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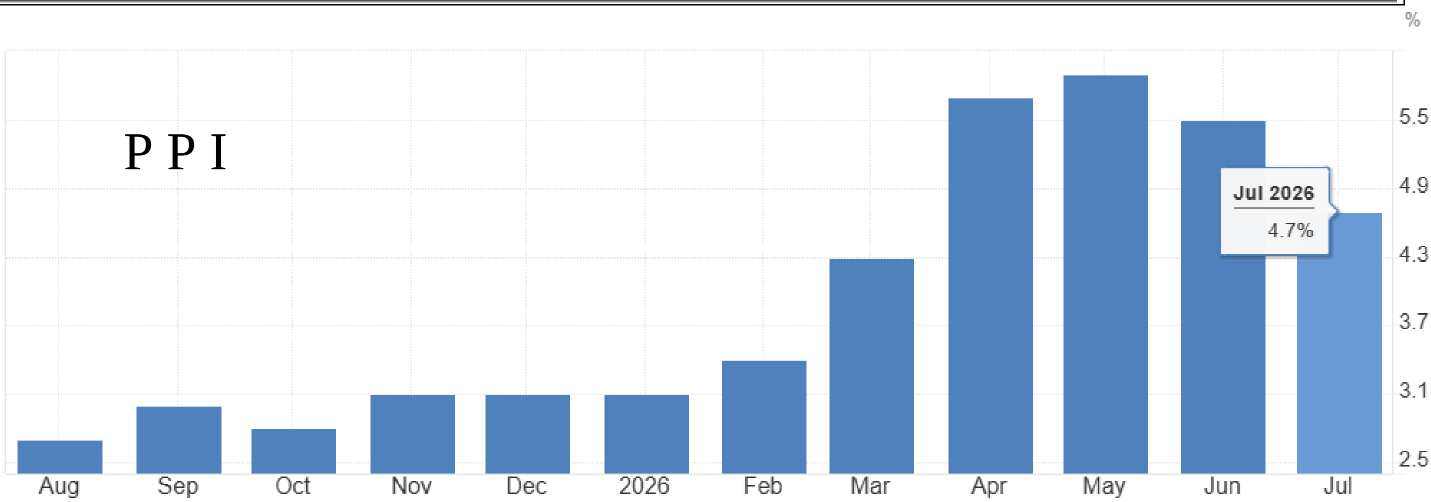

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Value Chg

Calendar	GMT	Reference	Actual	Previous	Consensus	TEForecast
2026-07-15	12:30 PM	Jun	5.5%	6%	6.2%	6.3%
2026-08-13	12:30 PM	Jul	4.7%	5.5%	4.9%	5.0%
2026-09-10	12:30 PM	Aug		4.7%		

Components	Last	Previous	Unit	Reference
PPI Ex Food Energy and Trade Services	142.91	142.41	points	Jul 2026
PPI Ex Food, Energy and Trade MoM	0.40	0.10	percent	Jul 2026
PPI Ex Food, Energy and Trade YoY	4.70	5.00	percent	Jul 2026

Related	Last	Previous	Unit	Reference
CPI	333.92	333.95	points	Jul 2026
Core Consumer Prices	337.13	336.07	points	Jul 2026
Core Inflation Rate YoY	2.50	2.60	percent	Jul 2026
CPI Core Core YoY	2.20	2.30	percent	Jul 2026
CPI Housing Utilities	359.56	359.19	points	Jul 2026
CPI Transportation	289.42	291.23	points	Jul 2026
Export Prices	167.80	168.80	points	Jun 2026
Food Inflation	3.00	3.00	percent	Jul 2026
Import Prices	150.80	150.30	points	Jun 2026
Inflation Rate YoY	3.40	3.50	percent	Jul 2026
Inflation Rate MoM	0.10	-0.40	percent	Jul 2026

Risk disclosure: Price can go up and down at any moment, use free money to trade and bear the risk according to your own capital; Never trade with money that has a deadline for withdrawal.
All suggestions are for reference only, even AI cannot be 100% reliable, final decision still lies upon investors.
Copy trading cannot replicate another trader's background or psychological state.

Each wave lower than previous waves, WTI @$81.48, Brent Oil @$87.17.

