

The Morning Email: Oil

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ENERGY MATRIX - NYMEX PRODUCTS

NYMEX	Last	NET	High	Low	Open	Volume	Yest. Vol	SYM Name
CLA	70.74	1.29	70.95	69.09	69.3	42,545	710,072	WTI Crude
HOA	185.76	2.51	186.23	182.56	183.21	1,330	78,426	Heating Oil
RBA	203.05	1.79	203.59	201	201.26	1,098	82,003	Unleaded Gas
NGA	37.22	0.69	37.23	35.96	36.32	3,085	136,682	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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Region North America Country United States Type Energy / Commodities 
 Date 08/03/09 05:22:39 United States: Energy / Commodities

	Date	Time	A M	Event	Period	Survey	Actual	Prior	Revised
35)	08/04	15:30		API U.S. Crude Oil Inventories	JUL 31	-	-	4067K	-
36)	08/04	15:30		API U.S. Gasoline Inventories	JUL 31	-	-	-47K	-
37)	08/04	15:30		API U.S. Distillate Inventory	JUL 31	-	-	116K	-
38)	08/05	09:30		DOE U.S. Crude Oil Inventories	JUL 31	-	-	5152K	-
39)	08/05	09:30		DOE U.S. Gasoline Inventories	JUL 31	-	-	-2315K	-
40)	08/05	09:30		DOE U.S. Distillate Inventory	JUL 31	-	-	2108K	-
41)	08/05	09:30		DOE U.S. Heat Oil Inventories	JUL 31	-	-	270K	-
42)	08/05	09:30		DOE U.S. Refinery Utilization	JUL 31	-	-	-1.27%	-
43)	08/05	09:30		DOE Cushing OK Crude Inventory	JUL 31	-	-	1310K	-
44)	08/05	09:30		DOE No.2 Heat Oil Inventories	JUL 31	-	-	46431K	-
45)	08/05	09:30		DOE Crude Oil Implied Demand	JUL 31	-	-	14395	-
46)	08/05	09:30		DOE Gasoline Implied Demand	JUL 31	-	-	9326.0	-
47)	08/05	09:30		DOE Distillate Implied Demand	JUL 31	-	-	3940.0	-
48)	08/06	09:30		EIA Natural Gas Storage Change	JUL 31	-	-	71	-
49)	08/07	12:00		Baker Hughes U.S. Rig Count	AUG 7	-	-	948	-
50)	08/11			DOE Short-Term Crude Outlook	AUG	-	-	72.42	-
51)	08/11			DOE Short-Term Diesel Outlook	AUG	-	-	2.79	-
52)	08/11			DOE Short-Term Ht Oil Outlook	AUG	-	-	2.80	-
53)	08/11			DOE Short-Term NatGas Outlook	AUG	-	-	11.63	-

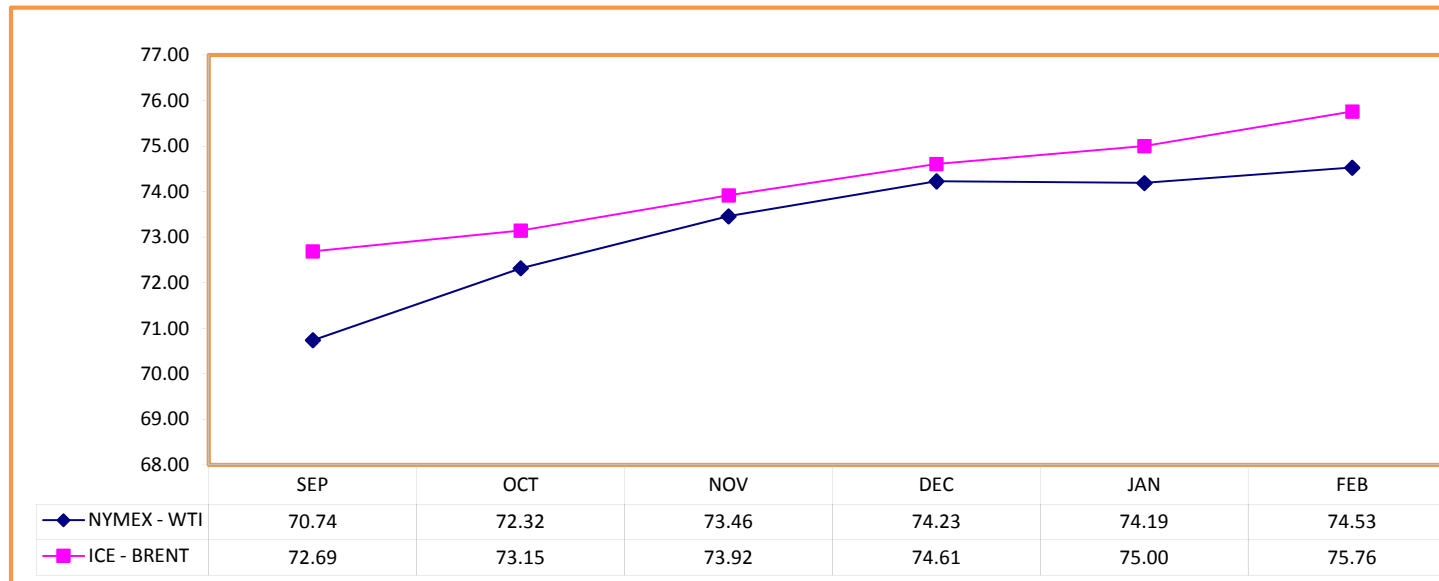
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NYMEX - WTI

	Last	Yest. Open	Yest. Int Volume	Yest. Volume	Today's Volume	Contract Month
F.CLAU09	70.74	na	400,836	29,498		SEP
F.CLAV09	72.32	na	107,642	12,468		OCT
F.CLAX09	73.46	na	45,281	5,667		NOV
F.CLAZ09	74.23	na	73,039	6,205		DEC
F.CLAF10	74.19	na	11,612	387		JAN
F.CLAG10	74.53	na	5,700	38		FEB

ICE - BRENT

	Last	Yest. Open	Yest. Int Volume	Yest. Volume	Today's Volume	Contract Month
F.QOU09	72.69	117,839	141,109	22,045		SEP
F.QOV09	73.15	0	85,135	15,953		OCT
F.QOX09	73.92	0	33,955	6,311		NOV
F.QOZ09	74.61	0	33,823	7,144		DEC
F.QOF10	75.00	0	4,977	27		JAN
F.QOG10	75.76	0	2,130	17		FEB



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.