Daily Commodity Analysis Report

Thursday, May 21, 2020 Thursday















Commodity	Unit	Last	% Cng	Weekly	Monthly	YTD	Yearly	50DMA	100DMA	200DMA
Gold	1 Kg	47131.00	0.17	1.58	0.41	19.92	31.82	BUY	BUY	BUY
Silver	30 Kg	49058.00	0.49	5.01	3.01	-2.81	18.81	BUY	BUY	BUY
\$Gold	100 Tr. Oz	1743.82	-0.23	1.00	1.01	14.22	25.76	BUY	BUY	BUY
\$ Silver	5000 Tr. Oz	17.311	-1.35	5.46	4.83	-8.97	10.37	BUY	SELL	SELL
Crude	100 BBL	2520.00	4.91	14.14	28.42	-51.30	-103.75	BUY	SELL	SELL
Nat.Gas	1250 mmBtu	134.00	-3.74	-11.40	3.83	-15.95	-42.00	SELL	SELL	SELL
\$ Crude	1,000 Barrels	33.49	4.79	17.42	27.28	-54.22	-124.74	BUY	SELL	SELL
\$ Nat. Gas	10000 mmBtu	1.77	-3.22	-11.40	3.83	-15.95	-42.00	SELL	SELL	SELL
Aluminium	1MT	130.70	0.58	-1.00	-3.15	-7.75	-15.43	SELL	SELL	SELL
Copper	2500Kg	416.55	1.31	-1.17	2.08	-8.87	-12.41	BUY	SELL	SELL
Lead	1MT	131.80	0.73	-1.69	-4.03	-15.77	-3.91	SELL	SELL	SELL
Nickel	1500Kg	957.50	1.45	-2.35	-0.31	-11.75	5.68	SELL	SELL	SELL
Zinc	1MT	158.50	0.67	-0.32	1.95	-16.09	-41.18	BUY	SELL	SELL
LME Alum	25 Tonnes	1512.00	-0.2	-1.50	-2.86	-18.47	-26.19	SELL	SELL	SELL
LME Copp	25,000 Lbs.	5446.00	0.01	-1.71	1.54	-15.85	-17.14	BUY	SELL	SELL
LME Lead	5 Tonnes	1695.50	0.09	-2.59	-5.83	-16.56	-14.15	BUY	SELL	SELL
LME Nickel	250 Kg	12700.00	-0.08	-3.45	0.97	-15.47	-2.02	SELL	SELL	SELL
LME Zinc	5 Tonnes	2035.50	-0.44	-2.85	1.03	-14.42	-35.21	BUY	SELL	SELL
Note:							,			

 $^{^{\}ast}$ 50DMA - If prices trading above 50DMA "BUY" Signal is shown

 $^{^{\}ast}$ 50DMA - If prices trading below 50DMA "SELL" Signal is shown

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 $^{^{\}ast}$ Domestic Rates are as per closing basis and International rates are as per 8.30am







Currency S	inapshot		
Currency	Last	% Cng	I
USDINR	75.72	0.07	
EURINR	82.93	0.00	
GBPINR	92.86	0.22	
JPYINR	70.35	0.14	
EURUSD	1.0959	-0.16	
GBPUSD	1.2197	-0.31	
USDJPY	107.66	0.11	
Dollar Index	99.36	0.17	

Indices Snapshot							
Indices	Last	Chang	е				
NIFTY	9066.55	2.11					
SENSEX	30818.61	2.06					
HANGSENG	24399.95	0.05					
NIKKEI	20595.15	0.79					
STRAITS	2589.65	1.98					
CAC 40	4430.82	-0.61	•				
DAX	11083.68	0.08					
DJIA	24526.98	1.32					
NASDAQ	9347.05	1.76					
JAKARTA	4545.95	-0.06	•				
KOSPI	1989.64	0.46					

LME Stock Snapsh	ot	
Commodity	Stock	Cng
LME Alum	1466625	30050
LME Copp	273175	-1050
LME Lead	75075	-75
LME Nickel	233874	-96
LME Zinc	107275	8900

