

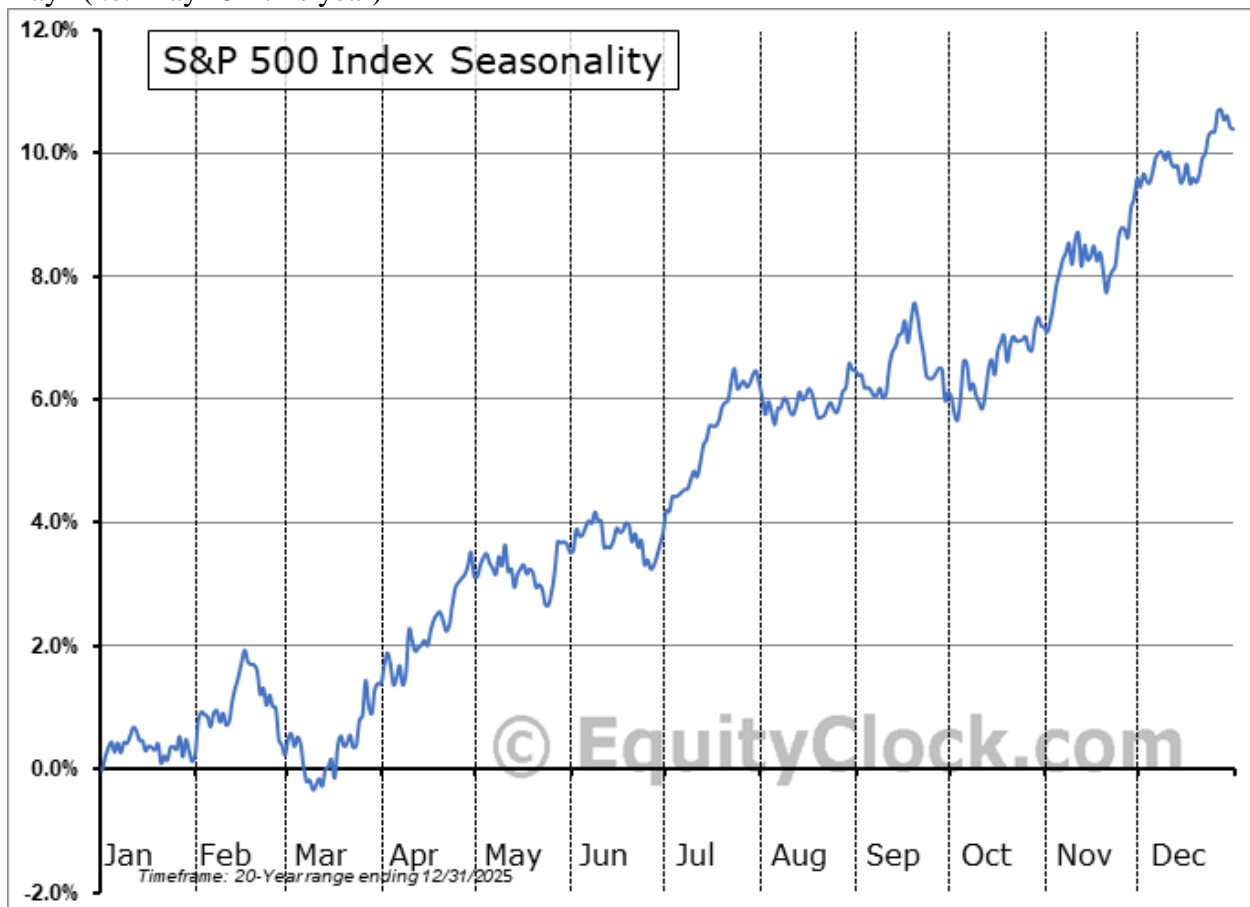
# Tech Talk for Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> 2026

## The Bottom Line

**North American equity markets are expected to trade in a relative narrow trading range this week:** Frequency of significant quarterly earnings reports by large cap U.S. companies (with the exceptions of Nvidia's report on Wednesday and Walmart's report on Thursday) are winding down and frequency of reports by TSX 60 companies have past their peak.

