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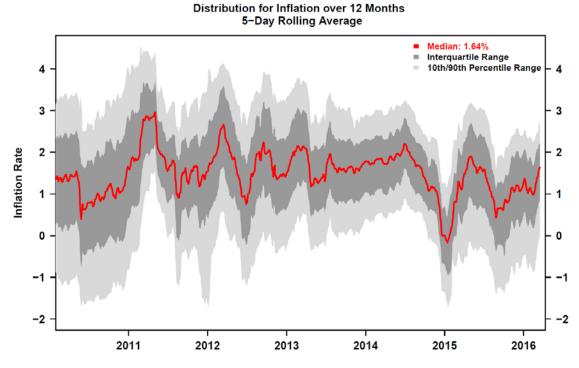
BANKING AND POLICY STUDIES

Minneapolis Options Report – March 18th

Over the past two weeks, market-implied inflation expectations rose across all tenors we follow (1-, 2-, and 5-year periods), while changes in market-based probability distribution (MPD) standard deviations remained flat. The S&P 500 returned 2.1% and changes in its MPD standard deviation were slight, falling by -0.8 percentage points. The banking firms we follow, on average, underperformed the market returning -0.4% on average. In contrast, the insurance firms we follow outperformed the market with an average return of 2.5%. The changes in MPD standard deviations of both industries fell, in line with the MPD standard deviation decrease of the S&P 500. All currency pairs we follow were stronger against the dollar, with the Euro posting the largest increase amongst all currency pairs. WTI crude posted a 9.5% return over the two week period as its MPD standard deviation fell by 3.7 percentage points to 30.3%.

Inflation

Market-based inflation expectations derived from caps and floors on the CPI for 1-, 2-, and 5-year periods rose over the 2-week period to 1.74%, 1.67% and 1.72%, respectively. This increase is best observed in the 1-year tenor (see figure, below).



Additional detail:

- Inflation expectations have tracked higher since Jan 20, 2016. Notably, the short term (1-year) median inflation expectation was higher than the 2- and 5- year tenor median expectations.
- Low inflation, as defined by the market probability of less than 1% inflation, continued to decrease across all tenors by an average of -6.8 percentage points.

Interest Rate

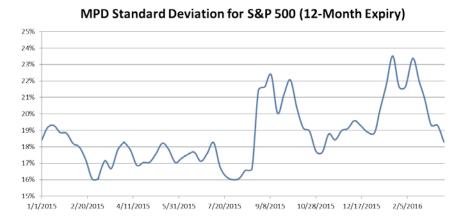
Spot prices for all Treasury tenors fell over the two week period, and consequently yields rose. Though MPD skew for the 10-year Treasury experienced a large decline, its absolute level continues to signal no bias in expectations of long-term rates. 3- and 5-year LIBOR tenors fell by -18 and -6.3 basis points respectively. Changes in MPD standard deviation were negligible for both tenors and currently stand at 1.2% and 1.6%, respectively.

Banks and Insurance Companies

The S&P 500 returned 2.1% over the past two weeks with the 6- and 12 month tenors posting an average MPD standard deviation decrease of -0.8 percentage points. The 19 bank firms we follow posted a -0.4% return, underperforming the market. Change in MPD standard deviation, for most firms, mirrored those of the S&P 500, falling by -0.7 percentage points and signaling a slight reduction in investor uncertainty. The 11 insurance companies we follow outperformed the market, returning 2.5% on average. MPD standard deviations moved in line with the broader equity market, falling by -1.0 percentage point.

Additional details:

- While most banks experienced a fall in MPD standard deviation, DB recorded a 2.5 percentage point increase over the two-week reporting period. MPD standard deviation declines were largest for CS and KEY at -4.7 and -3.0 percentage points.
- MPD standard deviation fell for all insurance companies we follow except LNC which was
 effectively unchanged. AIG and PF posted the largest decreases of -1.7 and -2.8 percentage
 points, respectively.
- MPD standard deviation for the S&P 500 Index 12-month tenor has moved back towards its 4-year median after experiencing several recent upticks as demonstrated by the plot below.



