

Volume 444 September 20, 2012

Market- The natural gas market traded mixed to lower this week but is increasing somewhat after the storage report. Weather factors across the country have subsided so natural gas going to fuel gas peaking power has decreased. Over-supply is keeping prices low; but gas in storage is coming back in line as seen on the graph to the right. We still have more gas in storage than last year and the five-year average. The US gas traditional rig count was a decrease this week of 4 and horizontal drilling decreased 2 rigs. Gas production levels due mostly to shale drilling are still strong. Natural gas is very attractive to fix at this time.

The Crude oil price for October is lower this week at \$91.54 per barrel. Heating oil is lower at \$3.06 per gal. Unleaded gasoline futures are lower this week at \$2.75 and gasoline at the pump is around \$3.89...in Indiana. The natural gas storage report this week was an injection of 67 BCF; storage is **320BCF higher** than last year and **278 BCF higher** than the 5 year average.



Above Graph – Oct 2012 NYMEX gas futures

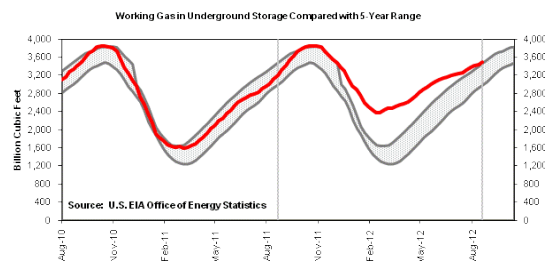
Extended Temperature Forecast: Chicago Area

	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
High	71	67	59	62	70
Low	54	49	43	43	53

Storage Statistics: (BCF) Billion Cubic Ft

This Week	Last Year	5 Year Ave.
3,496	3,176	3,218

The total is an increase of 67 BCF from last week.



Above Graph - Storage levels as of September 20

Comparative Fuels: Futures Prices for Oct

	Price	Compared to Nat Gas
Natural Gas (therm)	\$2.809	\$2.809
Propane (gal)	\$8.730	\$9.516
Crude Oil (barrel)	\$91.54	
Heating Oil (gal)	\$3.06	\$2.20
Unleaded Gas (gal)	\$2.75	

North American Traditional Nat. Gas Rig Count:

This week	448
Last week	452
Year Ago this week	912

US Horizontal Rig Count:

This week	1133
Last week	1135
Year Ago this week	1137

NGI for Sep 2012 **\$2.760**

