



Sector Leaders

Natural Gas

Utility

Consumer Goods

Stock Gainers

- PRGO 8.2%
- GPN 6%
- RKLB 5%
- GIS 4.3%
- KHC 3.5%
- BLFS 4%
- TMC 4%

Volatility Gainers

- TIGR
- JMIA
- OLO
- VRTX
- NIO
- ASO

High Call Volume

- ATER
- HMY
- BBIG
- GENI
- ZIOP
- COTY

Bullish Options

- VFC
- RRC
- COTY
- MA
- ATVI
- CP
- TSLA
- EBAY
- V
- IGT
- GPN

Market Review: Stocks were weak into the open as global growth concerns are weighing as a number of companies are cutting guidance with COVID impacting growth and continuous inflationary and supply chain pressures. We saw a lot of M&A deals to start the day while the ECB Meeting in focus with expectations of bond buying being tapered. Selling picked up through the early morning with the S&P back to 4500 and the Nasdaq testing its rising 8-day moving average. It was a risk-off move type of day with growth names under pressure and Utility/Staples leading upside along with Natural Gas hitting a 7-year high. Breadth was weak through the entire morning session though the VIX was relatively muted. Markets stayed in a narrow trading range with the quiet news tape but jumped a bit after the Beige Book led to dovish Fed implications. Tomorrow we get the ECB Decision and Jobless Claims in the US.

S&P Chart:



Resistance	Support
4,555	4,515
4,600	4,475
4,750	4,400

Options Action Trends: We saw some early speculative November call buys in Natural Gas names **AR**, **COG** and then December calls in **RRC**. We then saw size call buys in traditional payment plays **GPN**, **V** with Defi under scrutiny from the SEC and later size **FISV** December calls.

What's On Tap: Jobless Claims, EIA Data and Fed Speakers. ECB Decision. Earnings from **AFRM**, **ZS**, **RSKD**, **PWSC**, **ASO**, **COOK**, **SUMO**.

Trade Tracker Portfolio Changes:

- 1) Spotlight: Long **ABNB** October \$165 Calls \$5 – No Fill

Sector Laggards

Metals

Energy

Semi's

Stock Losers

- CLOV -11.75%
- SMAR -10.7%
- PATH -9%
- KNBE -8%
- OCDX -7.75%
- BILI -7%
- TSP -7%

Volatility Losers

- CANO
- RSI
- NNOX
- SKIN
- RKLB
- CASY

High Put Volume

- IGT
- PII
- ALB
- ASO
- PATH
- COOP

Bearish Options

- PLTR
- BOOT
- TTC
- TLT
- LUV
- WISH
- VALE
- CTLT
- MLM
- APTV
- JPM



FEATURED OPTIONS RADAR REPORT



Bulls See Steel Leader Surging Through Early 2022

Ticker/Price: NUE (\$114.75)

Analysis:

Nucor (NUE) calls were hot on 9/7 early in the session before a midday TV pump with over 12,000 October 22nd (W) \$140 calls bought to open \$0.95 to \$1.20 while longer-term size bull trades bought 2500 April 2022 \$140 calls \$5.70 to \$6.10. NUE still has some size in September \$125 and \$130 calls from buyers on 8/10 and 8/11 while October \$110/\$92.5 bull risk reversals opened 5000X on 5/28 with all of the calls still in open interest. NUE has also seen 3900 January \$110 calls bought in OI. NUE shares are +115% YTD and surged from February to May before dipping in June and July and recently on another push higher forming a bull wedge below recent highs. NUE has overhead resistance at \$120 and \$123.50 levels currently with upside potential to \$140 or higher. NUE is a leading manufacturer of steel and steel products as well as direct reduced iron for steel mills. NUE's largest steel mill segment produces sheet steel (hot-rolled, cold-rolled and galvanized), plate steel, structural steel (wide-flange beams, beam blanks, H-piling and sheet piling) and bar steel (blooms, billets, concrete reinforcing bar, merchant bar and engineered special bar quality). NUE's end-markets are led by Construction and Transports with Energy, Industrial and Auto smaller contributors. Steel demand has been very strong recently and NUE is pursuing capability increases instead of capacity additions. NUE management has focused on entering growing markets with its "expand beyond" strategy such as renewables, and warehousing trends for e-commerce, data centers, and food storage, among many others to move away from the cyclicity of its core business. NUE also looks due for capital returns in form of buybacks with it set to generate \$4B in FCF. NUE sees demand holding strong into 2022, as driven by the construction industry. Management also expect the automotive industry to require years to replenish dealer inventories and rental car fleet. Orders remain at historic highs while management still expect service center inventories to remain below historical averages. NUE currently has a market cap of \$34B and trades 9.75X Earnings, 4X FY21 EBITDA and 26.85X FCF with a 1.4% dividend yield. NUE forecasts see strength through Q1 2022 before tough comps start to set in and will see Y/Y declines in revenues/EBITDA. Analysts have an average target of \$110 with short interest low at 1.5% of the float. Argus raised its target to \$140 recently citing strong demand, record earnings and a strong balance sheet. Seaport started at Buy in August with a \$130 target seeing the industry near a peak but still room for 2H21 upside to estimates before a pending correction. Hedge Fund ownership dipped 4.8% last quarter.

