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Forecast Calendar

November 11, 2011

United States

Economic Indicators—Schedule and Forecasts

November 14 - November 25, 2011

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f= DE forecast c=consensus a=advance s=second t=third r=revised

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3-and 6-Month Bills (11:30)
$56.0 Billion

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ICSC/Goldman Sachs Chain Sales (7:45) (11/12)

Evans Speech (8:00)
(Dual Mandate)

Bullard Speech (8:30)
(The Economic Outlook and Monetary Policy)

Producer Price Index (8:30)

	Total	Ex-F&E
Sep	0.8%	0.2%
Oct (f)	**-0.1%**	**0.1%**
Oct (c)	**-0.1%**	**0.1%**

Advance Retail Sales (8:30)

	Total	Ex-Auto
Sep	1.1%	0.6%
Oct (f)	**unch**	**-0.1%**
Oct (c)	**0.3%**	**0.2%**

Empire State Manufacturing Survey (8:30)

	Total	Prices
Oct	-8.5	22.5
Nov (f)	**-8.0**	**24.0**
Nov (c)	**-2.3**	

Redbook Chain Sales (8:55)

Business Inventories, Sales (10:00)

	Inven.	Sales	I/S
Aug	0.5%	0.5%	1.277
Sep (f)	**unch**	**0.6%**	**1.268**
Sep (c)	**0.1%**		

Williams Speech (10:05)
(Economic Outlook)

4-Week Bill - $35.0 Billion (f)

52-Week Bill - $25.0 Billion

Fisher Speech (12:30)
(Too Big To Fail)

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Consumer Price Index (8:30)

	Total	Ex-F&E
Aug	0.4%	0.2%
Sep	0.3%	0.1%
Oct (f)	**-0.1%**	**0.1%**
Oct (c)	**unch**	**0.1%**

Monthly TIC flows (9:00) (Sep)

Industrial Production & Capacity Utilization (9:15)

	Prod.	Util.
Aug	0.0%	77.3%
Sep	0.2%	77.4%
Oct (f)	**0.4%**	**77.7%**
Oct (c)	**0.4%**	**77.6%**

NAHB Housing Market Index (10:00)

Jul	15	Oct	18
Aug	15	**Nov (f)**	**17**
Sep	14	**Nov (c)**	**18**

Lacker Speech (11:15)
(Fed Policy and the Allocation of Credit)

Rosengren Speech (12:45)
(Boston Economic Club)

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Initial Claims (8:30)

10/29	400	**11/12 (f)**	**395**
11/5	390	**11/12 (c)**	**395**

Housing Starts (8:30)
(Units, Thousands, SAAR)

	Starts	Permits
Aug	572	625
Sep	658	589
Oct (f)	**635**	**602**
Oct (c)	**605**	**600**

Philadelphia Fed Survey (10:00)

	Total	Prices
Sep	-17.5	23.2
Oct	8.7	20.0
Nov (f)	**9.2**	**21.0**
Nov (c)	**9.0**	

Pianalto Speech (12:30)
(Economic Outlook and Progress of U.S. Households)

Dudley Speech (12:50)
(West Point, NY)

10-Year TIPS (13:00)
$11.0 Billion

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Dudley Speech (8:15)
(Albany, NY)

Leading Indicators (10:00)

Jun	0.3%	Sep	0.2%
Jul	0.6%	**Oct (f)**	**0.7%**
Aug	0.3%	**Oct (c)**	**0.6%**

Fisher Speech (13:15)
(Economic Outlook)

Williams Speech (13:50)
(Recovering from Crisis: The Role of Financial Markets)

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Existing Home Sales (10:00)
(Units, Millions, SAAR)

May	4.810	Aug	5.060
Jun	4.840	Sep	4.910
Jul	4.670	**Oct (f)**	**4.790**

3-and 6-Month Bills (11:30)
$56.0 Billion (f)

2-Year Note (13:00)
$35.0 Billion (f)

Lochart Speech (14:30)
(Economic Outlook)

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ICSC/Goldman Sachs Chain Sales (7:45) (11/19)

Redbook Chain Sales (8:55)
(11/19)

Gross Domestic Product (8:30)

