USA Market Outlook - 16 August 2021

Despite the Dow and the S&P 500 both rising to new record highs early in the session, U.S. stocks closed the day fairly flat.

The Dow completed the afternoon at 35,515.38, up 15.53 points or 0.04 percent, after rising to 35,610.57 in early sessions. The S&P 500 gained 7.17 points (0.16 percent) to 4,468.00, while the Nasdaq gained 6.64 points (0.04 percent) to 14,822.90.

Apple Inc.'s stock increased by more than 2%. Microsoft and Telsa both increased by around 1% and 2%, respectively.

The value of Walt Disney's stock increased by more than 6%.

Merck, Cisco Systems, Johnson & Johnson, and United Health all ended the day in the black, though with smaller gains.

Salesforce.com has risen as a result of its positive performance. Microsoft, Netflix, Comcast, and WPP all ended the day with gains.

Core producer prices increased by 0.9 percent in July after growing by 0.5 percent in June, excluding food, energy, and trade services.

The Labor Department reported on Tuesday that worker productivity growth slowed in the second quarter, and labour expenses were significantly lower than originally predicted in the first quarter.

Initial jobless claims fell to 375,000 in the week ending August 7th, down 12,000 from the previous week's revised total of 387,000, according to the Labor Department.

In the second quarter of this year, the United States' gross domestic product increased 12.2% over the same period last year, beating China's 7.9% increase.

The sharp drop coincides with the fast spread of the delta version of Covid-19 across the United States, prompting several states and towns to reintroduce mask laws and other health restrictions.

According to the University of Michigan's Surveys of Consumers, consumer sentiment fell to 70.2 in early August from 81.2 in July.

This is the lowest reading since 2011 and the worst onemonth dip since the pandemic began, when confidence vanished.

As of Saturday morning, the United States had administered 355,768,825 doses of COVID-19 vaccine and distributed 415,915,655 doses, according to the US CDC.

Top Gainers		
Name	Last Price	%Change
eBay Inc.	\$74.02	7.45%
Advanced Micro Devices Inc.	\$110.55	3.80%
Regeneron Pharmaceuticals Inc.	\$624.79	2.76%
Pfizer Inc.	\$48.48	2.62%
Tyson Foods Inc. CI A	\$81.91	2.34%

Top Losers		
Name	Last Price	%Change
APA Corp.	\$17.88	-5.50%
Diamondback Energy Inc.	\$75.64	-4.70%
HP Inc.	\$29.01	-4.57%
Occidental Petroleum Corp.	\$25.79	-4.02%
Gap Inc.	\$28.89	-3.70%



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