FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF MINNEAPOLIS

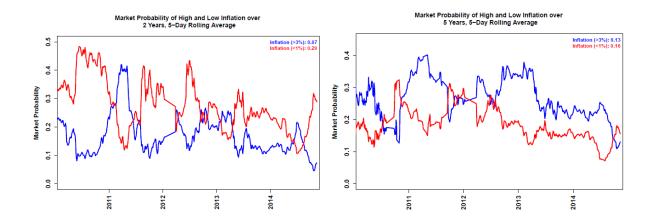
BANKING AND POLICY STUDIES

Minneapolis Options Report - November 14th

The dollar strengthened as the euro, yen, metals and oil fell in price. Uncertainty increased in all of these markets as measured by the standard deviation of market-based probability densities (MPDs) derived from options. Banks and equity markets were relatively quiet during the past two weeks as price increased steadily. Market expectations for inflation were stable during the period and the bias for higher short-term interest rates remained at historically low levels.

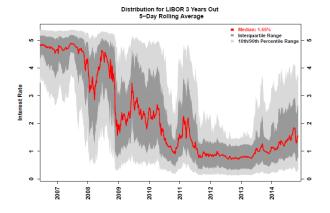
Inflation

Market probabilities for high inflation (based on caps and floors on the CPI) over the next two and five years increased slightly over the past two weeks but continue to remain at very low levels. Equivalently, the market probability of low inflation over these horizons remains elevated.



Interest rates

Spot prices for three-month LIBOR futures contracts that expire in three- and five-years continued to rise over the past two weeks from a mid-October low. While the skew of the MPD distribution for the three-year contract rose during this period, the skew measure associated with the five-year contact continued to decline. As noted two weeks ago, the market expectation calculated from options on LIBOR futures remains biased towards higher rates but the bias remains historically low.



Banks and Insurance Companies

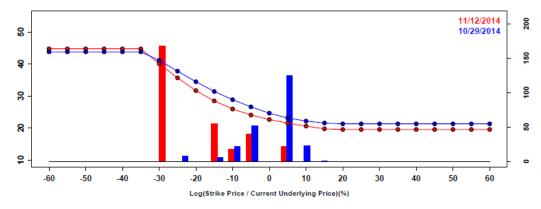
Financial firm equity saw modest gains in the last two weeks. The standard deviation of market probability densities was generally lower for insurance companies and banks. Trading volumes were light for many options on bank equity.

Additional Details:

• Lincoln National experienced heavy trading of deep out-of-the-money options with strike prices 30 percent below the spot price. These trades occurred on days in which a company insider sold large amounts of stock. However, the price of the options and shape of the MPD only experienced a small change in response to this activity.

Lincoln National

Implied Volatilities (lines--left axis) and Volume (bars--right axis)



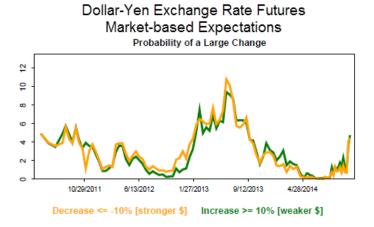
• The option trading volume of Principal Financial rebounded to more normal levels and the probability of a 20 percent equity decline has fallen to 6 percent. This probability still remains slightly higher than most peer institutions, but it is consistent with levels experienced in the last year for the firm.

Other commodity markets

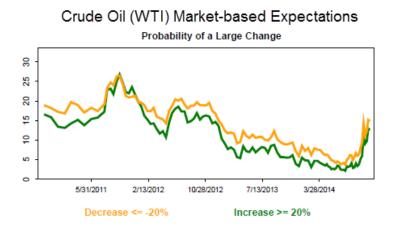
The dollar strengthened against the yen and the euro and the expected volatility in these currency markets continued to rise. Oil and metals declined in value and the standard deviations of the associated MPDs climbed noticeably. Agricultural commodities had small declines in volatility and mixed volumes.

Additional Details:

- The euro continued to decline against the dollar during the past two weeks. Uncertainty about future level of the exchange rate also continued to rise as the standard deviation of the market probability density increased 56 basis points from 3.77 percent to 4.32 percent (the highest level since July 2013).
- The dollar surged against the yen to a post-crisis high in response to the surprise announcement of additional quantitative easing at the end of October. The MPD for the dollar-yen exchange rate became flattened considerably and the probability of future large changes increased noticeably.