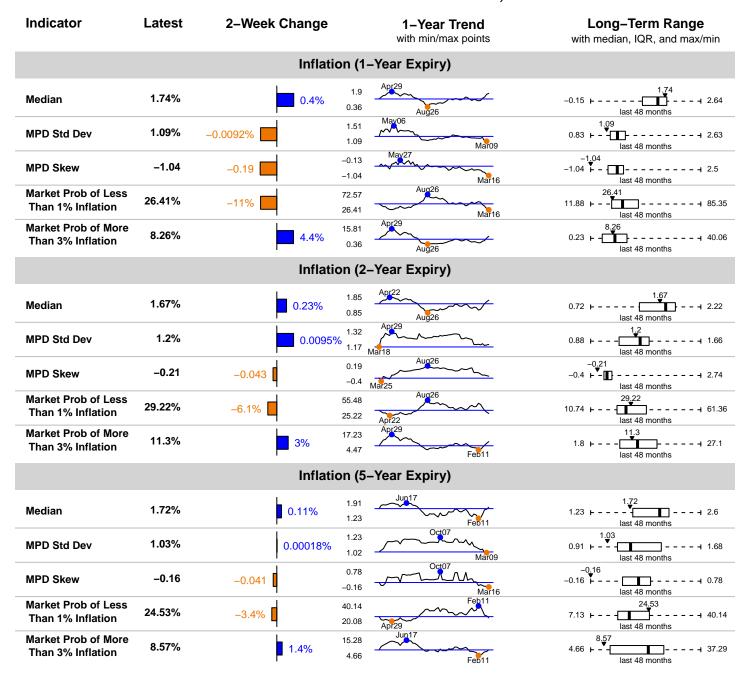
Other Markets

- The iShares US Real Estate Index outperformed the markets, posting a 3.6% return. Changes in its MPD statistics were flat.
- All currencies we follow (euro, pound, yen) were stronger against the dollar, as MPD standard deviations registered small decreases across the currency pairs. The market probability of a -10% or more decline fell across pairings by an average of -1.2 percentage points, indicating a small decline in tail risk of stronger dollar.
- Gold posted a loss of -0.9% over the two-week period. Its MPD standard deviation fell by 1.1 percentage point, indicating a reduction in investor uncertainty. Silver underperformed the S&P 500 with a 1.3% return; its MPD statistics were largely unchanged; however, its MPD skew has trended upwards since the start of the year.
- WTI crude returned 9.5%, while its MPD standard deviation fell by -3.7 percentage points. Tail risk, as measured by the market probability of -20% or more decline, fell by 1.9 percentage points.
- Agricultural crops (soybeans, corn, and wheat) had an average return of 3.9% over the two week period. The MPD Standard deviation for corn increased by 1.9 percentage points over the reporting period and has been steadily increasing since falling to its 1-year low on Dec 16, 2015 (see figure below).

MPD Standard Deviation for Corn 21% 20% 19% 18% 17% 16% 15% 14% 13% 12% 11% 8/1/2015 9/20/2015 11/9/2015 12/29/2015 2/17/2016

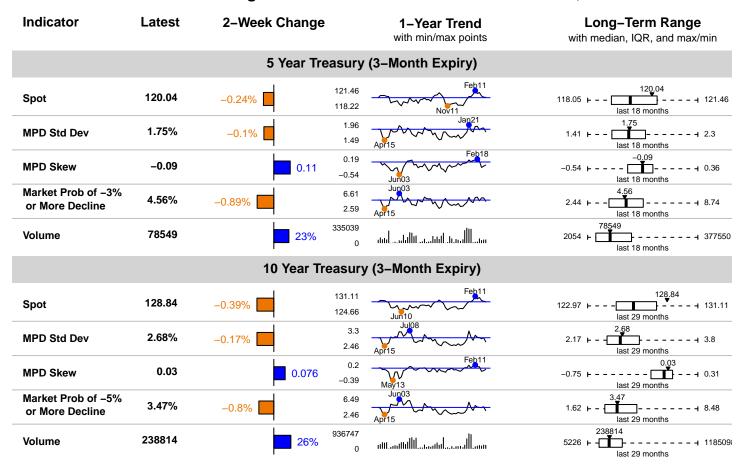
• Agricultural livestock (cattle and hogs) returned 1.2%, on average. The MPD standard deviation for cattle fell by -2.3 percentage points and settled at 9.55%, slightly higher than its median value.

