

The Morning Email: Oil

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ENERGY MATRIX - NYMEX PRODUCTS

NYMEX	Last	NET	High	Low	Open	Volume	Yest. Vol	SYM Name
CLA	40.28	-2.29	42.63	39.11	42.43	158,863	529,874	WTI Crude
HOA	138.6400	-8.7000	148.65	137.1	146.6	28,761	79,682	Heating Oil
RBA	113.68	-6.19	120.3	113	119.58	21,819	56,727	Unleaded Gas
NGA	46.24	-1.7700	47.61	45.7	47.29	8,817	101,411	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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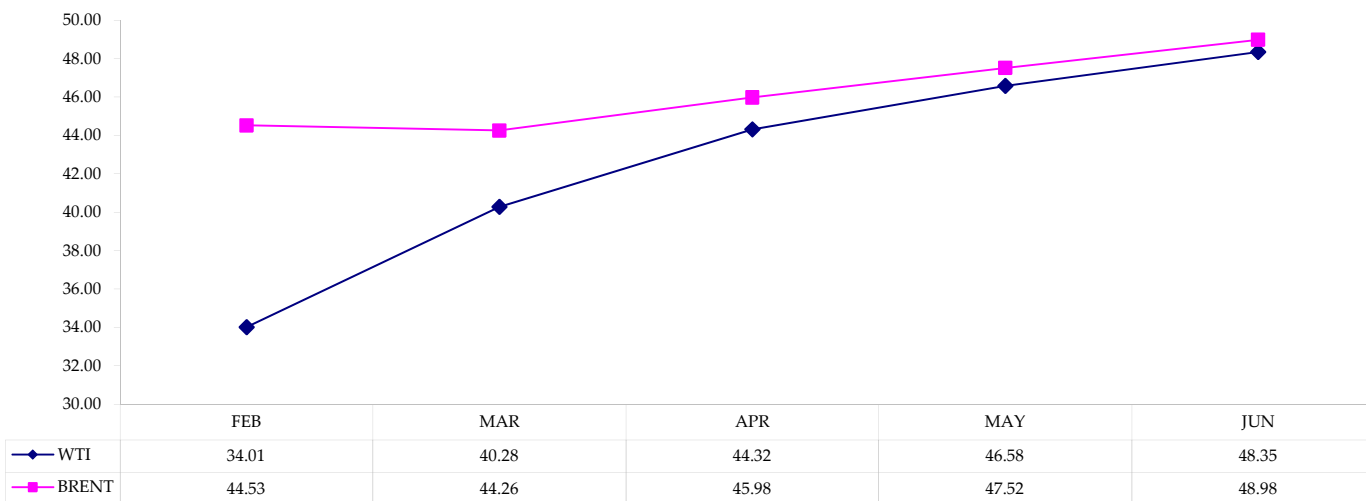
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	Date	Time	A M	Event	Period	Survey	Actual	Prior	Revised
26)	01/15	09:30		EIA Natural Gas Storage Change	JAN 9	-104	-	-	-
27)	01/16	12:00		Baker Hughes U.S. Rig Count	JAN 16	-	-	1589	-
28)	01/20	13:00		Spending Pulse Gas Demand	JAN 16	-	-	8.96	-
29)	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	34.01	0.00	97,975	9,676	FEB	F.QOG09	44.53				
F.CLAH09	40.28	0.00	258,845	87,138	MAR	F.QOH09	44.26	154,048	69,629	32,678	MAR
F.CLAJ09	44.32	0.00	97,975	9,676	APR	F.QOJ09	45.98				APR
F.CLAK09	46.58	0.00	26,895	11,136	MAY	F.QOK9	47.52	41,773	11,609	6,925	MAY
F.CLAM09	48.35	0.00	28,988	10,544	JUN	F.QOM9	48.98	47,716		4,412	JUN
F.CLAN09	49.26	0.00	9,360	4,116	JUL	F.QON09	50.15	19,828	2,938	1,407	JUL
F.CLAQ09	53.00	0.00	4,755	3,037	AUG	F.QOQ09	51.14	15,827	1,365	627	AUG
F.CLAU09	52.32	0.00	3,574	1,689	SEP	F.QOU09	52.05	14,390	1,150	567	SEP
F.CLAV09	56.10	0.00	1,832	779	OCT	F.QOV09	53.03	10,397	655	572	OCT
F.CLAX09	56.68	0.00	1,821	634	NOV	F.QOX09	53.84	11,850	455	458	NOV
F.CLAZ09	54.50	0.00	16,124	5,134	DEC	F.QOZ09	54.63	55,674	8,143	3,453	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.