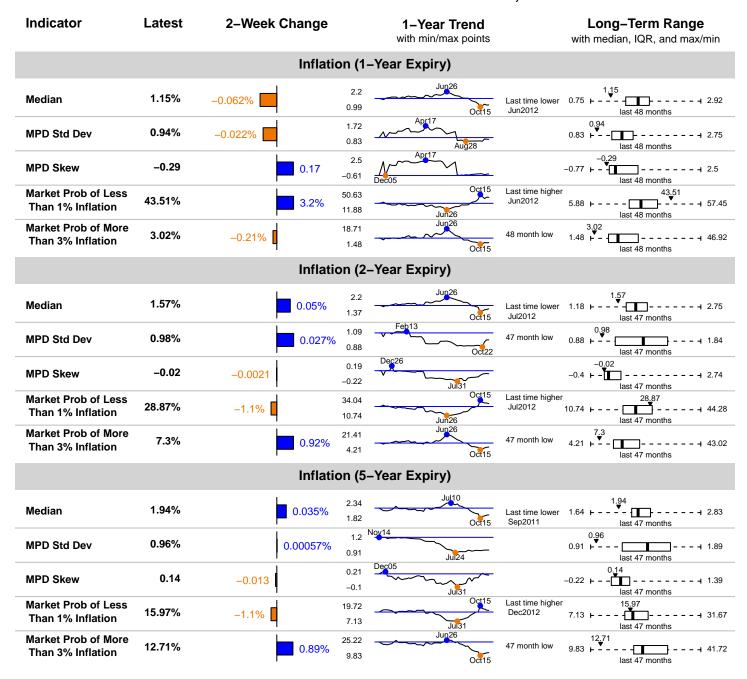


- The price of gold fell 4 percent over the last two weeks. The standard deviation of market expectations increased 178 basis points and was skewed more negatively than two weeks ago. Despite recent declines, the option market indicators are increasingly pessimistic.
- Silver MPDs standard deviations increased 364 basis points to 20.45 percent for 6 month contracts. Market uncertainty has increased during the last several weeks as prices have declined.
- Tail risks measured in the market for WTI crude oil increased from our last report. Spot prices have fallen further and the MPD standard deviation fell by 190 basis points. The probability of another 20 percent price decrease has risen to over 15 percent.



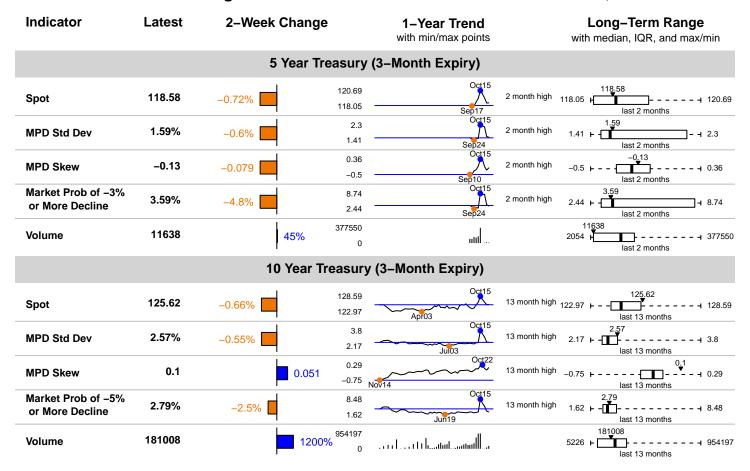
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Inflation MPD Statistics as of November 12, 2014

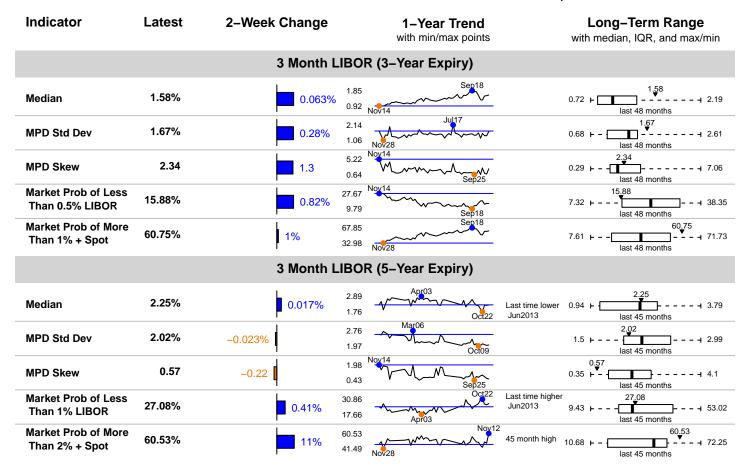


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Medium-to-Long Interest Rates MPD Statistics as of November 12, 2014

