## News, Views \& Statistics

## Oil Prices Rise Despite Weak China Growth as U.S. Production Slows

Oil prices traded higher on Monday as investors shrugged off weak data from China and focused on another decline in U.S. drilling, suggesting that the recent increase in U.S. production could be about to level off. New York-traded West Texas Intermediate crude futures gained 12 cents, or $0.22 \%$, at $\$ 54.31$ a barrel. Meanwhile, Brent crude futures, the benchmark for oil prices outside the U.S., traded up 32 cents, or $0.51 \%$, to $\$ 63.02$. China reported overnight that its 2018 economic growth dropped to its slowest pace in nearly three decades, but analysts pointed to the fact that the slowdown was in line with expectations and simply reflected a normal part of the economic cycle. "It remains quite likely that the trade spat with the U.S. has played a part in this latest slowdown, but investors should also factor in that it simply inn't possible for the Chinese economy to grow at the pace that it has over the last 10 years, in the next 10 years, as the law of diminishing returns kicks in, and the economy becomes more mature," CMC (NS:CMC) Markets chief market analyst Michael Hewson said. While fears of the current global economic slowdown, particularly in the world's second largest economy and biggest oil importer, have raised concerns over the strength of demand.

## Indonesia's Palm Oil exports seen down 3\% in December: survey

Indonesia, the world's top producer of palm oil, was expected to have produced and exported less of the vegetable oil in December as harvest continued to ease from the peak and demand shifted, according to a survey by Reuters. Palm oil output fell to 3.90 million tons in December, from 3.98 million tons a month earlier, according to the survey. Exports of palm oil were estimated 2.90 million tons in December month, compared with 3 million tons in November. India, the world's top vegetable oil buyer, was suspected to have shifted some of its palm oil purchases to Malaysia from Indonesia last month, trade sources said. Malaysia's official data showed a 0.6 percent monthly increase in December palm oil shipments. India has cut import tax on palm oil from Southeast Asia this month, which is expected to help increase exports in January. Malaysian refined palm oil will now be taxed at $45 \%$, while Indonesia and the rest will attract a $50 \%$ tax. Meanwhile, Indonesian domestic use of palm oil was estimated at 1.38 million tons in December, compared with 1.37 million a month earlier. Domestic consumption of palm oil in recent months has been supported by mandatory biodiesel use. By the end of 2018, palm oil stocks are estimated to have eased further to 3.43 million tons, from 3.90 million tons a month earlier, according to the survey.

| COMMODITY | CLOSE | S2 | S1 | PIVOT | R1 | R2 | TREND |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SILVER | 38941 | 38550 | 38770 | 38989 | 39225 | 39500 | Down |
| GOLD | 32039 | 31840 | 31957 | 32073 | 32222 | 32327 | Down |
| CRUDE OIL | 3876 | 3799 | 3838 | 3875 | 3910 | 3955 | Up |
| COPPER | 425.40 | 417.40 | 420.40 | 426.50 | 430.00 | 434.40 | Down |
| NATURAL GAS | 237.60 | 229.00 | 233.00 | 237.10 | 241.20 | 247.70 | Down |
| JEERA | 17040 | 16780 | 16910 | 17130 | 17260 | 17480 | Down |
| TURMERIC | 6640 | 6606 | 6624 | 6636 | 6654 | 6666 | Down |
| SOYBEAN | 3891 | 3851 | 3871 | 3900 | 3920 | 3949 | Up |
| RM SEED | 3809 | 3749 | 3779 | 3832 | 3862 | 3915 | Up |
| GUAR SEED | 6363.5 | 4972 | 5668 | 5051 | 5747 | 5130 | Up |

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## International Markets

| COMMODITY | CLOSE | $\%$ <br> CHANGE |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| LONDON SPOT GOLD | $\$ 1279.80$ | -0.11 |
| LONDON SPOT SILVER | $\$ 15.27$ | -0.39 |
| NYMEX CRUDE OIL | $\$ 54.17$ | -0.04 |
| NYMEX NATURAL GAS | $\$ 3.337$ | -4.16 |

## Economic Data

| Data | Previous Forecast | Time |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |
| No major release | - | - | - |

## RECOMMENDATIONS

## NG

NG JAN: TRADING RANGE 233.00-249.00.


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## SOYBEAN

SOYBEAN FEB: TRADING RANGE 3750-3860.


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