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Bill Auctions	Announcement	Auction	Settles	Numbers	R	Bil	Auction	\$ Bln*
Cash mgmt. 119-day	TBA	09/22/2020	09/24/2020	9127963V9		\$30	09/16/2020	
Cash mgmt. 42-day	TBA	09/22/2020	09/24/2020	912796TP4		\$30		Ē
4-week	09/22/2020	09/24/2020	09/29/2020	TBA		TBA	09/17/2020	\$30
8-week	09/22/2020	09/24/2020	09/29/2020	TBA		TBA	09/17/2020	\$35
3-month	09/24/2020	09/21/2020	09/24/2020	9127963L1		\$54	09/14/2020	\$54
6-month	09/24/2020	09/21/2020	09/24/2020	9127962F5		\$51	09/14/2020	\$51
1-year	10/01/2020	10/06/2020	10/08/2020	TBA		TBA	09/08/2020	\$34
Note Auctions								
2-year	10/22/2020	09/22/2020	09/30/2020	91282CAN1		\$52	08/25/2020	\$50
3-year	10/01/2020	10/06/2020	10/15/2020	TBA		TBA	09/08/2020	\$50
5-year	10/22/2020	09/23/2020	09/30/2020	91282CAM3		\$53	08/26/2020	\$51
7-year	10/22/2020	09/24/2020	09/30/2020	91282CAL5		\$50	08/27/2020	\$47
10-year	10/01/2020	10/07/2020	10/15/2020	TBA	R	TBA	09/09/2020	\$35
Bond Auctions								
20-year	10/15/2020	10/21/2020	11/02/2020	TBA	R	TBA	09/15/2020	\$22
30-year	10/01/2020	10/08/2020	10/15/2020	ТВА	R	TBA	09/10/2020	\$23 .
TIPS Auctions								
5-yr TIPS	10/15/2020	10/22/2020	10/30/2020	TBA		TBA	06/18/2020	\$15

5-yr TIPS	10/15/2020	10/22/2020	10/30/2020	TBA		TBA	06/18/2020	\$15
10-yr TIPS	11/12/2020	11/19/2020	11/30/2020	TBA	R	TBA	09/17/2020	\$12
30-yr TIPS	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA		TBA	08/20/2020	\$7
Floating Rate Note								
2-year FRN	10/22/2020	09/23/2020	09/25/2020	91282CAA9	R	\$22	08/26/2020	\$22
Buyback Operation								
Buyback	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA		TBA	11/14/2018	\$.025

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Current Implied Probability of Fed Rate Movement (Futures) On Bloomberg: WIRP <go>

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US - Fut	11/05/2020	-2.48	Effective Rate	0.09	C	ur. Imp. O/N	Rate	0.082	
US - OIS	11/05/2020	-6.4%							
CA - OIS	10/28/2020	-2.48	Meeting	#Hikes/Cuts	%Hike/Cut	Imp. Rate ∆	Implied Rate	A.R.M.	
			11/05/2020	-0.024	-2.4%	-0.006	0.076	0.250	
Europe			12/16/2020	-0.056	-3.2%	-0.014	0.069	0.250	
EZ - OIS	10/29/2020	-6.5%	01/27/2021	-0.100	-4.4%	-0.025	0.058	0.250	
GB - OIS	11/05/2020	-2.987	03/17/2021	-0.142	-4.2%	-0.036	0.047	0.250	
SE - OIS	11/26/2020	-2.8%	04/28/2021	-0.140	+0.2%	-0.035	0.047	0.250	
			06/16/2021	-0.170	-3.0%	-0.043	0.040	0.250	
APAC			07/28/2021	-0.180	-1.0%	-0.045	0.038	0.250	
AU - Fut	10/06/2020	-73.287	09/22/2021	-0.228	-4.8%	-0.057	0.026	0.250	
NZ - OIS	11/11/2020	-6.0%	11/03/2021	-0.222	+0.5%	-0.056	0.027	0.250	
JP - OIS	10/29/2020	-6.2%	12/15/2021	-0.242	-2.0%	-0.060	0.022	0.250,	
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Getting Granular

The Fed watches 1-month bills v. 1-month bills 6-months forward. Below is a chart of 1-month SOFR v. 1-month SOFR 6-months forward, a poor man's proxy in futures.