**Historically, The S&P 500 Index and the TSX Composite Index have been flat to slightly lower in the week in May following expiration of May listed equity and index options.** Expiration this year was on Friday May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Watch out for "Witches' Hangover" in U.S. equity markets,** the trading day after expiration of monthly listed equity, index and index futures options (i.e. Monday May 18<sup>th</sup> this year). A brief dip in U.S. equity indices frequently occurs when indices record a drop on "Triple Witching Day" (i.e. May 15<sup>th</sup> this year)



# Earnings and Revenue Consensus for S&P 500 Companies

Source: [www.factset.com](http://www.factset.com)

**Analysts increased their 2026 earnings and revenue estimates again last week:** 91% of companies have reported quarterly results to date: 84% have reported higher than consensus earnings and 80% have reported higher than consensus revenues.

- Consensus for **first quarter 2026** called for a 27.7% earnings gains, unchanged from last week. Revenue gains increased to 11.4% from 11.3%.
- Consensus for **second quarter 2026** earnings gains increased to 20.5% from 19.9% last week. Consensus for revenue gains increased to 11.4% from 11.2%.
- Consensus for **third quarter 2026** earnings gains increased to 23.6% from 23.2%.last week. Consensus for revenue gains increased to 10.1% from 9.9%.
- Consensus for **fourth quarter 2026** earnings gains increased to 21.1% from 20.7%. Revenue gains increased to 10.3% from 9.5%.
- **For all of 2026**, consensus for earnings gains increased to 21.5% from 21.0%. Consensus for revenue gains increased to 10.3% from 10.1%.

## Economic News This Week

Source: [www.marketwatch.com](http://www.marketwatch.com)

**April U.S. Housing Starts** released at 8:30 AM EST on Thursday are expected to drop to 1.40 million units from 1.50 million units in March.

**May Philly Fed** released at 8:30 AM EST on Thursday is expected to drop to 18.0 from 26.7 in April.

**May U.S. May Consumer Sentiment** released at 10:00 AM EST on Friday is expected to be unchanged at 48.2.

**April Leading Economic Indicators** released at 10:00 AM EST on Friday are expected to improve to -0.2 from -0.6 in March.

## Selected Earnings Reports This Week

Source: [Investing.com](http://Investing.com) Canada - Stock Market Data and Financial News

First quarter U.S. earnings report season is winding down. Eighteen S&P 500 companies (including three Dow Jones Industrial Average companies: Home Depot, Walmart and Deere) are scheduled to report. One TSX 60 company is scheduled to report: CAE.

**Monday:** Baidu, Toll Brothers

**Tuesday:** Home Depot

**Wednesday:** Nvidia, Lowe's, Intuit, Target, Hasbro, TJX Companies, Analog Devices

**Thursday:** Walmart, Deere, NetEase, Ross Stores, Take Two, Copart, Zoom, Workday, CAE

## Trader's Corner

Example showing score for TSX Composite Index (\$TSX)

	Previous Score	New Score
Intermediate trend: Remained up	2	2
Strength relative to S&P 500: Remained negative	-2	-2
Above/Below 20 day moving average: Moved below	1	-1
Daily momentum (Stochastics, RSI, MACD): Changed from up to down	1	-1
Totals	2	-2

### Equity Indices and Related ETFs

Daily Seasonal/Technical Equity Trends for May 15<sup>th</sup> 2026

Unit	Seasonal	Until	Trend	Relative Strength	20 Day MA	Momentum	Tech Score	Prev Score
SPX	Neutral	Oct.28	Up	Neutral	Above	Down	2	4
TSX	Neutral	Dec.15	Up	Negative	Below	Down	-2	2
DJIA	Neutral	July 7	Down	Negative	Above	Down	-4	-2
COMPQ	Positive	Aug.13	Up	Positive	Above	Down	4	6
IYT	Neutral	Aug.31	Up	Negative	Below	Down	-2	
AORD	Neutral	June 15	Down	Negative	Below	Down	-6	
IEV	Positive	May 24	Up	Negative	Below	Down	-2	0
NIKK	Neutral	Nov.13	Up	Neutral	Above	Down	2	4
FXI	Neutral	Aug.31	Up	Negative	Below	Down	-2	2
EEM	Neutral	Dec.11	Up	Negative	Above	Down	0	2

Green: Increase from previous day

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Source for all positive seasonality ratings: [www.EquityClock.com](http://www.EquityClock.com)

