## News, Views \& Statistics

## Oil Prices Edge Higher; Saudi Arabia Set to Extend Output Cuts

U.S. crude oil inventories fell unexpectedly last week, the EIA said in its weekly report on Wednesday. The EIA data showed that crude oil inventories fell by 3.86 million barrels in the week to March 8 . That was compared to forecasts for a stockpile build of 2.66 million barrels, after a surge of 7.07 million barrels in the previous week. The EIA report also showed that gasoline inventories fell by 4.62 million barrels, compared to expectations for a draw of 2.53 million barrels, while distillate stockpiles increased unexpectedly by 0.38 million barrels, compared to forecasts for a decline of 1.86 million. U.S. crude prices extended gains after the data release, rising $1.88 \%$ at $\$ 57.94$ a barrel by 10:36 AM ET ( $14: 36 \mathrm{GMT}$ ), compared to $\$ 57.81$ prior to the publication. London-traded Brent crude futures traded up $0.97 \%$ to $\$ 67.32$ a barrel, compared to $\$ 67.13$ ahead of the release. Prior to the release, oil prices were climbing after news that the U.S. plans to implement further Venezuela-related sanctions that would be "very significant", according to U.S. special envoy Elliott Abrams. U.S. sanctions against oil exports from Caracas and fellow OPEC member Iran have contributed to a tightening market, while a power outage in Venezuela and Saudi Arabia's commitment to deeper production cuts added to expectations for diminishing supply. Venezuela suffers from a six-day blackout, its worst on record, which has left exports from its main oil terminal at a standstill. Saudi Energy Minister Khalid al-Falih said this week that its agreement with OPEC and allies led by Russia to cut output would likely last until at least June, while the kingdom also indicated Monday that it would cut exports in April.

## USDA raises India's Rapeseed crop outlook

USDA forecasts 2018/19 India rapeseed production at 6.6 million metric tons, up 10 percent from the previous forecast, and up 2 percent from last year. Area is forecast at 6.0 million hectares, unchanged from last month and last year. Yield is forecast at 1.10 metric tons per hectare, up 10 percent from last month and up 2 percent from last year. The 2percent increase in yield is due to ideal growing weather in northern India, the report said. Rapeseed is grown in the rabi season and planting usually begins in late October. The Southwest Monsoon withdrew later than normal this year and the residual soil moisture from the late withdrawal encouraged timely planting by farmers in northwestern and central India. Scattered storms in January aided crop development and another storm in February boosted vegetative growth and pod development. Temperatures so far have been slightly below average which is ideal for rapeseed development, the report noted. Satellite-derived NDVI analysis depicts strong crop vigor in both Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh, which account for approximately 40 percent and 20 percent of total crop production, respectively.

| COMMODITY | CLOSE | S2 | S1 | PIVOT | R1 | R2 | TREND |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SILVER | 38756 | 38559 | 38657 | 38804 | 38902 | 39049 | Up |
| GOLD | 32222 | 31928 | 32075 | 32197 | 32344 | 32466 | Reversal |
| CRUDE OIL | 4041 | 3943 | 3992 | 4023 | 4072 | 4103 | Up |
| COPPER | 452.85 | 447.40 | 450.10 | 452.90 | 455.70 | 458.50 | Down |
| NATURAL GAS | 195.90 | 190.60 | 193.20 | 195.50 | 198.10 | 200.40 | Up |
| JEERA | 15680 | 15500 | 15590 | 15720 | 15810 | 15940 | Up |
| TURMERIC | 6320 | 6248 | 6284 | 6308 | 6344 | 6368 | Down |
| SOYBEAN | 3693 | 3630 | 3662 | 3683 | 3715 | 3736 | Up |
| RM SEED | 3830 | 3813 | 3821 | 3834 | 3842 | 3855 | Down |
| GUAR SEED | 4308 | 4256 | 4282 | 4308 | 4334 | 4360 | Down |

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## International Markets

| COMMODITY | CLOSE | $\%$ <br> CHANGE |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| LONDON SPOT GOLD | $\$ 1308.66$ | +0.59 |
| LONDON SPOT SILVER | $\$ 15.45$ | +0.13 |
| NYMEX CRUDE OIL | $\$ 58.20$ | +1.34 |
| NYMEX NATURAL GAS | $\$ 2.804$ | +0.57 |

## Economic Data

| Data | Previous | Forecast | Time |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |
| Jobless Claim | 223 K | 225 K | $6: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ |
| NG Inv. | -149 B | -215 B | $8: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ |

## RECOMMENDATIONS

## CRUDE OIL

CRUDE OIL MAR: BUY AT 4020-4018 TP-4077 SL BELOW 3981.


Crude oil kept the cash registers ringing for bulls as the fuel prices received shot in the arm from fundamentals. Buy on small dips.

## CHANA

CHANA APR: BUY AT 4220-4218 TP-4269 SL BELOW 4183.


Bulls are trying hard to get an edge in their lost territory called Chana, but with a very little luck. The small bounce back seen yesterday has once again raised hopes. We are keeping fingers crossed!!

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