

The Morning Email: Oil

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ENERGY MATRIX - NYMEX PRODUCTS

NYMEX	Last	NET	High	Low	Open	Volume	Yest. Vol	SYM Name
CLA	48.53	-0.05	49	47.61	48.41	19,890	500,669	WTI Crude
HOA	163.6700	1.0400	164.78	162	164.78	1,462	88,553	Heating Oil
RBA	118.79	-0.13	120	117.2	118.63	1,264	53,911	Unleaded Gas
NGA	60.27	0.4400	60.5	59.18	59.85	1,452	111,847	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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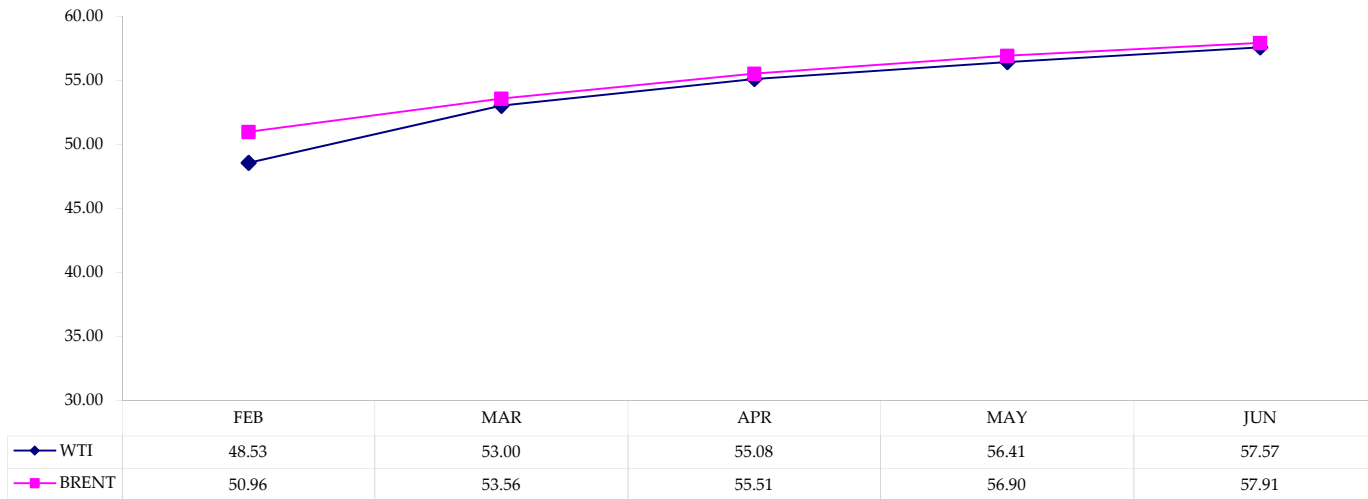
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22)	01/06	13:00		☒ Spending Pulse Gas Demand	JAN 2	--	--	9.13	--
23)	01/07	09:30		☒ DOE U.S. Crude Oil Inventories	JAN 2	1000K	--	549K	--
24)	01/07	09:30		☒ DOE U.S. Gasoline Inventories	JAN 2	1000K	--	808K	--
25)	01/07	09:30		☒ DOE U.S. Distillate Inventory	JAN 2	750K	--	694K	--
26)	01/07	09:30		☒ DOE U.S. Refinery Utilization	JAN 2	0.00%	--	-2.22%	--
27)	01/07	09:30		☒ DOE Cushing OK Crude Inventory	JAN 2	--	--	-541K	--
28)	01/07	09:30		☒ API U.S. Crude Oil Inventories	JAN 2	--	--	7942K	--
29)	01/07	09:30		☒ API U.S. Gasoline Inventories	JAN 2	--	--	1848K	--
30)	01/07	09:30		☒ API U.S. Distillate Inventory	JAN 2	--	--	3852K	--
31)	01/08	09:30		☒ EIA Natural Gas Storage Change	JAN 2	-105	--	-143	--
32)	01/09	12:00		☒ Baker Hughes U.S. Rig Count	JAN 9	--	--	1623	--
33)	01/13	13:00		☒ Spending Pulse Gas Demand	JAN 9	--	--	--	--
34)	01/14	09:30		☒ DOE U.S. Crude Oil Inventories	JAN 9	--	--	--	--
35)	01/14	09:30		☒ DOE U.S. Gasoline Inventories	JAN 9	--	--	--	--
36)	01/14	09:30		☒ DOE U.S. Distillate Inventory	JAN 9	--	--	--	--
37)	01/14	09:30		☒ DOE U.S. Refinery Utilization	JAN 9	--	--	--	--
38)	01/14	09:30		☒ DOE Cushing OK Crude Inventory	JAN 9	--	--	--	--
39)	01/14	09:30		☒ API U.S. Crude Oil Inventories	JAN 9	--	--	--	--
40)	01/14	09:30		☒ API U.S. Gasoline Inventories	JAN 9	--	--	--	--

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NYMEX - WTI						ICE - BRENT					
	Yest.	Yest.	Today's	Contract		Yest.	Yest.	Today's	Contract		
Last	Open Int	Volume	Volume	Month	Last	Open Int	Volume	Volume	Month		
F.CLAG09	48.53	0.00	331,307	12,929	FEB	F.QOG09	50.96	87,238	119,831	20,883	FEB
F.CLAH09	53.00	0.00	183,802	5,635	MAR	F.QOH09	53.56	167,997	87,664	17,532	MAR
F.CLAJ09	55.08	0.00	331,307	12,929	APR	F.QOJ09	55.51	87,238	119,831	20,883	APR
F.CLAK09	56.41	0.00	17,981	775	MAY	F.QOK9	56.90	21,670	22,247	2,906	MAY
F.CLAM09	57.57	0.00	26,524	839	JUN	F.QOM9	57.91	40,594	119,831	3,813	JUN
F.CLAN09	59.10	0.00	11,032	280	JUL	F.QON09	58.79	18,461	8,452	2,422	JUL
F.CLAQ09	60.00	0.00	3,194	117	AUG	F.QOQ09	59.64	11,542	3,703	1,603	AUG
F.CLAU09	60.67	0.00	3,206	50	SEP	F.QOU09	60.33	13,985	3,250	1,016	SEP
F.CLAV09	61.28	0.00	2,970	42	OCT	F.QOV09	61.09	9,465	2,674	791	OCT
F.CLAX09	61.86	0.00	2,570	59	NOV	F.QOX09	61.76	11,534	2,104	438	NOV
F.CLAZ09	62.15	0.00	16,005	116	DEC	F.QOZ09	62.50	53,985	18,411	2,558	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.