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Gold	Today	Change	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
	\$1,176.80	+\$2.90	\$1188.10	\$1,186.50	\$1255.00

Gold prices were flat on Monday as the dollar and stock markets fell, though prices stayed near 11-week lows. August gold closed up \$5.20 an ounce at \$1,173.30 an ounce and spot gold ended the day at \$1172.70 per ounce.

The yellow metal touched its' lowest since March 19 at \$1,162.35 on Friday after data showed U.S. job growth accelerated more than expected last month.

Analysts see the next major support level for gold around the March low of \$1,140 an ounce.

The jobs report bolstered expectations the Federal Reserve will begin to raise rates in September.

The ongoing Greek debt crisis continues to weigh on stocks as the Greek government tries to reach an agreement with creditors or get another extension before the end of the month. The 10-year Greek bond yield rose to a 4-session high of 11.39%.

The China May trade balance widened to a surplus of \$59.49 billion from \$34.13 billion in Apr, more than expectations of \$44.80 billion.

Japan Q1 GDP was revised upward to 3.9% q/q annualized from the originally reported 2.4% q/q annualized, stronger than expectations of 2.8% q/q annualized and the fastest pace of growth in a year.

ECB Governing Council member Nowotny said the Eurozone's economic downturn "is over." He said the

Eurozone has overcome the risk of deflation as the ECB's asset purchases have had the desired effect. He added that economic development in Europe is "positive," although challenges remain.

Further outflows were seen from the world's top gold-backed exchange-traded fund SPDR Gold Trust. On Friday, holdings fell 0.17% to the lowest since mid-January at 708.70 tons.

In mining news, South Africa's Association of Mineworkers and Construction Union said on Sunday it would launch a wildcat strike if its rival union and gold mining companies impose a wage deal on its members.

Demand for physical gold in the major Asian markets picked up on Monday as the lower bullion prices attracted fresh buying.



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