Open Inter	est Snapst	not		
Commodity	Last	OI	% Cng	Status
Gold	47131.00	10507	-5.06	Short Covering
Silver	49058.00	8514	5.24	Fresh Buying
Crude	2520.00	2598	4.51	Fresh Buying
Nat.Gas	134.00	6330	4.99	Fresh Selling
Aluminium	130.70	3221	-13.18	Short Covering
Copper	416.55	2599	-8.87	Short Covering
Lead	131.80	3640	-4.29	Short Covering
Nickel	957.50	1024	0.39	Fresh Buying
Zinc	158.50	8917	0.17	Fresh Buying

Calendar	Spreads S	Snapshot			
Commodity	Near Month	Next Month	Spread	P. Spread	Change
Gold	47131.00	47340.00	209.00	253.00	44.00
Silver	49058.00	49584.00	526.00	543.00	17.00
Crude	2520.00	2582.00	62.00	69.00	7.00
Nat.Gas	134.00	144.90	10.90	13.30	2.40
Aluminium	130.70	132.40	1.70	1.90	0.20
Copper	416.55	420.30	3.75	3.50	-0.25
Lead	131.80	133.60	1.80	1.75	-0.05
Nickel	957.50	959.70	2.20	0.20	-2.00
Zinc	158.50	160.15	1.65	1.45	-0.20

Commodity Ratio S	napshot			
Commodity				
Continually	Close	Max	Min	Avg
Gold / Silver Ratio	96.07	112.00	77.48	86.34
Gold / Crude Ratio	18.70	53.33	5.55	10.25
Gold / Copper Ratio	113.15	119.82	66.75	81.59
Silver / Crude Ratio	19.47	48.26	6.92	11.47
Silver / Copper Ratio	117.77	118.31	82.05	94.17
Zinc / Lead Ratio	120.26	172.17	105.33	128.61
Crude / Nat.Gas Ratio	18.81	30.35	5.86	21.09

Economical D	ata			
Time	Currency	Data	Fcst	Prev
12:45pm	EUR	French Flash Services PMI	27.9	10.2
12:45pm	EUR	French Flash Manufacturing PMI	36	31.5
1:00pm	EUR	German Flash Manufacturing PMI	39.3	34.5
1:00pm	EUR	German Flash Services PMI	26.3	16.2
1:30pm	EUR	Flash Manufacturing PMI	38	33.4
1:30pm	EUR	Flash Services PMI	25	12
6:00pm	USD	Philly Fed Manufacturing Index	-40	-56.6
6:00pm	USD	Unemployment Claims	2400K	2981K
7:15pm	USD	Flash Manufacturing PMI	39.3	36.1
7:15pm	USD	Flash Services PMI	32.6	26.7







Commodity Market Daily	Trading Levels								
Commodity	Close	Support 3	Support 2	Support 1	Pivot Point	Resist 1	Resist 2	Resist 3	Trend
Gold	47131.00	46282.00	46541.00	46836.00	47095.00	47390.00	47649.00	47944.00	Positive
Silver	49058.00	47391.00	47901.00	48479.00	48989.00	49567.00	50077.00	50655.00	Positive
\$ Gold	1747.20	1731.50	1736.00	1739.90	1744.40	1748.30	1752.80	1756.70	Positive
\$ Silver	17.53	17.10	17.20	17.30	17.40	17.50	17.60	17.70	Positive
Crude oil	2520.00	2291.00	2354.00	2437.00	2500.00	2583.00	2646.00	2729.00	Positive
Natural Gas	134.00	118.70	125.40	129.70	136.40	140.70	147.40	151.70	Negative
\$ Crude oil	33.49	30.48	31.15	32.32	32.99	34.16	34.83	36.00	Positive
\$ Natural Gas	1.7710	1.5670	1.6550	1.7130	1.8010	1.8590	1.9470	2.0050	Negative
Aluminium	130.70	128.60	129.10	129.90	130.40	131.20	131.70	132.50	Positive
Copper	416.55	405.40	407.90	412.20	414.70	419.00	421.50	425.80	Positive
Lead	131.80	129.30	130.00	130.90	131.60	132.50	133.20	134.10	Positive
Nickel	957.50	918.40	926.80	942.10	950.50	965.80	974.20	989.50	Positive
Zinc	158.50	153.40	154.50	156.60	157.70	159.80	160.90	163.00	Positive
LME Aluminium	1515.00	1464.17	1474.33	1494.67	1504.83	1525.17	1535.33	1555.67	Positive
LME Copper	5445.50	5237.00	5282.50	5364.00	5409.50	5491.00	5536.50	5618.00	Positive
LME Lead	1694.00	1632.83	1648.67	1671.33	1687.17	1709.83	1725.67	1748.33	Positive
LME Nickel	12710.00	12168.33	12276.67	12493.33	12601.67	12818.33	12926.67	13143.33	Positive
LME Zinc	2044.50	1966.67	1985.83	2015.17	2034.33	2063.67	2082.83	2112.17	Positive





