

Does Lower Inflation Mean No Interest Rate Hikes This Year? – 08/13/2026

# Macro Views



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All eyes were on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) print, which marked the second consecutive month of tame prints after the June headline shock. We saw the markets react favorably, with just enough moderation to ease concern regarding rate hikes—but not enough to suggest any potential cuts for 2026 yet. As the S&P 500 continues to press toward new record highs, the equal weight S&P 500 continues to confirm its underlying strength with a new historic peak seen earlier this week. The wild card remains the Middle East as crude oil futures prices reflect a lack of concern.

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# Trade Idea



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As AI clusters get larger, the bottleneck is increasingly shifting to the network, where Arista Networks (ANET) has become one of the pure-play beneficiaries. ANET is becoming one of the key companies in connecting these GPU accelerators together. The demand has been reinforced by CoreWeave's (CRWV) latest Q2 earnings, which confirm that the AI infrastructure buildout is gaining momentum rather than slowing down. This matters for ANET because every new AI factory requires more than just accelerators. ANET's Ethernet-based AI fabrics sit directly in that spending path, making the stock a leading indicator in expressing the view that AI infrastructure demand is gaining traction again. To express a bullish view with defined risk, I'm looking to buy the Sep 200/240 call vertical at a debit of \$14.20.

|                       |                                                                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| ANET @ \$208.18       | BUY 1 SEP 18 <sup>TH</sup> 200 CALL AT \$18.60                  |
|                       | SELL 1 SEP 18 <sup>TH</sup> 240 CALL AT \$4.40                  |
| 08.13.2026            | DEBIT $(\$18.60 - \$4.40) * 100 = \$1,420$                      |
|                       | $(\$240 - \$200 - \$14.20) * 100 = \text{MAX GAIN OF } \$2,580$ |
| ANET BULL CALL SPREAD | $(\$18.60 - \$4.40) * 100 = \text{MAX RISK OF } \$1,420$        |

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The market has effectively written off Boston Scientific (BSX) as a broken medtech story over the past year, but the charts are starting to show a potential turnaround. BSX has finally reclaimed an important stock resistance level, turned bullish, and has begun outperforming the S&P 500 again. This is the kind of early technical shift that often appears when the market has already priced in the bad news. With BSX breaking above \$50 and forming a base after a deep selloff, the setup now favors a recovery toward the low \$70s if investors begin to identify a temporary product-specific weakness from the broader medtech franchise. To express a bullish income view with defined risk, I'm looking to sell the Sep 25 51/48 put vertical at a credit of \$1.20.

|                     |                                                            |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| BSX @ \$51.72       | BUY 1 SEP 25 <sup>TH</sup> 48 PUT AT \$1.33                |
|                     | SELL 1 SEP 25 <sup>TH</sup> 51 PUT AT \$2.53               |
| 08.13.2026          | CREDIT $(\$2.53 - \$1.33) * 100 = \$120$                   |
|                     | $(\$2.53 - \$1.33) * 100 = \text{MAX GAIN OF } \$120$      |
| BSX BULL PUT SPREAD | $(\$51 - \$48 - \$1.20) * 100 = \text{MAX RISK OF } \$180$ |

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# Tony's Lookback

I bought the GLD Sep 370 calls at \$15.95, which is now trading at \$34.90. I'm looking to take the profits and then roll this trade into a new one.



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GLD  
07.23.2026 \$372.34

BUY 1 SEP 18<sup>TH</sup> 370 CALL AT \$15.95

NET DEBIT = \$1,595

LONG CALL ON GLD



GLD  
08.13.2026 \$401.96

SELL 1 SEPT 18<sup>TH</sup> 370 CALL AT \$34.90

CURRENT NET CREDIT = \$3,490

GAIN IF CLOSED = \$1,895

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I'm looking to roll the previous GLD trade out to the Oct 400/435 call vertical at \$11.85 to lock in profits and slow the decay after the initial breakout has been captured.



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|                             |                                                                 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| GLD @ \$401.96              | BUY 1 OCT 16 <sup>TH</sup> 400 CALL AT \$17.50                  |
|                             | SELL 1 OCT 16 <sup>TH</sup> 435 CALL AT \$5.65                  |
| 08.13.2026                  | DEBIT $(\$17.50 - \$5.65) * 100 = \$1,185$                      |
| COMBINED MAX GAIN = \$4,210 | $(\$435 - \$400 - \$11.85) * 100 = \text{MAX GAIN OF } \$2,315$ |
| COMBINED MIN GAIN = \$710   | $(\$17.50 - \$5.65) * 100 = \text{MAX RISK OF } \$1,185$        |

GLD BULL CALL SPREAD

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## QQQ (Invesco QQQ Trust)

