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Stocks advanced last week despite mixed inflation data, lurching oil prices, and lingering anxiety about the Middle East.

The Standard & Poor's 500 Index gained 1.11 percent, while the Nasdaq Composite rose 1.13 percent. The Dow Jones Industrial Average picked up 1.21 percent. The MSCI EAFE Index, which tracks developed overseas stock markets, added 0.23 percent.^{1,2}

Up And Down Week

Stocks slipped on Monday as oil continued to rise but moved higher on Tuesday as the technology sector showed the way. Oil prices fell back as investors took a wait-and-see stance concerning Middle East tensions.³

The S&P 500 and Dow Industrials hit fresh record highs on Wednesday but dipped Thursday morning after the latest Consumer Price Index (CPI) data showed inflation was warmer than expected.^{4,5}

Earnings season kicked off Friday, and update reports from a few money center banks injected some enthusiasm into markets. Also, the Producer Price Index (PPI) report showed wholesale prices stayed flat last month, a welcomed update for investors. All three averages closed higher for the fifth consecutive week.⁶

MARKET INSIGHTS



Weekly Market Insights (WMI)

Major Index Return Summary

Name	1M TR	YTD TR	1Y TR	5Yr TR
<u>Dow Jones Industrial Average</u>	4.33%	14.32%	28.33%	77.79%
<u>MSCI EAFE</u>	2.29%	10.81%	22.01%	50.39%
<u>Nasdaq Composite</u>	7.43%	22.48%	35.82%	139.4%
<u>S&P 500</u>	5.30%	22.51%	34.57%	113.2%

S&P 500 Daily Close



Source: YCharts.com, October 12, 2024. Weekly performance is measured from Monday, October 7, to Friday, October 11. TR = total return for the index, which includes any dividends as well as any other cash distributions during the period. Treasury note yield is expressed in basis points.

Inflation Moves Markets

Despite news that showed retail inflation continued to decelerate in September, anxious investors focused on the fact that CPI came in slightly warmer than economists expected for September. Meanwhile, Friday's PPI reading came in slightly better than economists expected, adding a layer of complexity for the Fed as it evaluates the inflation story.^{7,8}

This Week: Key Economic Data

Monday: Fed Official Christopher Waller speaks.

Tuesday: Fed Official Adriana Kugler speaks.

Wednesday: Import and Export Prices. API Weekly Oil Stocks.

Thursday: Retail Sales. Industrial Production. EIA Petroleum Status Report. Weekly Jobless Claims. Fed Official Austan Goolsbee speaks.

Friday: Housing Starts and Permits.

Source: Investors Business Daily - Econoday economic calendar; October 9, 2024

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This Week: Companies Reporting Earnings

Tuesday: UnitedHealth Group Incorporated (UHN), Johnson & Johnson (JNJ), Bank of America Corporation (BAC), The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. (GS), Citigroup Inc.©

Wednesday: Abbott Laboratories (ABT), Prologis, Inc. (PLD)

Thursday: Netflix, Inc. (NFLX), Morgan Stanley (MS), Intuitive Surgical, Inc. (ISRG), Elevance Health, Inc. (ELV), Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc. (MMC), The Blackstone Group (BX)

Friday: The Procter & Gamble Company (PG), American Express Company (AXP)

Source: Zacks, October 9, 2024

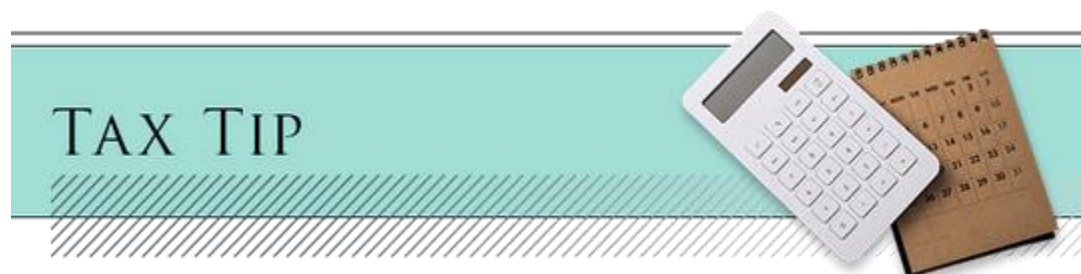
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“Avoid having your ego so close to your position that when your position falls, your ego goes with it.”

- Colin Powell



Passport Power

Did you know that the IRS can revoke your passport if you owe the Internal Revenue Service \$62,000 or more? That's right; the IRS can revoke the passports of any taxpayer owing \$62,000 or more, including penalties and interest.

Notably, if you're currently paying off the debt or are contesting a tax bill in court, you should not be affected. However, anyone under an IRS tax lien could find their ability to travel hampered.

Contact a qualified attorney or tax specialist with questions about tax debts or other complex tax issues.

This information is not a substitute for individualized tax advice. Please discuss your specific tax issues with a qualified tax professional.

Tip adapted from IRS⁹



Eat The Rainbow, Reap The Rainbow

Every food has health benefits, and colors can help you determine which health benefits you enjoy. Here's a quick summary of some of the benefits associated with these colored foods:

- Red foods contain lycopene, a powerful antioxidant that can help reduce cancer risk and keep our hearts healthy.
- Orange/yellow foods contain lots of carotenoids, which help maintain healthy mucous membranes and eyes/vision (possibly preventing cataracts and blindness).
- Green foods contain various compounds that have anti-cancer properties. They're also an excellent source of folate.
- Blue and purple foods contain antioxidants called anthocyanins, which can help protect cells from damage and may reduce the risk of cancer, stroke, and heart disease.
- White foods are known for their antiviral and antibacterial properties, and some (like bananas) are a good source of potassium.

Tip adapted from healthline.com¹⁰

WEEKLY RIDDLE



If six pheasants are in a stand of cattails, and a hunter shoots one of them, how many will remain amid the cattails?

Last week's riddle: I have rough skin and sometimes more than two eyes, but I can be tasty when prepared plainly and simply. Just what am I? Answer: A potato.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK





Bald Eagles Prepare Nest - Haliaeetus leucocephalus

Kenansville, Florida, United States

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