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ENERGY MATRIX - NYMEX PRODUCTS

NYMEX	Last	NET	High	Low	Open	Volume	Yest. Vol	SYM Name
CLA	70.12	-0.35	71.28	69.91	70.26	23,101	453,030	WTI Crude
HOA	182.11	-0.39	184.53	181.58	182.25	1,424	62,944	Heating Oil
RBA	203.53	-3.58	207.18	202.96	205.41	1,998	81,987	Unleaded Gas
NGA	41.2	-0.09	41.49	40.94	41.09	3,007	273,423	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.

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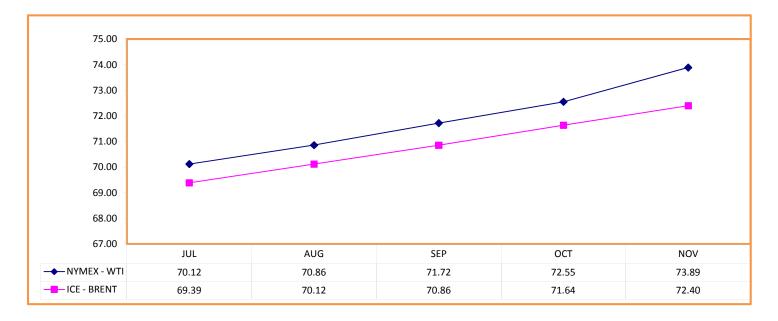
Economic Release Estimates, from Bloomberg



NYMEX - WTI

ICE - BRENT

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		Yest.	Yest.	Today's	Contract			Yest.	Yest.	Today's	Contract
	Last	Open Int	Volume	Volume	Month		Last	Open Int	Volume	Volume	Month
F.CLAN09	70.12	na	236,772	14,610	JUL	F.QON09	69.39				
F.CLAQ09	70.86	na	108,534	10,312	AUG	F.QOQ09	70.12	172,932	108,242	24,020	AUG
F.CLAU09	71.72	na	30,080	2,191	SEP	F.QOU09	70.86	115,259	36,062	10,218	SEP
F.CLAV09	72.55	na	12,330	711	OCT	F.QOV09	71.64	56,697	20,214	5,537	OCT
F.CLAX09	73.89	na	7,662	543	NOV	F.QOX09	72.40	23,024	12,237	3,409	NOV
F.CLAZ09	73.67	na	30,799	1,257	DEC	F.QOZ09	73.05	84,946	19,900	5,089	DEC
F.CLAF10	74.23	na	3,622	159	JAN	F.QOF10	73.58	22,297	4,696	1,513	JAN
F.CLAG10	74.71	na	2,015	54	FEB	F.QOG10	74.07	14,475	2,847	718	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.