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AUD-USD	▼	0.9136	-0.0094
EUR-GBP	▼	0.8726	-0.0005
EUR-USD	▼	1.4183	-0.0104
GBP-AUD	▲	1.7791	0.0068
GBP-CAD	▼	1.6849	-0.0024
GBP-EUR	▲	1.1460	0.0007
GBP-NZD	▲	2.2387	0.0128
GBP-USD	▼	1.6256	-0.0101
NZD-USD	▼	0.7262	-0.0092
USD-CAD	▲	1.0366	0.0053
USD-JPY	▼	90.85	-0.2800

USA

- BOSTON (Reuters) - In a stunning blow to President Barack Obama, Republican Scott Brown won a bitter Senate race in Massachusetts on Tuesday and promised to be the deciding vote against his sweeping healthcare overhaul. Brown's win robbed Democrats of the crucial 60th Senate vote they need to pass the healthcare bill and sent shudders of fear through Democrats facing tough races in November's congressional elections.

Figures out today:

Country	Event	GMT	EDT	Expected	Previous
USD	Producer Price Index (YoY) (DEC)	13:30	08:30	4.6%	2.4%
USD	Producer Price Index Ex Food & Energy (MoM) (DEC)	13:30	08:30	0.1%	0.5%
USD	Producer Price Index Ex Food & Energy (YoY) (DEC)	13:30	08:30	1.0%	1.2%
USD	Housing Starts (DEC)	13:30	08:30	574K	574K
USD	Building Permits (DEC)	13:30	08:30	580K	584K

UK

Figures out today:

GBP	Bank of England Policy Meeting Minutes	09:30	04:30		
GBP	Jobless Claims Change (DEC)	09:30	04:30	-4.6K	-6.3K
GBP	Claimant Count Rate (DEC)	09:30	04:30	5.0%	5.0%
GBP	ILO Unemployment Rate (3M) (NOV)	09:30	04:30	8.0%	7.9%
GBP	Average Earnings inc bonus (3MoY) (NOV)	09:30	04:30	1.6%	1.5%

- Sterling climbs on rate rise prospects: Sterling hit a four-month high against the euro and was among the few currencies to rise against the dollar on Tuesday after UK inflation jumped in December and increased the possibility of monetary tightening being brought forward. Consumer price inflation rose to an annualised 2.9 per cent from 1.9 per cent in November. The market had priced in a rise only to 2.6 per cent. The immediate market reaction pushed the pound higher on speculation that the Bank of England could raise interest rates sooner than expected. Late in New York, sterling was 0.2 per cent higher at \$1.6373, after touching a five-week high against the dollar, and was up 0.6 per cent at ¥149.26 versus the yen. Most analysts thought the unexpected jump in inflation would be temporary. Jonathan Loynes at Capital Economics said: "The impact of the recession and the vast amount of spare capacity created will eventually bear down strongly on underlying price pressures. "As such, we expect the Bank of England to look through the rise in inflation and leave policy unchanged." The pound was also supported as Kraft, the US food group, acquired Cadbury, the UK confectioner, in a £11.9bn deal funded 60 per cent in cash. Sterling also jumped to a fresh four-month high against the euro, with the single currency down 0.8 per cent to £0.8732, undermined by a fourth-consecutive monthly drop in Germany's ZEW investor confidence index.

Europe

Figures out today:

EUR	German Producer Prices (YoY) (DEC)	07:00	02:00	-5.1%	-5.9%
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- Euro Weakens to Five-Month Low Versus Dollar on Greece Concerns: Jan. 20 (Bloomberg) -- The euro fell to the lowest level in five months against the dollar on concern Greece's deteriorating finances will weigh on the region's economic recovery. The 16-nation currency also approached the lowest level in more than nine years against the Australian dollar on speculation European Central Bank Executive Board member Juergen Stark will reiterate his bearish outlook for the region's economy and the budget deficit in Greece when he speaks today. The euro fell to \$1.4167, the lowest since Aug. 19, before trading at \$1.4196 as of 6:42 a.m. in London from \$1.4288 in New York yesterday. The currency slid to 129.47 yen from 130.22 after earlier dropping to 129.26, the weakest since Dec. 21. New Zealand's dollar dropped 0.9 percent to 72.85 U.S. cents. The euro weakened to as low as 0.6479 against the Australian

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dollar, near the lowest since September 2000. Europe’s single currency dropped for a fifth day versus the dollar after Moody’s Investors Service said yesterday the Greek budget plan’s success “cannot be taken for granted” and kept its debt rating at A2, the lowest among the 16 euro-area members.

Commodities

- SINGAPORE (Reuters) - Oil extended losses toward \$78 a barrel on Wednesday on tighter credit policy in China, a stronger dollar and expectations that U.S. refiners processed less crude. U.S. crude for February delivery fell as much as 65 cents to \$78.37 a barrel and was trading down 63 cents at 12 a.m. EST on its last day as the front-month NYMEX contract. March crude declined 60 cents to \$78.72. London Brent for March fell 59 cents to \$77.04.
- TOKYO, Jan 20 (Reuters) - Gold was mostly flat on Wednesday, while platinum and palladium were off multi-month highs marked the previous day on the back of investment demand fuelled by the recent launch of exchange traded funds. Spot gold was at \$1,138.70 an ounce as of 0021 GMT, inching up from New York's notional close of \$1,137.95.

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