### Commodities

Daily Seasonal/Technical Commodities Trends for May 15<sup>th</sup> 2026

Unit	Seasonal	Until	Trend	Relative Strength	20 Day MA	Momentum	Tech Score	Prev Score
CRB Index	Positive	May 21	Up	Neutral	Above	Up	4	
Gasoline	Neutral	Dec.18	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	
Crude Oil	Neutral	Jan.12	Up	Neutral	Above	Up	4	
Natural Gas	Positive	June 20	Down	Positive	Above	Up	2	0
S&P Energy	Neutral	Jan.22	Up	Neutral	Above	Up	4	
Oil Services	Neutral	Dec.19	Up	Neutral	Above	Up	4	
Gold	Neutral	Dec.22	Down	Negative	Below	Down	-6	-4
Silver	Neutral	Dec.23	Up	Neutral	Below	Up	2	4
Gold Bug	Neutral	July 27	Neutral	Negative	Below	Down	-4	2
Platinum	Neutral	Dec. 24	Up	Neutral	Below	Down	0	2
Palladium	Neutral	June 28	Down	Negative	Below	Down	-6	
Copper	Neutral	Aug.8	Up	Neutral	Above	Down	2	6
Agribusiness	Neutral	Nov.10	Neutral	Negative	Below	Down	-4	-2

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## Sectors

### Daily Seasonal/Technical Sector Trends for May 15<sup>th</sup> 2026

Unit	Seasonal	Until	Trend	Relative Strength	20 Day MA	Momentum	Tech Score	Prev. Score
XLK	Positive	Aug.31	Up	Positive	Above	Down	4	6
XLB	Neutral	Sept.27	Up	Negative	Below	Down	-2	0
XLI	Neutral	Oct.29	Up	Negative	Below	Down	-2	2
XLY	Neutral	May 20	Down	Negative	Below	Down	-6	
XLF	Neutral	Oct.15	Down	Negative	Below	Down	-6	
XLE	Neutral	Jan.22	Up	Neutral	Above	Up	4	
XLP	Positive	May 24	Down	Negative	Above	Up	-2	
XLU	Neutral	Feb. 17	Down	Negative	Below	Down	-6	
XLV	Positive	Aug.22	Down	Neutral	Below	Up	-2	0
XLC	Positive	June 2	Neutral	Negative	Below	Up	-2	0
XLRE	Neutral	Dec.1	Neutral	Negative	Below	Down	-4	-2
TSX Financial	Neutral	July 9	Up	Negative	Above	Up	2	
TSX Energy	Neutral	Dec.18	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	4
TSX Gold	Neutral	Nov.18	Neutral	Neutral	Below	Down	-2	2
TSX Tech	Neutral	Oct.29	Up	Negative	Below	Down	-2	
TSX B Metals	Neutral	Aug.21	Up	Neutral	Above	Down	2	6

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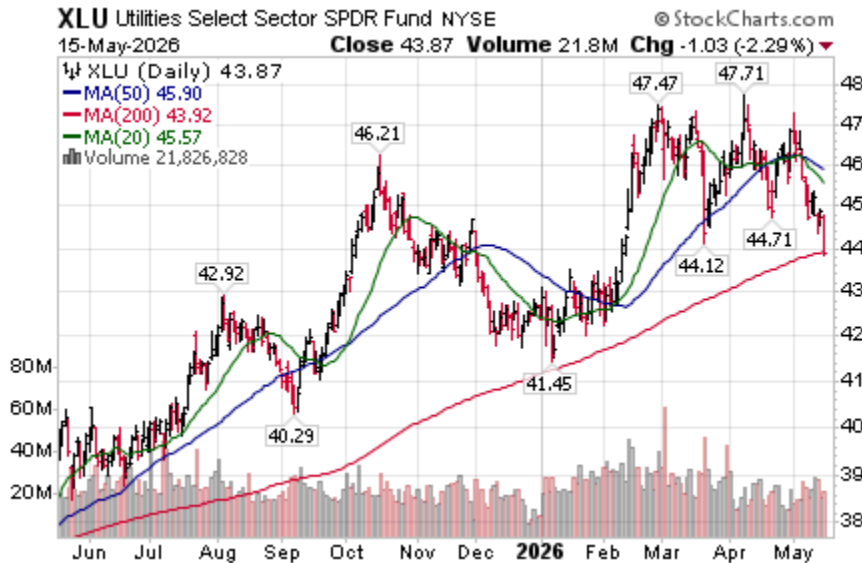
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## Changes Last Week