Inflation MPD Statistics as of March 16, 2016

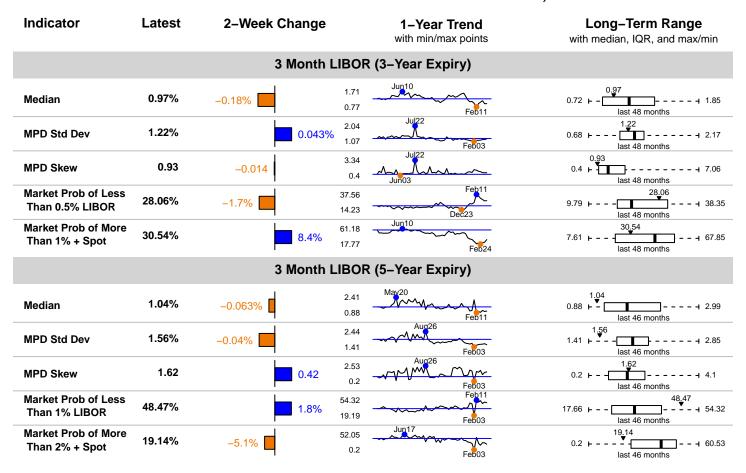


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Medium-to-Long Bond Price MPD Statistics as of March 17, 2016

