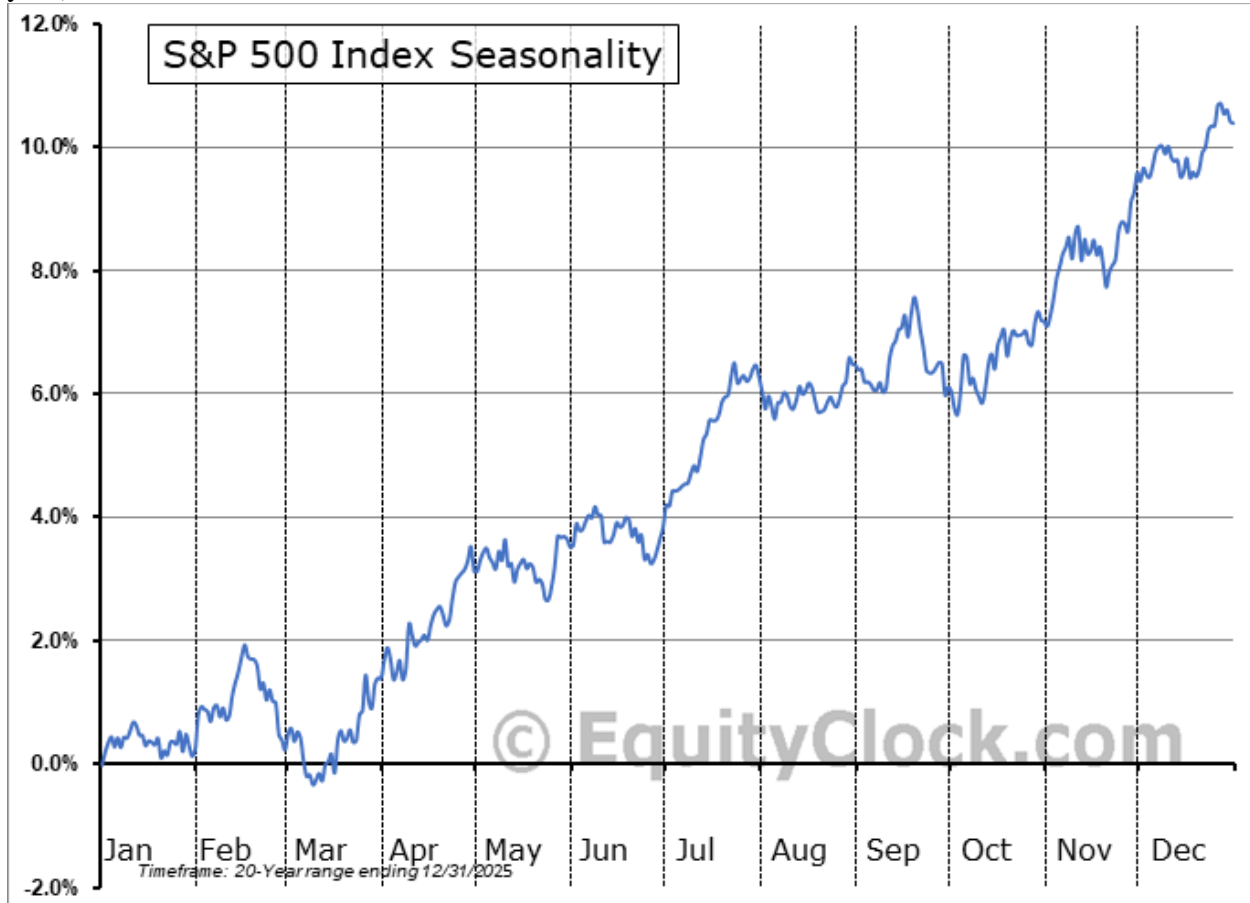


Tech Talk for Saturday May 2nd 2026

The Bottom Line

Is history for the S&P 500 Index about to repeat? The S&P 500 Index has a long history of entering into a brief corrective period between May 5th and the third week in June. The corrective phase is the basis for the phrase “Sell in May and Go Away”. Seasonal weakness during this period has been notable during U.S Mid-term Presidential Election Cycle years (such as this year).