Open	High	Low	Close	Net Cng
47181.00	47354.00	46800.00	47131.00	81.00
OI	% OI	Volume	Trend	% Cng

Gold yesterday settled up by 0.17% at 47131 supported by hopes of further monetary policy loosening around the world that continues to channel money out of bonds and into bullion. The Federal Reserve's latest policy meeting minutes reinforced its promise to hold U.S. interest rates at near zero and to continue providing the economy with cheap money until it was clear of Covid-19. Data showed, U.S. homebuilding dropped by the most on record in April and permits for future construction tumbled, intensifying fears over deepest economic contraction in the second quarter since the Great Depression. In testimony before the U.S. Senate Banking Committee, Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell said the Fed was looking at extending access to the credit facilities to additional borrowers, including states with smaller populations. Citing the unprecedented speed and scope of the coronavirus-induced economic downturn. Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell said Wednesday the central bank may take additional steps to avoid an extended period of low productivity growth and stagnant incomes. "At the Fed, we will continue to use our tools to their fullest until the crisis has passed and the economic recovery is well under way," Powell said during a webcast hosted by the Peterson Institute for International Economics. In Japan, business confidence collapsed in May, hitting decade lows as firms braced for a protracted period of economic weakness, the Reuters Tankan survey showed. Technically market is under short covering as market has witnessed drop in open interest by -5.06% to settled at 10507 while prices up 81 rupees, now Gold is getting support at 46836 and below same could see a test of 46541 levels, and resistance is now likely to be seen at 47390, a move above could see prices testing 47649.

Trading Idea for the day

Gold trading range for the day is 46541-47649.

Gold gained supported by hopes of further monetary policy loosening around the world that continues to channel money into bullion.

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Open	High	Low	Close	Net Cng
138.00	143.10	132.10	134.00	-5.20
Ol	% OI	Volume	Trend	% Cng
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Fundamentals

Silver yesterday settled up by 0.49% at 49058 after Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell reaffirmed the central bank will provide more support to the economy. Testifying before the Senate Banking Committee, Powell said the central bank needs to be prepared to "act further and I would say we are, if the need is there." "As a society, we should do everything we can to provide relief to those who are suffering for the public good," Powell said. Traders appeared to be betting on hopes the various stimulus measures to support the economy will eventually result in continued demand for the metal. According to the data from the Commerce Department, new residential construction in the U.S. dropped in the month of April. The report said housing starts plummeted by 30.2% to an annual rate of 891,000 in April after tumbling by 18.6% to a revised 1.276 million in March. The Commerce Department said building permits also slumped by 20.8% to an annual rate of 1.074 million in April after falling by 5.7% to a revised 1.356 million in March. Reflecting notable decreases in manufacturing and wholesale inventories, the Commerce Department released a report showing a modest drop in U.S. business inventories in the month of March. The report said business inventories edged down by 0.2 percent in March after falling by a revised 0.5 percent in February. Technically market is under fresh buying as market has witnessed gain in open interest by 5.24% to settled at 8514 while prices up 237 rupees, now Silver is getting support at 48479 and below same could see a test of 47901 levels, and resistance is now likely to be seen at 49567, a move above could see prices testing 50077.