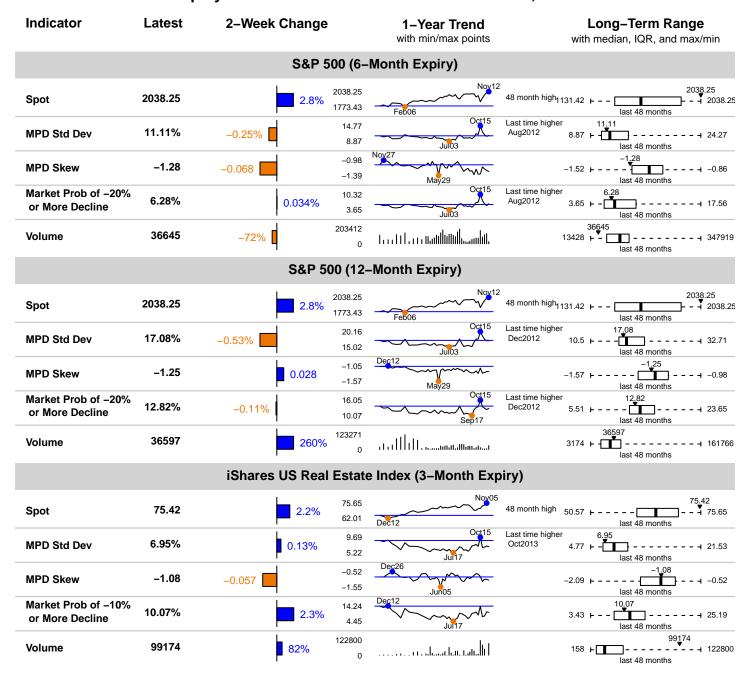


Short Interest Rates MPD Statistics as of November 12, 2014



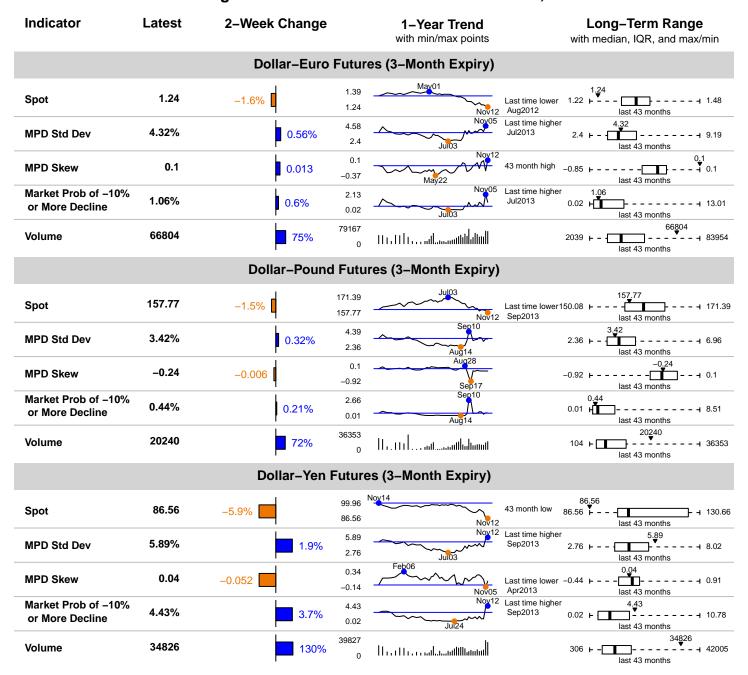
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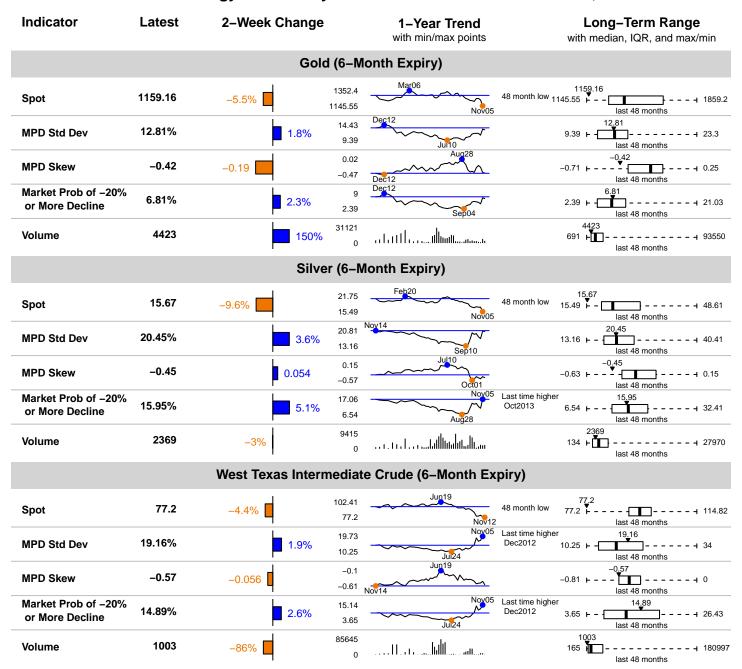


