

TWELVE MONTHS WITHOUT A FIVE PERCENT S&P CORRECTION

You might want to store July 26, 2017 away in your memory, so you can tell your grandchildren about the day the Volatility Index (VIX) traded below 9 intraday owing greatly to the fact we have now been over a year without a five percent correction in the S&P.

That puts the current streak in a group with seven other time periods since 1950, which have gone longer than a year without a 5% Correction.

It is the first time in the twenty first century this has occurred with the last similar period occurring over twenty years ago, 1995-96. I think it is also probably important to note that in the last 68 years, the S&P has never gone two years without a five percent correction, suggesting there is likely a hard rain a coming in the not too distant future.

By the way, since 1950, I have August-October as the weakest quarter of the year, and it would be quite a feat to make it until the end of the year unscathed.

The One Year Absent a 5% Correction List – Since 1950

#	STARTDATE	ENDDATE	#TRDDAYS	MTS-DAYS
1	19580102	19590915	429	20-13
2	19941213	19960715	399	19-02
3	19631122	19650609	386	18-17
4	19921009	19940329	370	17-20
5	19531013	19550117	315	15-04
6	19601107	19620126	304	14-19
7	20160627	20170728	274	12-29
8	19621031	19631122	266	12-23