

Afternoon Weakness in Bonds Despite Lower Oil Prices. Will CPI Matter?

Market Summary: Wednesday, March 11, 2026 - 4:41AM

Days like today are a problem for a "set it and forget it" mentality when it comes to energy prices and the bond market. On many occasions since the beginning of last week, the correlation between oil prices and bond yields has been plain to see. Additionally, oil price volatility has been the only way to explain much of the movement in bonds. Now this afternoon, bond yields broke higher despite no clear cues from oil. We are left to lean on things like a weak 3yr Treasury auction and general supply pressures surrounding a large [corporate bond](#) issued by Amazon. Tomorrow brings CPI--usually a relevant market mover, but unlikely to carry as much weight given the current backdrop.

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MBS & Treasury Markets

UMBS 5.0	99.59	+0.11	10YR	4.164%	+0.004%	3/11/2026 4:40AM EST
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Back at Weakest Levels

MBS are back in line with the lows seen at the time of the last alert (actually, just a hair weaker). This is 9 ticks (.28) of weakness on the day and 7 ticks (.22) from intraday highs. Jumper lenders could technically justify negative reprices, but it should be noted that most lenders are only seeing about an eighth of a point of weakness since AM rate sheets.

10yr yields are up 5.7bps at 4.153 and have erased most of yesterday's recover even though oil prices remain mostly in check.

UPDATE: Bouncing Back Now

ALERT: Losing Ground Quickly



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Today's Mortgage Rates

30YR Fixed	6.09%	-0.05%	15YR Fixed	5.69%	-0.05%	3/10/2026
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Mortgage Rates Sideways to Slightly Lower

Today's are lower when compared to yesterday's average prior to 4pm ET. Later in the afternoon, multiple lenders announced improvements as the bond market rallied in response to geopolitical headlines. If we use those later, lower rates as a baseline, today's average is roughly unchanged.

There were no major economic reports today--not that bonds have been too keen on reacting to econ data anyway. War-related headlines remain the biggest risk for potential volatility despite historically significant econ data on tap in the coming days.

Economic Calendar

Last Week | This Week | Next Week

Time	Event	Actual	Forecast	Prior
Wednesday, Mar 11				
12:00AM	Roll Date - UMBS 30YR			
7:00AM	Mar/06 MBA Purchase Index	171.3		158.9
7:00AM	Mar/06 MBA Refi Index	1,646.3		1637.5
7:00AM	Mar/06 Mortgage Market Index	389.6		377.5
8:30AM	Feb y/y Headline CPI (%) ☆		2.4%	2.4%
8:30AM	Fed Bowman Speech ☆			
8:30AM	Feb m/m Headline CPI (%) ★		0.3%	0.2%
8:30AM	Feb y/y CORE CPI (%) ★★		2.5%	2.5%
8:30AM	Feb m/m CORE CPI (%) ★★		0.2%	0.3%
10:30AM	Mar/06 Crude Oil Inventory (ml)		1.1M	3.475M
1:00PM	10-yr Note Auction (bl) ★	39		
2:00PM	Feb Federal budget (bl)		\$-75.85B	\$-95B
Thursday, Mar 12				
8:30AM	Jan Housing starts number mm (ml)		1.35M	1.404M
8:30AM	Jan Trade Gap (bl)		\$-66.6B	\$-70.3B
8:30AM	Mar/07 Jobless Claims (k) ☆		215K	213K
8:30AM	Feb/28 Continued Claims (k) ☆		1850K	1868K
11:00AM	Fed Bowman Speech ☆			
1:00PM	30-Yr Bond Auction (bl) ☆	22		
1:00PM	30-Year Bond Auction ☆			4.750%

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Rates Rocked (Relatively) by Global Events

Last week, it seemed interest rates could do no wrong. Mortgage rates started at multi-year lows on Feb 23rd and proceeded to have a record-setting week (lowest weekly volatility for any week that began with multi-year lows). This week has been entirely different. A chart of 10yr Treasury yields allows us to see minute to minute changes in long-term rate momentum. In terms of mortgage r...

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