | - |
| Jobless Claim | 221 K | 220 K | - |
| NG inv. | 89 B | 71 B | $8: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ |

## RECOMMENDATIONS

## COPPER

COPPER JULY: TRADING RANGE 445.50-437.50.


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

## CASTOR

CASTOR AUG: TRADING RANGE 5680-5580.


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

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