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WEEKLY TOP PERFORMING ETFs AS OF THE CLOSE ON 07/15/26

Each week, the BCI Team will screen ETFs (which also have options) from all asset classes and locate the top performers over the past 1 and 3-month periods. All selected ETFs have RS ratings of 60 or better over the past 3 months (unless otherwise stated). 1-week returns are not part of the screening process but are available as additional information. RS rating is in the context of all securities with minimum trading requirements. We also screen the S&P 500 Sector ETFs as well as publish the data on 4 inverse ETFs. ETFs with low trading volume (less than 250k/day) and leveraged ETFs are eliminated (with the exception of inverse ETFs to be used only in extreme bear markets). **We also screen for adequate open interest at the time of the screening (100 contracts or more of OI and/or a bid-ask spread of \$0.30 or less for near-the-money strikes).**

Spreadsheet Key:

- **ETF name**
- **ETF ticker symbol**
- **Price \$:** At the time the report was produced
- **1-WK %:** 1-week price performance
- **1-MO %:** 1-month price performance
- **3-MO %:** 3-month price performance
- **IV:** Average implied volatility using call and put options
- **Weeklies:** A "Y" indicates that weekly options are available
- **Sorting (order):** Stocks are listed according to 1-month returns, best-to-worst

*****BE CAREFUL WITH CHINESE-BASED COMPANIES DUE TO TRANSPARENCY CONCERNS*****

Mid-Week Market Tone

IBD Stock Market Exposure (IBD metric)- amount recommended to be invested): **60% - 80%**

GMI: **4/6-** A bullish signal since April 10, 2026.

BCI: U.S. stocks closed higher on Wednesday as investors welcomed cooler-than-expected inflation data and another round of strong corporate earnings. June's Producer Price Index (PPI) showed wholesale inflation eased faster than expected, following Tuesday's favorable Consumer Price Index (CPI) report, helping reduce concerns that the Federal Reserve may need to raise interest rates.

Technology stocks led the advance, with Apple gaining 4% as it approached \$5 trillion market capitalization. Semiconductor shares were mixed, however, as Micron fell sharply despite upbeat results from ASML. Financial stocks also outperformed, led by BlackRock after reporting record assets under management exceeding \$15 trillion, while Morgan Stanley posted strong quarterly earnings. Meanwhile, SpaceX shares slipped below their \$135 IPO price following recent market volatility.

In commodities, Brent crude traded near one-month highs around \$86 per barrel as Middle East tensions continued, although gains were tempered by President Trump's comments regarding shipping levies in the Strait of Hormuz. I remain 2-to-1 on the defensive side of trading.

