

TimingResearch Crowd Forecast Newsletter (Beta)

Week 49 - 08/31/14 Report

Open-ended responses for Questions #1, #4, and #5 start on the next page.

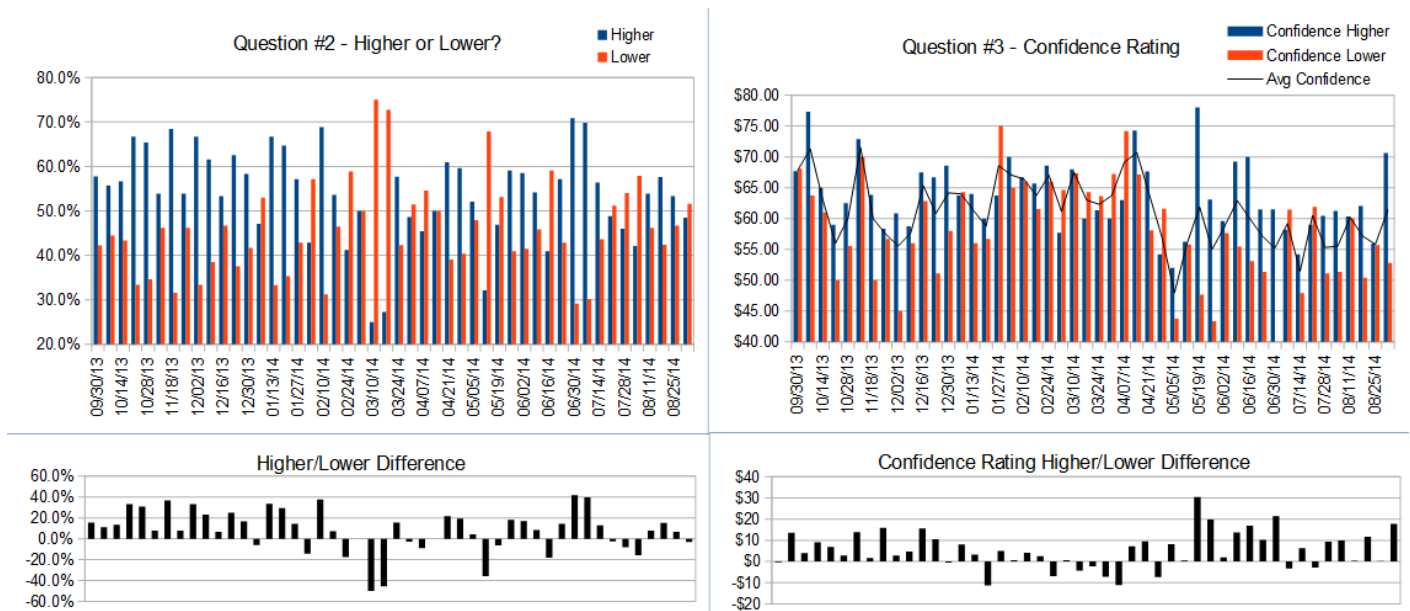
Question #2: Based on any technical or fundamental indicators you want to use, would you guess that the S&P 500 index will move higher or lower next week? (from Tuesday's open to Friday's close; September 2-5)

Higher: 48.5%
Lower: 51.5%

Question #3: If you were given \$100 and offered the chance to keep as much of it as you want or bet part of it, at 2-1 odds, on your answer to Question #2 being correct, how much would you bet?

Average of All Guesses: \$61.44
Average For "Higher" Guesses: \$70.64
Average For "Lower" Guesses: \$52.80

Brief Analysis: For the third week in a row, the bulls have guessed correctly with the S&P500 gaining 0.58% this last week. However, overall sentiment has shifted slightly negative, but with a major difference in confidence. In Question #3, the average of people predicting a "Higher" move is almost \$18 more than than of the "Lower" guessers, putting the bullish confidence at a higher level than it's been since June.



Raw Data Page (raw data files include full history spreadsheet and the above charts):
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Full Weekly Results (full version of this chart available in the [raw data](#) spreadsheet for this week, "Date" field below lists the Monday of the week being predicted).