Federal Reserve economists said, watching forward rates relative to those on current Treasury bills has served traders well in the past. When the short term forward spread inverts, it indicates easier Fed policy in the near future.

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ICE-SETTLED LIBOR 09/23/2020

1-Month Libor Set	0.14813	00300
3-Month Libor Set	0.22500	+.00250
6-Month Libor Set	0.27163	00312
1-Year Libor Set	0.37175	00475

The SOFR Curve

Making the change from LIBOR to a new reference rate is not an insignificant exercise. It will take planning and changes to processes and systems. Sonia and SOFR appear likely to offer two options for users: compounded, setting in arrears (currently used in OIS markets) or a term rate setting in advance like LIBOR. You have questions, we have answers.



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	Tern	n SOFR f	from 1-d	ay Retu	rns							
0.07839%	0.07776%	0.07312%	0.06594%	0.05992%	0.04938%	0.03379%						
1.000065322	1.000196559	1.00036765	1.000500065	1.0006076	1.00074886	1.0006851						
1mo	3mo	6mo	9mo	12mo	18mo	24mo						
9/23/2020	9/23/2020	9/23/2020	9/23/2020	9/23/2020	9/23/2020	9/23/2020						
10/22/2020	12/22/2020	3/22/2021	6/22/2021	9/22/2021	3/22/2022	9/22/2022						
30	91	181	273	365	546	730						
Term SOFR+Credit from 1-day Returns												
0.59885%	0.59950%	0.59684%	0.59101%	0.58586%	0.57655%	0.56196%						
1.00049904	1.001515414	1.00300076	1.004481827	1.00594	1.0087443	1.0113952						
1mo	3mo	6mo	9mo	12mo	18mo	24mo						
9/23/2020	9/23/2020	9/23/2020	9/23/2020	9/23/2020	9/23/2020	9/23/2020						
10/22/2020	12/22/2020	3/22/2021	6/22/2021	9/22/2021	3/22/2022	9/22/2022						
30	91	181	273	365	546	730						
	Term A	MERIBO	DR from 1	L-day R	eturns							
0.09447%	0.09014%	0.08248%	0.07824%	0.07613%								
1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00								
1mo	3mo	6mo	9mo	12mo								
9/23/2020	9/23/2020	9/23/2020	9/23/2020	9/23/2020								
10/22/2020	12/22/2020	3/22/2021	6/22/2021	9/22/2021								
30	91	181	273	365								
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0.62016%	0.61584%	0.60818%	0.60393%	0.60182%	Returns							
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US-SWAP curve and Treasury 2s/10s chart IRSB <GO> Treasury 2s/10s



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Tenor	Bid Ask	Mid C			∆/d Low	Range	High	Avg	+/-B	#SD
1) 1 YR	0.226 / 0.231	0.228	0.000	0.1	0.218		0.258	0.237	-0.6	-1.0
2) 2 YR	0.216 / 0.218	0.217	0.000	0.0	0.207	• •	0.253	0.225	-0.7	-0.9
3) 3 YR	0.227 / 0.232	0.230	0.002	0.2 م	0.216	_	0.274	0.239	-0.7	-0.7
4) 4 YR	0.268 / 0.270	0.269	0.001	0.1	0.248		0.320	0.278	-0.8	-0.6
5) 5 YR	0.329 / 0.332	0.331	0.000	0.0	0.297		0.386	0.338	-0.6	-0.4
6) 6 YR	0.401 / 0.405	0.403	0.001	0.1	0.361		0.471	0.410	-0.5	-0.3
7) 7 YR	0.477 / 0.479	0.478	0.002	0.1	0.430		0.560	0.491	-1.2	-0.4
8) 8 YR	0.550 / 0.553	0.552	0.002	0.1	0.493		0.644	0.562	-0.9	-0.4
9) 9 YR	0.620 / 0.623	0.621	0.002	0.1	0.553		0.721	0.631	-0.8	-0.4
10) 10 YR	0.684 / 0.686	0.685	0.003	0.1	0.607		0.790	0.693	-0.7	-0.3
11) 15 YR	0.897 / 0.899		0.003	0.1	0.794		1.017	0.903	-0.4	-0.1
12) 20 YR	1.004 / 1.008	1.006	0.002	0.0	0.888		1.132	1.028	-2.0	-0.2
13) 25 YR	1.047 / 1.051	1.049	0.002	0.1	0.924		1.180	1.050	0.1	0.0
14) 30 YR	1.065 / 1.069	1.067	0.003	0.1	0.940		1.205	1.068	0.1	0.0
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THEY SAID IT:

Fed Chair Powell today will appear before the House select committee on the Covid pandemic to discuss the Fed's response to the pandemic.