The main reason for the corrective phase is profit taking following good news released at annual meetings including positive first quarter results and favourable updates projected for the following year

What about this year? This year is different: Analysts normally **increase** earnings and cash flow estimates following release of first quarter results and the issuing of favourable annual prospects. This year, analysts more than increased their estimates: they **accelerated** their quarterly and annual earnings and revenue increases for S&P 500 companies.

Earnings and Revenues Consensus for S&P 500 companies

Source: www.factset.com

Analysts increased 2026 earnings and revenue estimates significantly last week: 63% of companies have reported quarterly results to date, 84% have reported higher than consensus earnings and 81% have reported higher than consensus revenues.

- Consensus for **first quarter 2026** calls for a 27.1% earnings increase, up from a 15.1% increase last week. Revenue gains increased to 11.3% from 10.3%.
- Consensus for **second quarter 2026** earnings gains increased to 21.3% from 20.6%. Consensus for revenue gains increased to 11.0% from 10.7%.
- Consensus for **third quarter 2026** earnings gains increased to 23.0% from 22.7%. Consensus for revenue gains increased to 9.7% from 9.5%.
- Consensus for **fourth quarter 2026** earnings gains increased to 20.6% from 20.4%. Revenue gains increased to 9.7% from 8.5%.
- **For all of 2026**, consensus for earnings gains increased to 20.6% from 18.6%. Consensus for revenue gains increased to 9.7% from 9.5%.

Economic News This Week

March U.S. Trade released at 8:30 AM EST on Tuesday is expected to be a \$60.4 billion deficit versus a \$57.3 billion deficit in February

February U.S. New Home Sales released at 10:00 AM EST on Tuesday are expected to increase to 630,000 from 587,000 in January. March Sales are expected to increase to 660,000.

April ISM Services released at 10:00 AM EST on Tuesday are expected to increase to 54.3 from 54.0 in March.

First quarter U.S. Productivity released at 8:30 AM EST on Thursday is expected to increase 1.5% versus a 1.8% increase in the fourth quarter of 2025.

February U.S. Construction Spending released at 10:00 AM EST on Thursday is expected to slip 0.1% versus a 0.3% drop in January. March spending is expected to increase 0.4%.

April U.S. Non-farm Payrolls released at 8:30 AM EST on Friday are expected to drop to 53,000 from 178,000 in March. **April Unemployment Rate** is expected to remain unchanged from March at 4.3%. **April Average Hourly Wages** are expected to increase 0.3% versus a 0.2% increase in March. **On a year-over-year basis**, April Average Hourly Wages are expected to increase 3.8% versus a 3.5% increase in March.

March Wholesale Inventories released at 10:00 AM EST on Friday are expected to increase 1.4% versus a 0.8% increase in February.

May U.S. Consumer Sentiment released at 10:00 AM EST on Friday is expected to slip to 49.5 from 49.8 in April.

Selected Earnings Report This Week

Another 126 S&P 500 companies are scheduled to release quarterly results this week (including three Dow Jones Industrial Average companies). Another 16 TSX 60 companies are scheduled to report.

Monday: Vertex, Palantir, Diamondback Energy, ON Technologies

Tuesday: AMD, Eaton, Pfizer, Anheuser Busch, Cummins, **Suncor**, American Electric Power, Occidental, **Cameco**, Rockwell Automation, PayPal, Archer Daniel Midland, Prudential, Dupont, IFF, Pitney Bowes

Wednesday: ARM, Walt Disney, Uber, CVS Health, Marriott, DoorDash, MetLife, **Sun Life Financial, Restaurant Brands International, Nutrien, Fortis, KraftHeinz, Lundin Mining, CF Industries, Tourmaline Oil, TransAlta, Whirlpool**

Thursday: Shell, McDonalds, Gilead, McKesson, **Canadian Natural Resources**, AirBNB, Monster Beverages, Republic Services, Core Weave, **Wheaton Precious Metals**, Microchip Technology, Data dog, Becton Dickenson, **Pembina Pipelines, BCE, Open Text, Baytex Energy**

Friday: Toyota, **Enbridge, Emera, Brookfield Asset Management, Algonquin Power, Wendy's**

Bolded stocks are Canadian listed stocks.