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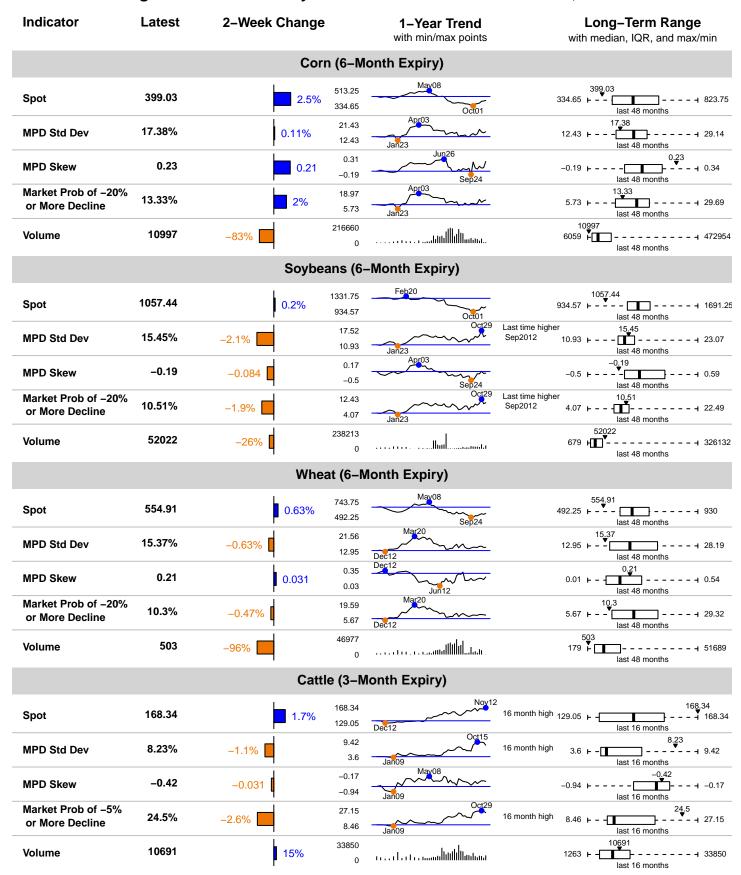
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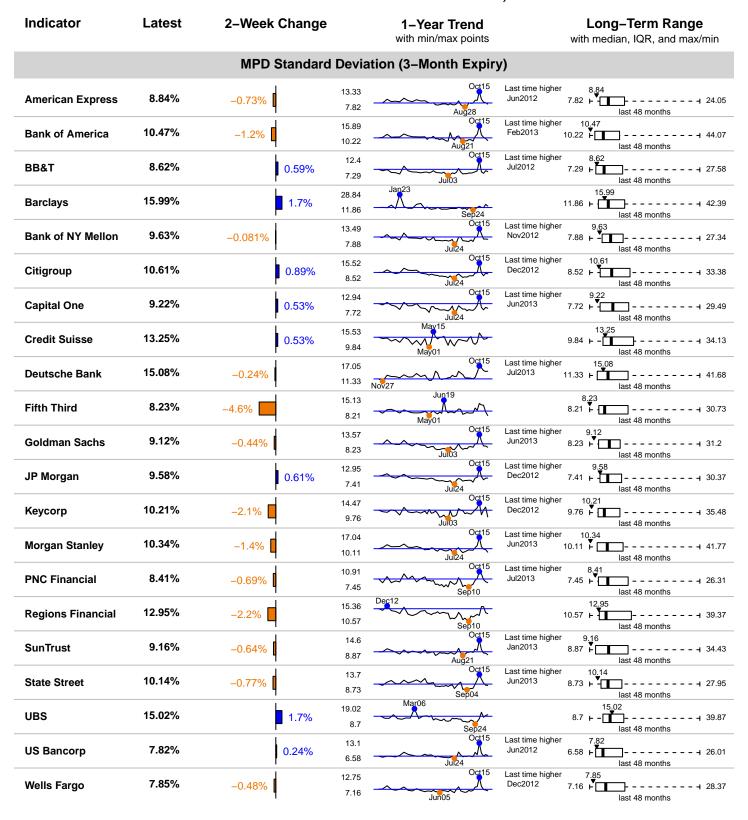