Hawk Vision:



Hawk's Perspective: NUE has pulled back a bit and been an interesting first-choice of option traders in the Steel names, a quality company that can likely see momentum continue through year-end.

Confidence Ranking: \$\$



FEATURED OPTIONS RADAR REPORT



Put Sales in Niche Software Provider See Opportunity into Recent Weakness

Ticker/Price: ADSK (\$287.45)

Analysis:

Autodesk (ADSK) shares have been under pressure since reporting earnings and hosting an Analyst Day but recent flows suggesting it is no time to be giving up on the name. ON 9/7 a large opening sale of 1200 June 2022 \$220 puts for \$1.3M and on 9/1 the September 2022 \$200 puts sold to open 1200X for \$930K. ADSK also saw 1000 June 2022 \$300 puts sell to open back on 8/20, the January \$230 puts sold to open 1000X, and 1000 March \$270 short puts from June 2021 remain in OI as well. ADSK shares have slipped below the 200-day moving average in recent trade though still a rising moving average and shares right back to the original breakout level from late June. ADSK also looks to be finding support last week and to start this week right at VWAP off the September 2020 low which also lines up with trend support. ADSK remains a leader with their design/automation software a dominant market position and poised to improve upon 2020 which brought a lot of uncertainty to their key end-markets. ADSK sees more than half of their revenue from E&C activity which is expected to pick up in 2021 as spending on infrastructure projects picks back up. ADSK highlighted the major opportunity in manufacturing at its Analyst Day and also cited three key secular demand trends for its business. ADSK shares sold off due to limited margin expansion highlighted by management though ADSK remains less than 10% penetrated in large markets. ADSK highlighted a \$76B FY26 TAM growing at a ~6% CAGR.

ADSK currently has a market cap of \$63.25B and trades 41.55X Earnings, 42.85X FCF and 14.5X EV/Sales with revenues seen growing consistently near 15% with strong FCF growth as well. Analysts have an average target of \$350 and short interest remains muted at 0.8% of the float. Rosenblatt reiterated a Buy and \$355 target positive on growing end-markets and expanding product offerings. Stifel lowered its target to \$340 noting shares may trade sideways until there is more clarity on the shift to annual payments which will create near-term FCF headwinds. Hedge Fund ownership fell 3.9% in the latest quarterly filings, Polen and Findlay Park top concentrated holders that added to positions, as did Sustainable Growth Advisers.

Hawk Vision:



Hawk's Perspective: ADSK is a quality name oversold so the right strategy is exactly what we are seeing, selling puts to open and willing to own the name lower.

Confidence Ranking: \$\$

Additional Options Flow

Market/ETFs

S&P (SPY) with 25,000 Sep. 30th (W) \$457 calls being bought for \$4.5M this morning as Sep. \$451 adjust and take some off the table

Treasury (TLT) large trade bought 11,000 January 2023 \$140 puts for \$9.65 to \$9.70, a bet on higher yields in 2022

Nasdaq (QQQ) buyer 5500 Sep. 30th (W) \$371 puts \$3.65+. **QQQ** large trade midday opened the November \$369/\$350/\$331 put butterfly spreads 74,000X148,000 at \$1.70 debit

Russell (IWM) October \$213 puts active with buyers this morning 30,000X, also a block of 2000 January \$227 puts bought for \$14.55 to open

Consumer Goods

VF Corp (VFC) first unusual action of session with 2250 September \$72 calls bought aggressive \$1.20 offer

Coty (COTY) size buys 15,000 November \$9 calls \$0.63 to \$0.70 into share offering weakness

International Gaming (IGT) spread sold 5000 October \$21/\$19 put spreads for \$0.50 credit and bought 5000 October \$23 calls at \$0.95

Kroger (KR) buy-write with 5000 Oct. \$48 calls sold \$1.06

McDonald's (MCD) seeing 800 January 2023 \$240 calls with buyers up to \$20.80 this morning, over \$1.7M

Apiva (APTV) with 400 January \$150 puts bought \$11.80 this morning with further auto supply concerns

PVH Corp (PVH) spread selling 4000 October \$95 puts for \$1.40 to buy the \$110/\$130 call spreads

Albertsons (ACI) selling off here with 4000 September \$34 puts bought up to \$1.55

