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ALERT: Bonds Facing Negative Cues and Calendar Challenges, Short-Term

The weekend of Good Friday is officially a 3.5-day weekend for bond markets, usually (sometimes, markets are open on Good Friday, but not tomorrow).

Unofficially, however, it's **more like a 5 day weekend**. The first extra day is due to the following Monday normally seeing extremely low volumes (often the lowest since the December holidays). The other half-day of unofficial time off is due to the Thursday before good Friday (that's today!) typically seeing declining volumes and a **cessation** of whatever trend was intact during the first part of the week.

Cessation of intact trends, in this case, would mean we're **at risk of losing ground** into today's early close (2pm). So far, we haven't lost much, but we are noticeably hitting some resistance at the lower boundary of 2.22%. To make matters less exciting, our key "risk-on/off" indicator--Yen--is trending decidedly higher on the day. This is already pulling Treasury yields above today's **overhead technical ceiling** at 2.25 (up to 2.257 now).

MBS & Treasury Market Data

	Price / Yield	Change
MBS UMBS 6.0	100.40	-0.15
MBS GNMA 6.0	100.78	+0.04
10 YR Treasury	4.4223	+0.0454
30 YR Treasury	4.5610	+0.0549

Pricing as of: 5/17 5:59PM EST

Average Mortgage Rates

	Rate	Change	Points
Mortgage News Daily			
30 Yr. Fixed	7.09%	+0.07	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.56%	+0.03	0.00
30 Yr. FHA	6.62%	+0.07	0.00
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.35%	+0.04	0.00
5/1 ARM	7.30%	+0.06	0.00

Freddie Mac

30 Yr. Fixed	7.02%	-0.42	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.28%	-0.48	0.00

Mortgage Bankers Assoc.

30 Yr. Fixed	7.08%	-0.10	0.63
15 Yr. Fixed	6.61%	+0.01	0.65
30 Yr. FHA	6.89%	-0.03	0.94
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.22%	-0.09	0.58
5/1 ARM	6.56%	-0.04	0.66

Rates as of: 5/17



Take a **good look** at the gains in the morning's rate sheets and definitely consider cashing in chips for short-term lock time frames. The more the gains have been passed along, the more compelling that case becomes.



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