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News, Views & Statistics

Gold Hovers Near 4-Month Low as China Data Lift Risk Appetite

Gold prices were little changed near a four-month low on Wednesday, as better-than-expected economic data from China kept global appetite for risk assets healthy and capped demand for havens. At 7:41 AM ET (11:41 GMT), gold futures for June delivery on the Comex division of the New York Mercantile Exchange inched up 75 cents, or 0.1%, at \$1,277.95 a troy ounce, barely above the four-month low of \$1,272.20 hit on Tuesday. China reported 6.4% growth for the first quarter, beating expectations for a slowdown to 6.3%. Other data released overnight also showed larger-than-forecast increases in industrial production and retail sales for March. Wednesday's dump of upbeat numbers added to other signs - including house prices, exports and credit growth - that suggest the world's second-largest economy is responding to stimulus measures taken at the start of the year by Beijing. The data have also lifted bond yields, making the most common "haven" alternative to gold more attractive. The yields on both German and U.S. 10-year debt hit their highest in a week on the news. The U.S. dollar index, which measures the greenback's strength against a trade-weighted basket of six major currencies, slipped 0.1% to 96.57. A weaker greenback makes the dollar-denominated precious metal more affordable for holders of foreign currencies, all other things being equal. The dollar came under pressure earlier this week after Charles Evans, president of the Chicago Fed, said he would be "comfortable" with standing pat on interest rates until the fall of 2020. The central bank's current forecast to hold interest rates steady for the rest of the year puts a lid on the opportunity cost of holding non-yielding bullion.

USDA raises global Oilseeds production outlook

USDA has raised its estimate for 2018-19 global oilseed production by 2.0 million tons to 595.0 million mainly on higher soybean production for Brazil and rapeseed production for India. Production for Brazil is increased 0.5 million tons to 117.0 million, reflecting favorable weather in Rio Grande do Sul where the crop is in pod-filling and maturation stages. Brazil's 2017/18 soybean crop is also revised higher, supported by recent industry estimates, USDA said in its monthly World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) report. Rapeseed production for India is raised 1.4 million tons to 8 million on information from India's Solvent Extractors' Association, the report said. USDA reduced global oilseed exports forecast by 1.0 million tons to 177.1 million mainly on lower rapeseed trade between Canada and China. With lower rapeseed crush for China, imports are increased for other products, including sunflower seed meal, rapeseed meal, palm oil, and soybean oil, USDA said. Global oilseed ending stocks are raised 1.5 million tons to 123.2 million, largely due to higher soybean stocks for Brazil and rapeseed stocks for Canada, the report said.

COMMODITY	CLOSE	S2	S1	PIVOT	R1	R2	TREND
SILVER	37212	36991	37102	37285	37396	37579	Down
GOLD	31486	31378	31432	31540	31594	31702	Down
CRUDE OIL	4450	4416	4433	4454	4471	4492	Up
COPPER	456.55	450.10	453.30	456.20	459.40	462.20	Down
NATURAL GAS	176.10	172.60	174.40	177.00	178.80	181.40	Up
JEERA	16725	16075	16400	16585	16910	17095	Up
TURMERIC	6398	6190	6294	6362	6466	6534	Up
SOYBEAN	3737	3692	3714	3745	3767	3798	Up
RM SEED	3774	3737	3755	3774	3792	3811	Down
GUAR SEED	4355	4256	4306	4380	4429	4503	Down

International Markets

COMMODITY	CLOSE	% CHANGE
LONDON SPOT GOLD	\$1273.70	-0.22
LONDON SPOT SILVER	\$14.97	-0.27
NYMEX CRUDE OIL	\$64.20	-0.39
NYMEX NATURAL GAS	\$2.546	-2.26

