



# Daily Resources Overview

20 August 2018

International Markets : International Markets - Commodities

Category: Commodities

Indices	Current	+/-	%	Previous	UpdateTime	WkClose	MthClose
<b>COMEX</b>							
Gold - Aug 18	1184.2	0.2	0.02	1184	17/08/18 16:37:52	1184.2	1232.9
Silver - Sep 18	14.631	-0.082	-0.56	14.713	17/08/18 16:37:50	14.631	15.545
Copper - Sep 18	2.6475	0.0125	0.47	2.635	17/08/18 16:37:34	2.6475	2.8265
<b>NYMEX</b>							
Platinum - Oct 18	777.3	-7.2	-0.92	784.5	17/08/18 16:38:13	777.3	841
Palladium - Sep 18	877.8	3	0.34	874.8	17/08/18 16:38:22	877.8	929.1
<b>LONDON METAL</b>							
Gold (AM Fix)	1176.7	-2.95	-0.25	1179.65	18/08/18 01:00:00	1179.65	1219.2
Gold (PM Fix)	1178.4	-2	-0.17	1180.4	18/08/18 01:00:00	1180.4	1220.95
<b>ENERGY</b>							
WTI - May 18	65.21	0.33	0.51	64.88	17/08/18 16:38:31	65.21	68.43
Brent Crude Oil	71.7	-0.06	-0.08	71.76	19/08/18 19:04:11	71.757	74.057
<b>CBT</b>							
Wheat - Sep 18	579.75	17.75	3.16	562	17/08/18 16:40:23	578	552.25
Soybean - Nov 18	892.75	-4.25	-0.47	897	17/08/18 16:38:15	890	919.5
Corn - Dec 18	378.75	-1	-0.26	379.75	17/08/18 16:24:07	377.75	386.5
<b>OTHER</b>							
Iron Ore (China Port)	67.5	0	0	67.5	20/08/18 09:01:40	67.5	68.5
Coal (ICE-GC Newcastle)	107.85	0.2	0.19	107.65	20/08/18 09:01:39	107.85	107
<b>LME Indicative</b>							
Copper - Cash	5889.5	-11.5	-0.19	5901	17/08/18 18:50:00	5889.5	6279.25
Copper - 3Mth	5926	-12	-0.2	5938	17/08/18 18:59:58	5926	6300
Lead - Cash	1962.5	-51.5	-2.56	2014	17/08/18 18:50:00	1962.5	2140.5
Lead - 3Mth	1988	-52	-2.55	2040	17/08/18 18:59:48	1988	2154.5
Zinc - Cash	2390.5	6.5	0.27	2384	17/08/18 18:50:00	2390.5	2676
Zinc - 3Mth	2389.5	-2.5	-0.1	2392	17/08/18 18:59:58	2389.5	2625
Aluminum - Cash	2004.25	-18	-0.89	2022.25	17/08/18 18:50:00	2004.25	2060.75
Aluminum 3Mth	2030	-18	-0.88	2048	17/08/18 18:59:46	2030	2081
Nickel - Cash	13390	160	1.21	13230	17/08/18 18:50:00	13390	13939
Nickel - 3Mth	13480	155	1.16	13325	17/08/18 18:59:54	13480	14030
Tin - Cash	18677	87	0.47	18590	17/08/18 18:50:00	18677	20175
Tin - 3Mth	18705	90	0.48	18615	17/08/18 18:50:00	18705	20080

International Markets : International Markets - World Indices

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Dow Jones	25669.32	110.59	0.43	25558.73	17/08/18 16:49:16	25669.32	25415.19
S & P 500	2850.13	9.44	0.33	2840.69	17/08/18 15:49:16	2850.13	2816.29
NASDAQ	7816.3299	9.8058	0.13	7806.5241	17/08/18 17:40:00	7816.3299	7671.7886
FTSE 100	7558.59	2.21	0.03	7556.38	17/08/18 16:35:30	7558.59	7748.76
DAX 30	12210.55	-26.62	-0.22	12237.17	17/08/18 18:55:00	12210.55	12805.5
CAC 40	5344.93	-4.09	-0.08	5349.02	17/08/18 18:55:00	5344.93	5511.3
Milan MIB30	20415.27	-108.86	-0.53	20524.13	18/08/18 04:25:14	20415.27	22215.69
Nikkei	22270.38	78.34	0.35	22192.04	17/08/18 15:15:02	22270.38	22553.72
Hang Seng	27213.41	113.35	0.42	27100.06	17/08/18 16:08:56	27213.41	28583.01
Hang Seng China Enterprises	10513.83	34.15	0.33	10479.68	17/08/18 16:08:56	10513.83	11024.73
Straits Times	3209.44	-2.49	-0.08	3211.93	17/08/18 17:10:01	3209.44	3319.85
Shanghai Composite	2668.966	-36.2257	-1.34	2705.1917	17/08/18 16:30:00	2668.966	2876.4009

## PRECIOUS METALS COMMENTARY

Make no mistake about it; this was a terrible week for those wishing to see gold prices move higher. In fact, gold prices lost almost 3% on the week - one of the most significant weekly drops in over a year. However, the last two trading days have provided an indication that gold pricing might, in fact, be finding some price support.

What was most impressive about the price recovery on Thursday was how dramatically gold pricing rebounded after reaching a low of \$1,167 per ounce, before closing at \$1,183. **Declines in gold pricing over the last couple of months have been directly tied to U.S. dollar strength.** It is the dollar which is leading gold prices, and not the other way around. Over the last couple of days, the dollar has been losing value, and today is currently trading off by over half a percent at 96.005. It is yesterdays and today's decline in dollar value that has been instrumental in taking gold prices from the recent lows to higher ground.

**Meanwhile, last week's Commitment of Traders (CoT) report showed large speculators and hedge funds being short gold by enormous amounts,** which continues to set an all-time record net-short managed money position for three weeks running. The net-spec position declined to 5.6% or 25K contracts, which is in historical major bottom territory. Since there is no immediate catalyst on the horizon for the metal of kings, the higher this managed money short position runs, the inevitable mean reversion becomes potentially more explosive once a catalyst materializes. When a commodity has a record short position, it will ultimately have record buybacks.

Furthermore, the commercial "hedgers" have been closing out short positions and by now may be getting close to zero. Commercials have a much better track record than speculators in the gold market and a short position close to zero, like we saw in late 2015, is a sign we are near a major bottom. The CoT report is released each Friday but only contains Tuesday's data, so there is a three-day lag between the report and the actual positioning of traders. This means the futures trading information from Wednesday's big sell-off will not be included in this week's CoT release, issued today at 3:30pm EST.

Market sentiment is also becoming extremely bearish with the Percent Bullish among newsletter publishers, tracked by Consensus-inc's "Consensus Bullish Sentiment Index" , recently dropping to 24% - the lowest it's been since 2004. Moreover, the Gold Miners Bullish Percentage (\$BPGDM) Index is down below 17% bulls this week as well. Based on the recent CoT report and sentiment research, the gold market is a rocket on the launchpad, waiting for ignition. However, we will need to see a fundamental catalyst before the record speculator short position in gold futures begins to be unwound. Source: Kitco

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