For his third day of testimony this week, Mr. Powell on Thursday will then join Treasury Secretary Mnuchin before the Senate Banking Committee for the same quarterly review of the CARES Act that they did Tuesday before the House Financial Services Committee.

Tuesday's Powell-Mnuchin appearance before the House committee had little market impact and was in line with market expectations. Mr. Powell warned that the recovery is "highly uncertain," and the U.S. economy has a long way to go before fully recovering from the Covid pandemic. Mr. Powell also pressed for more fiscal support when he said, "the path forward will depend on keeping the virus under control, and on policy actions taken at all levels of government."

Meanwhile, Chicago Fed President Evans on Tuesday called for Congress to provide fiscal support by saying that the economy would worsen without "at least \$500 billion if not \$1 trillion" of additional fiscal support.

Mr. Evans on Tuesday also created a stir by saying, "We could start raising interest rates before we start averaging 2% in inflation." However, that comment was still compatible with last Wednesday's FOMC's post-meeting statement that said, "The Committee decided to keep the target range for the federal funds rate at 0 to 1/4 percent and expects it will be appropriate to maintain this target range until labor market conditions have reached levels consistent with the Committee's assessments of maximum employment and inflation has risen to 2 percent and is on track to moderately exceed 2 percent for some time."

The FOMC statement said that it expects the target range to remain at its current level until "inflation has risen to 2%" but added that it only must be on track to exceed 2%.

In any case, it will be a matter of years before the markets need to get serious about expecting a rate hike. The federal funds futures market indicates that the markets are not expecting a funds rate hike for as long as the futures contracts extend, which is July 2022. The July 2022 federal funds rate futures contract yesterday closed at 0.00%, which indicates that the market is expecting the funds rate in that month to average 9 bp lower than the current effective federal funds rate level of 0.09%.

Congressional leaders and the White House Tuesday evening reached a deal on a continuing resolution (CR) to fund the government through Dec 11. The House approved the CR Tuesday evening and sent it to the Senate.

The deal came after Speaker Pelosi acceded to President Trump's demand for \$30 billion in farm aid in exchange for \$8 billion of additional school-lunch aid for children. The deal came about because no one in Washington wants to be blamed for a government shutdown just before the November 3 election. The

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CR must now be passed by the Senate and signed by President Trump by next Wednesday, or there will be a government shutdown next Thursday (Oct 1).

The consensus is for today's July FHFA house price index to show a +0.4% m/m increase, adding to June's sharp increase of +0.9% m/m. The house price index in June showed a large year-onyear gain of +5.7% y/y.

U.S. home prices are shooting up in response to both strong demand and tight supplies. Yesterday's Aug U.S. existing home sales report showed a +2.4% gain to a new 13-1/2 year high of 6.00 million units. Meanwhile, the supply of homes on the market is tight at only 3.0 months, which matches the record low seen on several occasions in recent months. The squeeze in home prices is likely to continue until mortgage forbearance measures expire, thus resulting in a wave of foreclosures.

U.S. home sales are surging because many people are buying larger homes so they can work from home. Also, many people are buying homes to escape from urban areas or from multi-family units. The low level of mortgage rates is also encouraging home purchases. The current 30-year mortgage rate of 2.87% is only 1 bp above the previous week's record low of 2.86%.

The Treasury today will sell \$22 billion of floating-rate notes and \$53 billion of 5-year T-notes. The \$53 billion size of today's 5-year T-note auction is up by \$2 billion from Aug's \$51 billion auction and is up by a total of \$12 billion from the \$41 billion size that prevailed in 2019 and early 2020 before pandemic expenses exploded the U.S. budget deficit. The Treasury will conclude this week's \$177 billion T-note package by selling \$50 billion of 7-year T-notes on Thursday.

Today's 5-year T-note issue was trading at 0.27% in when-issued trading late yesterday afternoon, which is near the middle of the very narrow 14 bp range of 0.19% to 0.33% seen since July 1.