Trader's Corner

Example showing score for Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA)

	Previous Score	New Score
Intermediate trend: Remains down	-2	-2
Strength relative to S&P 500: Remains negative	-2	-2
Above/Below 20 day moving average: Remains above	1	1
Daily momentum (Stochastics, RSI, MACD): Turned down	1	-1
Totals	-2	-4

Equity Indices and Related ETFs

Daily Seasonal/Technical Equity Trends for May 1st 2026

Unit	Seasonal	Until	Trend	Relative Strength	20 Day MA	Momentum	Tech Score	Prev Score
SPX	Neutral	Oct.28	Up	Neutral	Above	Up	4	
TSX	Neutral	Dec.15	Up	Negative	Above	Up	2	
DJIA	Neutral	July 7	Down	Negative	Above	Down	-4	-2
COMPQ	Neutral	May 10	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	
IYT	Neutral	Aug.31	Up	Negative	Above	Down	0	
AORD	Neutral	June 15	Down	Negative	Below	Down	-6	
IEV	Positive	May 24	Up	Negative	Above	Up	2	
NIKK	Neutral	Nov.13	Up	Neutral	Above	Down	2	
FXI	Neutral	Aug.31	Neutral	Negative	Above	Up	0	
EEM	Neutral	Dec.11	Up	Neutral	Above	Up	4	2

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Source for all positive seasonality ratings: www.EquityClock.com

Commodities

Daily Seasonal/Technical Commodities Trends for May 1st 2026

Unit	Seasonal	Until	Trend	Relative Strength	20 Day MA	Momentum	Tech Score	Prev Score
CRB Index	Positive	May 21	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	
Gasoline	Neutral	Dec.18	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	
Crude Oil	Neutral	Jan.12	Up	Positive	Above	Down	4	6
Natural Gas	Positive	June 20	Down	Negative	Below	Up	-4	
S&P Energy	Positive	May 9	Up	Neutral	Above	Up	4	
Oil Services	Neutral	Dec.19	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	
Gold	Positive	May 6	Down	Negative	Below	Down	-6	
Silver	Neutral	Dec.23	Down	Negative	Below	Up	-4	-6
Gold Bug	Neutral	July 27	Neutral	Negative	Below	Down	-4	
Platinum	Neutral	Dec. 8	Down	Negative	Below	Up	-4	-6
Palladium	Neutral	June 28	Down	Negative	Below	Up	-4	
Copper	Neutral	Aug.8	Neutral	Negative	Below	Down	-4	-2
Agribusiness	Neutral	Nov.10	Neutral	Negative	Below	Down	-4	

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Sectors

Daily Seasonal/Technical Sector Trends for May 1st 2026

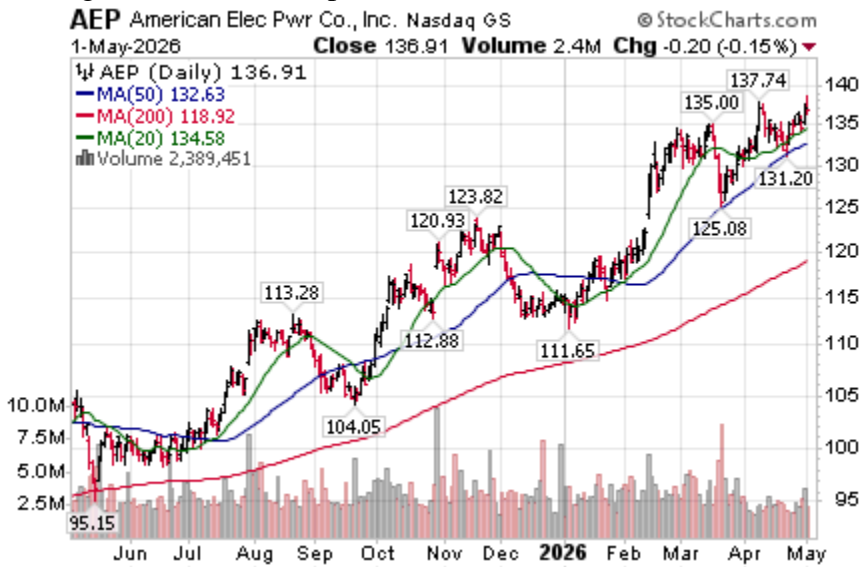
Unit	Seasonal	Until	Trend	Relative Strength	20 Day MA	Momentum	Tech Score	Prev. Score
XLK	Positive	Aug.31	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	
XLB	Neutral	Sept.27	Up	Negative	Below	Down	-2	
XLI	Neutral	Oct.29	Up	Negative	Below	Up	0	
XLY	Neutral	May 20	Down	Negative	Above	Up	-4	
XLF	Neutral	Oct.15	Down	Negative	Above	Down	-4	
XLE	Positive	May 9	Up	Neutral	Above	Up	4	
XLP	Positive	May 24	Down	Negative	Above	Up	-2	
XLU	Positive	May 12	Up	Negative	Above	Up	2	
XLV	Positive	Aug.22	Down	Negative	Below	Up	-4	
XLC	Positive	June 2	Neutral	Negative	Above	Down	-2	
XLRE	Neutral	Dec.1	Up	Negative	Above	Up	2	
TSX Financial	Neutral	July 9	Up	Negative	Above	Down	0	
TSX Energy	Neutral	Dec.18	Up	Neutral	Above	Up	4	
TSX Gold	Neutral	Nov.18	Neutral	Negative	Below	Down	-4	
TSX Tech	Neutral	Oct.29	Up	Negative	Above	Down	0	
TSX B Metals	Neutral	Aug.21	Neutral	Negative	Below	Down	-4	