Index	Close	Change	Percent Change
S&P 500	7,408.50	9.57	0.13
TSX Composite	33,833.35	-244.44	-0.72
Dow Jones Industrial Average	49,526.17	-82.99	-0.16
NASDAQ Composite	26,225.14	-21.94	-0.08
Dow Jones Transport Average	20,134.18	-64.56	-0.32
Australia All Ordinaries	8,884.70	-222.30	-2.44
Nikkei Average	62,654.05	-179.79	-0.29
Europe iShares	70.49	-1.94	-2.68
China iShares	36.20	-1.06	-2.84
Emerging Markets iShares	66.07	-1.87	-2.75

# Technical Notes

**Utilities SPDRs (XLU)** moved below \$44.12 completing a Head & Shoulders pattern. Responded on Friday to a spike in yield by long term Treasuries! Yield on 10 year Treasuries spiked 13.4 basis points to 4.595%.



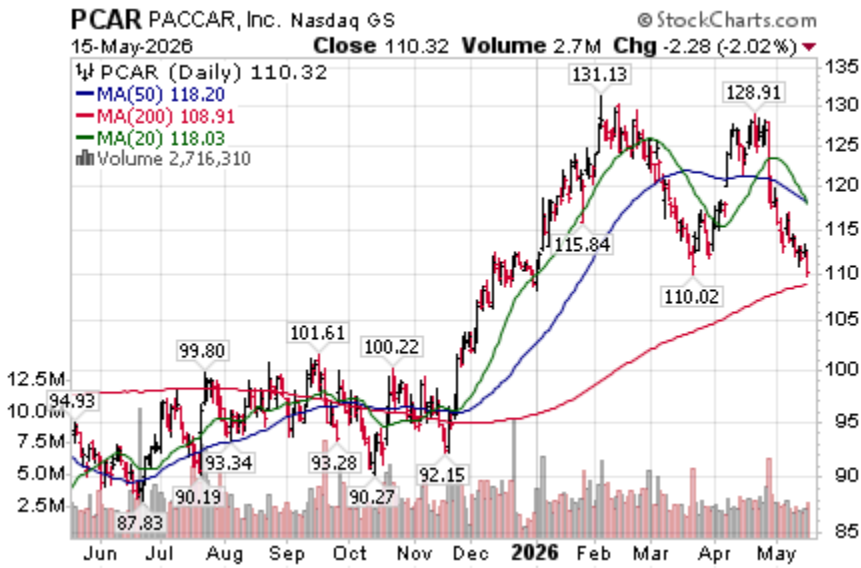
**Global Timber iShares (WOOD)** moved below \$66.65 and \$65.85 extending an intermediate downtrend.



**PDD Holdings (PDD)** a NASDAQ 100 stock moved below \$95.37 extending an intermediate downtrend.



**Paccar (PCAR)** a NASDAQ 100 stock moved below \$110.02 completing a double top pattern.



## S&P 500 Momentum Barometers



The intermediate term Barometer dropped another 2.80 on Friday and 6.60 last week to 44.20. It remained Neutral. Daily downtrend was extended.



The short term (20 days) Barometer dropped 5.40 on Friday and dropped 7.20 last week to 36.00 to 36.00. It changed on Friday from Neutral to Oversold on a drop below 36.00. Daily downtrend was extended.

The long term Barometer dropped 2.60 on Friday and slipped 2.40 last week to 52.40. It remains Neutral. Daily downtrend was extended.

## TSX Momentum Barometers



The intermediate term Barometer dropped 6.82 on Friday and fell 5.45 last week to 55.45. It changed from Overbought to Neutral on a drop below 60.00.



The short term (20 days) Barometer plunged 18.18 on Friday and dropped 20.00 last week. It changed from Overbought to Neutral on a drop below 60.00.

The long term Barometer dropped 4.09 on Friday and dropped 6.36 last week to 69.55. It remained Overbought.

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