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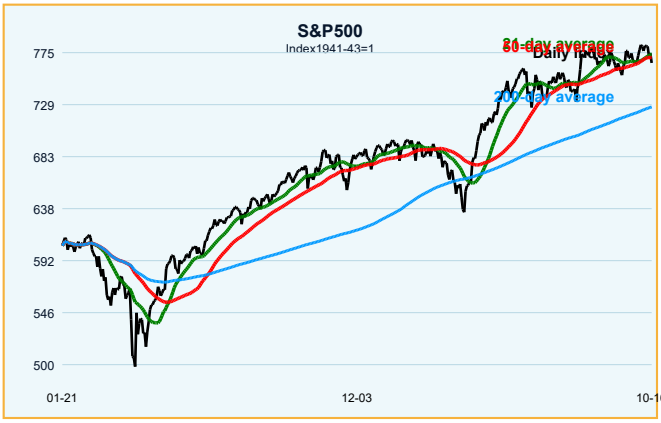
The Weekly Update Report

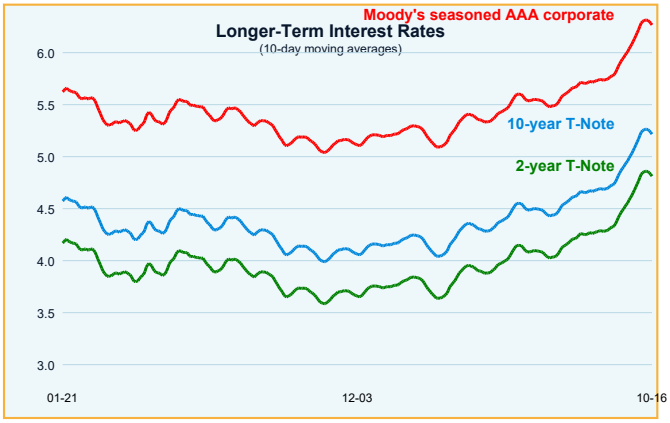
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October 16, 2026 AER Market Dashboard: **Flags 2 of 4:** **Green Flags 2 of 4** Latest close 2026-10-16

	Direction	Fundamental	Actual	Likely-Near-term Trend
Fixed-income:	10-yr Treasury rate	5.0%	5.1%	Upward
Equities:	S&P 500	4,500	7,659	Sideways





Weekly News

Markets finished the week with the S&P 500 at 7,659 through the latest available close (2026-10-16). The index is lower over the past five trading sessions while oil is higher, with WTI crude at $99.04.

Market Outlook

Gold remains firm near $4,187, confirming continued demand for inflation and risk protection. For now, equity momentum remains positive, but the mix of elevated valuations, firm gold, and volatile commodity prices argues for watching the dashboard closely.

Market Snapshot

Market	Level	1-wk
S&P 500	7,659	-1.9%
10-yr Treasury	5.1%	-2.8%
WTI Crude	$99.04	+7.8%
Gold	$4,187	-0.7%
Model	75/25	Bullish

AER Signal Tracker

Equities	Bullish
Rates	Upward pressure
Oil	Deal-sensitive
Inflation	Elevated

Key Risks

Oil rebound could revive inflation pressure.
Higher Treasury yields could delay Fed easing.
Elevated valuation leaves stocks exposed to disappointment.

Forces Impacting the Near-term Outlook for Stock Prices

Market Breadth: 12 positive 6 negative **Stock Valuation:** over-valued 70%

Monetary Policy: slightly restrictive **Direction:** up 55%, down 45%

Live/model data as of 2026-10-16; valuation uses fixed S&P 500 fair-value assumption.

Recent Developments

Through the latest available close (2026-10-16), the S&P 500 finished at 7,659. The index fell 1.9% over the past five trading sessions and rose 0.1% over the past month.

Interest-rate signals were steady to firmer, with the 10-year Treasury near 5.1%. Over the past month the yield rose 2.0%, keeping monetary policy in the slightly restrictive zone for the dashboard.

Commodity markets remain important to the inflation outlook. WTI crude ended near $99.04, up 7.8% for the week, while gold ended near $4,187, down 0.7%.

The AER Fear & Greed Monitor stands at 54.0/100, classified as Neutral. Livestock and grain futures point to easing near-term food-price pressure, so the report is watching whether commodity moves pass through to consumers.

What We Are Watching

Whether equity breadth keeps stabilizing the advance after the S&P 500's -1.9% weekly move.

The 10-year Treasury and whether yields keep firming, since the rate path remains central to valuation pressure and monetary-policy risk.

Commodity inflation signals, especially oil's rebound and gold's softer tone, for evidence that input-cost pressure is building or easing.

Whether the AER Fear & Greed reading holds near 54.0/100 (Neutral) or starts to show investor risk appetite cooling.

The Lighter Side of Political Economy

Stocks Rally On Hope That Next Week Will Explain This Week.
Source: AER original satire.

AER Fear & Greed Monitor

54.0 / 100 — **Neutral**

Driver	This Wk	Last Wk	Chg
Stock Momentum	51.0	73.9	-22.9
Market Strength	50.6	60.1	-9.5
Volatility	46.4	61.4	-15.0
Rate Pressure	51.5	45.6	+5.9
Oil/Inflation	58.8	79.6	-20.8
Safe Haven	65.8	63.7	+2.1
Composite	**54.0**	**64.0**	**-10.0**

Source: AER internal model, as of 2026-10-16

Weekly Composite — This Year

54.0 current



Livestock & Grains

Market	Price	1-wk	4-wk
Corn	474	-1.1%	-10.1%
Wheat	660	-1.7%	-7.6%
Soybeans	1,260	-2.4%	-3.3%
Live Cattle	228.45	+1.5%	+5.8%
Lean Hogs	66.88	-10.9%	-14.4%

Easing pressure on retail food prices.

Food Price Outlook

Livestock and grain futures point to easing pipeline pressure for retail food prices. Over the past month, corn is lower, wheat is lower, soybeans are lower. These moves will influence feed costs and eventually pressure packaged foods. Meat-price signals are less uniform than the grain complex. The pass-through to grocery shelves is likely to be gradual rather than immediate.

Looking at Next Week Economics

Date	Time	Focus
Oct 19–Oct 23	TBD	Oct 19-Oct 23: refresh economic calenda
Oct 19–Oct 23	TBD	Watch labor, housing, PMI, inflation, a
Oct 19–Oct 23	TBD	Earnings: monitor banks, megacap tech,

Sources: Official agency calendars; earnings calendars/news calendars.

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