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Dow Reclaims 50,000 as Inflation and GDP Data Land Before Thanksgiving

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NEW YORK, Nov. 25, 2026 /PRNewswire/ -- Market Updates News Commentary - Wall Street heads into the busiest morning of a holiday-shortened week with the Dow Jones Industrial Average back above 50,000. The blue-chip index added 423.39 points on Tuesday to close at 50,018.70, while the Nasdaq composite fell 356.02 points to 23,733.54 a day after its Monday surge. According to AP, the S&P 500 slipped 36.08 points to 7,201.09 even though most of the stocks within the index climbed. **Active companies from around the markets with current developments this week include: Merck & Co., Inc.** (NYSE: MRK)**, Workday, Inc.** (NASDAQ: WDAY)**, Deere & Company** (NYSE: DE)**.**

A Strong Start to a Short Week

The week opened with a sharp rebound. On Monday, the S&P 500 rallied 326.78 points to 7,237.17, the Nasdaq composite jumped 1,471.82 points to 24,089.56 and the Dow gained 1,447.98 points to 49,595.31. AP described it as the S&P 500's best day since April of 2025. Even after Tuesday's mixed finish, the Dow is up 3.9% for the week so far and the S&P 500 is up 4.2%.

Consumers brought good news of their own. The Conference Board said its Consumer Confidence Index rose by 11.4 points to 103.3 in November, up from 91.9 in October. "Consumer confidence rallied again in November," said Fergus McCormick, Senior Economist, Global Indicators, The Conference Board.

What Lands Wednesday

The economic calendar is packed into a single morning. The Bureau of Economic Analysis is scheduled to release

Personal Income and Outlays for October 2026, which includes the PCE price index, along with the second estimate of third-quarter GDP and corporate profits at 8:30 a.m. ET, according to its release schedule. The Census Bureau's calendar lists the advance report on durable goods at 8:30 a.m. ET and new residential sales at 10:00 a.m. ET.

After that, the holiday takes over. U.S. stock markets are closed on Thursday, November 26 for Thanksgiving, and the NYSE says each market will close early at 1:00 p.m. ET on Friday, November 27.

Companies in Focus

Merck & Co., Inc. (NYSE: MRK) reported third-quarter 2026 results on October 29, with total worldwide sales of $18.1 billion, representing 5% growth and 4% growth excluding foreign exchange, GAAP EPS of $2.04 and non-GAAP EPS of $2.49. The company now anticipates full-year 2026 sales to be between $66.8 billion and $67.3 billion. On November 20, Merck announced that the pivotal Phase 3 TroFuse-015 trial evaluating sacituzumab tirumotecan, an investigational TROP2-directed antibody-drug conjugate, met its primary endpoint of overall survival.

"Our science-led strategy is transforming our business," said Robert M. Davis, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Merck.

Workday, Inc. (NASDAQ: WDAY) reported fiscal 2027 third-quarter results on Tuesday. Total revenues were $2.705 billion, an increase of 11.2% from the same period last year, and subscription revenues were $2.532 billion, up 12.8%. Its 12-month subscription revenue backlog was $9.216 billion, up 12.3%, and the company updated its full-year guidance to subscription revenues of $9.958 billion, representing growth of 13%, from a prior range of $9.940 billion to $9.950 billion.

"The past few quarters have been our strongest on the innovation and invention front, and in Q3, our AI products drove nearly $150 million in new ACV, more than three times what we delivered a year ago," said Aneel Bhusri, Co-founder, CEO, and Chair, Workday.

Deere & Company (NYSE: DE) will hold its fourth quarter 2026 earnings call on Wednesday, November 25, beginning at 9:00 a.m. central time. In its third-quarter release, Deere reported worldwide net sales and revenues up 5 percent to $12.608 billion and forecast fiscal 2026 net income attributable to Deere & Company in a range of $4.75 billion to $5.00 billion.

"Deere delivered a strong quarter, reflecting disciplined execution by our teams and continued resilience across our portfolio," said John C. May, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Deere and Company.

Heading Into the Holiday

With confidence on the rise, a fresh batch of inflation and growth data due before the opening bell and only a day and a half of trading left in the week, Wednesday's session sets the tone for the Thanksgiving break.

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