MARKET SUMMARY

Complete Recap of Today's Market Activity

Bonds Hold The Range Despite More Data-Driven Volatility

Market Summary: Friday, August 15, 2025 - 1:48AM

At 0.9, not only did today's PPI crush the 0.2 forecast, but it's also the highest reading since post-covid hyper-inflation by a wide margin. And while there's always a chance it will be revised to something less alarming next month, it was enough to do noticeable damage to bonds today. Before the data, 10yr yields were knocking on the yield floor at 4.20%. This afternoon, they're up closer to 4.30%. Things could have been even worse if not for the fact that the PCE components in the PPI data suggested a much less onerous impact on the PCE data that will come out in 2 weeks. Nonetheless, it will be enough to keep eyebrows raised regarding the extent to which tariffs are hindering a return to the 2% inflation target (something that will unfortunately be up in the air for many months).

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UMBS 5.5 100.20 +0.05

10YR 4.270% -0.016%

Additional Weakness. Some Negative Reprice Risk

After working through the AM volatility, bonds have continued losing ground at modest pace. Losses are adding up now--not in the bigger picture, but in intraday terms. 10 yr yields are up 4.4 bps on the day at 4.285 and MBS are down an eighth of a point.

For MBS, this is an eighth of a point below some of the early lenders' rate sheet print times. Most lenders tend to price conservatively on a morning with data-driven weakness, but the jumpiest lenders could see this as the threshold of reprice risk consideration.

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Today's Mortgage Rates

30YR Fixed 6.56% +0.03%

15YR Fixed 5.94% +0.04% 8/14/2025

Mortgage Rates Mostly Steady Despite Some Market Volatility

hit fresh long term lows yesterday with the average top tier 30yr fixed rate at the best levels since October 3rd, 2024. There wasn't anything exceptional about the movement yesterday or on any other day in the past week. Rather, it was the jobs report at the beginning of the month that accounted for a 2-day rally. Rates have been holding near longer-term lows with little fanfare ever since.

Because mortgage rates are based on bonds, the absence of fanfare reflects an absence of volatility in the underlying bond market. Today presented the biggest threat to that calm trend since the August 1st jobs report. Unlike the jobs report, today's inflation data caused a volatile reaction in an unfriendly direction.

In other words, the economic data put upward pressure on rates. The catch is that rates were set to start the day at even lower levels before the data came out. The net effect is another day of fairly minimal change.

| Time | Event | Actual | Forecast | Prior |
|----------------|---|--------|----------|-------|
| Friday, Aug 15 | | | | |
| 12:00AM | Roll Date - UMBS 15YR, Ginnie Mae 15YR | | | |
| 8:30AM | Jul Export prices mm (%) | | 0.1% | 0.5% |
| 8:30AM | Jul Import prices mm (%) | | 0% | 0.1% |
| 8:30AM | Jul Retail Sales (ex-autos) (%) | | 0.3% | 0.5% |
| 8:30AM | Aug NY Fed Manufacturing \overleftrightarrow{x} | | 0 | 5.50 |
| 8:30AM | Jul Retail Sales (%) 🌣 | | 0.5% | 0.6% |
| 8:30AM | Jul Retail Sales Control Group MoM 🖈 | | 0.4% | 0.5% |
| 9:15AM | Jul Industrial Production (%) 🌣 | | 0% | 0.3% |
| 10:00AM | Jun Business Inventories (%) ☆ | | 0.2% | 0% |
| 10:00AM | Aug Consumer Sentiment (ip) 🌣 | | 62 | 61.7 |
| 10:00AM | Aug U Mich conditions \leftrightarrows | | 67.9 | 68.0 |
| 10:00AM | Aug Sentiment: 5y Inflation (%) ☆ | | | 3.4% |
| 10:00AM | Aug Sentiment: 1y Inflation (%) \updownarrow | | | 4.5% |
| 12:00PM | NOPA Crush Report (%) | | | |
| Monday, Aug 18 | | | | |
| 10:00AM | Aug NAHB housing market indx 🌣 | | | 33 |

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- Falling Rates Spark Modest Rebound in Mortgage Applications
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Calmly Holding the Lowest Rates Since October, But for How Long?

Last Friday's jobs report sparked a big rally in the bond market, and thus a big improvement for mortgage rates. This week was very light in terms of market data and volatility, but it helped solidify the improvement from the jobs report. Specifically, the average lender wasn't even able to fully adjust their rates to account for market movement last Friday. When bonds maintained those ga...

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