

The Morning Email: Oil

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ENERGY MATRIX - NYMEX PRODUCTS

NYMEX	Last	NET	High	Low	Open	Volume	Yest. Vol	SYM Name
CLA	43.56	0.02	43.94	42.75	43.36	21,168	568,053	WTI Crude
HOA	147.6700	-1.0400	149.76	147.5	148.41	548	103,141	Heating Oil
RBA	116.17	-1.25	117.15	116.17	117.15	701	66,652	Unleaded Gas
NGA	49.3	0.8700	49.5	48.61	48.96	921	136,030	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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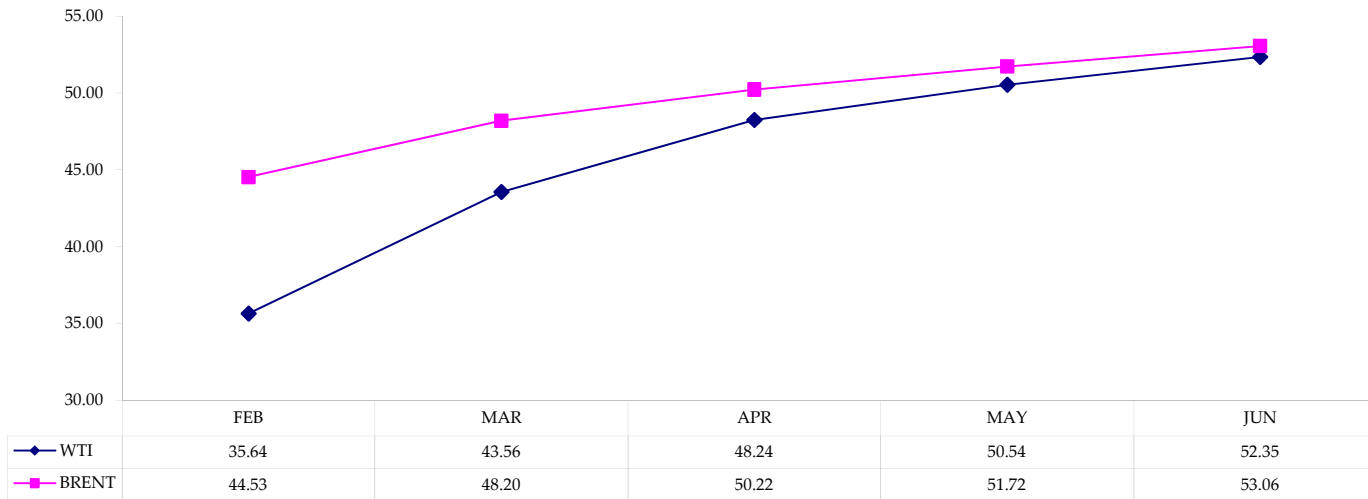
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	Date	Time	A M	Event	Period	Survey	Actual	Prior	Revised
26)	01/15	09:30		EIA Natural Gas Storage Change	JAN 9	-104	-	-	-
27)	01/16	12:00		Baker Hughes U.S. Rig Count	JAN 16	-	-	1589	-
28)	01/20	13:00		Spending Pulse Gas Demand	JAN 16	-	-	8.96	-
29)	01/22	10:00		DOE U.S. Crude Oil Inventories	JAN 16	-	-	1144K	-
30)	01/22	10:00		DOE U.S. Gasoline Inventories	JAN 16	-	-	2068K	-
31)	01/22	10:00		DOE U.S. Distillate Inventory	JAN 16	-	-	6346K	-
32)	01/22	10:00		DOE U.S. Refinery Utilization	JAN 16	-	-	0.66%	-
33)	01/22	10:00		DOE Cushing OK Crude Inventory	JAN 16	-	-	798K	-
34)	01/22	10:00		API U.S. Crude Oil Inventories	JAN 16	-	-	658K	-
35)	01/22	10:00		API U.S. Gasoline Inventories	JAN 16	-	-	3642K	-
36)	01/22	10:00		API U.S. Distillate Inventory	JAN 16	-	-	418K	-
37)	01/22	10:00		DOE Crude Oil Implied Demand	JAN 16	-	-	14483.0	-
38)	01/22	10:00		DOE Gasoline Implied Demand	JAN 16	-	-	8897.0	-
39)	01/22	10:00		DOE Distillate Implied Demand	JAN 16	-	-	3974.0	-
40)	01/23	09:30		EIA Natural Gas Storage Change	JAN 16	-	-	-	-
41)	01/23	12:00		Baker Hughes U.S. Rig Count	JAN 23	-	-	-	-
42)	01/27	13:00		Spending Pulse Gas Demand	JAN 23	-	-	-	-
43)	01/27	15:30		API U.S. Crude Oil Inventories	JAN 23	-	-	-	-
44)	01/27	15:30		API U.S. Gasoline Inventories	JAN 23	-	-	-	-

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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	35.64	0.00	156,639	4,628	FEB	F.QOG09	44.53				
F.CLAH09	43.56	0.00	240,838	16,673	MAR	F.QOH09	48.20	157,507	158,408	30,854	
F.CLAJ09	48.24	0.00	156,639	4,628	APR	F.QOJ09	50.22				
F.CLAK09	50.54	0.00	27,553	517	MAY	F.QOK9	51.72	36,734	31,238	5,529	
F.CLAM09	52.35	0.00	27,815	1,067	JUN	F.QOM9	53.06	46,746		4,494	
F.CLAN09	54.18	0.00	11,489	212	JUL	F.QON09	54.10	17,839	5,175	1,363	
F.CLAQ09	54.58	0.00	5,369	32	AUG	F.QOQ09	55.03	14,761	2,420	324	
F.CLAU09	55.50	0.00	3,394	36	SEP	F.QOU09	55.88	13,556	2,241	281	
F.CLAV09	56.27	0.00	2,762	17	OCT	F.QOV09	56.68	10,177	2,026	258	
F.CLAX09	57.34	0.00	3,057	9	NOV	F.QOX09	57.42	11,938	1,313	128	
F.CLAZ09	58.19	0.00	14,882	42	DEC	F.QOZ09	58.15	55,535	12,467	1,285	



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.