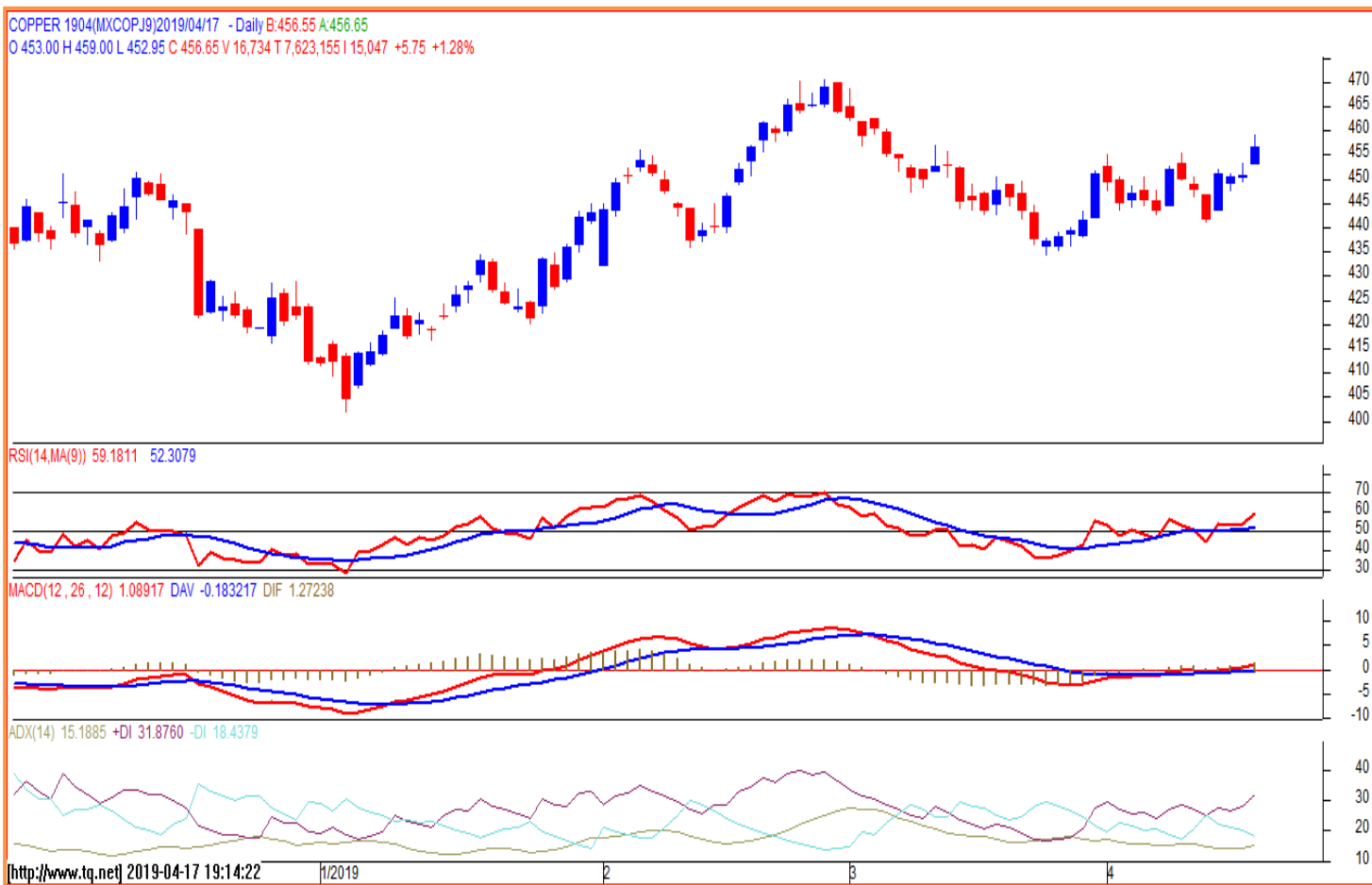
Economic Data

Data	Previous	Forecast	Time
Core Retail Sales	-0.4%	0.7	6:00pm
Retail Sales m/m	-0.2%	0.9%	-
Jobless Claims	196K	207K	-
NG inv.	25B	-	8:00pm

RECOMMENDATIONS

COPPER

COPPER APR: TRADING RANGE 454.50 -463.50.



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

TURMERIC

TURMERIC MAY: TRADING RANGE 6340 - 6540.



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

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