Metal and Energy Commodity MPD Statistics as of November 12, 2014



Agricultural Commodity MPD Statistics as of November 12, 2014

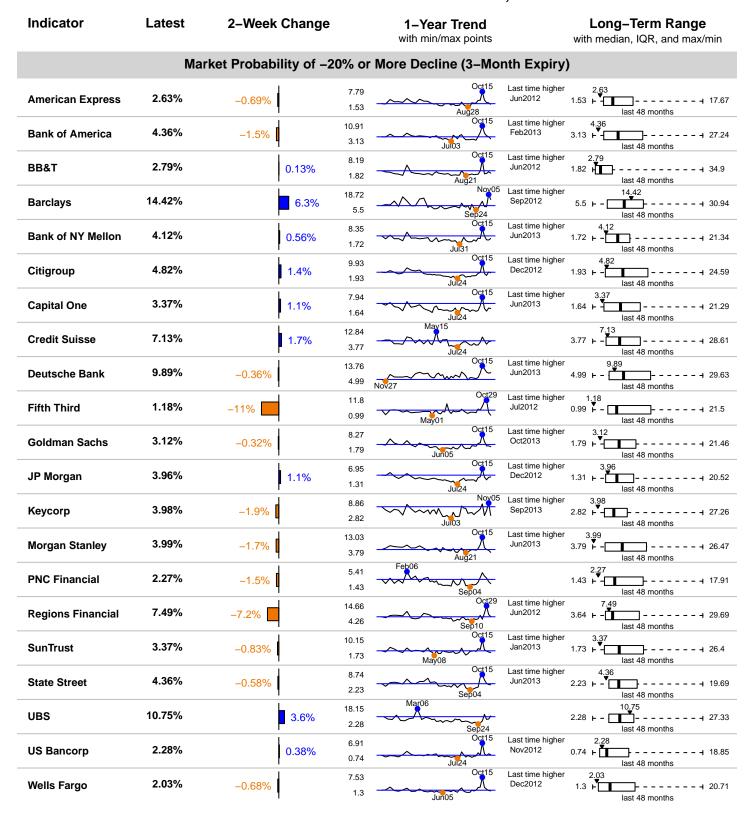




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Indicator	Latest	2-Week Change	1–Year Trend with min/max points	Long-Term Range with median, IQR, and max/min					
MPD Skew (3-Month Expiry)									
American Express	-0.7	-0.077 -0.21 -0.72	Oct 15	Last time lower -1.32 -0.7 -0.21 Jun2013 last 48 months					
Bank of America	-0.52	0.08 -0.02 -0.7	Oct15	-0.52 Last time lower -1.17					
ВВ&Т	-1.01	-0.36 -1.54	Nov14	-1.01 -1.54 +					
Barclays	-0.61	-0.09 1.9 ²	Sep24	-0.61 -1.97 ⊢ 11 1.94 last 48 months					
Bank of NY Mellon	-0.74	-0.21 0 .12	Jul 10	-1.56 + 0.14 last 48 months					
Citigroup	-0.64	0.059 -0.23 -0.86	- VO- 4-4~	-0.64 Last time lower -1.23 0.32 Jun2012 last 48 months					
Capital One	-0.82	-0.24 -0.89	Oct22	-0.82 Last time lower -1.38 -0.24 Jul2013 last 48 months					
Credit Suisse	-0.47	-1 O.72	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	-0.47 -2.07 ⊢ □ - 0.72 last 48 months					
Deutsche Bank	-0.46	-0.043 0.35 -0.95		-0.46 -1.31					
Fifth Third	-1.48	-0.13 0 .3	$\sim\sim\sim\sim\sim\sim\sim\sim$	-1,48 48 month low -1.48 + 10.3					
Goldman Sachs	-0.8	0.03 -0.36 -0.97	Jun05	-0.8 Last time lower -1.38					
JP Morgan	-0.86	-0.064 -0.86	Jul 17	-0.86 Last time lower -1.44 +					
Keycorp	-0.68	0.28 -1.36	May15	-2.24 + 10.4 last 48 months					
Morgan Stanley	-0.65	0.037 -0.26 -0.87	Aug07	-1.2 +					
PNC Financial	-0.51	0.14 -0.39 -1.29	Sep.04	-0.51 -1.51 + 1.51 1.0.07					
Regions Financial	-1.15	-0.45 O.68	Oct15	-1,15 Last time lower -1.94 + 1.94 2 May2013 last 48 months					
SunTrust	-1.02	-0.24 -0.34 -1.05	Jul31	-1.02 -1.16 +					
State Street	-0.88	-0.13 -0.98	Aug14	-0.88 Last time lower -1.28 + -0.13 Mar2013 last 48 months					
UBS	-1.15	-1.1 0.45 -1.31	Oct 15	Last time higher -1,15 Oct2012 -3.36 + 10.97 last 48 months					
US Bancorp	-0.87	0.066 -0.31 -1.3	Jul31	-0.87 -1.45 -0.31 last 48 months					
