Commodities and Indices Market View

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Technicals

S&P 500	RSI (20:80)	Sto Fast
	51.17	74.47% 62.36%

Dow Jones	RSI (20:80)	Sto Fast
	46.06	57.53% 55.87%

US Stock Market

DJIA	S&P 500	NASDAQ
52,759.21	7,641.16	26,067.17
-1.32%	-0.87%	-1.00%

The three main U.S. equity indexes closed lower on Thursday as rising Treasury yields dented risk appetite while disappointing results from retail bellwether Walmart soured investors on the consumer sector and rallying oil prices fanned inflation worries.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average (.DJI), fell 703.84 points, or 1.32%, to 52,759.21, the S&P 500 (.SPX), lost 66.82 points, or 0.87%, to 7,641.16 and the Nasdaq Composite (.IXIC), lost 263.92 points, or 1.00%, to 26,067.17.

Declining issues outnumbered advancers by a 1.94-to-1 ratio on the NYSE, where there were 156 new highs and 132 new lows.

On the Nasdaq, 1,672 stocks rose and 3,217 fell as declining issues outnumbered advancers by a 1.92-to-1 ratio.

The S&P 500 posted 16 new 52-week highs and 3 new lows while the Nasdaq Composite recorded 67 new highs and 104 new lows.

On U.S. exchanges about 9.61 billion shares changed hands compared with the 16.64 billion average for the last 20 sessions.

Major Economic Releases for Today

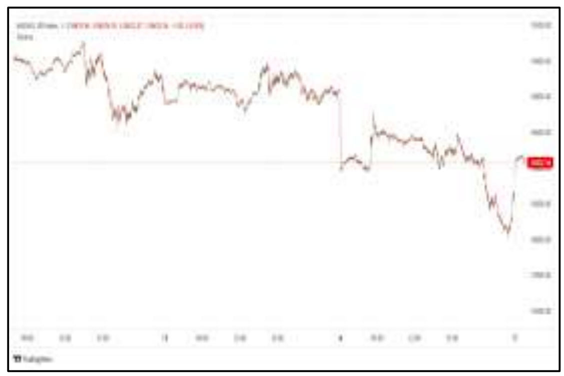
Period	Event	GMT	Forecast	Previous
JULY	Industrial Production (YoY)	12:00	5.00%	5.30%
JULY	Retail Sales (YoY)	12:00	1.50%	1.00%
JUN	Average Earnings Excluding Bonus (3Mo/Yr)	11:00	3.30%	3.40%
JUN	Average Earnings Including Bonus (3Mo/Yr)	11:00	4.00%	4.30%
JUN	ILO Unemployment Rate (3M)	11:00	4.80%	4.80%

Dow Jones Industrial Average

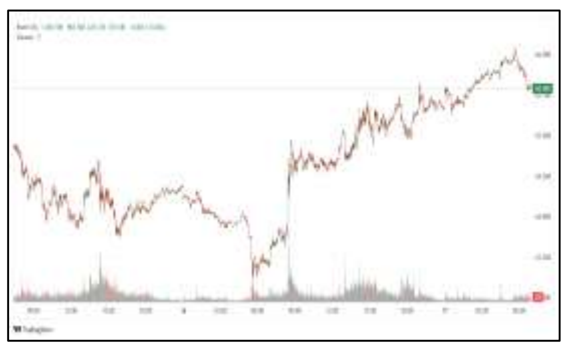
At the close in NYSE, the Dow Jones Industrial Average declined 1.31%. The best performers of the session on the Dow Jones Industrial Average were Travelers Companies (NYSE:TRV), which rose 0.63% or 2.27 points to trade at 364.49 at the close. Meanwhile, McDonald’s Corporation (NYSE:MCD) added 0.63% or 1.68 points to end at 269.13 and Walt Disney Company (NYSE:DIS) was up 0.36% or 0.39 points to 107.32 in late trade.

The worst performers of the session were Walmart Inc (NASDAQ:WMT), which fell 9.15% or 10.46 points to trade at 103.84 at the close. Boeing Co (NYSE:BA) declined 3.20% or 7.10 points to end at 215.10 and Home Depot Inc (NYSE:HD) was down 2.84% or 9.79 points to 334.52.

NASDAQ 100



At the close in NYSE, the NASDAQ Composite index declined 1.00%. The top performers on the NASDAQ Composite were Curanex Pharmaceuticals Inc (NASDAQ:CURX) which rose 1,851.85% to 5.27, Borealis Foods Inc (NASDAQ:BRLS) which was up 105.85% to settle at 1.69 and Jianzhi Century Technology Group Co Ltd ADR (NASDAQ:JZ) which gained 92.35% to close at 3.27.



