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# August 24, 2020

## **News Headlines**

- Firefighters in California have been battling more than 600 fires for over a week. Six fatalities have been reported as of Sunday night and about 1.2 million acres of land has been torched. The National Weather Service issued a "red flag" warning for the Bay Area and central coast through Monday afternoon meaning extreme fire conditions, high temperatures, low humidity, and wind gusts up to 65 mph.
- Anthony Fauci, the United States' top infectious disease official, raised concerns about the safety of COVID-19 vaccines under development by China and Russia amid reports that China has begun public use of a vaccine, bypassing clinical trials. Fauci indicated that it was unlikely the U.S. could make use of Chinese or Russian vaccines if they arrived first.

### **Economic News**

- Existing Home Sales soared 24.7% in July to a 5.86 million annual sales rate, following a 20.2% jump in June.
- Housing Starts jumped 22.6% in July, the largest monthly gain since 2016, and now sits just 4.5% below pre-pandemic levels after falling over 40% between February and April.
- New Weekly Unemployment Claims were up 135,000 last week to 1.1 million.

### **Key Commodity Prices**

	Close	1 yr Ago
Dom Crude Oil (bbl)-NYMEX	42.34	55.68
Natural Gas (MMBtu)	2.45	2.17
Gold (oz)	1,947	1,516
Platinum (oz)	903	854
Copper (lb)	2.91	2.53
Coffee (lb)	1.11	0.96
Cotton (lb)	0.59	0.55
Corn (bu)	3.15	3.57
Soybeans (bu)	8.91	8.16

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### **Key Currency Exchange Rates**

US\$ to buy Canadian Dollar									0.761
US\$ t	o bu	y Euro	1			1.184			
US\$ to buy U.K. Pound									1.313
Yen to buy US\$								10	5.730
	Treasury Yield Curve								
	2.5								
	2.0	3 Mo	6 Mo	2 Yr	3 Yr		10 Yr	20 Yr	30 Yr
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All information is as of the most recent price available as of the prior week's market close. Please see disclosure notes on the following page; this	
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Major Market Returns								
INDEX								
US Equities	Closing	1 WK	YTD	1 Year	5 Year			
Dow Jones	27,930	0.09	-0.59	9.17	13.89			
S&P 500	3,397	0.77	6.47	18.44	13.79			
NASDAQ 11,312		2.69	26.85	42.44	20.50			
Foreign & REIT	1 WK	YTD	1 Year	5 Year				
MSCI EAFE NR	-0.99	-6.17	4.84	4.15				
MSCI EM NR	-0.10	-0.46	13.66	8.63				
FTSE Nareit - AL	-0.45	-12.46	-9.52	5.96				
Bonds	1 WK	YTD	1 Year	5 Year				
BBgBarc Agg Bor	0.27	7.14	7.24	4.25				
1-3 Mth T-Bill ET	0.00	0.41	1.02	0.98				
BBgBarc US High	0.05	0.85	4.44	6.37				
BBgBarc US TIPS		0.51	8.64	8.83	4.29			
ML Global Broad Mrkt 0.26 6.27 5.66 3.90								
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#### Consumer Money Rates

Interest Rate	Last	Wk Ago	1 Yr Ago
Federal-funds rate target	0.00-0.25	0.00-0.25	200-2.25
Prime rate*	3.25	3.25	5.25
Libor, 3-month	0.26	0.28	2.14
Money market, annual yield	0.24	0.24	0.72
Five-year CD, annual yield	0.67	0.67	1.75
30-year mortgage, fixed	3.04	3.18	3.76
15-year mortgage, fixed	2.64	2.70	3.26
Jumbo mortgages, \$484,850-plus	3.06	3.23	4.30
Five-year adj mortage (ARM)	3.27	3.28	4.15
New-car loan, 48-month	4.26	4.27	4.64

\* Base rate posted by 70% of the nation's largest banks



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