Wells Fargo	-0.87	0.32 -0.42	Dec26	Last time lower -1.73					

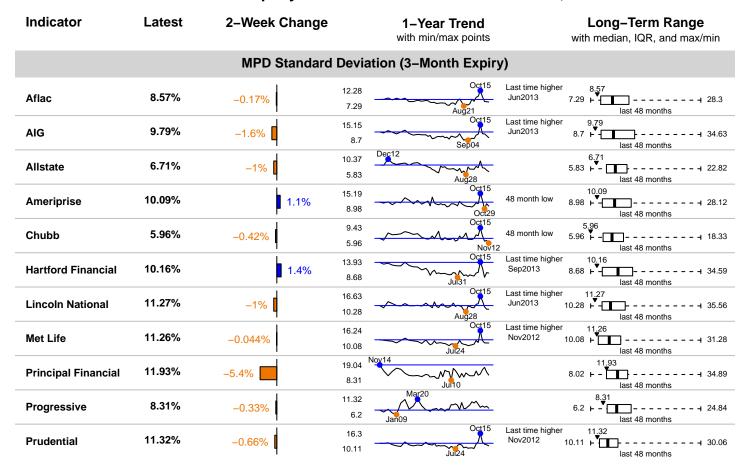
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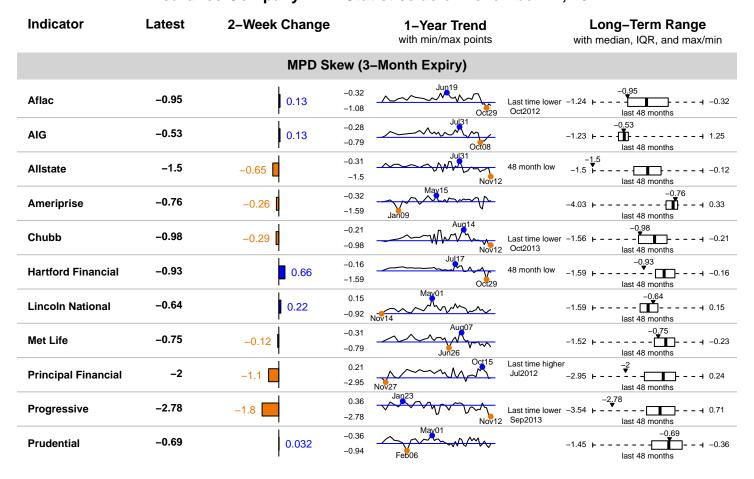
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Indicator	Latest	2-Week Chan	ge	1–Year Trend with min/max points	Long-Term Range with median, IQR, and max/min					
Volume (3-Month Expiry)										
American Express	2614	-39%	10151 0	rtriittii. lallaaalalallik	2614 623 + 1 1 20941 last 48 months					
Bank of America	16104	-10%	132589 0	rrecretel codonadaantidhia	16104 7419 363160 last 48 months					
BB&T	865	-44%	6490 0	.	865 190 + 1 6903 last 48 months					
Barclays	325	-81%	11011 0	allandu	325 29 Henry 15208 last 48 months					
Bank of NY Mellon	259	-35%	15678 0		259 59 H 17091 last 48 months					
Citigroup	2840	-82%	78527 0	H . H . hahamtalliladba	2840 1104 284278 last 48 months					
Capital One	1371	-40%	9311 0		1371 164 4 38646 last 48 months					
Credit Suisse	39	-88%	4011 0		39 0 Inst 48 months					
Deutsche Bank	1936	-87%	25112 0	.11	1936 62 + 1 29575 last 48 months					
Fifth Third	396	-85%	15351 0		396 28 HT 1 19324 last 48 months					
Goldman Sachs	2998	−47%	21840 0	Haratit La Huuthaanamahaht	2998 296 + 4 43413 last 48 months					
JP Morgan	2013	-92%	52517 0	111 - 111 hatumalhlasaralli.	2013 943 F					
Keycorp	44	-92%	3014 0	11.1111.111.11.11.11.11.11.11.11.11.11.	44 44 4 76270 last 48 months					
Morgan Stanley	17104	55%	48955 0	Lee, et er er har, bessilvarad hill	17104 327 ⊢ 11 − − − − − − − − − − − − − − − − − −					
PNC Financial	83	-58%	4810 0	.111.1.111.6	83 83 12224 last 48 months					
Regions Financial	345	-32%	4635 0		345 20 F					
SunTrust	580	-42% -	4232 0	Li i i Li i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i	580 61 + 1 13788 last 48 months					
State Street	470	-30%	5339 0	. i i i t. i . t. i	470 42 ⊢					
UBS	275		190% ₀		275 6 + 1					
US Bancorp	2551	-8.6%	5746 0	1,111,11,11,14,14,14,14,14,14	2551 172 H 4 29201 last 48 months					
Wells Fargo	15719	-23%	121351 0		15719 950 + 1 167820 last 48 months					

