FEDERAL RESERVE statistical release

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SELECTED INTEREST RATES

For immediate release
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Notice to Users of the H.15

Effective with this release, the H.15 no longer reports a 30-year constant maturity yield for Treasury securities and begins reporting a yield for Treasury securities with 25 years or more remaining to maturity.

The changes reflect the Treasury's announcement on January 30, 2002, that, effective February 18, it would cease supplying an estimate of the 30-year constant maturity yield and that it would commence supplying a long-term yield based on a basket of long-dated securities.

As indicated in footnote 12 of the release, the new long-term rate is based on an unweighted average of the bid yields for all Treasury fixed-coupon securities with remaining terms to maturity of at least 25 years. A factor to adjust the daily long-term average to estimate a 30-year rate is available at the Treasury web site reported in footnote 13 of the release.

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Yields in percent per annum

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Instruments	2002 Feb 18 *	2002 Feb 19	2002 Feb 20	2002 Feb 21	2002 Feb 22	Week Ending Feb 22	Week Ending Feb 15	2002 Jan
Federal funds (effective) [1,2,3]	1.73	1.77	1.76	1.77	1.71	1.75	1.72	1.73
Commercial paper [3,4,5,6]								
Nonfinancial								
1-month		1.74	1.74	1.74	1.75	1.74	1.75	1.70
2-month		1.77	1.75	1.78	1.78	1.77	1.76	1.69
3-month		1.82	1.81	1.79	1.80	1.81	1.79	1.70
Financial								
1-month		1.77	1.77	1.77	1.78	1.77	1.76	1.72
2-month		1.78	1.79	1.79	1.79	1.79	1.78	1.71
3-month		1.81	1.81	1.81	1.81	1.81	1.80	1.72
CDs (secondary market) [3,7]								
1-month		1.80	1.81	1.81	1.81	1.81	1.80	1.75
3-month		1.81	1.82	1.82	1.82	1.82	1.82	1.74
6-month		1.95	1.96	1.96	1.95	1.96	1.94	1.85
Eurodollar deposits (London) [3,8]								
1-month		1.79	1.79	1.79	1.78	1.79	1.79	1.74
3-month		1.83	1.82	1.83	1.81	1.82	1.81	1.75
6-month		1.95	1.93	1.95	1.94	1.94	1.94	1.85
Bank prime loan [2,3,9]	4.75	4.75	4.75	4.75	4.75	4.75	4.75	4.75
Discount window borrowing [2,10]	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25
U.S. government securities								
Treasury bills (secondary market) [3,4]								
4-week		1.70	1.72	1.73	1.72	1.72	1.71	1.65
3-month		1.73	1.73	1.73	1.73	1.73	1.72	1.65
6-month		1.83	1.83	1.83	1.82	1.83	1.82	1.73
Treasury constant maturities [11]								
1-month		1.73	1.75	1.76	1.75	1.75	1.74	1.68
3-month		1.76	1.76	1.76	1.76	1.76	1.75	1.68
6-month		1.87	1.87	1.87	1.86	1.87	1.86	1.77
1-year		2.23	2.24	2.25	2.22	2.24	2.24	2.16
2-year		2.98	3.00	3.00	2.97	2.99	3.02	3.03
3-year		3.52	3.53	3.52	3.48	3.51	3.56	3.56
5-year		4.28	4.28	4.27	4.23	4.27	4.33	4.34
7-year		4.71	4.71	4.72	4.67	4.70	4.74	4.79
10-year		4.88	4.88	4.88	4.84	4.87	4.94	5.04
20-year		5.61	5.60	5.58	5.55	5.59	5.65	5.69
Treasury long-term average (25 years and above) [12,13]		5.58	5.57	5.56	5.52	5.56	n.a.	n.a.
Interest rate swaps [14]								
1-year		2.45	2.45	2.46	2.45	2.45	2.46	2.37
2-year		3.36	3.36	3.38	3.35	3.36	3.40	3.42
3-year		4.04	4.04	4.05	4.03	4.04	4.10	4.18
4-year		4.50	4.50	4.51	4.47	4.49	4.57	4.66
5-year		4.84	4.82	4.83	4.78	4.82	4.90	4.98
7-year		5.25	5.25	5.24	5.20	5.24	5.32	5.37
10-year		5.59	5.59	5.58	5.55	5.57	5.66	5.71
30-year		6.05	6.05	6.04	6.01	6.04	6.11	6.11
Corporate bonds								
Moody's seasoned								
Aaa [15]		6.51	6.52	6.50	6.47	6.50	6.54	6.55
Baa		7.87	7.89	7.85	7.82	7.86	7.91	7.87
State & local bonds [16]				5.10		5.10	5.13	5.16
Conventional mortgages [17]					6.81	6.81	6.86	7.00

See overleaf for footnotes

* Markets closed

n.a. Not available

FOOTNOTES

1. The daily effective federal funds rate is a weighted average of rates on brokered trades.
2. Weekly figures are averages of 7 calendar days ending on Wednesday of the current week; monthly figures include each calendar day in the month.
3. Annualized using a 360-day year or bank interest.
4. On a discount basis.
5. Interest rates interpolated from data on certain commercial paper trades settled by The Depository Trust Company. The trades represent sales of commercial paper by dealers or direct issuers to investors (that is, the offer side). See Board's Commercial Paper Web pages (http://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/cp) for more information.
6. The 1-, 2-, and 3-month rates are equivalent to the 30-, 60-, and 90-day dates reported on the Board's Commercial Paper Web page.
7. An average of dealer offering rates on nationally traded certificates of deposit.
8. Bid rates for Eurodollar deposits collected around 9:30 a.m. Eastern time.
9. Rate posted by a majority of top 25 (by assets in domestic offices) insured U.S.-chartered commercial banks. Prime is one of several base rates used by banks to price short-term business loans.
10. Rate for the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.
11. Yields on actively traded issues adjusted to constant maturities. Source: U.S. Treasury.
12. Based on the unweighted average of the bid yields for all Treasury fixed-coupon securities with remaining terms to maturity of 25 years and over.
13. A factor for adjusting the daily long-term average in order to estimate a 30-year rate can be found at http://www.treas.gov/domfin/statistics.htm.
14. International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA) mid-market par swap rates. Rates are for a Fixed Rate Payer in return for receiving three month LIBOR, and are based on rates collected at 11:00 a.m. by Garban Intercapital plc and published on Reuters Page ISDAFIX1. Source: Reuters Limited.
15. Moody's Aaa rates through December 6, 2001 are averages of Aaa utility and Aaa industrial bond rates. As of December 7, 2001, these rates are averages of Aaa industrial bonds only.
16. Bond Buyer Index, general obligation, 20 years to maturity, mixed quality; Thursday quotations.
17. Contract interest rates on commitments for fixed-rate first mortgages. Source: FHLMC.

Note: Weekly and monthly figures are averages of business days unless otherwise noted.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE TREASURY CONSTANT MATURITY SERIES

Yields on Treasury securities at "constant maturity" are interpolated by the U.S. Treasury from the daily yield curve. This curve, which relates the yield on a security to its time to maturity, is based on the closing market bid yields on actively traded Treasury securities in the over-the-counter market. These market yields are calculated from composites of quotations obtained by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. The constant maturity yield values are read from the yield curve at fixed maturities, currently 1, 3 and 6 months and 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10 and 20 years. This method provides a yield for a 10-year maturity, for example, even if no outstanding security has exactly 10 years remaining to maturity.