Correct Percentage: 46.7%

	Date	Higher	Lower	H/L Diff	Avg Confidence	Confidence Higher	Confidence Lower	Con Diff	Guess	Actual	46.7% Correct?	
1	09/30/13	57.8%	42.2%	15.6%	\$67.84	\$67.69	\$68.06	-\$0.37	Higher	Lower	No	0
2	10/07/13	55.7%	44.4%	11.2%	\$71.30	\$77.33	\$63.75	\$13.58	Higher	Higher	Yes	1
3	10/14/13	56.7%	43.3%	13.3%	\$63.00	\$65.00	\$61.00	\$4.00	Higher	Higher	Yes	1
4	10/21/13	66.7%	33.3%	33.3%	\$56.00	\$59.00	\$50.00	\$9.00	Higher	Higher	Yes	1
5	10/28/13	65.4%	34.6%	30.8%	\$60.00	\$62.50	\$55.56	\$6.94	Higher	Higher	Yes	1
7	11/11/13	53.9%	46.2%	7.7%	\$71.54	\$72.86	\$70.00	\$2.86	Higher	Higher	Yes	1
8	11/18/13	68.4%	31.6%	36.8%	\$60.00	\$63.85	\$50.00	\$13.85	Higher	Higher	Yes	1
9	11/25/13	53.9%	46.2%	7.7%	\$57.50	\$58.33	\$56.67	\$1.66	Higher	Lower	No	0
10	12/02/13	66.7%	33.3%	33.3%	\$55.56	\$60.83	\$45.00	\$15.83	Higher	Lower	No	0
11	12/09/13	61.5%	38.5%	23.1%	\$57.69	\$58.75	\$56.00	\$2.75	Higher	Lower	No	0
12	12/16/13	53.3%	46.7%	6.7%	\$65.33	\$67.50	\$62.86	\$4.64	Higher	Higher	Yes	1
13	12/23/13	62.5%	37.5%	25.0%	\$60.83	\$66.67	\$51.11	\$15.56	Higher	Higher	Yes	1
14	12/30/13	58.3%	41.7%	16.7%	\$64.17	\$68.57	\$58.00	\$10.57	Higher	Lower	No	0
15	01/06/14	47.1%	52.9%	-5.9%	\$64.00	\$63.75	\$64.29	-\$0.54	Lower	Higher	No	0
16	01/13/14	66.7%	33.3%	33.4%	\$61.30	\$64.00	\$56.00	\$8.00	Higher	Lower	No	0
17	01/20/14	64.7%	35.3%	29.4%	\$58.75	\$60.00	\$56.67	\$3.33	Higher	Lower	No	0
18	01/27/14	57.1%	42.9%	14.3%	\$68.57	\$63.75	\$75.00	-\$11.25	Higher	Lower	No	0
19	02/03/14	42.9%	57.1%	-14.3%	\$67.06	\$70.00	\$65.00	\$5.00	Lower	Higher	No	0
20	02/10/14	68.8%	31.3%	37.6%	\$66.40	\$66.70	\$66.00	\$0.70	Higher	Higher	Yes	1
21	02/17/14	53.6%	46.4%	7.1%	\$63.70	\$65.71	\$61.54	\$4.17	Higher	Lower	No	0
22	02/24/14	41.2%	58.8%	-17.6%	\$67.06	\$68.57	\$66.00	\$2.57	Lower	Higher	No	0
23	03/03/14	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%	\$61.15	\$57.69	\$64.62	-\$6.93	Lower	Higher	N/A	N/A
24	03/10/14	25.0%	75.0%	-50.0%	\$67.50	\$68.00	\$67.33	\$0.67	Lower	Lower	Yes	1
25	03/17/14	27.3%	72.7%	-45.5%	\$63.00	\$60.00	\$64.29	-\$4.29	Lower	Higher	No	0
26	03/24/14	57.7%	42.3%	15.4%	\$62.31	\$61.33	\$63.64	-\$2.31	Higher	Lower	No	0
27	03/31/14	48.6%	51.4%	-2.9%	\$63.71	\$60.00	\$67.22	-\$7.22	Lower	Higher	No	0
28	04/07/14	45.5%	54.5%	-9.1%	\$69.09	\$63.00	\$74.17	-\$11.17	Lower	Lower	Yes	1
29	04/14/14	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%	\$70.71	\$74.29	\$67.14	\$7.15	Lower	Higher	N/A	N/A
30	04/21/14	60.9%	39.1%	21.9%	\$63.88	\$67.64	\$58.10	\$9.54	Higher	Lower	No	0
31	04/28/14	59.6%	40.4%	19.2%	\$57.00	\$54.19	\$61.58	-\$7.39	Higher	Higher	Yes	1
32	05/05/14	52.1%	47.9%	4.2%	\$47.96	\$52.00	\$43.75	\$8.25	Higher	Lower	No	0
33	05/12/14	32.1%	67.9%	-35.7%	\$55.93	\$56.25	\$55.79	\$0.46	Lower	Lower	Yes	1
34	05/19/14	46.9%	53.1%	-6.3%	\$61.88	\$78.00	\$47.65	\$30.35	Lower	Higher	No	0
35	05/26/14	59.1%	40.9%	18.2%	\$55.00	\$63.08	\$43.33	\$19.75	Higher	Higher	Yes	1
36	06/02/14	58.5%	41.5%	17.1%	\$58.75	\$59.57	\$57.65	\$1.92	Higher	Higher	Yes	1
37	06/09/14	54.2%	45.8%	8.3%	\$62.92	\$69.23	\$55.45	\$13.78	Higher	Lower	No	0
38	06/16/14	40.9%	59.1%	-18.2%	\$60.00	\$70.00	\$53.08	\$16.92	Lower	Higher	No	0
39	06/23/14	57.1%	42.9%	14.3%	\$57.14	\$61.50	\$51.33	\$10.17	Higher	Lower	No	0
40	06/30/14	70.8%	29.2%	41.7%	\$55.21	\$61.47	\$40.00	\$21.47	Higher	Higher	Yes	1
41	07/07/14	69.8%	30.2%	39.7%	\$59.20	\$58.21	\$61.43	-\$3.22	Higher	Lower	No	0
42	07/14/14	56.4%	43.6%	12.8%	\$51.45	\$54.19	\$47.92	\$6.27	Higher	Higher	Yes	1
43	07/21/14	48.8%	51.2%	-2.4%	\$60.49	\$59.00	\$61.90	-\$2.90	Lower	Higher	No	0
44	07/28/14	46.0%	54.0%	-8.0%	\$55.31	\$60.45	\$51.11	\$9.34	Lower	Lower	Yes	1
45	08/04/14	42.1%	57.9%	-15.8%	\$55.53	\$61.25	\$51.36	\$9.89	Lower	Higher	No	0
46	08/11/14	53.8%	46.2%	7.7%	\$60.19	\$60.36	\$60.00	\$0.36	Higher	Higher	Yes	1
47	08/18/14	57.6%	42.4%	15.3%	\$57.12	\$62.06	\$50.40	\$11.66	Higher	Higher	Yes	1
48	08/25/14	53.3%	46.7%	6.7%	\$55.83	\$55.94	\$55.71	\$0.23	Higher	Higher	Yes	1
49	09/01/14	48.5%	51.5%	-3.1%	\$61.44	\$70.64	\$52.80	\$17.84	???	???	???	???