The 12-auction averages for the 5-year are as follows: 2.47 bid cover ratio, 4.7 bp tail to the median yield, 25.4 bp tail to the low yield, and 44% taken at the high yield. The 5-year is mildly below average in popularity among foreign investors and central banks. Indirect bidders, a proxy for foreign buyers, have taken an average of only 60.8% of the last twelve 5-year T-note auctions, which is mildly below the median of 63.6% seen for all recent Treasury coupon auctions.

Johnson & Johnson Begins Giant Trial Testing One-Dose Covid Shot

https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-09-23/johnson-johnson-begins-giant-trial-testing-onedose-covid-shot?srnd=premium&sref=k5DuN3at

U.S.-China tensions take center stage at U.N. as Trump accuses Beijing of unleashing 'plague' <u>https://www.reuters.com/article/us-un-assembly/u-s-china-tensions-take-center-stage-at-u-n-as-trump-accuses-beijing-of-unleashing-plague-idUSKCN26D2FN</u>

Jamie Dimon says he's OK with higher taxes on the rich, but wealth tax is 'almost impossible' <u>https://www.cnbc.com/2020/09/23/jp-morgans-jamie-dimon-on-taxing-the-rich-donald-trumps-tax-</u> cuts.html

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EQUITIES

The S&P is +8 and the NASDAQ is -30. Earnings: <u>www.moneycentral.msn.com/investor/market/earncalendar</u> On Bloomberg type in ACDR <GO> UK In the UK the FTSE closed +2.12%. BOE Rate +0.10%. (No change). Next meeting 11/05/20

EU

The CAC Index closed +1.57%. The DAX Index closed +1.44%. ECB Main Refinancing Operations Rate 0.00% (No change). Deposit Facility Rate -.50% Next meeting 10/29/20

Japan The TOPIX closed -0.13%. The NIKKEI closed -0.06%. BOJ Policy Balance Rate -0.10% (No change). Next meeting 10/29/20

China: The Hang Seng closed +0.11%. The Shanghai Composite closed +0.17%. PBOC Deposit Rate: 1.50% Lending Rate: 4.35% 7-Day Repo Rate: 1.2475% Reserve Requirement Ratio: 12.50%

THE TREND

EDZ20: **99-71.5** is the pivot. Above the pivot you should be long, below short. Support is at **99-71.5** and **99-69****

Resistance is at 99-74**

^Pivot Point is a simple 20-day moving average. ** 2-STD Deviations from the pivot point.

Long EDZ0 from 99.735 (9/16/20).



YTD (per contract) 2020 +147.5 ticks (+\$3,850.00)

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Ultra 10-year Note (UXYZ0): 159-22.5 is the pivot point.

Above the pivot you should be long, below short.

Support is at 159-22.5^ and 158-27**

Resistance is at 160-18**

01ivot Point is a simple 20-day moving average. ** 2-STD Deviations from the pivot point

The position that had you short from 159-21 (9/16/20) has rolled over, resulting in a 4-tick (\$125.00) loss and a new long position from 159-25 (9/17/20).





YTD (per contract) (2020) +346 futures ticks (\$31.25 per tick) or +\$10,812.50 (2019) +351.5 futures ticks (\$31.25 per tick) or +\$10,984.38 (2018) +185.0 futures ticks (\$31.25 per tick) or +\$5,781.13

