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**News, Views & Statistics**

**Gold Prices Feel Downward Pressure from Dollar**

Gold prices moved lower on Tuesday, as a recovering dollar put downward pressure on the precious metal. Comex gold futures were down around \$4.90, or 0.4%, at \$1,345.80 a troy ounce by 11:00AM ET (15:00GMT), while the U.S. dollar index, which measures the greenback's strength against a trade-weighted basket of six major currencies, was last up 0.24% to 89.35. The inverse relationship in the two assets held in what appeared to be a reversal of the trade seen on Monday. The greenback had come under pressure a day earlier after U.S. President Donald Trump accused Russia and China of devaluing their currencies in a Twitter post, hitting a three-week low overnight. A stronger greenback makes the dollar-denominated metal more expensive for holders of other currencies. With many market participants focused on earnings, little reaction was seen to Tuesday's economic data. Both housing starts and building permits rebounded in March from declines seen a month earlier, with overall unit counts beating consensus estimates. In one note of concern, despite the increase, single-family homebuilding did decline 3.7% while permits for construction also dropped to their lowest level since September 2017. The declines may suggest a slowing real estate market. Industrial production gave a positive sign as factories increased output more than expected with particular strength in business equipment and cars. Meanwhile, amid a slate of Federal Reserve policymakers scheduled for appearances on Tuesday, current SF Fed president John Williams -who will take over for William Dudley at the pivotal NY Fed in June- repeated his view that the U.S. central bank should continue on the gradual rate hike path to reduce the risk of the economy overheating.

**Soybean futures trade lower on subdued trend overseas**

Soybean futures traded lower on NCDEX, as investors were cautious in view of subdued trend overseas due to the concern of trade war between US-China, which led to a downfall in soybean futures prices. However, downside seen limited amid projection of lower global output and stockpiles. The United States department of agriculture (USDA) in its World Agriculture Supply and Demand Estimates report trimmed global soybean 2017-18 output forecast to 334.81 million tons in April compared to 340.86 estimated in March. The contract for April delivery was trading at Rs 3741.00, down by 1.34% or Rs 51.00 from its previous closing of Rs 3792.00. The open interest of the contract stood at 24270 lots. The contract for May delivery was trading at Rs 3785.00, down by 0.34% or Rs 13.00 from its previous closing of Rs 3798.00. The open interest of the contract stood at 183070 lots on NCDEX.

COMMODITY	CLOSE	S2	S1	PIVOT	R1	R2	TREND
SILVER	39355	38868	39111	39265	39508	39662	Indecisive
GOLD	31376	31115	31245	31321	31451	31527	Indecisive
CRUDE OIL	4350	4269	4309	4344	4384	4419	Reversal
COPPER	447.25	441.0	444.1	446.7	449.9	452.5	Up
NATURAL GAS	39355	38868	39111	39265	39508	39662	Down
JEERA	15850	15600	15725	15815	15940	16030	Up
TURMERIC	6838	6734	6786	6824	6876	6914	Up
SOYBEAN	3798	3741	3770	3809	3838	3877	Down
RM SEED	3905	3872	3889	3909	3926	3946	Down
GUAR SEED	4085	4050	4068	4093	4111	4136	Down

### International Markets

COMMODITY	CLOSE	% CHANGE
LONDON SPOT GOLD	\$1346.39	+0.06
LONDON SPOT SILVER	\$16.76	+0.84
NYMEX CRUDE OIL	\$66.25	-0.09
NYMEX NATURAL GAS	\$2.737	-0.07

### Economic Data

Data	Previous	Forecast	Time
Crude Oil Inv	3.3M	-	8:00pm

## RECOMMENDATIONS

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