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NOTE: The following open-ended answers are solely the opinions of the anonymous responders to this survey. Responses are mostly unedited, but some have been reformatted slightly for to make them easier to read. Some useless/irrelevant responses (e.g. "none") have been omitted. All responses for each week, unedited, are available in the raw data spreadsheets at TimingResearch.com/rawdata.

Question #1: What developing events (technical or fundamental) will you be watching out for next week (September 2-5) that might have a positive or negative impact on the S&P 500 and other US markets?

- More need for involvement with iraq
- resistance
- russia/ukraine crisis.
- Jackson Hole speeches
- war
- Fighting in Ukraine.
- Geo-political events in Russia and middle east.
- Behavior of S&P 500.
- Situation in Iraq/Syria and probability that the U.S. will escalate its involvement.
- Russian affairs in Ukraine.
- Obama taking steps to unilaterally implement ""global warming"" taxes or regulation.
- technical -
- ISIS
- Transports, and Put/Call ratio.
- watching the daily chart. looks a little bearish
- Siria and Irak one on side, and the possible topping formation on the other
- PMI, Trade Balance, Unemployment claims, Non-mfg PMI, Non-farm employment, unemployment rate
- near highs
- European
European economy
- SELL OFF
- Will ISIS obtain the a nuclear bomb from Iran or any other Muslim country. Will they be able to cross the border and set a bomb in NYC, Las Vegas, or Washington DC. Will Jimmy Carter ask for a position in the Hamas organization?
Will there be a major earthquake in California? Will more investors be taking their money out or depositing more in the market when returning from their vacations?"
- Russia
- Ukraine
- 1. The Ukraine
2. Economic reports
- don't look at news
- Ukraine developments
- Ukraine
ECB meeting
Employment report
Iraq
- Russia-Ukraine.