		1	Media	n ¹		Central Tendency ²					Range ³				
Variable	2020	2021	2022	2023	Longer run	2020	2021	2022	2023	Longer run	2020	2021	2022	2023	Longer run
Change in real GDP June projection	-3.7 -6.5	4.0 5.0	3.0 3.5	2.5	1.9 1.8	-4.03.0 -7.65.5	3.6-4.7 4.5-6.0	2.5 - 3.3 3.0 - 4.5	2.4-3.0	1.7-2.0 1.7-2.0	-5.5-1.0 -10.04.2	0.0-5.5 -1.0-7.0	2.0-4.5 2.0-6.0	2.0-4.0	1.6-2.2 1.6-2.2
Unemployment rate June projection	7.6 9.3	5.5 6.5	4.6 5.5	4.0	4.1 4.1	7.0-8.0 9.0-10.0	5.0-6.2 5.9-7.5	4.0-5.0 4.8-6.1	3.5-4.4	3.9–4.3 4.0–4.3	6.5 - 8.0 7.0 - 14.0	4.0-8.0 4.5-12.0	3.5 - 7.5 4.0 - 8.0	3.5-6.0	3.5-4.7 3.5-4.7
PCE inflation June projection	1.2 0.8	$1.7 \\ 1.6$	1.8 1.7	2.0	2.0 2.0	1.1-1.3 0.6-1.0	1.6-1.9 1.4-1.7	1.7 - 1.9 1.6 - 1.8	1.9-2.0	2.0 2.0	1.0-1.5 0.5-1.2	1.3-2.4 1.1-2.0	1.5-2.2 1.4-2.2	1.7-2.1	2.0 2.0
Core PCE inflation ⁴ June projection	$1.5 \\ 1.0$	$1.7 \\ 1.5$	$1.8 \\ 1.7$	2.0		1.3-1.5 0.9-1.1	1.6 - 1.8 1.4 - 1.7	1.7 - 1.9 1.6 - 1.8	1.9-2.0		1.2-1.6 0.7-1.3	1.5 - 2.4 1.2 - 2.0	1.6-2.2 1.2-2.2	1.7-2.1	
Memo: Projected appropriate policy path															
Federal funds rate June projection	$0.1 \\ 0.1$	$0.1 \\ 0.1$	$0.1 \\ 0.1$	0.1	2.5 2.5	0.1 0.1	0.1 0.1	0.1 0.1	0.1-0.4	2.3-2.5 2.3-2.5	0.1 0.1	0.1 0.1	0.1-0.6 0.1-1.1	0.1-1.4	2.0-3.0 2.0-3.0

Table 1. Economic projections of Federal Reserve Board members and Federal Reserve Bank presidents, under their individual assumptions of projected appropriate monetary policy, September 2020

Percent

NOTE: Projections of change in real gross domestic product (GDP) and projections for both measures of inflation are percent changes from the fourth quarter of the previous year to the fourth quarter of the year indicated. PCE inflation and core PCE inflation are the percentage rates of change in, respectively, the price index for personal consumption expenditures (PCE) and the price index for PCE excluding food and energy. Projections for the unemployment rate are for the average civilian unemployment rate in the fourth quarter of the year indicated. Each participant's projections are based on his or her assessment of appropriate monetary policy. Longer-run projections represent each participant's assessment of the rate to which each variable would be expected to converge under appropriate monetary policy and in the absence of further shocks to the economy. The projections for the federal funds rate are the value of the midpoint of the projected appropriate target range for the federal funds rate or the projected appropriate target level for the federal funds rate at the end of the specified calendar year or over the longer run. The June projections were made in conjunction with the meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee on June 9–10, 2020. One participant did not submit longer-run projections for the change in real GDP, the unemployment rate, or the federal funds rate in conjunction with the June 9–10, 2020, meeting, and one participant did not submit such projections in conjunction with the September 15–16, 2020, meeting.

For each period, the median is the middle projection with the september 15-10, 2020, intering.
For each period, the median is the middle projection when the projections are arranged from lowest to highest. When the number of projections is even, the dian is the average of the two middle projections.
The central tendency excludes the three highest and three lowest projections for each variable in a given year includes all participants' projections, from lowest to highest, for that variable in a three year.
Longer-run projections for core PCE inflation are not collected.

http://www.federalreserve.gov/monetarypolicy/files/fomcprojtabl20200916.pdf

Muni IG Curve

The MBIS Municipal Benchmark Curve is a tax-exempt investment grade yield curve that is valued directly against pre- and post-trade market data provided by the MSRB. https://emma.msrb.org/ToolsAndResources/MBISYieldCurve?daily=True



http://www.msrb.org/~/media/Files/EMMA/MBIS-Yield-Curve-Methodology.ashx

The Fundamentals

LABOR

Bureau of Labor and Statistics

http://www.bls.gov/news.release/

CPI, ECI, Employment situation PPI, CPI, Productivity and Costs, Real Earnings and US import/exports.

Average Hourly Earnings y/y Department of Labor Department.