Consumer/Business Services

Activision (ATVI) with 2500 Sep. 24th (W) \$80/\$74 bull risk reversals opening \$1.32 debit

Roblox (RBLX) coiled up nicely, 1450 Sep 24th (W) \$90 calls w/ unusual buys \$1.56 to \$1.62

BootBarn (BOOT) unusual buy 300 November \$80 puts for \$5.65

eBay (EBAY) offer sweeps 1850 November \$77.50 calls \$2.73

Nordstrom (JWN) with 600 April \$27.50 puts sold to open \$4.35

Las Vegas Sands (LVS) with 5000 October 8th (W) \$46 calls opening \$1.45 spread versus the \$51 calls

Academy Sports (ASO) into morning lows seeing a spread sell 5000 December \$35 puts to buy the \$45/\$55 call spreads

Chewy (CHWY) sale to open 450 June 2022 \$75 puts for \$12.20

Spotify (SPOT) with 250 March \$260/\$310 call spreads bought and the \$210 puts sold, upgraded earlier this week. SPOT also with 400 January 2023 \$250 calls sold \$44.50 in a buy-write

Gap (GPS) with 1500 August \$23 puts sold to open \$3.80 in a stock replacement

DraftKings (DKNG) with 1200 April \$90 max strike calls opened for \$3.05

Kohl's (KSS) buyer 1150 November \$55 calls \$3.90 to \$4 into weakness, just above its rising 200-MA here

Foot Locker (FL) with the 5000 Sep. 24th (W) \$54 puts adjusting down to the \$52 strike

News Corp (NWSA) with 4000 January \$18 puts open \$0.45 as October \$22 puts adjust

GAN SA (GAN) with 925 January 2023 ITM \$20 puts sold to open \$7.70 today

American Eagle (AEO) with 1500 June \$25 puts sold to open for \$3.80 to \$3.90

Blucora (BCOR) buyer 5100 October \$15 puts for \$0.35

Energy

First Solar (FSLR) into strength with 1600 March \$115 calls sold to open for \$4.90

Cabot Oil & Gas (COG) unusual 3000 November \$23 calls bought \$0.25

Antero (AR) buyer 1790 November \$21 calls \$0.70, so aligns with **COG** November action. **AR** 5000 Sep. \$16 calls bought here 0.80 to 0.85

Range (RRC) another Nat Gas play with buyers 2000 December \$25 upside calls. **RRC** with 1 950 January \$17 ITM calls bought \$2.71 this afternoon with Natural Gas hitting a seven year high

Volta (VLTA) sweep buyers 4000 December \$10 puts \$2.20 to \$2.45, weak here

Chevron (CVX) buyers of 1399 October 22nd (W) \$97 puts \$3.60 to \$3.65, consolidating below the 200-MA and its 21-MA and looking weak

Enphase (ENPH) opening sale 400 January 2023 \$160 puts \$37.85

Financials

Berkshire (BRK.B) with 2000 Sep. 24th (W) / October 1st (W) \$280 put calendar spreads opening 2000X

MasterCard (MA) buyer 2000 September \$350 calls \$4.15 as 1000 of the weekly \$342.5 adjust

Visa (V) size buyers 3000 November \$235 calls \$5.80 to \$6 looking to add to open interest

Global Payments (GPN) after a series of announcements this morning seeing 2850 November \$170 calls bought \$6.30 to \$6.90, could see these names recover with the SEC news with Coinbase calling into question Defi

NCR Corp (NCR) with 2000 September \$39 calls opening \$2.15

Lufax (LU) buyer of 3000 December \$7.50 calls to open aggressively for \$1.45 offer

JP Morgan (JPM) bear flow with 1100 March \$150 puts bought \$8.10 to \$8.20

MasterCard (MA) spread is selling 7000 November \$365/\$395 call spreads to buy the \$300 puts

Fiserv (FISV) bouncing off the 200-MA today and seeing 2000 December \$115 calls open \$7.20 to \$7.30 as September calls adjust, another one of the payment processors with flow today

StoneCo (STNE) with 1500 April \$35 puts bought \$3.10 offer

Healthcare

Gilead (GILD) pushing higher here with a buyer 1250 March \$80 calls for \$1.93

Catalent (CTLT) buyer 350 October \$145 puts \$7.10 offer

Bristol Myers (BMY) back to the rising 200-MA today and a bull spread sells 5000 October \$60 puts for \$0.44 to buy 5000 of the \$65/\$70 call spreads at \$1.06

TelaDoc (TDOC) with 600 April \$125 puts sold to open \$10.60

Anthem (ANTM) buyer of 300 October \$370 calls for \$12 today

Agilent (A) sweep buy 500 November \$180 calls \$6.80 offer sends shares to day highs