- Volume should be increasing and raise the indexes overall next week.
- Ukraine, Gaza, Iraq, Russia negative
- Impact of traders being back in the market
- Russian desires to retake its oil interests
- terrorist attacks
- Syria
- The S&P reaching 50-55 above the 50 EMA which will indicate a short to me.
- Non-Farm Payroll
- Russia
- open U.S. borders
- Ukraine
- natural gas prices
- Ukraie
- Always watching for trouble in OPEC countries. Right now, watching ISIS to see how it's activities will be contained.
- Volume in the markets.
- Obama's lack of response to terror threats
- volume
- The MACD crosses the signal line for both S&P and Dow.
- Ukraine, Europe Recession,
- The Isis situation
- terrorism
- None. It will move up regardless.
- The middle east. Who we will partner with to thwart the terrorism threats presently emerging and ongoing. This would be a good time to have Russia as an ally. Impact negative.
- Putin nuclear threat and Ukraine
- Wall street direction ISIS moves 9/11 attack predictions
- The market is in a surely good mood making new highs,it will continue up consolidate a little n keep up.
- continued ISIS problems and serious concerns about a home grown attack here or in another friendly country
- Ukraine
- Political even: worsening of Ukrainian situation
- Technical: break down in breadth (diffusion indicators, new highs & lows), looked at separately in large cap and small caps
- Postabor Day Volume and direction
- I will be watching the news in Europe the Middle East and the developments in Ukraine also watching to see what the USA plan is for all the trouble in the world
- Time for a breakout.
- World events
- Geopolitical events.
- Syria,isis, Obama the idiot
- Global news
- September can be a bad month for stocks. Any negative reports from the Fed could pave the way for a decline .
- Talk about ISIS.
- Ukraine
- Yellen disconnect

- Brazil recession
- situation in Ukraine
- ""The Plan"" for ISIL
- UKRAINE
- direction of \$spdx
- Political turmoil vis a vis Russia and Nato.
- Unrest in Middle East and UKrane.
- Jobs Report
- Ukraine situation
- Isis
- Libya
- international events
- Ukraine
- technical pointing higher
- wall of worry is still there
- If there is any pick up in Volume
- US & Int'l Employment numbers and Jobless claims.
- low volume week...down 20 points
- Seasonality
- 10 yr treasury yields
- It is all about the Middle East.
- A close above 2002 on the 240 chart
- The Non-Farm Payroll numbers.
- How the S&P's treat this 2000 level.
- 4th wave completing in the S&P followed by a brief 5th wave new high in the range of 2010-2020. Afterward, and beginning by or before 9/5 a decent pullback of 30-50 points to support.
- Spike high in futures with a quick retracement back down.
- Various chart indicators as well as dumb fedspeak, if any,
- Ukraine, Isis
- Non Farm Payroll
- global geo-political
- Employment in USA
- Technicals:
 - Elliot wave

Question #4: McDonald's (MCD) recently announced it's largest monthly decline in sales in over 10 years, with some analysts blaming the decline on younger consumers choosing healthier options. Do you think fast food stocks are in serious trouble due to consumers trying to eat healthier?

We have quantified the open response results for you:

Do you think fast food stocks are in serious trouble due to consumers trying to eat healthier?

Yes - 38.1%

No - 61.9%

- yes. considered it.
- no
- The period for fast food restaurants to grow rapidly is probably coming to an end. But they are not in "serious" trouble.
- No because the lower classes are getting larger and fast food offers cost effective meals.
- Not in the long term.
- No. I think we are in the midst of a very slow recovery from a recession and people are being more frugal in their expenditures.
probably yes, but depends on economy. if people see a weak patch, they go back to cheaper alternatives more (like fast food)"
- NO
- Only minimally, and not for a LONG period of time at that.
- yes
- No, maybe Mc. Donalds need to make some changes, but that doesn't mean that the whole market is in trouble
- Yes
- no
- no
- YES
- No, as with the middle class shrinking and less take home pay from the greatest recovery since the depression, we have to eat and will eat out of garbage cans if need be to survive and many perceive healthy food cost more, but it doesn't, they are just to lazy to prepare it.
- Yes
- yes
- No
- No. they will adjust to changing consumer taste.
- not all fast food stocks
- No
- Yes, healthier choices are, thankfully, making inroads
- No someone will always eat the greasy stuff. We may lose a few of the too many McDonalds or Burger Kings.
- Trouble not from healthier eating but from people being tired of the menu offerings. Young people that I know feel fast food is Boring and eaten late at night when there is nothing else to do.
- No, I think MCD is at a good price to buy.
- no, fast food is a convenience not a diet