Bureau of Labor Statistics

https://www.bls.gov/web/empsit/cesnaicsrev.htm

Nonfarm Payroll Employment: Revisions between over-the-month estimates, 1979-present

KC Federal Reserve Agricultural Finance Databook

Farm income in the Tenth District weakened alongside a steep drop in agricultural commodity prices that began in March. The pace of decline in income was noticeably faster in the first quarter than in the previous quarter amid intensifying concerns related to COVID-19 (Chart 1). Spending by farm borrowers also weakened slightly, but less abruptly than farm income. Corn and cattle comprise a large share of total revenues in the region and as the survey began in March, prices of both had decreased about 15 percent since January. Even after the first quarter survey, the declines continued through early May, putting added downward pressure on revenues for producers.

https://www.kansascityfed.org/research/indicatorsdata/agcreditsurvey/articles/2020/5-13-2020/agriculture-tenth-district-feels-initial-effects-of-pandemic

How do Farm Incomes Compare to the average population

https://www.ers.usda.gov/faqs/#Q4

Charge-off Delinquency Rates on Loans and Leases at Commercial Banks https://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/chargeoff/delallsa.htm

Baker Hughes Rig Count Overview and Summary Count

https://bakerhughesrigcount.gcs-web.com/rig-count-overview?c=79687&p=irolrigcountsoverview

What is U.S. electricity generation by energy source?

https://www.eia.gov/electricity/monthly/epm_table_grapher.php?t=epmt_es1b

Renewable Fuels Association

http://www.ethanolrfa.org/

How do Fuel Cell Electric Vehicles Work Using Hydrogen

https://afdc.energy.gov/vehicles/how-do-fuel-cell-electric-cars-work

Rail Traffic

For this week, total U.S. weekly rail traffic was 474,785 carloads and intermodal units, down 9.9 percent compared with the same week last year.

Total carloads for the week ending September 12 were 214,142 carloads, down 15.2 percent compared with the same week in 2019, while U.S. weekly intermodal volume was 260,643 containers and trailers, down 5 percent compared to 2019.

One of the 10 carload commodity groups posted an increase compared with the same week in 2019. It was grain, up 3,098 carloads, to 21,550. Commodity groups that posted decreases compared with the same week in 2019 included coal, down 20,518 carloads, to 60,278; nonmetallic minerals, down 9,007 carloads, to 26,760; and metallic ores and metals, down 4,648 carloads, to 18,157.

For the first 37 weeks of 2020, U.S. railroads reported cumulative volume of 7,884,697 carloads, down 15.8 percent from the same point last year; and 9,158,459 intermodal units, down 6.9 percent from last year. Total combined U.S. traffic for the first 37 weeks of 2020 was 17,043,156 carloads and intermodal units, a decrease of 11.2 percent compared to last year.

North American rail volume for the week ending September 12, 2020, on 12 reporting U.S., Canadian and Mexican railroads totaled 309,596 carloads, down 12.7 percent compared with the same week last year, and 348,700 intermodal units, down 5.9 percent compared with last year. Total combined weekly rail traffic in North America was 658,296 carloads and intermodal units, down 9.2 percent. North American rail volume for the first 37 weeks of 2020 was 23,480,706 carloads and intermodal units, down 10.5 percent compared with 2019.

Canadian railroads reported 77,003 carloads for the week, down 5 percent, and 70,777 intermodal units, down 5.5 percent compared with the same week in 2019. For the first 37 weeks of 2020, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 5,159,513 carloads, containers and trailers, down 8.1 percent.

Mexican railroads reported 18,451 carloads for the week, down 11.6 percent compared with the same week last year, and 17,280 intermodal units, down 19.1 percent. Cumulative volume on This information is not to be construed as an offer to sell or a solicitation or an offer to buy the commodities herein named. The information of this report has been obtained from sources believed to be reliable but is not necessarily all-inclusive and is not guaranteed as to the accuracy and is not to be construed as representation by R.J O'Brien & Associates. The risk of trading futures and options can be substantial. Each investor must consider whether this is a suitable investment. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

Mexican railroads for the first 37 weeks of 2020 was 1,278,037 carloads and intermodal containers and trailers, down 9.6 percent from the same point last year. https://www.aar.org/news/weekly-rail-traffic-for- the-week-ending-september-12-2020/



Trailer Truck Demand 09/21/20

North American spot-trucking relative demand rose 8.2% sequentially in the week ended Sept. 18, based on Truckstop.com's Market Demand Index, hitting a new high as a 23% jump in available loads outpaced the 14% gain in available trucks. Rates for flatbed and specialized equipment (each up 0.9% from last week), excluding fuel surcharges, once again saw sequential gains that we believe may persist with boosts in housing starts and recovering manufacturing. Dry-van rates slipped 0.4% lower, though remain about 42% higher in September from last year, which is more than any equipment type. Dry-van fundamentals can remain supported by driver constraints and inventory restocking ahead of peak season, in our view.