Industrials

Canadian Pacific (CP) buyers 2800 October \$72.50 calls \$1.70 to \$1.95

Tesla (TSLA) bull flow seeing 4000 Oct. 1st (W) \$730 puts be sold to open this morning and also seeing 4000 Oct. 22nd (W) \$690 calls open 4000X for \$36M as the Sep. 10th (W) \$690 adjust

Toro (TTC) options unusually active as 600 December \$100 puts are bought at \$3

Southwest (LUV) diving with 1500 October \$50 puts bought up to \$2.87 offer

United (UAL) opening sale 1000 February \$43 puts for \$3.90

Harley (HOG) with 5000 January \$40 calls bought \$2.35/\$2.40 as the \$42.5 adjust back from spreads and sells the \$55 calls 5000X adjusting the \$50 call short leg

Fed-Ex (FDX) bounce off day lows as 2000 October \$260/\$270 call spreads are bought for \$4.15

Woodward (WWD) unusual 1600 October \$125 calls opening \$2.55 to \$2.85, a name that trades 5 calls per day on average. WWD recently rejected a rally at trend resistance and major VPOC and sits just under the rising 200-MA, a quality name in a long weekly consolidation pattern. Bloomberg reported in May that Woodward was exploring a deal for Meggitt and TransDigm (TDG) pulled out of the process this week. WWD is an independent designer, manufacturer, and service provider of control solutions for the aerospace and industrial markets. The \$7.8B company trades 29.5X Earnings, 3.5X Sales, 19.7X FCF and 16X FY22 EBITDA with double digit EBITDA growth seen the next few years.

United Parcel (UPS) spread sold 850 Oct. 22nd (W) \$205 calls and bought the \$200 puts

Union Pacific (UNP) January \$200 short puts closing 3000X and opening 2000 o the \$220 short puts

Materials

Element Solutions (ESI) unusual buy of 500 October \$20 calls for \$2.10

Harmony Gold (HMY) block of 10,000 January 2023 \$5 calls opening \$0.50/\$0.55

Vale SA (VALE) buyers active on the offer for 5000 October \$17 puts this morning with Brazil markets weak

Gold Fields (GFI) with 4000 January 2023 \$8 puts bought \$1.45

Tech

Advanced Micro (AMD) with 2000 October 8th (W) \$110 calls bought near \$4.20 while the \$115 calls sold 2000X and the \$120 calls sold 3000X. **AMD** with 4000 November \$82.50 puts sold to open \$1.06 to \$1.05 and 1500 March \$105 puts sold to open \$11.90 as the September short puts adjust

Facebook (FB) with 1500 October 8th (W) \$380/\$350 put spreads bought for \$7.65

Palantir (PLTR) October \$26 puts hot on the open at \$1.30 and trading 10,000 now on the session up to \$1.55

JD buyer 1000 March \$80 calls for \$11 as September calls adjust

Baidu (BIDU) large opening sale June 2022 \$160 puts for \$20 in stock replacement

Inseego (INSG) with 4000 December \$7.50 puts being sold \$0.70 bids

Seagate (STX) opening seller 2000 November \$70 puts \$1.20

Trade Desk (TTD) seeing nearly 1000 December \$65 calls ITM open into weakness. **TTD** with 500 April \$65 puts sold \$7.72 to open

Snap (SNAP) with 1000 April \$60 puts sold to open \$5 to \$5.05

Applied Materials (AMAT) day lows with 2000 Sep. 24th (W) \$131 puts being bought near \$2.55

Sea (SE) with 1470 January \$390 calls sold \$20.79 to buy the \$310 puts

Coupang (CPNG) stock replacement opens 2500 February \$42.50 calls for \$1.20

Intel (INTC) sweep buyers 2500 March \$60 calls \$1.82 offer, basing the last few weeks and a strong September seasonal name

Netflix (NFLX) seeing size November call premium bought today with 2500 of the \$650 calls \$16.45 to \$17.70, 850 ITM \$585 calls, and buyers of 1375 November \$630 calls

Anaplan (PLAN) with 2350 October \$75 calls sold to buy the \$60 puts, likely collaring stock after a strong run

Apple (AAPL) strong bull flows in Sep. 24th (W) options into the morning dip with the \$155 puts seeing opening sellers with 9000 trading and the \$149 ITM calls trading over 8000

Snap (SNAP) seeing a lot of buying in October \$75 calls this afternoon with 20,000 trading \$3.75 to \$3.90, coiled up tightly and next move over \$77 likely actionable

DataDog (DDOG) an early red to green reversal alert now strong to day highs with IV and calls ramping, the October \$140 calls active with buyers 5500X

Telecom/Utilities

TPC Energy (TRP) with 10,500 February \$45/\$35 bull put spreads opening

Verizon (VZ) with 3000 April \$57.50 calls selling to open down to \$1.19 today

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