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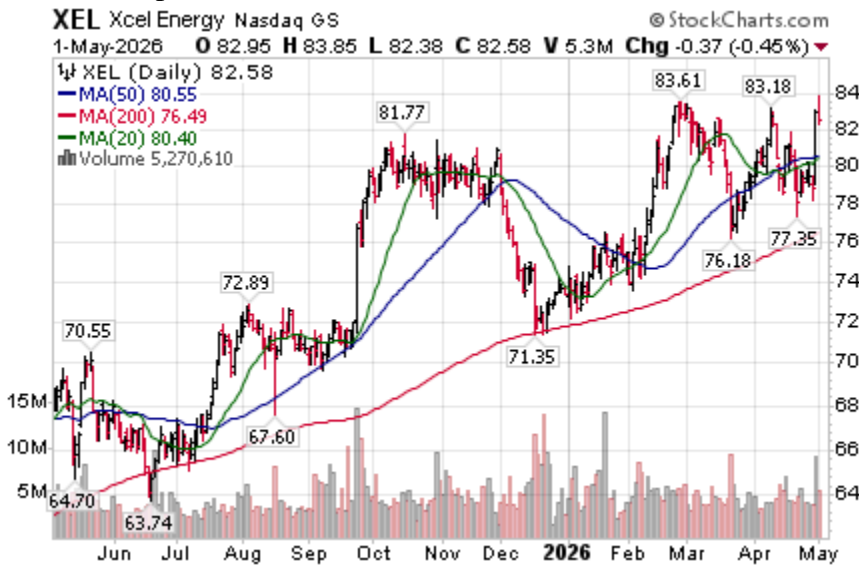
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Technical Notes for Friday

American Electric Power (AEP) an S&P 100 stock moved above \$137.74 to an all-time high extending an intermediate uptrend.



Exel Energy (XEL) a NASDAQ 100 stock moved above \$83.61 to an all-time high extending an intermediate uptrend.



Zoom (ZM) a NASDAQ 100 stock moved above \$97.58 to a four year high extending an intermediate uptrend.



McDonalds (MCD) a Dow Jones Industrial Average stock moved below \$288.69 extending an intermediate downtrend.



S&P 500 Momentum Barometers



The intermediate term Barometer slipped 0.80 on Friday and added 2.00 last week to 54.80. It remains Neutral.



The short term (20 days) Barometer dropped 4.20 on Friday and dropped 4.40 last week to 55.80. It changed last week from Overbought to Neutral on a drop below 60.00.

The long term Barometer slipped 0.20 on Friday and 2.40 last week to 57.80. It changed from Overbought to Neutral on a drop below 60.00.

TSX Momentum Barometers



The intermediate term Barometer dropped 1.36 on Friday and added 2.73 last week to 55.00. It remains Neutral.



The short term (20 days) Barometer dropped 0.45 on Friday and gained 16.82 last week to 55.91. It changed from Overbought to Neutral on a drop below 60.00.

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