

Commodities and Indices Market View

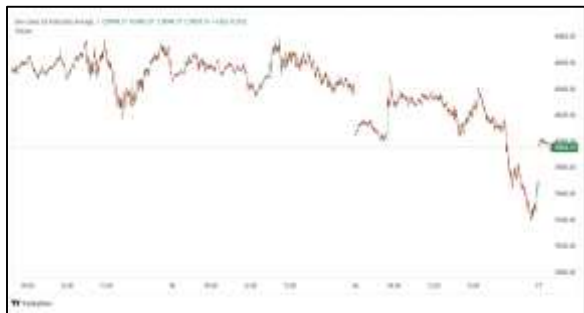
Monday, August 18, 2025



Technicals



S&P 500	RSI (20:80)	Sto Fast
	65.06%	93.36% 93.27%



Dow Jones	RSI (20:80)	Sto Fast
	60.45%	83.79% 94.25%

US Stock Market

DJIA	S&P 500	NASDAQ
44,946.12	6,449.80	21,622.98
+0.08%	-0.29%	-0.40%

The blue-chip Dow Jones ended higher after hitting an intraday record high on Friday, as UnitedHealth's shares jumped after Berkshire Hathaway raised its stake, but other Wall Street indexes slipped as mixed data clouded the Federal Reserve's next monetary policy move.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average (.DJI), rose 34.86 points, or 0.08%, to 44,946.12, the S&P 500 (.SPX), lost 18.74 points, or 0.29%, to 6,449.80 and the Nasdaq Composite (.IXIC), lost 87.69 points, or 0.40%, to 21,622.98.

On the Nasdaq, declining issues outnumbered advancers by a 1.36-to-1 ratio.

The S&P 500 posted 10 new 52-week highs and no new lows while the Nasdaq Composite recorded 79 new highs and 81 new lows.

Volume on U.S. exchanges was relatively light, with 16.3 billion shares traded, compared to an average of 18.2 billion shares over the previous 20 sessions.

For the week, the S&P 500 gained 0.94%, the Nasdaq rose 0.81%, and the Dow climbed 1.74%. The Russell 2000 Small Cap Index (.RUT), rose 3.13%.

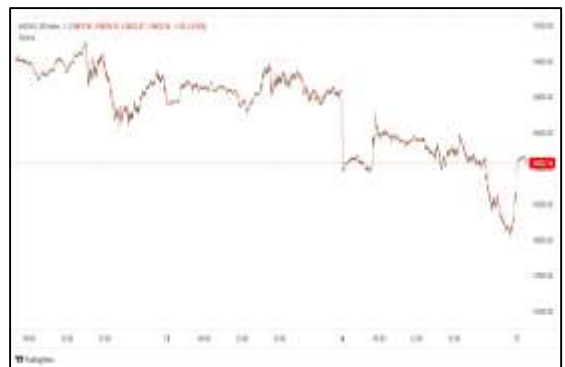
Major Economic Releases for Today

Period	Event	GMT	Forecast	Previous
JUL	BoC Consumer Price Index Core (YoY) (Jul)	12:30	--	2.70%
JUL	Consumer Price Index (YoY) (Jul)	12:30	--	1.90%
JUL	RBNZ Interest Rate Decision	2:00	3.00%	3.25%
JUL	RBNZ Monetary Policy Review	2:00	--	--
JUL	RBNZ Press Conference	3:00	--	--

Dow Jones Industrial Average

At the close in NYSE, the Dow Jones Industrial Average added 0.08%. The best performers of the session on the Dow Jones Industrial Average were Unitedhealth Group (NYSE:UNH), which rose 12.03% or 32.67 points to trade at 304.16 at the close. Meanwhile, Salesforce Inc (NYSE:CRM) added 3.89% or 9.07 points to end at 242.44 and Amgen Inc (NASDAQ:AMGN) was up 2.15% or 6.24 points to 296.53 in late trade.

The worst performers of the session were Cisco Systems Inc (NASDAQ:CSCO), which fell 4.46% or 3.09 points to trade at 66.21 at the close. 3M Company (NYSE:MMM) declined 2.72% or 4.26 points to end at 152.39 and Caterpillar Inc (NYSE:CAT) was down 2.33% or 9.71 points to 407.79.



NASDAQ 100

At the close in NYSE, the NASDAQ Composite index lost 0.40%. The top performers on the NASDAQ Composite were ReShape Lifesciences Inc (NASDAQ:HIND) which rose 257.14% to 14.00, IO Biotech Inc (NASDAQ:IOBT) which was up 67.97% to settle at 2.15 and Precigen Inc (NASDAQ:PGEN) which gained 58.92% to close at 2.94.

