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News, Views & Statistics
Oil Rises After Early Slide on Weak U.S. Data

Oil bears may have to wait for more dire news on the U.S. economy or crude oversupply as a puzzling surge in market optimism is offsetting all the bad news. After rising more than 1% for two days in a row on Saudi jawboning about production cuts and optimism over U.S.-China trade talks, futures of New York-traded West Texas Intermediate crude and London's Brent oil were up again Thursday, despite falling briefly on weak U.S. retail sales data. WTI was up 13 cents, or 0.2%, at \$54.03 bpd 11:20 AM ET (16:20 GMT). Brent, the global oil benchmark, was up 55 cents, or 0.9%, at \$64.16 per barrel. WTI and Brent are up 19% year to date, though the London benchmark is trading at its highest premium to WTI since 2017 at a gap of more than \$10. "Overall, it appears to me that the 'lows have changed' " said Scott Shelton, energy futures broker at ICAP (LON:NXGN) in Durham, N.C., adding that while there was no real event driving the market "prices are just strong". "Asian crude is driving this market," said Shelton, who notes that backwardation in Brent -where front-month prices were positively higher to the second month -- was steepening amid strengthening in global refining margins. "I would also think the downward momentum of prices ending is adding some additional support for (hedge fund) buying." U.S. retail sales tumbled 1.2% in December, the first time in 10 months, the Commerce Department reported. Economists had forecast a gain of 0.1% for the period. Producer price inflation also came out weaker than expected, while initial jobless claims were also higher than expected last week. Shares on Wall Street tumbled, offsetting some of Thursday's gains in oil, on anticipation that the slowdown could continue this year as American consumers worry over domestic tensions, the global economy and unresolved U.S.-China trade issues.

Turmeric prices ruling low on expectation of higher crops

Turmeric prices at the beginning of market season are ruling lower than the same period last year, as the new crop has started arriving in the key-producing regions of Tamil Nadu and Telangana on low demand and expectation of a higher crop. The Turmeric crop is higher this year on rise in acreages and the adoption of high yielding varieties by farmers, primarily in Maharashtra. This is despite water shortages impacting the yields in some areas. Lower prices at the beginning of the marketing season have started to trigger demand from growers for inclusion of Turmeric under the ambit of the MSP scheme. Officials of the Telangana agriculture department recently urged the CACP to include Turmeric under the MSP scheme. Considered a cash crop, Turmeric is not currently among those 25 crops for which a support price is declared by the Centre.

COMMODITY	CLOSE	S2	S1	PIVOT	R1	R2	TREND
SILVER	39415	39100	39257	39414	39571	39728	Up
GOLD	33073	32785	32929	33018	33162	33251	Up
CRUDE OIL	3868	3737	3803	3846	3912	3955	Up
COPPER	435.95	429.80	432.90	436.60	439.70	443.40	Down
NATURAL GAS	184.40	181.60	183.00	184.80	186.20	188.00	Down
JEERA	15740	15380	15560	15685	15865	15990	Down
TURMERIC	6350	6276	6314	6352	6390	6430	Down
SOYBEAN	3768	3712	3740	3760	3788	3808	Up
RM SEED	3935	3890	3913	3933	3956	3976	Up
GUAR SEED	4256	4219	4237	4264	4282	4309	Up

International Markets

COMMODITY	CLOSE	% CHANGE
LONDON SPOT GOLD	\$1311.88	+0.43
LONDON SPOT SILVER	\$15.58	+0.13
NYMEX CRUDE OIL	\$54.36	+0.78
NYMEX NATURAL GAS	\$2.589	+0.04

Economic Data

Data	Previous	Forecast	Time
No major release	-	-	-

RECOMMENDATIONS

NG

NG FEB: BUY ABOVE 187.00 TP- 191.90 SL BELOW 183.50.



NG is trading in a sideways to downside mode but the chart structure is suggesting a bullish breakout anytime soon.

DHANIYA

DHANIYA APR: BUY AT 6280-6270 TP-6395 SL BELOW 6210.



Dhaniya ended the day on upper circuit levels and formed a bullish candlestick with aggressive breakout. Buy on dips.

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