

Volume 421 April 12, 2012

Market- The natural gas market traded lower this week with the front month May going below \$.20 per therm. Ample supply is keeping prices in check. This week was a storage **injection**. We still have more gas in storage than last year and the 5 year average. The US gas traditional rig count was another decrease this week of 11 and horizontal drilling decreased 15 rigs. Prices continue to be tempered by flat industrial demand and a sluggish economy. Gas production levels due mostly to shale drilling are still strong and exports continue. Natural gas is very attractive to fix at this time.

The Crude oil price for May is lower this week at \$102.80 per barrel. Heating oil is lower at \$3.11 per gal. Unleaded gasoline futures are lower this week at \$3.29 and gasoline at the pump is around \$4.05...in Indiana. The natural gas storage report today was an injection of 8 BCF; storage is **888 BCF higher** than last year and **920 BCF higher** than the 5 year average.



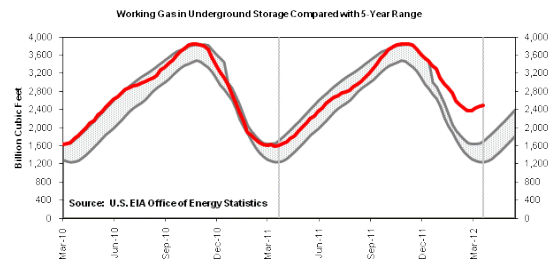
Above Graph – May 2012 NYMEX gas futures

Weather: Today: Mostly sunny. High 59F. Winds S at 5 to 10 mph. **Tonight:** A few clouds. Low 41F. Winds ESE at 5 to 10 mph. **Fri:** Increasing clouds with showers arriving sometime in the afternoon. High around 60F. Winds SSE at 15 to 25 mph. Chance of rain 50%. **Sat:** Showers, maybe a rumble of thunder. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 60s. **Sun:** Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 50s. **Mon:** Cloudy with showers and thunderstorms.. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the upper 40s.

Storage Statistics: (BCF) Billion Cubic Ft

This Week	Last Year	5 Year Ave.
2,487	1,599	1,567

The total is an increase of 8 BCF from last week.



Above Graph - Storage levels as of 4-12-12

Comparative Fuels: Futures Prices for May

	Price	Compared to Nat Gas
Natural Gas (therm)	\$1.992	\$1.992
Propane (gal)	\$1.19	\$1.29
Crude Oil (barrel)	\$102.80	
Heating Oil (gal)	\$3.10	\$2.23
Unleaded Gas (gal)	\$3.29	

North American Traditional Nat. Gas Rig Count:

This week	647
Last week	658
Year Ago this week	889

US Horizontal Rig Count:

This week	1165
Last week	1180
Year Ago this week	1009

NGI for April 2012 \$0.2160