Quarter-End Average Annual Total Returns as of 06/30/2026

|         | NAV Return | Market Return |
|---------|------------|---------------|
| 1 Year  | +34.10%    | +34.13%       |
| 3 Year  | +26.56%    | +26.58%       |
| 5 Year  | +16.44%    | +16.44%       |
| 10 Year | +22.07%    | +22.07%       |
| Life    | +10.96%    | +10.96%       |

Top 10 (46.31% of total holdings as of 07/31/2026)

|       |                            |       |
|-------|----------------------------|-------|
| NVDA  | NVIDIA Corp                | 8.04% |
| AAPL  | Apple Inc                  | 7.51% |
| MSFT  | Microsoft Corp             | 5.71% |
| AMZN  | Amazon.com Inc             | 4.83% |
| MU    | Micron Technology Inc      | 4.24% |
| AMD   | Advanced Mico Devices Inc  | 3.55% |
| GOOGL | Alphabet Inc Class A       | 3.43% |
| GOOG  | Alphabet Inc Class C       | 3.22% |
| AVGO  | Broadcom Inc               | 3.05% |
| META  | Meta Platforms Inc Class A | 2.73% |

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All Life of Fund returns are as of 03/10/1999. Market returns are based on the closing price on the listed exchange at 4 p.m. ET and do not represent the returns an investor would receive if shares were traded at other times.

Gross Expense Ratio: 0.18%

Average annual total returns are historical and include change in share value and reinvestment of dividends and capital gains, if any. Cumulative total returns are reported as of the period indicated. Life of fund figures are reported as of the commencement date to the period indicated. Since ETFs are bought and sold at prices set by the market - which can result in a premium or discount to NAV- the returns calculated using market price (market return) can differ from those calculated using NAV (NAV return).



## RSP (Invesco S&P 500 Equal Weight ETF)

Quarter-End Average Annual Total Returns as of 06/30/2026

|         | NAV Return | Market Return |
|---------|------------|---------------|
| 1 Year  | +18.99%    | +19.01%       |
| 3 Year  | +14.30%    | +14.30%       |
| 5 Year  | +8.93%     | +8.93%        |
| 10 Year | +12.13%    | +12.13%       |
| Life    | +11.33%    | +11.33%       |

Top 10 (2.54% of total holdings as of 07/31/2026)

|      |                                                   |       |
|------|---------------------------------------------------|-------|
| PYPL | PayPal Holdings Inc                               | 0.27% |
| TECH | Bio-Techne Corp                                   | 0.26% |
| ZBRA | Zebra Technologies Corp Ordinary Shares – Class A | 0.26% |
| GPN  | Global Payments Inc                               | 0.26% |
| EXPE | Expedia Group Inc                                 | 0.26% |
| DASH | DoorDash Inc Ordinary Shares - Class A            | 0.25% |
| IQV  | IQVIA Holdings Inc                                | 0.25% |
| BAX  | Baxter International Inc                          | 0.25% |
| IP   | International Paper Co                            | 0.25% |
| WTW  | Willis Towers Watson PLC                          | 0.24% |

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All Life of Fund returns are as of 04/24/2003. Market returns are based on the closing price on the listed exchange at 4 p.m. ET and do not represent the returns an investor would receive if shares were traded at other times.

Gross Expense Ratio: 0.20%

Average annual total returns are historical and include change in share value and reinvestment of dividends and capital gains, if any. Cumulative total returns are reported as of the period indicated. Life of fund figures are reported as of the commencement date to the period indicated. Since ETFs are bought and sold at prices set by the market - which can result in a premium or discount to NAV- the returns calculated using market price (market return) can differ from those calculated using NAV (NAV return).



## GLD (SPDR Gold Shares)

Quarter-End Average Annual Total Returns as of 06/30/2026

|         | NAV Return | Market Return |
|---------|------------|---------------|
| 1 Year  | +21.99%    | +20.85%       |
| 3 Year  | +27.67%    | +27.37%       |
| 5 Year  | +17.49%    | +17.34%       |
| 10 Year | +11.35%    | +11.28%       |
| Life    | +10.32%    | +10.29%       |

Top 1 (100.00% of total holdings as of 07/31/2026)

|    |      |      |
|----|------|------|
| -- | Gold | 100% |
|----|------|------|

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All Life of Fund returns are as of 11/18/2004. Market returns are based on the closing price on the listed exchange at 4 p.m. ET and do not represent the returns an investor would receive if shares were traded at other times.

Gross Expense Ratio: 0.40%

Average annual total returns are historical and include change in share value and reinvestment of dividends and capital gains, if any. Cumulative total returns are reported as of the period indicated. Life of fund figures are reported as of the commencement date to the period indicated. Since ETFs are bought and sold at prices set by the market - which can result in a premium or discount to NAV- the returns calculated using market price (market return) can differ from those calculated using NAV (NAV return).





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