## News, Views \& Statistics

## Oil hits highest since November as U.S. tightens Iran sanctions

Oil prices hit their highest since November on Tuesday after Washington announced the end of all waivers on imports of sanctions-hit Iranian crude, pressuring importers to stop buying from Tehran. Brent crude futures rose as high as \$74.70, a level not seen since Nov. 1, before paring their increase as the market gained confidence that global supply would remain robust. By 1355 GMT, Brent futures were at $\$ 74.28$ a barrel, up 24 cents, or 0.32 percent, from their last close. U.S. WTI crude futures were at $\$ 66.19$ per barrel, up 64 cents or about 1 percent, having earlier reached their highest since October at $\$ 66.31$. Despite Washington's announcement, spare capacity from other suppliers such as Saudi Arabia and possible continued imports of Iranian crude by China could balance the market. "Most people expect that China will continue to import Iranian oil and might even increase imports. They have to make a stand here," SEB commodities strategist Bjarne Schieldrop said. "Saudi Arabia will be capable of chipping in too to add to global supply," he added. The US on Monday demanded that buyers of Iranian oil stop purchases by May 1 or face sanctions, ending six months of waivers which allowed Iran's eight biggest buyers, most of them in Asia, to continue importing limited volumes. Before the reimposition of sanctions last year, Iran was the fourth-largest producer among the OPEC at around 3 million bpd, but April exports have shrunk to below 1 million bpd, according to tanker data and industry sources.

## India's Oilseed production may rise 8\% in 2019-20: USDA

India's oilseed production in 2019-20 is forecast to rise by $8 \%$ over the previous year, assuming normal weather conditions, according to latest estimates from the USDA. The anticipated rise in oilseed supply will increase oilseed meal production by $5.5 \%$ to 18 million tons, leaving some 3 million tons for export sales after accounting for local consumption, the USDA said. The agency said the rise in oilseed meal production is "mostly due to a rise in demand for animal feed matched by an anticipated rise in oilseed supply." "Assuming normal market conditions and competitive pricing, total oil meal exports should rise $10 \%$ to 3.2 million tons," the USDA said. The USDA noted that India's agricultural policy leaders need to focus on ways to address the country's ever-increasing demand for vegetable oils. "At the same time, India needs research and development efforts to improve domestic oilseed productivity, which will reduce the amount of foreign exchange used for imports, which is currently almost $70 \%$ of India's vegetable oil demand," the USDA said.

| COMMODITY | CLOSE | S2 | S1 | PIVOT | R1 | R2 | TREND |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SILVER | 36990 | 36467 | 36728 | 37092 | 37353 | 37717 | Down |
| GOLD | 31570 | 31363 | 31467 | 31553 | 31657 | 31743 | Down |
| CRUDE OIL | 4643 | 4557 | 4600 | 4633 | 4676 | 4709 | Up |
| COPPER | 446.15 | 440.90 | 443.50 | 446.40 | 449.00 | 451.80 | Down |
| NATURAL GAS | 171.90 | 168.30 | 170.10 | 173.60 | 175.40 | 178.90 | Up |
| JEERA | 17120 | 16815 | 16970 | 17045 | 17200 | 17275 | Up |
| TURMERIC | 6368 | 6280 | 6324 | 6372 | 6416 | 6464 | Up |
| SOYBEAN | 3724 | 3680 | 3702 | 3720 | 3742 | 3760 | Up |
| RM SEED | 3795 | 3753 | 3774 | 3787 | 3808 | 3821 | Down |
| GUAR SEED | 4334 | 4277 | 4305 | 4349 | 4377 | 4421 | Down |

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## International Markets

| COMMODITY | CLOSE | $\%$ <br> CHANGE |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| LONDON SPOT GOLD | $\$ 1271.54$ | -0.26 |
| LONDON SPOT SILVER | $\$ 14.82$ | -1.33 |
| NYMEX CRUDE OIL | $\$ 66.27$ | +0.65 |
| NYMEX NATURAL GAS | $\$ 2.479$ | -2.75 |

## Economic Data

| Data | Previous | Forecast | Time |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Crude Oil Inv. | -1.4 M | - | $8: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ |

## RECOMMENDATIONS

## CRUDE OIL

CRUDE OIL MAY: TRADING RANGE 4580-4720.


The trend is indecisive in this metal counter. Wait for our intraday trading strategy.

## DHANIAY

DHANIYA MAY: TRADING RANGE 7140-7330.


The trend is indecisive in this agro counter. Wait for our intraday trading strategy.

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