The worst performers were Cuprina Holdings Inc (NASDAQ:CUPR) which was down 87.34% to 1.19 in late trade, FlyE Group Inc (NASDAQ:FLYE) which lost 86.86% to settle at 1.02 and Magnitude International Ltd (NASDAQ:MAGH) which was down 64.34% to 1.48 at the close.



OIL

Oil prices were largely unchanged on Monday after a drop in early trade, as the United States exerted no further pressure on Russia to end the Ukraine war through measures to disrupt its oil exports following a meeting of the leaders of both nations.

Brent crude futures dropped 6 cents, or 0.09%, to \$65.79 a barrel by 0342 GMT while U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude was at \$62.82 a barrel, up 2 cents, or 0.03%.

Precious and Base Metals

Gold rose after hitting a two-week low, supported by lower U.S. Treasury yields as investors awaited U.S. President Donald Trump's meeting with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy and European leaders to discuss a peace deal with Russia.

Spot gold gained 0.5% to \$3,350.55 per ounce, as of 0353 GMT on Monday, after hitting its lowest level since August 1.

Gold, traditionally considered a safe-haven asset during political and economic uncertainties, tends to thrive in a low-interest-rate environment.

Elsewhere, spot silver rose 0.4% to \$38.13 per ounce, platinum gained 0.4% to \$1,341.35 and palladium was up 0.6% to \$1,118.80.



Traditional Agricultures

Soybeans took back the Thursday losses on Friday, with gains of 12 to 14 ¾ cents. September rounded out the week with a 54 ½ cent gain, as November was up 55 cents. The cmdtyView national average Cash Bean price was up 12 1/2 cents at \$9.77 3/4.

Corn futures were rallying back on Friday, with contracts up 7 to 8 ¾ cents. The CmdtyView national average Cash Corn price was up 8 1/2 cents at \$3.63 3/4.

The wheat complex was mixed to round out the week with the spring wheat market reverting lower. CBT soft red wheat futures were 2 to 3 cents in the green to close out the week that say September down 8 cents. KC HRW futures managed to close with 2 to 3 cent gains on Friday, as September was 11 ¼ cents lower on the week.



Future Settlement Price Monday, August 18th , 2025					
Instrument	Last	Net Change	High	Low	Volume
S & P 500	6,478.50	7.00	6,484.25	6,466.25	26,646.00
NASDAQ 100	23,851.25	47.25	23,881.75	23,795.00	18,590.00
Dow Jones	45,083.00	43.00	45,116.00	45,017.00	2,210.00
Gold	3,400.50	17.90	3,403.40	3,368.00	28,690.00
Silver	38.23	0.25	38.25	37.83	7,772.00
Copper	4.56	0.00	4.57	4.55	286.00
Crude Oil	62.08	0.10	62.19	61.65	15,719.00
Platinum	1,348.20	3.00	1,356.20	1,337.00	3,448.00
Palladium	1,121.50	3.70	1,128.00	1,105.00	775.00
Natural Gas	2.96	-0.06	2.99	2.95	3,267.00
Wheat	526-0	-1.00	528-2	524-4	3,633.00
Soy Beans	1040-0	-6.00	1042-4	1035-2	12,563.00
Corn	402-4	-8.00	404-4	401-4	13,838.00

Daily Swings (The Pivot Levels)							
		Trading Range					
Instrument	S3	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2	R3
Dow Jones	44,493.40	44,591.95	44,751.60	44850.1	45,009.80	45,108.35	45,268.00
S & P 500	6,415.59	6,428.33	6,448.44	6461.59	6,481.29	6,494.03	6,514.14
NASDAQ 100	23,592.25	23,670.62	23,751.52	23829.89	23,910.80	23,989.16	24,070.07
Gold	3,349.01	3,358.63	3,365.26	3374.88	3,381.51	3,391.13	3,397.76
Silver	37.58	37.71	37.79	37.92	38.01	38.14	38.22
Copper	4.48	4.48	4.48	4.49	4.49	4.49	4.50
Crude Oil	61.36	61.51	61.63	61.78	61.90	62.05	62.17
Platinum	1,326.94	1,332.37	1,336.84	1,342.2	1,346.74	1,352.17	1,356.64
Palladium	1,093.09	1,099.42	1,106.34	1,112.6	1,119.59	1,125.92	1,132.84
Natural Gas	2.84	2.85	2.86	2.87	2.88	2.90	2.91
Wheat	517.66	520.33	523.66	526.33	529.66	532.33	535.66
Cotton	66.82	67.02	67.28	67.48	67.74	67.94	68.20
Corn	390.84	393.92	399.59	402.67	408.34	411.42	417.09

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