

HIGH IMPACT REPORT ALERT: Thursday, 10/18/12

Unemployment Claims				
8:30 am Eastern / 5:30 am Pacific			Forecast: 367K	
Avg 1st Peak: 19 ticks (1-2 min after report)	Min: 5 ticks (8/23/12)		Max: 47 ticks (4/12/12)	
Avg 2nd Peak: 42 ticks (4-17 min after report)	Min: 15 ticks (7/12/12)		Max: 66 ticks (4/12/12)	
Avg Reversal: 30 ticks (4-10 min after last Pk)	Min: 7 ticks (6/28/12)		Max: 79 ticks (8/2/12)	
Last 6 Reports:	2 : SPK/RTC	2 : 2ND PK	2 : DULL	0 : INDECISIVE
Recommended BracketDistance setting:			7	

In these last weeks leading up to the election, all forms of shenanigans are happening with the Labor Department. First the big drop in the unemployment rate, then last week claims dropped to 339K, but the reason was later revealed to be California #s not included in the totals. expect a big revision upward to last week's report. If the reading comes in above 385-390, or below 350 look for a big pop of 30 or more ticks. Otherwise, a quick 15-25 ticks with a pullback a few seconds later will likely be seen on a reading within 15K of the forecast - in that case move the stop loss to near break even and close/exit with a handful of ticks.

Philly FED Manufacturing Index				
10:00 am Eastern / 7:00 am Pacific			Forecast: 1.3	
Avg 1st Peak: 34 ticks (1 min after report)	Min: 7 ticks (MAR '12)		Max: 99 ticks (AUG '11)	
Avg 2nd Peak: 65 ticks (6-7 min after report)	Min: 39 ticks (FEB '12)		Max: 149 ticks (AUG '11)	
Avg Reversal: 49 ticks (8-26 min after report)	Min: 17 ticks (MAR '12)		Max: 81 ticks (AUG '11)	
Last 6 Reports:	1 : SPK/RTC	4 : 2ND PK	1 : DULL	0 : INDECISIVE
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Normally reliable report to trade. Good for 20-40 ticks on an average break with much more if the delta from the forecast exceeds 15. The Peak normally occurs on the :01 bar after the release and has a tendency to finish at or very near its max as it rolls over to the next candle. Lately, a 2nd Peak is more common. Reversal almost always exceeds the magnitude of the initial peak. Look for 35-60 ticks on a possible 2nd peak and 30-60 ticks on the Reversal.

Natural Gas Storage (Yellow Report) (Use NG 11-12)				
10:30 am Eastern / 7:30 am Pacific		Forecast: +46B FT³		
Avg 1st Peak: 64 ticks (1-2 min after report)	Min: 17 ticks (9/27/12)		Max: 142 ticks (6/14/12)	
Avg 2nd Peak: 116 ticks (4-20 min after rpt)	Min: 39 ticks (7/26/12)		Max: 257 ticks (6/14/12)	
Avg Reversal: 65 ticks (11-40 min after Pk)	Min: 16 ticks (3/8/12)		Max: 155 ticks (8/16/12)	
Last 10 Reports:	6 : SPK/RTC	3 : 2ND PK	0 : DULL	1 : INDECISIVE
Recommended BracketDistance setting:			10*	*if using JOBB

Trade with caution and ensure you understand the risk. Occasionally prone to opposite direction spike 1-2 sec before report is released. USE of JOBB is highly risky due to the potential of the order filling in the wrong direction.

This report is similar to the CL inventory, but it is prone to a decisive direction after the report release and about 15-25 ticks of slippage. Look for 40-60 ticks net on the spike after slippage, and a reversal that often exceeds the spike. If the offset between the result and the forecast is less than 20, trading the reversal is a safe proposition. If the results are matching or nearly matching, trap trading the breakouts is a good play.