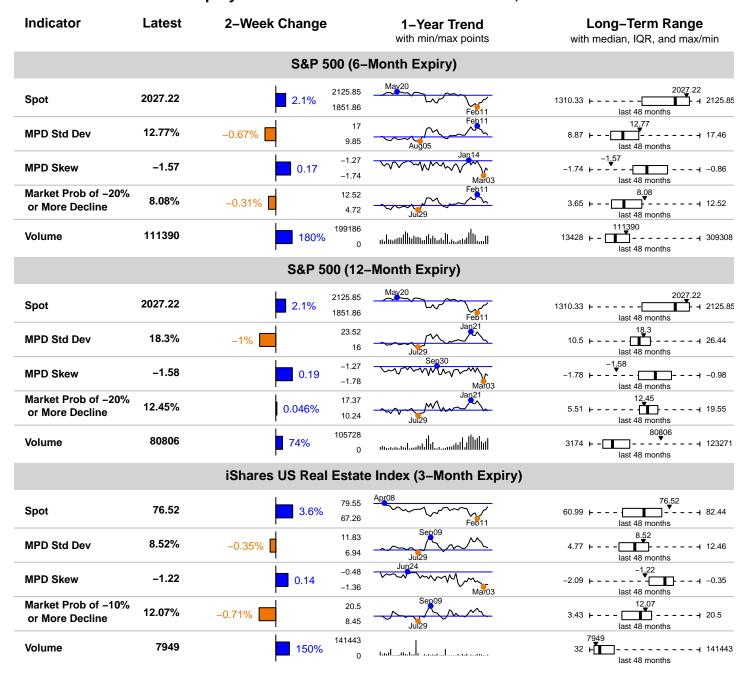


Short Interest Rates MPD Statistics as of March 16, 2016



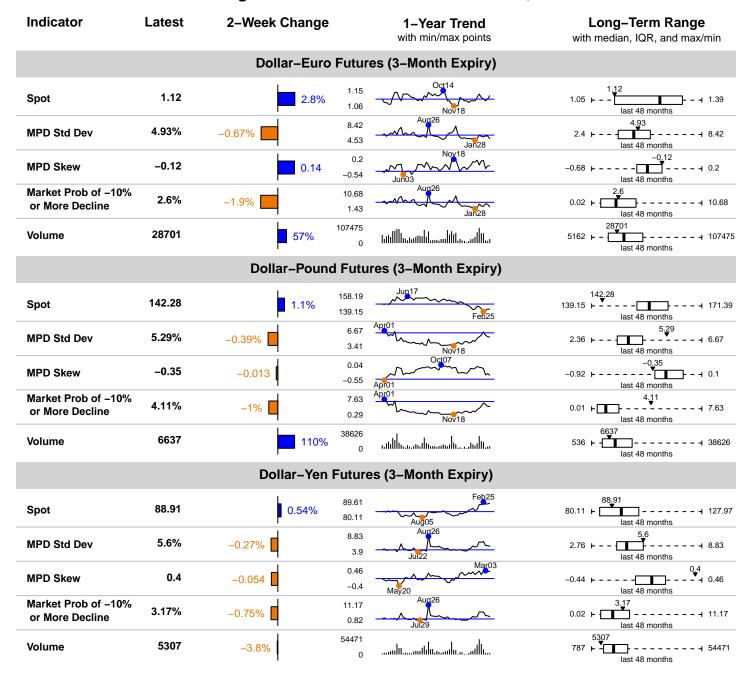
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Equity Index MPD Statistics as of March 17, 2016