(Second)	Real	Final Sales	Chain Prices
11:Q2	1.3%	1.6%	2.5%
11:Q3 (a)	2.5%	3.6%	2.5%
11:Q3 (f)	**2.5%**	**3.8%**	**2.5%**

4-Week Bill (11:30)
$35.0 Billion (f)

Kocherlakota Speech (13:00)
(Looking Back at Three Years of Federal Reserve Action)

5-Year Note (13:00)
$35.0 Billion (f)

FOMC Minutes (14:00)
(November 1–2 meeting)

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Initial Claims (8:30)

10/29	400	**11/12 (f)**	**395**
11/5	390	**11/19 (f)**	**390**

Durable Goods (8:30)

	Orders	Ex-Def.	Ships.
Sep	-0.6%	-0.9%	-0.7%
Oct (f)	**-1.0%**	**-1.0%**	**0.3%**

Personal Income & Consumption (8:30)

	Income	Cons.	Core Prices
Sep	0.1%	0.6%	0.0%
Oct (f)	**0.3%**	**0.3%**	**0.1%**

U of M Cons Sentiment Index (9:55) (Final)

Sep	59.4	Nov (p)	64.2
Oct	60.9	**Nov (f)**	**65.5**

U of M Inflation Expectations (9:55) (Final)

	1-Year	5-Year
Oct	3.2%	2.7%
Nov (p)	3.2%	2.6%
Nov (f)	**3.2%**	**2.6%**

7-Year Note (13:00)
$29.0 Billion (f)

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Holiday

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Recent History-Latest Results

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3-and 6-Month Bills (11:30)
$56.0 Billion

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ICSC/Goldman Sachs Chain Sales (7:45) (11/5)

Redbook Chain Sales (8:55)
(11/5)

4-Week Bill (11:30)
$35.0 Billion

3-Year Note (13:00)
$32.0 Billion

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Wholesale Inventories (10:00)

Apr	1.1%	Jul	0.8%
May	1.7%	Aug	0.1%
Jun	0.6%	Sep	-0.1%

10-Year Note (13:00)
$24.0 Billion

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Initial Claims (8:30)

10/29	400	11/5	390

Import Prices (Non-Fuel, Y/Y) (8:30)

Sep	5.4%	Oct	4.9%

Trade Balance (8:30)
($ Billions, BOP Basis)

	Total	Merch.	Serv.
Aug	-44.9	-60.9	16.0
Sep	-43.1	-58.9	15.8

30-Year Bond (13:00) - $16.0 Billion

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U of M Cons Sentiment Index (9:55) (Prelim.)

Jun	71.5	Sep	59.4
Jul	63.7	Oct	60.9
Aug	55.7	Nov	64.2

U of M Inflation Expectations (9:55) (Prelim.)

	1-Year	5-Year
Sep	3.3%	2.9%
Oct	3.2%	2.7%
Nov	3.2%	2.6%

(Bond Market Holiday)

Indicator Highlights

United States

The Producer Price Index (Tue., Nov. 15, 8:30 a.m.) should be watched for further signs that commodity price inflation is abating. A big deal for the Fed now is Retail Sales (Tue., Nov. 15, 8:30 a.m.), a key indicator for consumption, sometimes marking well the direction of aggregate consumer spending. The consumer is central to the expansion, its risks, and extent. The Empire State Manufacturing (Tue., Nov. 15, 8:30 a.m.) and Philadelphia Fed Manufacturing (Thu., Nov. 17, 10:00 a.m.) surveys are important indicators of regional manufacturing activity that can foreshadow the national picture. Trouble on exports, tied to the global economy, would show up here. The indices have dipped into negative territory recently, suggesting fading industry strength. The Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) (Wed., Nov. 16, 8:30 a.m.) is important for its overall and "core" readings on inflation, the latter for the Fed. Industrial Production & Capacity Utilization (Wed, Nov. 16, 9:15 a.m.) will give a detailed read on industrial-side activity. Also of interest is slack, as measured by capacity utilization. Housing Starts (Thu., Nov. 17, 8:30 a.m.) will provide a forward look at residential construction, a component of real GDP, though less than 3% of it now. Builders remain pessimistic about demand prospects.

