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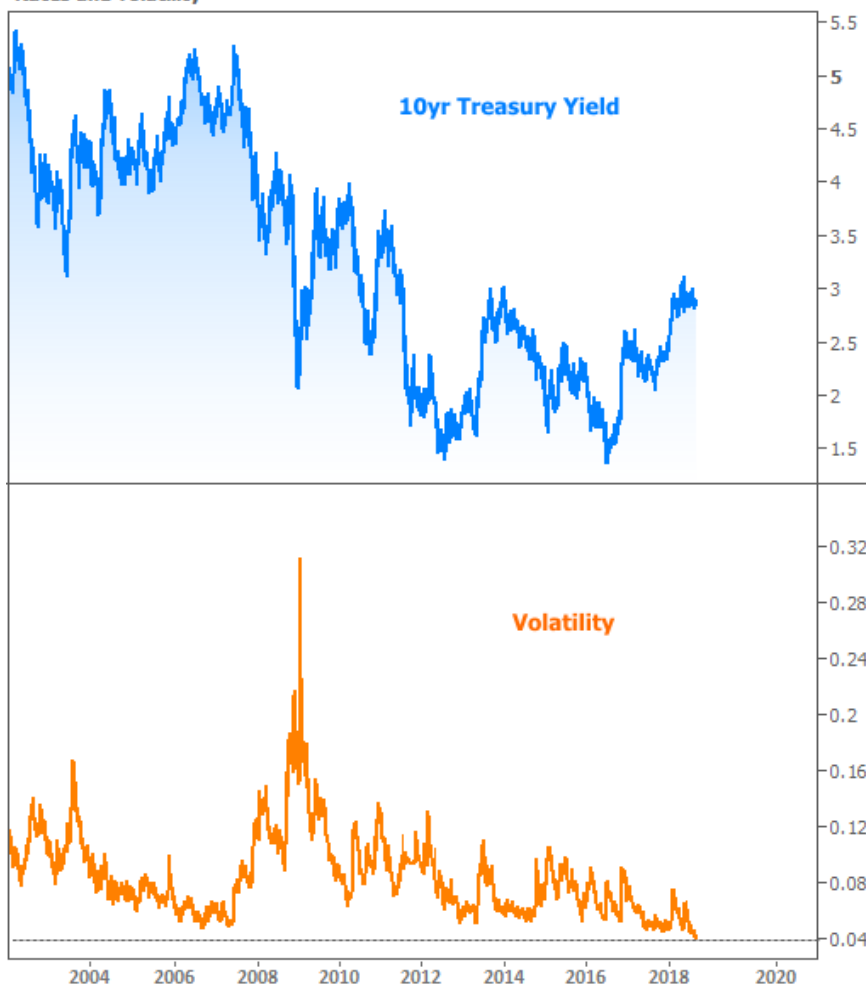
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The Day Ahead: Lowest Volatility Ever, or Close to It

There are a few different ways to measure volatility in the bond market, but one of the simplest is via the average daily trading range. That particular metric is showing volatility in line with the **lowest** levels on record.

Rates and Volatility



The lower volatility goes and the longer it stays there, the **more likely** we are to see a **big move** in rates. Many would argue that, because we've spent so much time moving toward higher rates during the past 2 years, that big move stands a good chance of being rate friendly.

MBS & Treasury Market Data

	Price / Yield	Change
MBS UMBS 5.0	99.37	+0.02
MBS GNMA 5.0	99.93	+0.02
10 YR Treasury	3.9068	+0.0029
30 YR Treasury	4.1960	+0.0028

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Average Mortgage Rates

	Rate	Change	Points
Mortgage News Daily			
30 Yr. Fixed	6.43%	+0.02	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	5.95%	0.00	0.00
30 Yr. FHA	5.82%	+0.02	0.00
30 Yr. Jumbo	6.62%	0.00	0.00
5/1 ARM	6.28%	-0.01	0.00
Freddie Mac			
30 Yr. Fixed	6.35%	-0.51	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	5.51%	-0.65	0.00
Mortgage Bankers Assoc.			
30 Yr. Fixed	6.44%	-0.06	0.54
15 Yr. Fixed	5.88%	-0.16	0.68
30 Yr. FHA	6.36%	-0.06	0.85

The catch is that it could still take months before such a thing begins to materialize. The other catch is that there are good reasons for the extended run of bad luck for rates. Moreover, there's a risk of complacency due to the fact rates are being held a bit lower than they otherwise might be due to temporary fears that may or may not be justified.

	Rate	Change	Points
30 Yr. Jumbo	6.75%	+0.07	0.39
5/1 ARM	5.98%	-0.27	0.65

Rates as of: 8/30

Specifically, IF trade wars spiral out of control, IF emerging market contagion has an effect on the broader financial market, and IF the housing market continues to urge caution on the topic of further Fed rate hikes, it will have made sense to see actual rates hold back compared to rate hike expectations. But to whatever extent those fears can be allayed, rates **could** have some catching up to do.



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