Trading Idea for the day

Silver trading range for the day is 47901-50077.

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US building permits slumped by 20.8% to an annual rate of 1.074 million in April after falling by 5.7% to a revised 1.356 million in March.





Open	High	Low	Close	Net Cng
2439.00	2563.00	2417.00	2520.00	118.00
Ol	% OI	Volume	Trend	% Cng
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Crude oil yesterday settled up by 4.91% at 2520 amid signs of improving demand and production cuts by major oil producers. However, a bleak economic outlook from the U.S. Federal Reserve limited the upside of prices. U.S. crude oil and gasoline stocks fell while distillate stocks rose, data from industry group the American Petroleum Institute showed. Crude inventories fell by 4.8 million barrels in the week to May 15 to 521.3 million barrels, compared with expectations for a build of 1.2 million barrels. Crude stocks at the Cushing, Oklahoma, delivery hub fell by 5 million barrels, API said. Refinery crude runs rose by 229,000 barrels per day, API data showed. Gasoline stocks fell by 651,000 barrels, compared with expectations for a 2.1 million-barrel draw. Oil product inventories in the United Arab Emirates' (UAE) Fujairah bunkering and oil hub in the Middle East jumped to record highs in the week to May 18. Fujairah's overall oil product inventories soared to 30.262 million barrels in the week to May 18, above the previous record of 27.859 million barrels in the week before, the data showed. Russia's oil and gas condensate production fell to 9.42 million barrels per day (bpd) on May 1-19 as a global deal on reducing output took effect. That was down from 11.35 million bpd in April and from 9.43 million bpd May 1-14. Technically market is under fresh buying as market has witnessed gain in open interest by 4.51% to settled at 2598 while prices up 118 rupees, now Crude oil is aetting support at 2437 and below same could see a test of 2354 levels, and resistance is now likely to be seen at 2583, a move above could see prices testing 2646.



Open	High	Low	Close	Net Cng
138.00	143.10	132.10	134.00	-5.20
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Fundamentals

Nat.Gas yesterday settled down by -3.74% at 134 as government lockdowns to stop the spread of coronavirus cut demand for the fuel and exports. That decline comes even though energy firms continued to cut production in response to the collapse in oil and gas prices earlier this year, which ironically was also due in part to demand destruction from the pandemic Prices are expected to rise as governments lift travel restrictions and economies rebound. Futures for the balance of 2020 and calendar 2021 were trading about 25% and 50% over the front-month, respectively. Data provider Refinitiv said average gas output in the U.S. Lower 48 states fell to 89.7 billion cubic feet per day (bcfd) so far in May, down from an eight-month low of 92.9 bcfd in April and an all-time monthly high of 95.4 bcfd in November. Refinitiv projected demand in the Lower 48, including exports, would slip from 78.7 bcfd this week to 78.4 bcfd next week. That compares with Refinitiv's forecasts on Tuesday of 78.2 bcfd this week and 78.1 bcfd next week. Refinitiv said U.S. pipeline exports to Canada averaged 2.2 bcfd so far in May, down from 2.4 bcfd in April and an alltime monthly high of 3.5 bcfd in December. Pipeline exports to Mexico averaged 4.6 bcfd so far this month, down from 4.7 bcfd in April and a record 5.6 bcfd in March. Technically market is under fresh selling as market has witnessed gain in open interest by 4.99% to settled at 6330 while prices down -5.2 rupees, now Natural gas is getting support at 129.7 and below same could see a test of 125.4 levels, and resistance is now likely to be seen at 140.7, a move above could see prices testing 147.4.

Trading Idea for the day

Crude oil trading range for the day is 2354-2646.

Crude oil prices gained amid signs of improving demand and production cuts by major oil producers.

However, a bleak economic outlook from the U.S. Federal Reserve limited the upside of prices.