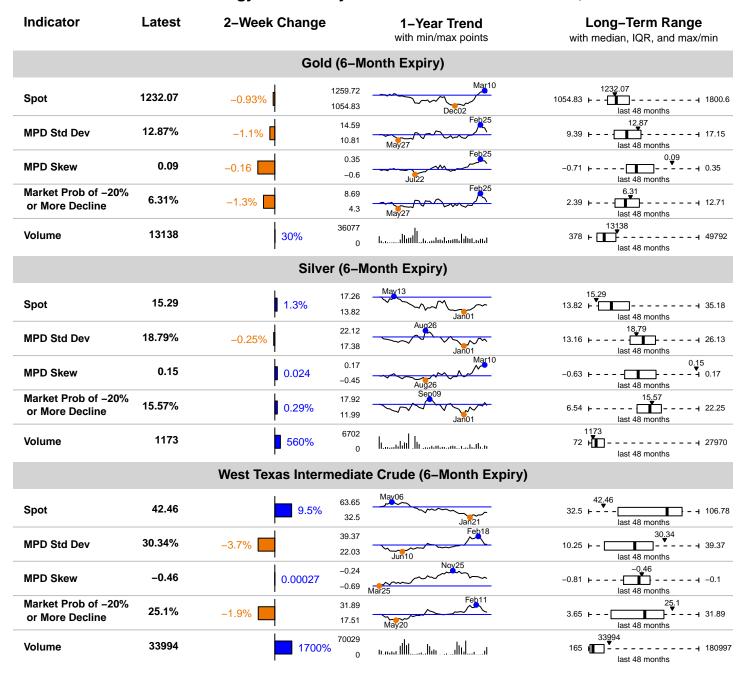


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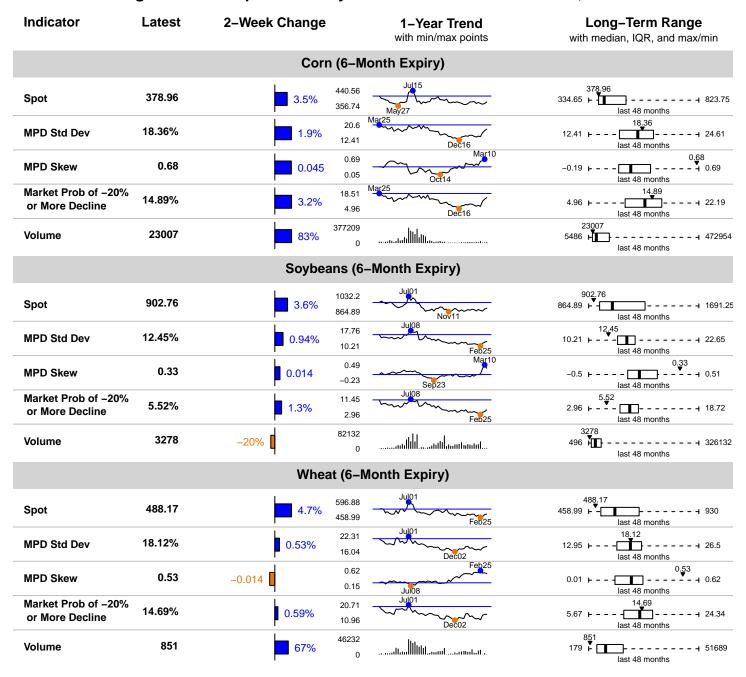
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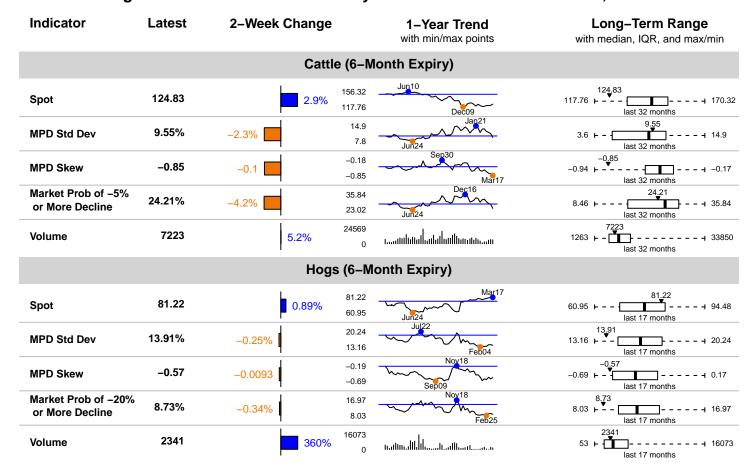
Metal and Energy Commodity MPD Statistics as of March 17, 2016