Existing Home Sales (Mon., Nov. 21, 10:00 a.m.) will offer a glimpse of demand conditions in the broad housing market. Underlying demand for homes appears to have stabilized, but at a low level. The Second Report on Gross Domestic Product (Tue., Nov. 22, 8:30 a.m.) will give an updated reading on the overall economy in Q3, and on the continued strength of the economic recovery. Personal Income & Consumption (Wed., Nov. 23, 8:30 a.m.) will provide a first-month reading of Q4 consumer spending, currently the largest source (over 70%) of real GDP. How goes the consumer, so goes the economy. A new growth trend for consumption has emerged: much lower than historically, hard to pin down exactly, but significantly weaker, at perhaps about 2½%, or 3% at the most. Modest income growth is expected. The Reuters/University of Michigan Consumer Sentiment Index (Wed., Nov. 23, 9:55 a.m.) will provide an updated look at consumer attitudes in late-November. Consumer sentiment retreated sharply on concerns over the economic outlook and policy makers' wrangling over the debt ceiling, but appears to have bottomed. Inflation expectations in the survey are also important, particularly for Fed-watching.

Indicator	Forecast	Consensus	Analysis
Producer Price Index			
Total	-0.1%	-0.1%	Energy prices fall, core settles back.
Ex-Food & Energy	+0.1%	+0.1%	
Advance Retail Sales			
Total	unch	+0.3%	Gasoline sales fall with prices, a pause elsewhere.
Ex-Auto	-0.1%	+0.2%	
Empire State Manufacturing Survey			
Total	-8.0	-2.3	Activity declines by less than in October; prices edge upward.
Prices	24.0		
Business Inventories, Sales			
Inventories	unch	+0.1%	Strong vehicle sale deplete retail inventories.
Sales	+0.6%		
I/S	1.268		
Consumer Price Index			
Total	-0.1%	unch	Much softer inflation as energy prices fall.
Ex-Food & Energy	+0.1%	+0.1%	
Industrial Production	+0.4%	+0.4%	Manufacturing strength endures.
Capacity Utilization	77.7%	77.6%	
NAHB Housing Market Index	17	18	Forfeits some of last month's gain in confidence, but holds onto most.
Housing Starts (Units, SAAR)	635,000	605,000	Fades a bit.
Housing Permits (Units, SAAR)	602,000	600,000	
Philadelphia Fed Manufacturing Survey			
Total	9.2	9.0	Small advance in activity; prices increase modestly.
Prices	21.0		
Leading Indicators	+0.7%	+0.6%	Modest gains across most components.
Existing Home Sales (Units, SAAR)	4.790 Million		Three months of decline in pending home sales suggests steep decline in closings.
Gross Domestic Product (Second)			
Real	+2.5%		Offsetting component revisions, but final sales stronger.
Final Sales	+3.8%		
Chain Prices	+2.5%		
Durable Goods			
Orders	-1.0%		Commercial aircraft orders fall again.
Ex-Defense	-1.0%		
Shipments	+0.3%		
Personal Income & Consumption			
Income	+0.3%		Income a bit better, on wages and salaries
Consumption	+0.3%		
Core Prices	+0.1%		
U. of M. Consumer Sentiment Index (Final)	65.5		Underlying upward trend lifts late responses.
U. of M. Inflation Expectations (Final)			
1-Yr Ahead (Median)	3.2%		Longer-term expectations drift downward.
5-Yr Ahead (Median)	2.6%		

Assessment

Economy firming from late summer into early fall. Q4 start OK, perhaps 3%+. No imminent "Double-Dip" signs forthcoming for awhile but neither any big bounce. "Off-shore" risks to U.S. still, especially from a European downturn and weaker growth in Asia. Europe recession odds for Q4 and Q1 over 50%. Eurozone policy on debt crisis "Muddling Through" with some visibility now and implementation the issue. Still a "Wall Street – Main Street" disconnect on earnings, the stock market, and jobs. S&P500 EPS surprisingly good again. Main DE scenario remains uptilted "L". Now 65% odds; 55% before. Fed likely to continue pause on easing, neither easing more nor exiting for quite awhile.

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