**Husson Stock Index**

**Week Ended June 20, 2025**

 For the week ended June 20th, 2025, the Husson Stock Index (HSI) closed at 239.61. This is a decrease from the previous week of .24%. This is also a 3.6% increase from the end of the previous year. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed the week at 42206.82. This is an increase of .02% from the end of the previous week and a decrease of .79% from the end of the previous year. The S&P 500 ended the week at 5967.84, decreasing .15%, and up 1.47% year to date.

**Summary**

 The top-performing stock in the HSI this week was Immucell Corporation, which was up 17.1% on the week, having 2 of the best performances in the last month by a company. ImmuCell Corporation’s recent 17.1% surge appears to be fueled by a strong uptick in revenue and growing investor confidence in its long-term potential. The company, which specializes in animal health products, particularly for the dairy and beef industries, has seen its trailing twelve-month (TTM) revenue climb to an all-time high of $23.84 million, marking a 46.37% increase over the past year. This growth is especially notable given the broader challenges in the biotech and animal health sectors. ImmuCell’s flagship product, First Defense®, which helps prevent scours in newborn calves, continues to gain traction in the market. The company’s ability to scale production and maintain a niche focus in a high-demand agricultural segment has likely contributed to its recent stock performance. While the company is still operating at a net loss, the revenue momentum and strategic positioning in a resilient sector are giving investors reason to be optimistic.

The second top-performing stock in the HSI was PENN Entertainment, which had an increase in stock price of 9.22%. The stock price jump appears to be driven by a combination of strategic financial moves and boardroom developments that have boosted investor sentiment. One major catalyst was the company’s announcement to repurchase $233.5 million in 2.75% senior notes due 2026, a move that signals financial strength and a commitment to reducing debt. This kind of debt reduction often reassures investors about a company’s balance sheet and long-term viability. Additionally, PENN recently concluded a proxy battle with activist investor HG Vora, resulting in the election of two HG Vora nominees to the board of directors. This change suggests potential shifts in corporate strategy, which investors may view as a positive step toward unlocking shareholder value.

 The worst-performing stock in the HSI was the McDonald's corporation, which had a decrease in stock price of 4.79%. The recent 4.79% stock price decline appears to be tied to disappointing sales figures and geopolitical headwinds that have shaken investor confidence. In its latest earnings report, McDonald’s posted global same-store sales growth of 3.4%, which fell short of analyst expectations of 4.79%. While U.S. sales rose 4.3%, that, too, missed the projected 4.45% increase. These shortfalls are significant because same-store sales are a key performance metric in the fast-food industry, often seen as a barometer of brand health and customer loyalty. Additionally, the company cited ongoing conflicts in the Middle East as a major factor impacting performance. CEO Chris Kempczinski acknowledged that several markets in and beyond the region were experiencing “meaningful business impact” due to the war and associated misinformation, which has led to boycotts and reputational challenges for the brand.

The second worst-performing stock in the HSI was T-Mobile US, which had a decrease in stock price of 2.84%. This can be attributed to a mix of analyst downgrades and a major shareholder sell-off, both of which rattled investor confidence despite the company’s solid fundamentals. Two major financial institutions—Wells Fargo and RBC Capital Markets—downgraded T-Mobile’s stock, citing concerns that its subscriber and EBITDA growth are already priced in. Wells Fargo lowered its rating from “overweight” to “equal weight,” and RBC dropped it from “outperform” to “sector perform”, both trimming their price targets as well. Adding to the pressure, SoftBank sold approximately $4.8 billion worth of T-Mobile shares, representing about 25% of its stake. While this move was likely driven by SoftBank’s need to fund large-scale investments in AI ventures like OpenAI, such a sizable offload can spook the market, even if it’s not a reflection of T-Mobile’s operational health.

**Overview**

The HSI was developed by Marie Kenney, while a student at Husson University, in

consultation with Associate Professor J. Douglas Wellington. The index is currently being

tracked and analyzed by Husson student Donovan Landry under the supervision of the Associate Professor of Finance Dr. Jia Liu. The HSI currently tracks and analyzes the stocks of 25 companies that are considered to affect the Maine economy. These companies are either based in Maine or have an influence on the Maine economy through employment or consumer spending. This price-weighted index offers a numerical breakdown of Maine’s economy. The analysis investigates the events of the week and finds the likely reasons the index went up or down. This index and analysis help provide a better understanding of Maine’s economy as well as explain significant changes in stock prices of the companies that comprise the HSI.

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Composition of Husson Stock Index (HSI)

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| Ticker symbol: Exchange | Stock  | Maine Affiliation | Sector |
| BAC: NYSE | Bank of american corp | presence | Fincancials |
| BHB: NYSE | Bar Harbor Bank | Maine-based | Fincancials |
| CAC: NASDAQ | Camden National Corporation | Maine-based | Fincancials |
| CHRT: NASDAQ | Charter Comminucaion, Inc. | presence | Communication Services |
| CL: NYSE | Colgate-palmolive Company | Maine-based | Consumer Staples |
| DRI: NYSE | Darden Restaurants, Inc. | presence | Consumer Discretionaries  |
| FNLC: NASDAQ | The First Bancorp, Inc. | Maine-based | Fincancials |
| GD: NYSE | General Dynamics Corporation | presence | Fincancials |
| HLT: NYSE | Hilton Worldwide Holding, Inc. | presence | Consumer Discretionaries  |
| HD: NYSE | The Home Depot, Inc. | presence | Consumer Discretionaries  |
| ICC: NASDAQ | ImmuCell Corporation  | Maine-based | Health Care  |
| IDXX:NASDAQ | IDEXX Laboratories, Inc. | Maine-based | Health Care  |
| LOW: NYSE | Lowe’s Companies, Inc. | presence | Consumer Discretionaries  |
| MCD: NYSE | McDonalds Corporation | presence | Consumer Discretionaries  |
| NBN: NASDAQ | Northeast Bank | Maine-based | Fincancials |
| PENN: NASDAQ | Penn National Gaming, Inc. | presence | Consumer Discretionaries  |
| RTX: NYSE | Raytheon Technologies Corporation | presence | Industrials |
| TD: NYSE | The Toronto-Dominion Bank | presence | Fincancials |
| TMUS: NASDAQ | T-Mobile US, Inc. | presence | Consumer Services |
| UPS: NYSE | United Parcel Service, Inc.  | presence | Industrials |
| UNM: NYSE | UNUM Group | presence | Fincancials |
| VLO: NYSE | Valero Energy Corporation | presence | Energy |
| WMT: NYSE | Walmart, Inc. | presence | Consumer Services |
| WEX: NYSE | WEX, Inc.  | presence | Information Technologies |
| WBA: NASDAQ | Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc. | presence | Consumer Staples |