- no
- no
- No
- No, I think they are in trouble due to the inability of the economy on picking up Also, more individuals are packing their lunch versus eating out .
- Possibly, especially since there are so many more choices of "fast food" available today.
- yes
- no.
- raised prices.
- boomers are aging, seldom eat at McD's.
- not the ones that restructure their product line.
- No. These businesses will adapt and offer what there is demand for. I retired to and live in the Philippines, trust me, the Mac Ds menu here is different from the US.
- Yes.
- No, MCD is highly adaptable organization. They will sell what people buy. What customers "buy" is the key, not what people "say" they want.
- no
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes but also have less money
- yes
- Yes. I stopped eating there a few months ago due to health concerns.
- Yes
- Yes
- No
- No. People that are busy will continue to eat out.
- Not @ all
- while I think that is a factor I think McDonalds menus need to be revamped. They basically buried their \$1.00 menu so others that still offer a larger selection of lower cost items (Wendy's and Burger King) are one of the main reasons. Overall I do not thin the majority of people are ditching mcdonalds for so called healthier alternatives
- No
- No firm opinion but my guess would be no.
- No
- Yes
- no
- No I just think there are many options out there for them to choose from . I don't think it has anything to do with healthy eating choices
- No. It was too hot.
- Yes
- No. There are healthy choices at MCD, as in any other eatery. I think that MCD has exceeded the growth model...and boy what a run.
- yes
- No
- no
- Probably just a temporary blip - McDonalds has shown the capability to change with the times.
- Yes

- Cyclical variations in youth's ideals.
Fast food will return.
What? Has the world slowed down recently?
- I think the situation in Russia has hurt MCD in addition to the move toward healthier food options. MCD needs to move with the competition-it is still essentially a hamburger joint with fries.
- yes
- yes
- yes
- Just a bit.
- MCD is a great company that will adjust.. Media exposure and hype of all the new up and coming brands ie: LOCO, GMCR, PBPB, CMG , diverts attn away from Big Blue Chip stocks... Why when two analysts say the MARKET is going to correct by 50-60%.. Last year bull market and DOW could not hold 16000, now 18000 might be obtainable by year end ...consistently.. I am not letting the comments of two people .. positive focus.. maybe they should get some Tony Robbins tapes!
- No. They just have to adapt their menus and advertising to meet the changing needs of consumers. Those that can, without turning off their core current customer base will succeed.
- no, they will convince people their new menu is healthier than the previous and better than the others.
- no
- not if they adapt
- I think it is more of a sign of static real income of the middle and lower class.
- Yes
- yes
- Probs. Their food is garbage, high in salt and loaded with unhealthy fat , but just like dealing with an ex-girlfriend I find myself returning to fast food joints cause the food taste so good at that moment but I know its not good for me.
- No
- No
- I think fast food companies MUST sell healthy food to compete in the "healthy world" we are trying to become.
- yes
- No, I think it's a good time to buy MCD
- Yes - and its about time.
- no
- No. Just more and more choices for less and less people.
- no
- NO
- They will adjust.
- Yes
- Yes , Absolutely

Question #5: Comments/Questions/Suggestions?

Thank you for all the feedback, feel free to [contact us](#) at any time with any other questions or comments.

- Has volatility improved enough to do iron condors on the indexes?
- Why do all those who elected these idiots to run our economy when they never owned a business or hired employees and 80% have no common sense from the commander in chief on down, continue to vote for these idiots? 90% of democrat run states are bankrupt and they continue to vote for these idiots. This economy will come to an end, but when is the question.
- Thank you for submitting these results, they provide some insight on what the others are thinking about the market direction.
- Time to think about placing at least a small hedge on your accounts? Maybe do something similar to Doc's "Hindenburg" strategy? I plan to allow some holding to be called away tonight/ this weekend and have more cash in hand. Also looking at a few LEAP puts and selling some premium to pay for them.
- What is Carl Icahn doing right now?
- Yields are low worldwide so only place to invest is equities
- Use price dynamics purification to refine the sentiment signal, per my earlier comment.
- What should I do to be paid?
- Look at chipotle for today's appetite
- Hang on thru September and October - better times ahead.
- TWIST - any further interest?
Don't think the hangout is useful. Talking heads blathering on about personal expectations -- no thanks. Perhaps orchestrate the hangout to a fixed format: 60 seconds each for specific speakers to state their case for the current survey. Then a round table.
- thanks for including me, this is my 1st time, looking fwd to results