Crude inventories fell by 4.8 million barrels in the week to May 15 to 521.3 million barrels.

Trading Idea for the day

Natural gas trading range for the day is 125.4-147.4.

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Open	High	Low	Close	Net Cng
411.00	417.20	410.40	416.55	5.40
OI	% OI	Volume	Trend	% Cng
2599.00	-8.87	15391.00	Positive	1.31

Copper yesterday settled up by 1.31% at 416.55 as investors regained hopes of recovery from a coronavirus-fuelled recession. Prices of metals were also supported by market expectations that China, the world's biggest metals consumer, could announce more stimulus measures at a key parliament meeting later this week. Sino-U.S. trade relations have turned sour following Washington's disappointment over the way China handled the novel coronavirus outbreak, raising fears that the countries could engage escalate their spat and hurt economic growth further. Trump called the WHO a "puppet of China" and denounced an "apparent attempt to conceal this outbreak by at least one member state". France and Germany proposed a 500-billion-euro (\$545.65 billion) Recovery Fund for European Union regions and sectors hit hardest by the pandemic. China has approved import quotas for another 10,423 tonnes of high-grade copper scrap and 1,480 tonnes of aluminium scrap in 2020, the China Solid Waste and Chemicals Management Bureau said. The world's top metals consumer has so far approved import quotas for 540,184 tonnes of copper scrap, 478,159 tonnes of aluminium scrap and 11,540 tonnes of steel scrap in 2020, according to calculations on the official data. Technically market is under short covering as market has witnessed drop in open interest by -8.87% to settled at 2599 while prices up 5.4 rupees, now Copper is getting support at 412.2 and below same could see a test of 407.9 levels, and resistance is now likely to be seen at 419, a move above could see prices testing 421.5.

Trading Idea for the day

Copper trading range for the day is 407.9-421.5.

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Sino-U.S. trade relations have turned sour following Washington's disappointment over the way China handled the novel coronavirus outbreak

China has approved import quotas for another 10,423 tonnes of highgrade copper scrap.



Open	High	Low	Close	Net Cng
157.15	158.85	155.60	158.50	1.05
OI	% OI	Volume	Trend	% Cng
8917.00	0.17	41758 00	Positive	0.67

Fundamentals

Zinc yesterday settled up by 0.67% at 158.5 as investors clung to hopes of a recovery from a coronavirus-fueled slump amid signs of more stimulus for ailing sectors. German zinc producer Metallwerk Dinslaken (MWD) said it will close permanently because of the economic fallout of the coronavirus crisis. The company produces about 25,000 tonnes annually of secondary zinc and zinc alloys from scrap at its plant in Dinslaken and some 41 jobs will be lost. The coronavirus shutdowns have greatly reduced availability of zinc scrap while zinc customers, especially in Italy, have cut zinc purchases, said a spokesman. Glencore has reduced its 2020 zinc production guidance by 105,000 tonnes to 1.16 million tonnes, partly reflecting temporary COVID-19 closures at the Matagami mine in Canada and the Antamina mine in Peru, but also the deferral of a new mine in Kazakhstan. Zinc inventories in China rose slightly over the weekend, primarily propelled by gains in the north amid concentrated arrivals and muted purchases by downstream consumers. Data showed that social inventories of refined zinc ingots across Shanghai, Tianjin, Guangdong, Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Shandong and Hebei increased 400 mt from last Friday May 15 to 227,700 mt as of Monday May 18. The stocks were down 9,900 from last Monday May 11. Stocks in Tianjin and Hebei rose over the weekend, as deliveries from east China arrived in Tianjin and downstream consumers in north China held back on sales at the end of last week. Technically market is under fresh buying as market has witnessed gain in open interest by 0.17% to settled at 8917 while prices up 1.05 rupees, now Zinc is getting support at 156.6 and below same could see a test of 154.5 levels, and resistance is now likely to be seen at 159.8, a move above could see prices testing 160.9.

