



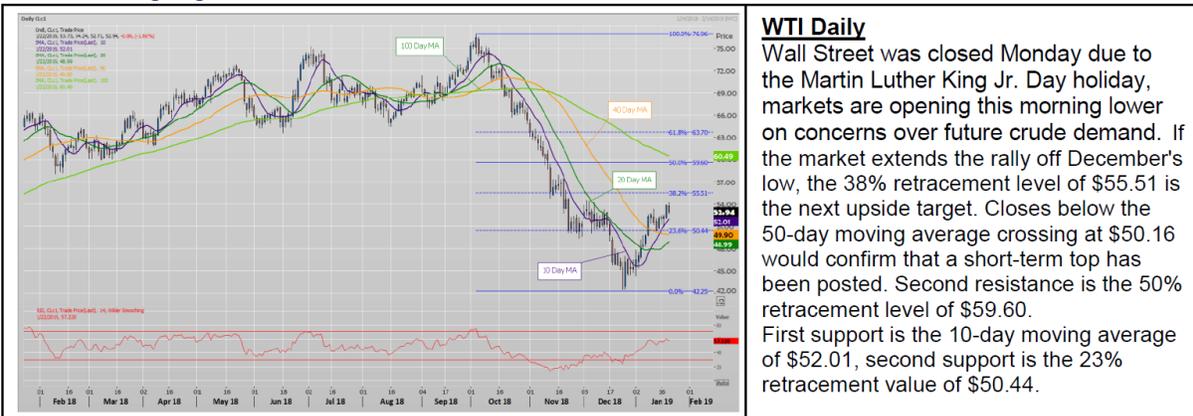
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Today's Market News

- **Federal Reserve:** Next week Fed officials are scheduled to meet January 29 & 30, they have made early indications that they want to stop raising interest rates, at least for a while. The U.S. economy is strong, and the unemployment rate is near 50-year lows at 3.7%, for the Fed these are reasons to keep raising interest rates to prevent potential inflation. But at least for now, officials indicate a pause in interest rate hikes. They are expected to raise rates twice this year, down from four times in 2018.
- **Energy Stocks:** The API energy stock report will be released Wednesday afternoon, and the latest EIA poll shows analysts are expecting a crude draw of 2.7 m/b, a build on distillate stocks of 2.9 m/b, and a build on gasoline stocks of 7.5 m/b.
- **Economic Reports This Week:** **Wednesday:** API Energy Stocks 3:30pm CST; **Thursday:** EIA/DOE Energy Stocks 10:00am CST, Jobless Claims 7:30am CST (API and EIA reports are pushed out a day this week due to the observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day); **Friday:** Export Sales 7:30am
- **Market Opinion:** Oil prices are weaker this morning on signs that an economic slowdown in China is spreading, adding to concerns about global growth and fuel demand. The sullen news from the world's 2nd largest economy and top oil importer pulled down financial markets across Asia, which is a bearish force hanging over prices to start the week.



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Wall Street was closed Monday due to the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday, markets are opening this morning lower on concerns over future crude demand. If the market extends the rally off December's low, the 38% retracement level of \$55.51 is the next upside target. Closes below the 50-day moving average crossing at \$50.16 would confirm that a short-term top has been posted. Second resistance is the 50% retracement level of \$59.60. First support is the 10-day moving average of \$52.01, second support is the 23% retracement value of \$50.44.

Contract		NYMEX as of 7:55am	Support	Resistance
Feb RBOB	↓	.0346	1.4182	1.4109
Feb HO	↓	.0209	1.8952	1.8375
Feb Crude	↓	1.19	52.61	52.01

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