

The GDPNow for 1Q23 rises to 2.20% GDP, the Inflation Nowcast predicts a CPI of 5.22%, and Wall Street closed mixed.

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The U.S. and European stock markets began the week timidly with mixed results, with investors assessing last week's jobs data to predict whether the Fed will continue its inflation-fighting interest rate campaign or will it pause. The Fed will continue increasing rates since inflation numbers are still too high, some 150% over the Fed's inflation target of 2%. Even though the most recent PCE Price Index fell to 5.00%, it is far from the Fed's inflation target.

Also, the latest Inflation Nowcasting from the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland continues to predict lower inflation but is still too high for the Fed to pause; the forecast is as follows:

Month	CPI	Core	CPI PCE	Core PCE
March	5.22%	5.66%	4.29%	4.60%

Additionally, we have a busy week starting with the beginning of the corporate earnings parade that begins on April 13 with two companies we follow, Delta Airlines (DAL) and First Republic Bank (FRC), and continues on April 14 with JP Morgan (JPM), BlackRock (BLK), Citigroup (C), PNC Financial Services (PNC) and Well Fargo (WFC). If that was not enough, we also have this week on April 12 & 13 critical economic data, including the Consumer Price, Inflation Rate, and Producer Price Index data, all essential for the Fed to determine its course of action whether press on with rate increases or hit the brakes.

GDPNow Update:

- The GDPNow for the first quarter of 2023 was updated on 4/10/23, increasing to 2.20% GDP from 1.50% GDP.

Key Economic Data:

- **U.S. Retail Gas Price:** rose to \$3.606, up from \$3.533 last week, increasing 2.07%.
- **U.S. Wholesale Inventories MoM:** rose to 0.09%, compared to -0.55% last month.
- **China Producer Price Index YoY:** fell to -1.40%, compared to -0.80% last month.
- **China Inflation Rate:** fell to 1.00%, compared to 2.10% last month.

Puerto Rico COVID-19 Update April 10:

- Daily Cases: 32
- Positivity Rate: 11.05%
- Hospitalizations: 64
- Deaths: 3
- Source P R. Department of Health.

Eurozone Summary for April 10:

- Today is a Holiday in Europe

Wall Street Summary for April 10:

- Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 33,586.52, up 101.23 or 0.30%.
- S&P 500 closed at 4,109.11, up 4.09 points or 0.10%.
- Nasdaq Composite closed at 12,084.26, down 3.60 points or 0.03%.
- Birling Capital Puerto Rico Stock index closed at 2,294.22, up 30.95 points or 1.37%.
- Birling Capital U.S. Bank Stock Index closed at 3,507.56, up 24.82 points or 0.71%.
- U.S. Treasury 10-year note closed at 3.41%.
- U.S. Treasury 2-year note closed at 4.00%.



GDPNow 4.10.23

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Date	GDPNow 1Q23	Change
1/27/2023	0.70%	Initial Forecast
2/1/2023	2.10%	66.67%
2/8/2023	2.20%	4.55%
2/15/2023	2.40%	8.33%
2/16/2023	2.50%	4.00%
2/24/2023	2.70%	7.41%
2/27/2023	2.80%	3.57%
3/1/2023	2.30%	-21.74%
3/7/2023	2.00%	-15.00%
3/8/2023	2.60%	23.08%
3/15/2023	3.20%	18.75%
3/16/2023	1.50%	-113.33%
3/24/2023	3.20%	53.13%
3/31/2023	2.50%	-28.00%
4/3/2023	1.70%	-47.06%
4/5/2023	1.50%	-13.33%
4/10/2023	2.20%	31.82%



US Retail Gas Price & US Wholesale Inventories

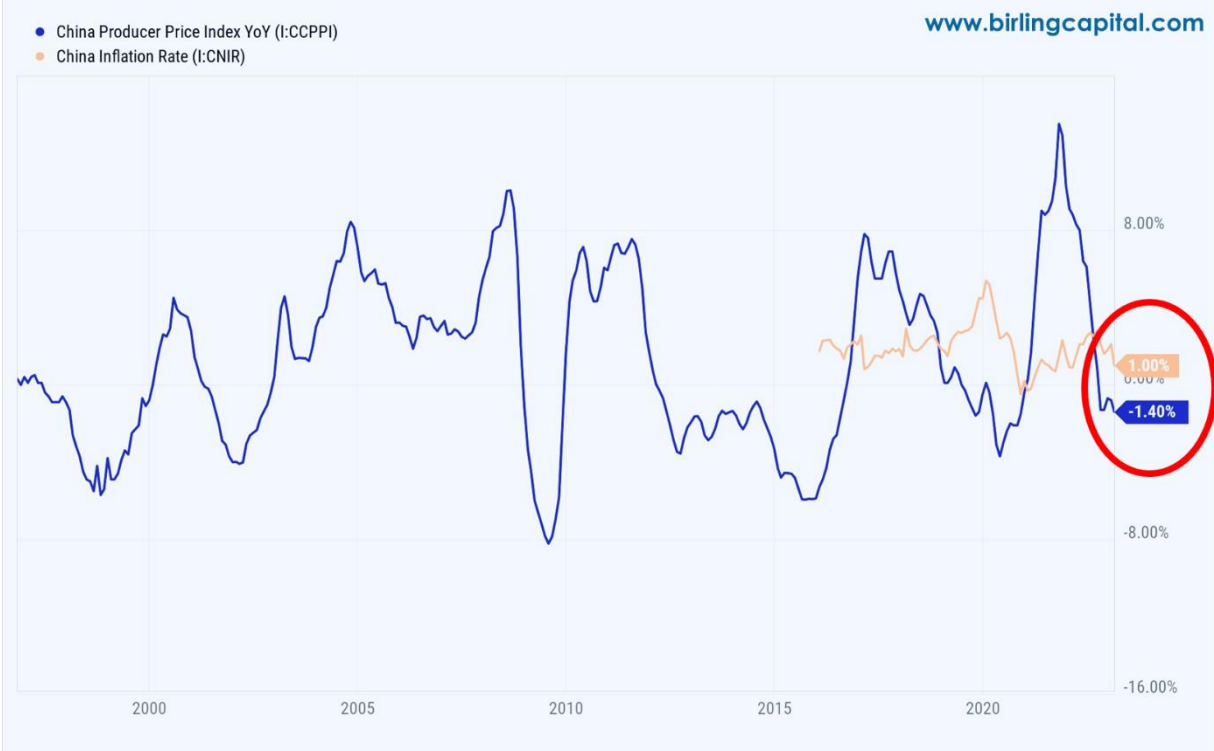
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- US Retail Gas Price
- US Wholesale Inventories MoM





China Producer Price Index & China Inflation Rate





Wall Street Recap

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