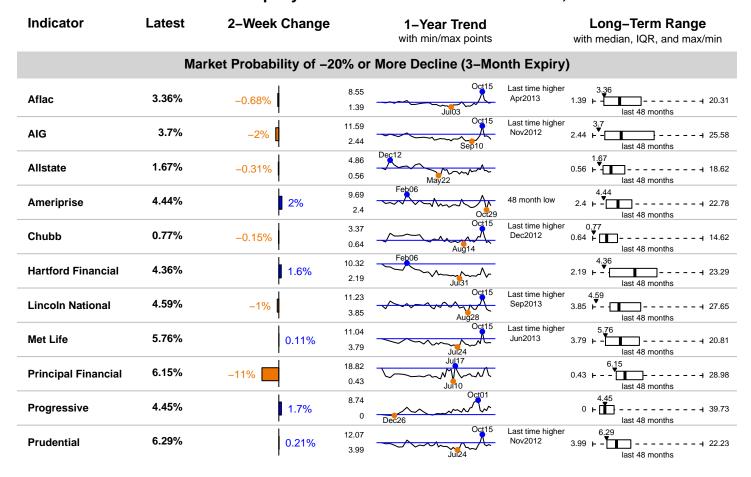
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Indicator	Latest	2-Week Change		1-Year Trend with min/max points	Long-Term Range with median, IQR, and max/min				
Volume (3–Month Expiry)									
Aflac	2130	240%	13324	11 (1 - 11	2130 405 + 1 22718 last 48 months				
AIG	6239	420%	38744 0	er (). Hr. allullaradinana	6239 432 + 1				
Allstate	191	-57%	5708 0	et er ett lite en malmannandammanda	76 191 76 10				
Ameriprise	45	-94%	1114 0		45 5 F				
Chubb	73	-94%	2541 0	11	73 43 11 111114 last 48 months				
Hartford Financial	1153	−87%	13441 0		1153 198 # 37285 last 48 months				
Lincoln National	311	-70%	8403 0		311 51 H 1 10682 last 48 months				
Met Life	915	-45%	14685 0	1111-talalanalana.	915 319 11 1 161416 last 48 months				
Principal Financial	104	240%	310 0	. la . a t l la cultibracia balandra	104 2 1 3846 last 48 months				
Progressive	5	-90%	474 0	.11.111.1	0 T 4 4283 last 48 months				
Prudential	1439	-62%	13225 0		1439 222 F III 1 13225 last 48 months				

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