

The Morning Email: Oil

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ENERGY MATRIX - NYMEX PRODUCTS

NYMEX	Last	NET	High	Low	Open	Volume	Yest. Vol	SYM Name
CLA	53.23	0.59	53.9	51.72	52.36	17,691	510,009	WTI Crude
HOA	144.68	0.77	144.69	142	143.92	1,268	68,356	Heating Oil
RBA	147.41	0.43	147.99	144.2	145.4	1,902	82,503	Unleaded Gas
NGA	38.18	0.36	38.22	37.68	37.87	1,276	110,315	Natural Gas


All contracts quoted are electronic.

All contracts are coded for lead volume month. Meaning, whatever month has the most volume, that's the month quoted in the matrix above, for all contracts.

Economic Release Estimates, from Bloomberg

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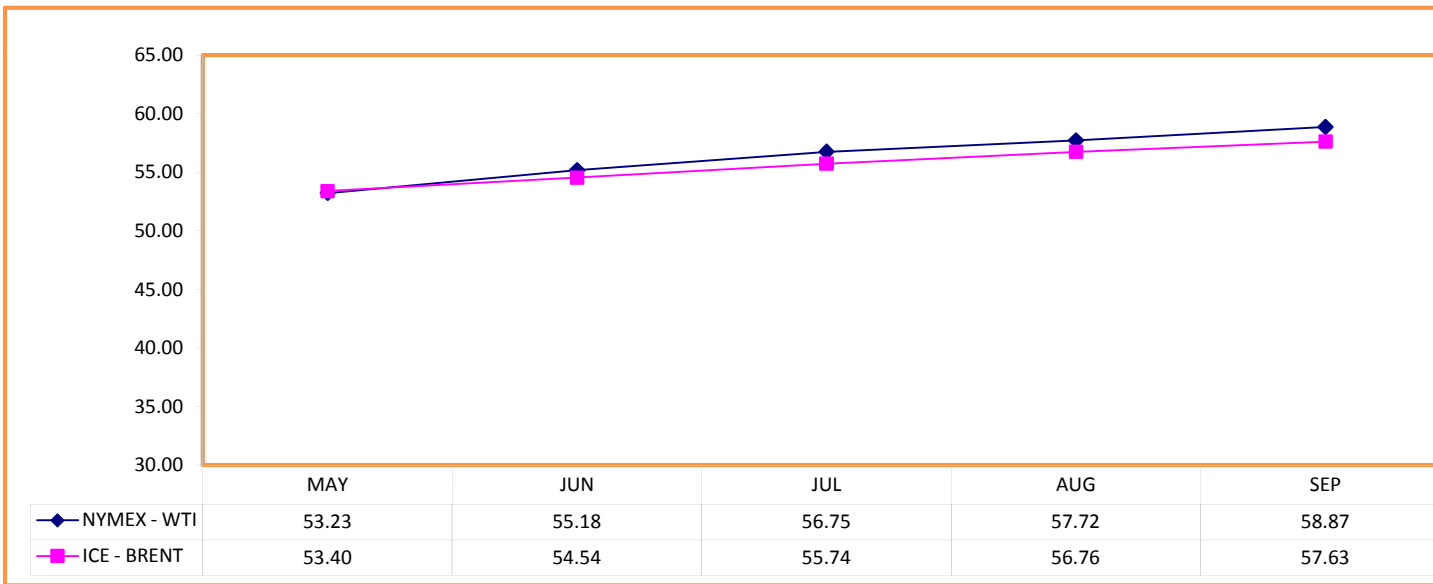
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	Date	Time	A M	Event	Period	Survey	Actual	Prior	Revised
25)	04/02	09:30		EIA Natural Gas Storage Change	MAR 27	2	-	3	-
26)	04/03	12:00		Baker Hughes U.S. Rig Count	APR 3	-	-	1039	-
27)	04/07	15:30		API U.S. Crude Oil Inventories	APR 3	-	-	3276K	-
28)	04/07	15:30		API U.S. Gasoline Inventories	APR 3	-	-	-451K	-
29)	04/07	15:30		API U.S. Distillate Inventory	APR 3	-	-	1776K	-
30)	04/08	09:30		DOE U.S. Crude Oil Inventories	APR 3	-	-	2844K	-
31)	04/08	09:30		DOE U.S. Gasoline Inventories	APR 3	-	-	2225K	-
32)	04/08	09:30		DOE U.S. Distillate Inventory	APR 3	-	-	221K	-
33)	04/08	09:30		DOE U.S. Heat Oil Inventories	APR 3	-	-	298K	-
34)	04/08	09:30		DOE U.S. Refinery Utilization	APR 3	-	-	-0.28%	-
35)	04/08	09:30		DOE Cushing OK Crude Inventory	APR 3	-	-	-856K	-
36)	04/08	09:30		DOE Crude Oil Implied Demand	APR 3	-	-	14628	-
37)	04/08	09:30		DOE Gasoline Implied Demand	APR 3	-	-	9269.0	-
38)	04/08	09:30		DOE Distillate Implied Demand	APR 3	-	-	4113.0	-
39)	04/09	09:30		EIA Natural Gas Storage Change	APR 3	-	-	-	-
40)	04/10	12:00		Baker Hughes U.S. Rig Count	APR 10	-	-	-	-
41)	04/14			DOE Short-Term Crude Outlook	APR	-	-	53	-
42)	04/14			DOE Short-Term Diesel Outlook	APR	-	-	2.51	-
43)	04/14			DOE Short-Term Ht Oil Outlook	APR	-	-	2.41	-

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Spreads - WTI and BRENT

NYMEX - WTI						ICE - BRENT					
	Last	Yest. Open Int	Yest. Volume	Today's Volume	Contract Month		Last	Yest. Open Int	Yest. Volume	Today's Volume	Contract Month
F.CLAK09	53.23	na	251,212	12,455	MAY	F.QOK9	53.40	108,818	129,674	21,047	MAY
F.CLAM09	55.18	na	96,440	3,906	JUN	F.QOM9	54.54	159,882		13,762	JUN
F.CLAN09	56.75	na	35,961	1,446	JUL	F.QON09	55.74	0	36,885	4,045	JUL
F.CLAQ09	57.72	na	15,418	488	AUG	F.QOQ09	56.76	0	11,549	1,525	AUG
F.CLAU09	58.87	na	12,913	153	SEP	F.QOU09	57.63	0	5,703	1,370	SEP
F.CLAV09	58.90	na	9,715	53	OCT	F.QOV09	58.20	0	4,910	1,007	OCT
F.CLAX09	60.00	na	6,788	29	NOV	F.QOX09	59.11	0	4,889	856	NOV
F.CLAZ09	61.38	na	23,091	387	DEC	F.QOZ09	60.19	0	13,685	2,027	DEC



Contango IF: front months lower than back months.

IF Contango, then: It pays more to store crude. Carry cost is positive.

Also, It pays to keep crude stored, pump prices rise, and so do oil company profits

Backwardation: Opposite of Contango

"Never sell a backwardation market". Backwardation tends to coexist with rising prices

Crack Spreads relative to Crude:

If crack spread weak then less incentive to store crude.

That's bearish for crude.

IF Contango and price is rallying, then 'long only' funds are buying.

That's because it's the only thing that makes sense due to the fact, funds do not incur carrying charges.

Contango is bearish for price.