North East West South is *NEWS*

Anthropic, a US-based AI startup, is reportedly set to launch its initial public offering (IPO) as early as October this year. Some investors anticipate a valuation of $2 trillion or more, more than double its $965 billion valuation following its latest funding round in May. If the IPO is successful at this level, Anthropic could surpass SpaceX and become the world's largest IPO ever.

SK Hynix, the world's leading high-bandwidth memory (HBM) manufacturer, is investing $720 billion in South Korea to build what it claims to be the world's largest memory chip production network, betting on sustained demand for artificial intelligence (AI).

Fei-Fei Li, a computer science professor at Stanford University hailed as the "godmother of AI," recently stated on the science podcast Huberman Lab that the most worrying issue with AI in the classroom is not students using it for cheating, but rather the potential loss of intrinsic motivation (agency) for the younger generation in learning and life. She also emphasized that a blanket ban on AI tools is equally concerning, as both extremes could harm students' brain development.

Two U.S. media groups filed a lawsuit today against President Trump, accusing him of charging for early access to "real-world" social media posts that often have market-driving power.

South Korea's KOSPI has emerged from a bear market and entered a bull market. Canadian stocks hit new highs.

SMCI surged after beating earning forecasts, going back to normal and would not fall on good news.

S&P on record high again, and believed more record highs will be coming soon.

Market Observation

Stock Future & ETF

PHLX
12,677.50
+281.3
+2.23%

The financial market is not just a game of figures, but also a game of alphabets, after the lowering of CPI, the PPI lowered again from expectations of 4.9% - 4.7%. The previous is 5.5%. Strong AI tech earnings like SMCI, CRWV and NBIS also prompted the market. Bullish air domains for oil prices dropped on the day of total solar eclipse. Interest rate is expected to keep unchanged in the FOMC September meeting.

On request of readers, I have to explain the difference between Stock Future and an ETF. For the *E-mini S&P 500*, each point fluctuation equals US$50, and for *Micro E-mini S&P 500,* each point equals US$5. However, the contract size is $10,000 to $12,000 and $1,000 to $1,200. You need not to pay the whole sum, you can just pay the margin which is based upon the leverage of 20 times. Superficially, it is designed for small investors, but practically for professional traders and not amatuer traders.

Do you still remember the fall of the Korean stock market? It is because the government lifted the ban for leveraged and open for 2 times trading. The ETF has to buy another 2 times for hedging. Why is there a false penetration in the NASDAQ on July 29th? It is because of Leopold Aschenbrenner, the God of AI stocks collapsed on 4 times leverage. Take the example of SPCX, if you purchased at $200 on a 4-times leveraged, when it drops $50 to $150, you will be forced to liquidate and lose everything. Even if it rises to $300 or $400 or more, it is none of your business. But if it is 20 times leveraged, you will lose everything when it falls $10 to $190. But for those paid full payment, it fell to $104.83 and people are still waiting for it to rise again and let's see, it now is $141. Resurrection is near!

Therefore, the risk does not lie in whether it is trading in the future or not, it is based on margin trading and not the product. Anyway, it is designed for institutional buyers of hedging and not for individual investors.

For an ETF it is just a basket of stocks based upon the index. The fund manager will adjust every quarter according to the change of index components. For NASDAQ 100, actually you are buying the 100 component stocks in related ratio and the same as in S&P 500. When you do not have enough capital to buy 500 components stocks, the fund manager would gather capital together and buy at a lump sum for you, of course they will collect management fees.

But the difference is that Stock Futures can buy up (long) or sell down (short). ETF can only buy up, but there are still a long of short position ETFs like QQQ and SQQQ, SH (1x) and SDS (2x) for short of S&P; PSQ (1x) and QID (2x) for short of NASDAQ 100, DOG for 1x of Dow Jones. They are for short term trading only for most of the time, the rising days are more than falling days in the US market, and most of the time it is running above the 250-SMA.

Anyway, a smart investor should know all the above even if they do not touch them, but should know of the risk and the structure. Risk control is above doing copy trade. Don’t just copy the SK Hynix because it rises in Korea. You can copy TSMC from Taiwan but not SK Hynix in Korea. Why? Because the rising trend of TSM is the most beautiful trend of 45% and no leverage, and the position of TSM cannot be replaced by Samsung and Hynix. The blind point of amateur investors is just doing copy trade without understanding. The secret of success is to have a market diary on your own, no matter in what style or what kind of signals or symbols. Only you yourself can understand it, and that’s enough.