USA Truck, Knight-Swift, J.B. Hunt and Werner operate mostly in the contract market, with varying spot exposure.



GDP

U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of economic analysis <u>http://www.bea.gov/newsreleases/national/gdp/gdpnewsrelease.htm</u> GDP, Personal Income, Outlays, Consumer Spending, Corporate Profits and Fixed Assets



As of 09/18/20 3Q GDP is running at +26.08%* v. +26.52%* on 09/17/2020 * simple average of the 3 regionals reporting 3rd quarter GDP estimates.

Atlanta Fed Real GDP Nowcast... Q3 2020: +32.00% as of September 17, 2020

The GDPNow model estimate for real GDP growth (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in the third quarter of 2020 is **32.0 percent** on September 17, up from 31.7 percent on September 16. After this morning's housing starts report from the U.S. Census Bureau, the nowcast of third-quarter real residential investment growth increased from 39.3 percent to 46.1 percent.

The next GDPNow update is **Friday**, **September 25**. Please see the "Release Dates" tab below for a list of upcoming releases. https://www.frbatlanta.org/cger/research/gdpnow

St. Louis Fed Real GDP Nowcast... Q3 2020: +31.95% as of September 17, 2020 https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/GDPNOW

NY Fed GDP Nowcast...Q3 2020: +14.3 as of September 18, 2020

The New York Fed Staff Nowcast stands at 14.3% for 2020: Q3 and 5.3% for 2020: Q4. News from this week's data releases decreased the nowcast for 2020: Q3 by 1.3 percentage points and decreased the nowcast for 2020: Q4 by 2 percentage points.

Negative surprises from industrial production, capacity utilization, retail sales, and housing starts data drove the decrease in both quarters.

https://www.newyorkfed.org/research/policy/nowcast

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Manufacturing at a Glance August 2020

Index	Series Index Aug	Series Index Jul	Percentage Point Change	Direction	Rate of Change	Trend* (Months)
PMI®	56.0	54.2	+1.8	Growing	Faster	3
New Orders	67.6	61.5	+6.1	Growing	Faster	3
Production	63.3	62.1	+1.2	Growing	Faster	3
Employment	46.4	44.3	+2.1	Contracting	Slower	13
Supplier Deliveries	58.2	55.8	+2.4	Slowing	Faster	10
Inventories	44.4	47.0	-2.6	Contracting	Faster	2
Customers' Inventories	38.1	41.6	-3.5	Too Low	Faster	47
Prices	59.5	53.2	+6.3	Increasing	Faster	3
Backlog of Orders	54.6	51.8	+2.8	Growing	Faster	2
New Export Orders	53.3	50.4	+2.9	Growing	Faster	2
Imports	55.6	53.1	+2.5	Growing	Faster	2
	OVERALL	Growing	Faster	4		
	Manufact	Growing	Faster	3		

Average for 12 months - 49.2 High - 56.0 Low - 41.5

https://www.instituteforsupplymanagement.org/ISMReport

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Ranking of Countries by Military might. <u>www.military.com</u>

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- 1. Establish Justice and Ensure Domestic Tranquility.
- 2. Provide for the Common Defense.
- 3. Promote the General welfare.

4. Secure the Blessings of Liberty to Ourselves and Our Posterity.

www.usafacts.org

US Foreign Assistance http://foreignassistance.gov/

How much aid do we give around the world? https://explorer.usaid.gov

CBOT Non-Commercial Net Total – Futures Only http://www.cmegroup.com/trading/interest-rates/cftc-tff/main.html

The Periodic Table of Commodity Returns 2019

Explore how natural resources have performed over the last 10 years on the interactive chart below. Click a commodity to see its trend or the sidebar to reveal the historical pattern of your choice.



http://www.usfunds.com/interactive/the-periodic-table-of-commodity-returns-2019/#.XDjAAlxKiUk

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