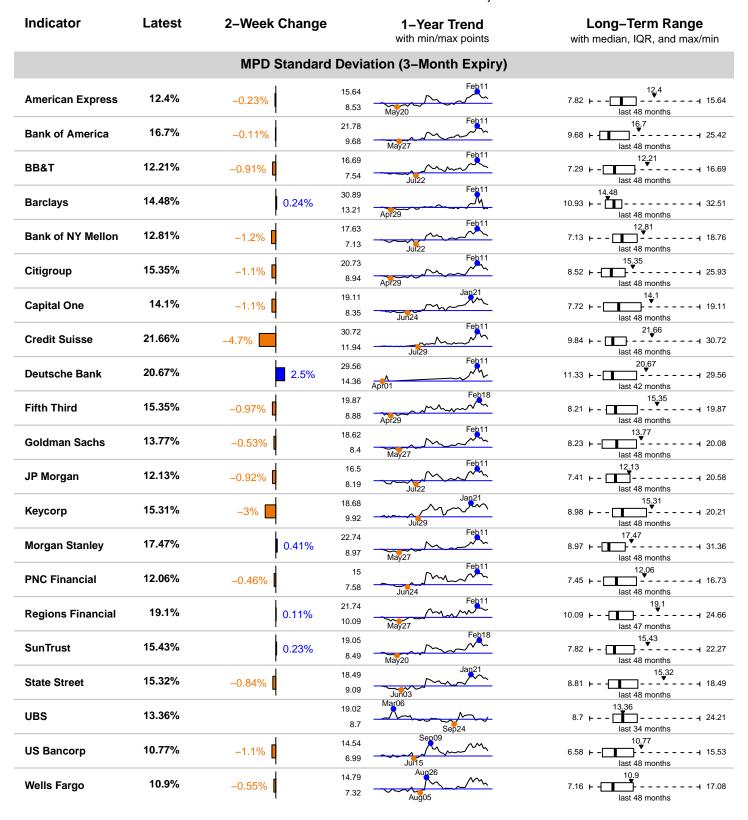


Agricultural Crop Commodity MPD Statistics as of March 17, 2016



Agricultural Livestock Commodity MPD Statistics as of March 17, 2016

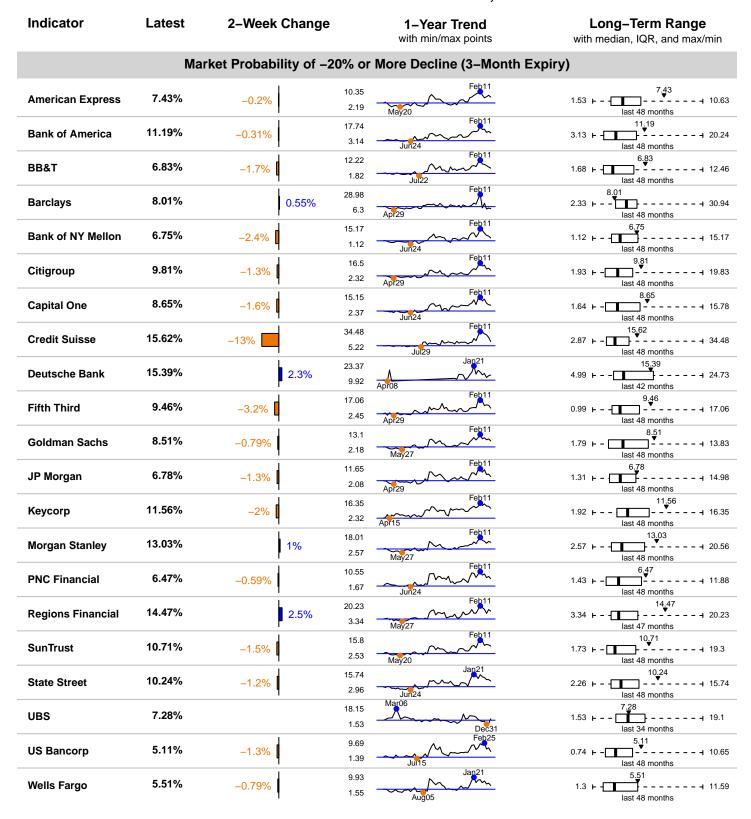




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Indicator	Latest	2-Week Change		1–Year Trend with min/max points	Long-Term Range with median, IQR, and max/min
		MPD Ske	ew (3	-Month Expiry)	
American Express	-0.79	0.11	-0.32 -0.96	Apr15 Sep02	-0.79 -1.27
Bank of America	-0.55	0.14	-0.05 -0.99	Jan01 Sep02	-0.55 -1.01 F
вв&т	-0.88	0.12	-0.31 -1.56	Sep09 Nov04	-0.88 -1.56 +
Barclays	0.13	0.1	0.6 -1.81	Dec09 Feb18	0.13 -2.51 + 1.94 last 48 months
Bank of NY Mellon	-0.81	0.11	-0.01 -1.39	Nov11	-0.81 -1.39 10.32 last 48 months
Citigroup	-0.86	0.13	-0.37 -1.17	Aug26 Oct14	-0.86 -1.23
Capital One	-1	0.2	-0.23 -1.2		-1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1
Credit Suisse	-1.03	-0.91	1.81 -1.58	Apr01 Deg02	-1,03 -2.07 1.81 last 48 months
Deutsche Bank	-0.82	-0.5	0.41	Feb11 Jan28	-1.22 F 1 0.41 last 42 months -0.66
Fifth Third	-0.66	-0.018	0.25	Dec24 Noy25	-1.69 + 1 2.19 last 48 months
Goldman Sachs	-0.86	0.09	-0.52 -1.09	Sep02	-0.86 -1.21
JP Morgan	-0.91	0.16	-0.53 -1.16 0.34	Sep02 Jan28	-0.91 -1.33 +
Keycorp	-0.18	0.6	-1.59 -0.34	May13 Deg02	-2.24 0.34 last 48 months -0.96
Morgan Stanley	-0.96	0.084	-1.12 -0.42	Sep02 Jap28	-1.16 +
PNC Financial	-0.79	0.081	-1.84 0.36	Oct28 Aug26	-1.84 +
Regions Financial	-0.57	0.53	-1.2 -0.21	May20 Feb11	-1.94 ⊢ 1 0.68 last 47 months -0.92
SunTrust	-0.92	-0.18 U	-1.27 -0.19	Jano1 Jano1	-1.27 +
State Street	-0.75	-0.078	-1.23 0.91	Aug26 Dec31	-2.31 ⊢
UBS	-0.04	L	-1.72 -0.39	Nov26 Aug19	-3.36 + 1 0.97 last 34 months
US Bancorp	-0.99	i	-1.55 -0.56	Nov04 May20	-1.55 +
