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News, Views & Statistics
Gold Prices Hold Steady as Fed Meeting Begins

Gold prices were little changed on Tuesday as traders turned their attention to this week's Federal Reserve monetary policy meeting. At 10:34 AM ET (15:34 GMT), gold futures for February delivery on the Comex division of the New York Mercantile Exchange slipped 70 cents, or 0.06%, to \$1,251.10 a troy ounce. Policymakers kicked off their two-day meeting on Tuesday and are widely expected to follow through with a fourth and final rate hike this year. Investors will focus on updated economic projections, particularly the dot plot that lays out expectations for rates and the post-policy meeting press conference by Fed Chairman Jerome Powell. Concerns about the outlook for global growth along with trade tensions and market volatility have prompted traders to push back expectations on the expected pace of Fed rate hikes in 2019. While policymakers previously pointed to three increases next year, the market is starting to bet the U.S. central bank may halt its rate hikes altogether as risks to the U.S. economy mount. A slower pace of rate increases should lessen the pressure on non-yielding bullion. What may ironically affect the Fed's decision is the fact that U.S. President Donald Trump took a shot at the Fed again on Monday, saying in a tweet that "it is incredible" that the central bank was "even considering yet another interest rate hike" given "the very strong dollar and virtually no inflation" while the "outside world (is) blowing up around us." "This loud and constant criticism puts the Fed in an awkward, equally unprecedented position. It cannot now forgo an interest rate hike at the meeting, even if the central bank thought it best, because it would then look like Trump had bulldozed the policymakers into submission," Investing.com analyst Darrell Delamaide commented. In other metals trading, silver futures edged down 0.03% at \$14.755 a troy ounce by 10:35 AM ET (15:35 GMT).

Govt agencies procure Pulses under PSS at Rs 15,000 cr

For procurement of Pulses under the price support scheme (PSS) government agencies have spent more than Rs 15,034 crore so far in 2018-19, and this is 43 per cent more than what they spent in the previous year. As per provisional data provided by the Government, India has so far imported 1.31 million tons (mt) of Pulses this fiscal and exported 0.2 mt. The imports of Pulses last year was 5.61mt. Prices of Pulses, barring Gram, have been ruling below minimum support price announced by the Government in July. The worst-hit have been Arhar and Moong, with average wholesale prices in November 21 and 19 per cent lower than MSP, respectively. Government has been importing heavily in the last three years. In 2015-16, when total Pulses production plummeted to 16.35 mt, the imports of Pulses stood at 5.8 mt, whereas in 2016-17 and 2017-18, the years of bountiful output, imports were 6.61 mt and 5.61 mt. respectively.

COMMODITY	CLOSE	S2	S1	PIVOT	R1	R2	TREND
SILVER	37525	37102	37313	37678	37889	38254	Up
GOLD	31202	30960	31081	31322	31443	31684	Up
CRUDE OIL	3393	3200	3297	3457	3554	3714	Reversal
COPPER	418.15	405.40	411.80	423.90	430.30	442.40	Down
NATURAL GAS	263.90	245.80	254.90	261.50	270.60	277.20	Up
JEERA	18175	17625	17900	18205	18480	18785	Reversal
TURMERIC	6780	6636	6708	6772	6844	6908	Up
SOYBEAN	3353	3328	3341	3353	3366	3378	Reversal
RM SEED	3952	3868	3910	3949	3991	4030	Down
GUAR SEED	4270	4152	4211	4307	4366	4462	Up

International Markets

COMMODITY	CLOSE	% CHANGE
LONDON SPOT GOLD	\$1249.30	+0.29
LONDON SPOT SILVER	\$14.65	-0.07
NYMEX CRUDE OIL	\$47.82	-3.32
NYMEX NATURAL GAS	\$3.639	+4.36

Economic Data

Data	Previous	Forecast	Time
Crude Oil Inv	-1.2M	-	9:00pm

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