Trading Idea for the day

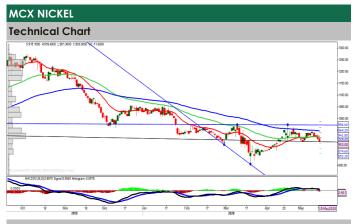
Zinc trading range for the day is 154.5-160.9.

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OI	% OI	Volume	Trend	% Cng
2599.00	-8.87	15391.00	Positive	1.31

Nickel yesterday settled up by 1.45% at 957.5 on ongoing efforts nationwide to reopen for business following economically-damaging lockdowns. Investor hopes the economy may mount a quicker recovery were given a boost as all U.S. States partially reopened. Prices seen support on market expectations that China, could announce more stimulus measures at a parliamentary meeting this week. Optimism about a potential vaccine for the coronavirus and hopes for economic recovery as more countries reopen their economies also bolstered market sentiment. Trade relations between the United States and China have turned sour after Washington expressed disappointment over the way China handled the coronavirus outbreak, raising fears that the countries could escalate their trade conflict and hurt economic growth further. Investors also had to confront data showing a leap in UK jobless claims to their highest level in 24 years and a forecast that Europe's largest economy, Germany, would shrink by at least 10% this year. Data showed that China's industrial production rebounded in April, boosted by the government's steps to promote work resumption, but investment and consumption continued to fall from a year earlier. China's industrial output rose 3.9% in April year on year, improving from a 1.1% fall in March, the National Bureau of Statistics said. Fixed-asset investment fell 10.3% in the January-April period, compared to a 16.1% drop in the first quarter. Technically market is under fresh buying as market has witnessed gain in open interest by 0.39% to settled at 1024 while prices up 13.7 rupees, now Nickel is getting support at 942.1 and below same could see a test of 926.8 levels, and resistance is now likely to be seen at 965.8, a move above could see prices testing 974.2.

Trading Idea for the day

Nickel trading range for the day is 926.8-974.2.

Nickel gained ongoing efforts nationwide to reopen for business following economically-damaging lockdowns.

Investor hopes the economy may mount a quicker recovery were given a boost as all U.S. States partially reopened.

Nickel ore inventories across all Chinese ports continued to fall this week, decreasing 430,000 wmt from May 8 to 8.24 million wmt



Open	High	Low	Close	Net Cng
157.15	158.85	155.60	158.50	1.05
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Ol	% OI	Volume	Trend	% Cng

Fundamentals

Aluminium yesterday settled up by 0.58% at 130.7 on investor hopes the economy may mount a quicker recovery were given a boost as all U.S. States partially reopened. Trade relations between the United States and China have turned sour after Washington expressed disappointment over the way China handled the coronavirus outbreak, raising fears that the countries could escalate their trade conflict and burt economic growth further. China's aluminium production rose by 1.5% in April from a year earlier, official data showed, and hit a 10-month high on a daily basis as a rapid rebound in prices after a coronavirus-driven collapse kept smelter operating rates high. The world's biggest producer and consumer of aluminium churned out 2.97 million tonnes of the metal last month, the National Bureau of Statistics said. That was flat on the previous month but on a daily basis April output works out at about 99,000 tonnes per day, according to calculations, up from around 95,800 tonnes in March, which had one more day. Aluminium prices in China , which crashed alongside demand in February and March in the wake of the coronavirus outbreak, staged a strong recovery in April, gaining 9% in their best month since August 2017 after smelters had cut supply and consumption at processing plants rebounded. Technically market is under short covering as market has witnessed drop in open interest by -13.18% to settled at 3221 while prices up 0.75 rupees, now Aluminium is getting support at 129.9 and below same could see a test of 129.1 levels, and resistance is now likely to be seen at 131.2, a move above could see prices testing 131.7.

Trading Idea for the day

Aluminium trading range for the day is 129.1-131.7.

Aluminium gains on investor hopes the economy may mount a quicker recovery were given a boost as all U.S. States partially reopened.

Global primary aluminium output fell to 5.255 million tonnes in April from revised 5.464 million tonnes in March.

China's aluminium production rose by 1.5 percent to 2.97 million tonnes in April from a year earlier



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