## News, Views \& Statistics

## Gold Prices Flat, Reflecting Caution Ahead of Fed Meeting

Gold prices were little changed on Monday, losing steam after five consecutive sessions of gains as investors turned cautious despite expectations for hints at looser policy from the Federal Reserve on Wednesday. Gold futures for August delivery on the Comex division of the New York Mercantile Exchange, was nearly unchanged at $\$ 1,344.15$ a troy ounce by 10:08 AM ET (14:08 GMT). Prices have risen $5 \%$ in the last three weeks alone on signs of the U.S. economy slowing, with the result that even the biggest ever monthly drop in the New York Federal Reserve's index of manufacturing activity couldn't drive prices higher on Monday. Although the Fed is not expected to change interest rates on its policy decision on Wednesday, analysts are widely expecting U.S. central bank chief Jerome Powell to present a more dovish outlook. "The one commodity with a clearer fundamental outlook now might be gold, which looks quite certain of taking on the $\$ 1,400$ upside test this week amid expectations of a Fed rate cut," Investing.com senior commodity analyst Barani Krishnan said. Markets have been steadily increasing bets that the Fed could cut interest rates as soon as July on signs of global economic weakness and subdued inflation in the U.S. Gold generally benefits from lower interest rates that reduce the opportunity cost of holding the non-yielding bullion. Given that many sovereign bonds in Japan and the euro zone are now yielding below zero, gold has the unusual advantage of offering a premium over many other haven assets. That said, the yield on the German 10-year Bund has risen three basis points today from Friday's all-time low of $-0.27 \%$ Geopolitical tensions have also supported the safe-haven metal with no signs of a potential de-escalation in trade tensions.
India's Palm Oil imports climb 65\% in May
India's palm oil imports climbed 65\% in May from a year earlier due to lower import duty and a drop in prices, a leading trade body said. Palm oil imports totaled 818,149 tons last month, including 371,060 tons of refined palm oil, the Solvent Extractors' Association (SEA) said in a statement. India, the world's biggest importer of edible oils, had imported 157,832 tons of refined palm oil in the year-ago period. India's decision to cut duty on refined palm oil imports from Malaysia halved the spread between refined and palm oil duty structures to 5\%, making it lucrative for importers to buy refined products from the Southeast Asian country, the SEA said. In January, India cut duty on refined palm oil sourced from Malaysia to $45 \%$ from $54 \%$ as part of a Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA) signed by the two countries nearly a decade ago.

| COMMODITY | CLOSE | S2 | S1 | PIVOT | R1 | R2 | TREND |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SILVER | 37092 | 36797 | 36945 | 37097 | 37245 | 37397 | Up |
| GOLD | 33029 | 32764 | 32897 | 33018 | 33151 | 33272 | Up |
| CRUDE OIL | 3650 | 3593 | 3621 | 3653 | 3681 | 3713 | Down |
| COPPER | 409.95 | 403.50 | 406.70 | 408.50 | 411.70 | 413.50 | Down |
| NATURAL GAS | 167.00 | 163.60 | 165.30 | 166.90 | 168.60 | 170.20 | Down |
| JEERA | 17345 | 17150 | 17250 | 17320 | 17420 | 17490 | Up |
| TURMERIC | 6576 | 6472 | 6524 | 6612 | 6664 | 6752 | Up |
| SOYBEAN | 3647 | 3566 | 3607 | 3678 | 3719 | 3790 | Down |
| RM SEED | 3905 | 3852 | 3878 | 3917 | 3943 | 3982 | Sideways |
| GUAR SEED | 4201.5 | 4135 | 4168 | 4221 | 4255 | 4308 | Down |

## International Markets

| COMMODITY | CLOSE | $\%$ <br> CHANGE |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| LONDON SPOT GOLD | $\$ 1338.23$ | +0.17 |
| LONDON SPOT SILVER | $\$ 14.81$ | -0.40 |
| NYMEX CRUDE OIL | $\$ 51.98$ | -1.18 |
| NYMEX NATURAL GAS | $\$ 2.400$ | -0.21 |

## Economic Data

| Data | Previous | Forecast | Time |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Building Permits | 1.29 M | 1.30 M | $6: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ |

## RECOMMENDATIONS

## COPPER

COPPER JUNE: BUY AT 409.00-408.80 TP-412.95 SL BELOW 406.20.


Copper is showing signs of a small bounce back but hesitating to cross the immediate resistance. However, we may see this happening today as prices are moving strongly towards a short term uptrend.

## DHANIYA

DHANIYA JULY: SELL AT 7020-7025 TP-6910 SL ABOVE 7090.


Dhaniya tumbled in yesterday's second half after getting a reasonably good start to the week. The fall has confirmed the underlying bearish trend and we may see the same extending today.

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