Top-Performing ETFs: 7/15/26

Top-Performing ETFs Based on 1- and 3-Month Price Performance							
Eligible ETFs based on out-performing the S&P 500 in both 1- and 3-month time-frames							
ETFs sorted based on 1-month price performance							
ETF NAME	TICKER	Price (\$)	1-WK %	1-MO %	3-MO %	IV %	WKLYS?
Benchmark - S&P 500	SPX	\$7,572.40	1.20%	0.23%	7.54%	13.00%	NA
Global X Cybersecurity	BUG	\$40.86	2.92%	18.60%	57.69%	39.00%	
ARK Genomic Revolution	ARKG	\$41.22	-1.65%	17.32%	37.97%	53.00%	Y
SPDR S&P Biotech	XBI	\$156.22	-4.13%	14.58%	15.34%	32.00%	Y
Teucrium Wheat Fund	WEAT	\$24.92	9.89%	10.67%	9.41%	30.00%	
Ishares Biotechnology ETF	IBB	\$189.90	-3.31%	10.26%	9.02%	22.00%	
First Trust Nasdaq Cybersecurity	CIBR	\$93.09	1.57%	7.92%	41.23%	32.00%	
KraneShares Star Mkt 50	KSTR	\$27.40	-4.93%	7.33%	35.19%	73.00%	
Invesco KBW Bank ETF	KBWB	\$98.44	4.93%	6.82%	14.78%	22.00%	
SPDR Financial	XLF	\$56.56	2.86%	5.58%	8.59%	17.00%	Y
SPDR S&P Bank ETF	KBE	\$69.59	3.53%	5.27%	10.16%	21.00%	
SPDR S&P Regional Banking ETF	KRE	\$75.78	3.33%	4.94%	10.03%	24.00%	Y
SPDR Health Care	XLV	\$158.29	-2.45%	3.57%	7.99%	17.00%	Y
US Global Jets ETF	JETS	\$31.25	-1.65%	2.68%	17.42%	35.00%	Y
Fundstrat Granny Shots US Lg Cap	GRNY	\$27.88	1.20%	0.80%	7.63%	26.00%	
Ishares Top 20 US Stocks ETF	TOPT	\$33.78	2.24%	0.66%	7.99%	25.00%	
Top Select Sector SPDRs for the CEO Strategy (Based on 1-month price performance)							
Eligible Sector SPDRs based on the best price-performers over the past 1-month only							
SPDR Financials	XLF	\$56.56	2.86%	5.58%	8.59%	17.00%	Y
SPDR Health Care	XLV	\$158.29	-2.45%	3.57%	7.99%	17.00%	Y
SPDR Utilities	XLU	\$45.22	-0.29%	1.10%	-2.42%	17.00%	Y
SPDR Communications	XLC	\$113.38	3.56%	1.06%	-4.60%	18.00%	Y
SPDR Industrials	XLI	\$180.06	-0.19%	0.74%	5.72%	22.00%	Y
SPDR Consumer Discretionary	XLY	\$117.00	1.47%	-1.37%	-0.54%	21.00%	Y
Inverse Index ETFs with 5-Day, 1-Month & 3-Month Price Performance Stats							
All 4 Inverse ETFs are Included in Every ETF report							
Short QQQ	PSQ	\$25.71	-0.85%	2.65%	-11.47%	26.00%	
Short S&P 500	SH	\$32.74	-1.10%	-0.70%	-6.97%	13.00%	
Short Russell 2000	RWM	\$13.53	-0.73%	-1.06%	-9.26%	30.00%	
Short Dow 30	DOG	\$21.55	-0.51%	-2.05%	-7.67%	18.00%	

Additional Information

Select Sector SPDRs

Select Sector SPDRs are unique ETFs that divide the S&P 500 into 11 sector index funds. They have the diversity of mutual funds, the focus of a sector fund, and the tradability of a stock. Together, the 11 Select Sector SPDRs represent the S&P 500 as a whole. However, each Select Sector SPDR can also be bought individually, providing you with exposure to a particular sector or industry group.

These securities all have options and can be used with our covered call strategy. Each week the BCI Team will do a 1-month and 3-month technical analysis of the linear price chart of each sector and compare it to the performance of the S&P itself. The funds outperforming the market benchmark in these time frames will be listed and considered to be among the best candidates for covered call writing in the near term. The 11 Select Sector SPDRs are:

- **Consumer Discretionary (XLY)**
- **Consumer Staples (XLP)**
- **Energy (XLE)**
- **Financials (XLF)**
- **Health Care (XLV)**
- **Industrials (XLI)**
- **Materials (XLB)**
- **Real Estate (XLRE)**
- **Technology (XLK)**
- **Utilities (XLU)**
- **Communications (XLC)**

Inverse Exchange-Traded Funds

Inverse ETFs use derivatives to bet against the direction of financial markets. These are known as *short* or *bear ETFs* and will make money if markets decline in value. **They will lose money, however, if markets move against the bet.** Covered call writers who have a bearish market outlook may find these funds useful. **Inverse ETFs will UNDERPERFORM in normal market conditions.** The following inverse ETFs will be analyzed and compared to the S&P 500 in the spreadsheet:

PSQ: Short QQQ (Nasdaq-100)

DOG: Short Dow 30 (DJIA)

SH: Short S&P 500 (S&P 500)

RWM: Short Russell 2000 (Russell 2000)

Current Implied Volatility (IV) of Eligible ETFs

Implied volatility is a forecast of the underlying security's volatility as implied by the options price in the marketplace. It measures potential risk. Generally, the higher the IV, the greater the risk and the higher the premiums. We also show the current IV of the S&P 500 as a means of comparison.

We use a weighted average of implied volatility using put and call options. This ETF Report as well as our premium Stock Reports can be used for both covered call writing and selling cash-secured puts.

Our positions are managed by our BCI exit strategy guidelines NOT by a security being removed from last week's (month's) report. If we need a replacement stock for a new position, use the most recent report.