Wells Fargo	-1.02	0.081	-1.3	Sep02	-1.34 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)						
American Express	3153	21%	32713 0	adata	3153 623 32713 last 48 months	
Bank of America	64541	-45%	187673 0	t.hamta.aha.aahdhdhtu	64541 7419 ► 1 363160 last 48 months	
BB&T	1921	130%	6459 0	talaantilududualillaa	1921 126 + 1921 last 48 months	
Barclays	275	-90%	7859 0		275 8 10 11011 last 48 months	
Bank of NY Mellon	1276	240%	22171 0		1276 44 - 1 − − − − − − − − − 22171 last 48 months	
Citigroup	26791	53%	57016 0	lulaanHaaraatraarahud	26791 1104 ⊢	
Capital One	1353	30%	7596 0	مطابا التاسيسيسية التاسيس	1353 136 H∭ 16299 last 48 months	
Credit Suisse	1736	45%	12477 0	<u> </u>	1736 0 (∏	
Deutsche Bank	9021	84%	38235 0		9021 76 HT 38235 last 42 months	
Fifth Third	1813	430%	7607 0		1813 28 - 111 19127 last 48 months	
Goldman Sachs	3646	26%	19311 0	mataana.llubblkmabbta	3646 296 F - last 48 months	
JP Morgan	13964	5.9%	132116 0		13 <u>9</u> 64 943 - 1 132116 last 48 months	
Keycorp	420	18%	2552 0	lamantanan tradamilian	420 44 1 76270 last 48 months	
Morgan Stanley	3328	-6.4%	36166 0	uuaahdadtitaa.ittut	3328 327 +	
PNC Financial	287	-59%	4932 0	dahataradaard.aana	287 42 F 7300 last 48 months	
Regions Financial	928	-31%	47940 0		928 20 🖣 47940 last 47 months	
SunTrust	864	-6.2%	3345 0	ndaradisəlini	864 61 H L 13788 last 48 months	
State Street	119	-14%	1357 0	ltatataaalathaa.co.ataaalka.	119 19 HI L 5339 last 48 months	
UBS	124		2034 0	r I I I . timina lilituita aa aa aa aa	6 HL 6502 last 34 months	
US Bancorp	3589	480%	9927 0	hali adalah dan dan adalah dan d	3589 52 H − − − − − − − 29142 last 48 months	
Wells Fargo	15673	66%	55478 0	autaal.Huluulatautli.a	15673 950 + 1 121351 last 48 months	