The worst performers were Profusa Inc (NASDAQ:PFSA) which was down 44.22% to 7.57 in late trade, CDT Environmental Technology Investment Holdings Ltd (NASDAQ:CDTG) which lost 39.20% to settle at 1.83 and Tenon Medical Inc (NASDAQ:TNON) which was down 38.04% to 7.07 at the close.

OIL

Oil prices fell slightly on Friday, but were on track for a second weekly rise as the stalemated U.S.-Iran war continues to disrupt supply from the key Middle East producing region.

Brent crude futures fell 23 cents, or 0.3%, to $93.55 a barrel by 0142 GMT, after climbing 2.4% in the previous session. U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude futures slipped 33 cents, or 0.4%, to $86.50 a barrel, after rising 2.3% in the prior session.

Precious and Base Metals

Gold prices edged higher on Friday and were on track for a third consecutive weekly gain, supported by a weaker dollar and U.S. Treasury's bond buyback move.

Spot gold was up 0.5% at $4,540.18 per ounce by 0254 GMT, after hitting its highest level since early June in the previous session. Prices have climbed 3.6% so far this week. U.S. gold futures rose 0.6% to $4,596.60.

While gold is typically seen as a hedge against inflation, higher interest rates tend to diminish non-yielding bullion's appeal.

Spot silver was up 1.3% to $68.92 per ounce, platinum climbed 2.4% to $1,872.64, while palladium gained 1.3% to $1,351.28. All three metals were headed for weekly gains.

Traditional Agricultures

Soybeans closed the Thursday session mixed, with contracts down 1 ½ to 2 ½ cents lower across the board. The cmdtyView national average Cash Bean price was up 3/4 cents at $11.99 3/4.

Corn futures closed the Thursday session holding onto most of the intraday gains, up 1 to 5 ¾ cents across the front months. The CmdtyView national average Cash Corn price was up 5 ½ cents at $4.50.

The wheat complex posted mixed action across the three exchanges on Thursday. Chicago SRW contracts were fractionally to 2 ½ cents higher on the day. KC HRW futures closed the day with fractionally mixed trade in the nearbys and weaker in the deferreds. MPLS spring wheat was up 6 3/4 to 9 cents on the day.

F u t u r e S e t t l e m e n t P r i c e Friday, August 21 , 2 0 2 6					
Instrument	**Last**	**Net Change**	**High**	**Low**	**Volume**
S & P 500	7,668.00	5.50	7,673.00	7,661.25	36,709.00
NASDAQ 100	29,352.25	51.75	29,399.25	29,274.25	32,848.00
Dow Jones	52,877.00	28.00	52,901.00	52,838.00	3,525.00
Gold	4,594.60	23.20	4,600.30	4,565.50	25,017.00
Silver	69.06	0.95	69.12	67.96	753100.00%
Copper	6.57	-0.03	6.62	6.50	28,553.00
Crude Oil	86.44	-0.39	86.94	86.06	12,010.00
Platinum	1,839.10	28.60	1,849.10	1,792.60	19,029.00
Palladium	1,338.40	4.20	1,347.50	1,315.00	5,706.00
Natural Gas	2.78	0.02	2.80	2.78	1,919.00
Wheat	703-4	-1.00	705-0	697-6	2,286.00
Soy Beans	1229-0	-11.00	1235-4	1227-6	19,701.00
Corn	501-4	-2.00	502-0	499-0	29,949.00

D a i l y S w i n g s (T h e P i v o t L e v e l s)							
			Trading Range				
Instrument	**S3**	**S2**	**S1**	**Pivot**	**R1**	**R2**	**R3**
Dow Jones	53,027.83	53,213.68	53,338.36	53,524.21	53,648.89	53,834.74	53,959.42
S & P 500	7,646.87	7,673.47	7,690.73	7,717.33	7,734.59	7,761.19	7,778.45
NASDAQ 100	28,895.54	29,092.15	29,259.08	29,455.6	29,622.63	29,819.23	29,986.17
Gold	4,573.16	4,578.00	4,584.53	4,589.37	4,595.90	4,600.74	4,607.27
Silver	68.52	68.64	68.79	68.92	69.07	69.19	69.34
Copper	6.52	6.52	6.53	6.54	6.54	6.55	6.56
Crude Oil	86.09	86.22	86.35	86.48	86.61	86.74	86.87
Platinum	1,862.86	1,868.68	1,873.71	1,879.5	1,884.56	1,890.38	1,895.41
Palladium	1,341.59	1,344.67	1,347.84	1,350.9	1,354.09	1,357.17	1,360.34
Natural Gas	2.73	2.74	2.75	2.76	2.77	2.78	2.79
Wheat	697.40	699.20	701.40	703.20	705.40	707.20	709.40
Cotton	88.31	88.46	88.66	88.81	89.01	89.16	89.36
Corn	499.29	499.77	500.44	500.92	501.59	502.07	502.74

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