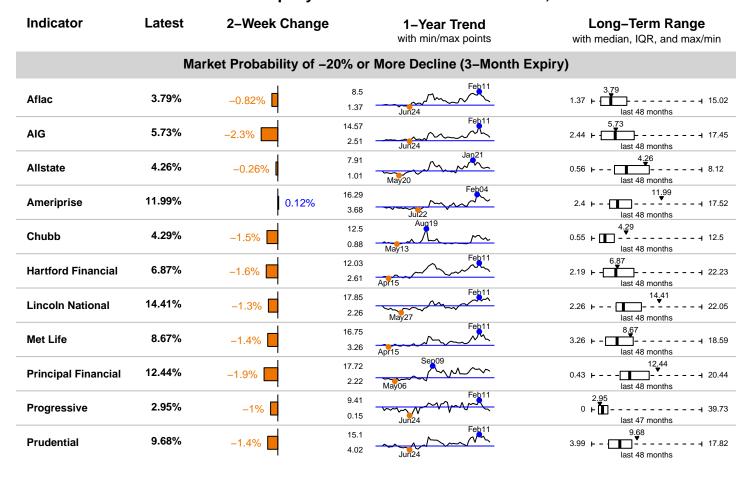
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Indicator	Latest	2-Week Change	е	1–Year Trend with min/max points	Long-Term Range with median, IQR, and max/min
MPD Standard Deviation (3-Month Expiry)					
Aflac	9.5%	-0.93%	13.6 7.11	Feb11 May20	7.11 F - 20.04 last 48 months
AIG	11.87%	-1.7%	18.95 9.01	Feb11 	11.87 8.7 F - 12.49 last 48 months
Allstate	9.62%	-0.58%	13.18 6.73	Jan21 May20	5.83 F 13.4 6 last 48 months
Ameriprise	15.8%	-0.36%	18.71 9.76	Jui29 Feb11	15.8 8.98 F 19.72 last 48 months
Chubb	9.74%	-0.92%	24.08 6.13	Aug19 Dec24	9.74 5.96 • 1 24.08 last 48 months
Hartford Financial	12.71%	-1.4%	18.69 8.35	Jun24	8.35 F - 24.35 last 48 months
Lincoln National	18.34%	0.2%	22.48 8.98	Feb11 May27	18.34 8.98 F 1 24.62 last 48 months
Met Life	13.75%	-0.71%	19.33 9.4	Feb11 Apr15	9.4 - 13. 75 9.4 - 23. 13 last 48 months
Principal Financial	14.79%	-2.8%	18.94 8.26	May20	14,79 8.02 F 3.83 last 48 months
Progressive	9.07%	-0.79%	13.49 5.79	Sep23 Jun24	9.07 5.79 + 1 20.29 last 47 months
Prudential	14.66%	-0.74%	18.54 10.09	Jan21 Jun24	14.66 10.09 F - 10.09 F - 20.74 last 48 months

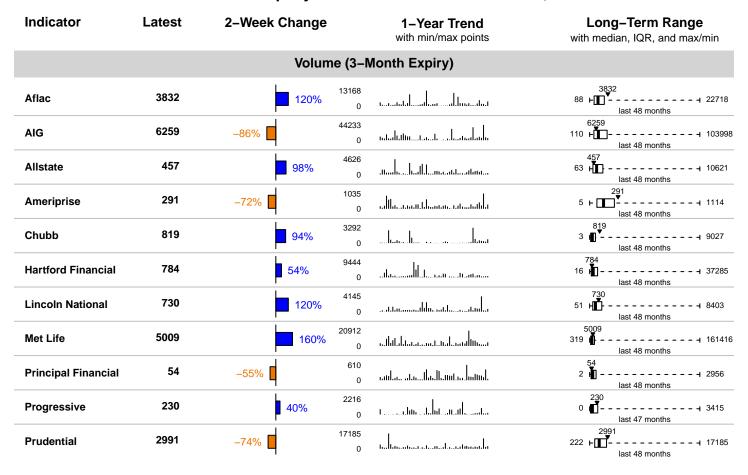
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MPD Skew (3-Month Expiry)					
Aflac	-1.01	_0.23	-0.24 Sep09 -1.31 Oct28	-1.01 -1.31 + V	
AIG	-0.73	0.2	-0.47 Jun24 -1.16 Oct14	-0.73 -1.16 F	
Allstate	-0.85	0.2	-0.16 Oct14 -1.25 Feb25	-1.5 +	
Ameriprise	-0.73	0.11	-0.32 Jan07 -1.1 Jan21	-0.73 -4.03 ⊢ 	
Chubb	-1.04	0.094	0.09 Aug19 -1.42 Sep02	-1.04 -1.56 last 48 months	
Hartford Financial	-1.03	0.21	-0.09 Jul 22 -1.67 Nov04	-1.03 -1.67 last 48 months	
Lincoln National	-0.96	_0 29	-0.07 Aug05 -1.15 Aug26	-0.96 -1.15 ⊢ 	
Met Life	-0.92	-0.034	-0.46 Mar25 -1.03 Feb18	-0.92 -1.15 + 	
Principal Financial	-0.39	0.72	0.42 Oct21 -1.82 Mar25	-0.39 -2.95 ⊢ 	
Progressive	-0.5	0.079	0.24 -2.03 Jun10	-0.5 -3.54 ⊢ 	
Prudential	-0.96	0.027	-0.33 Apr22 Nov18	-0.96 -1.44	

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