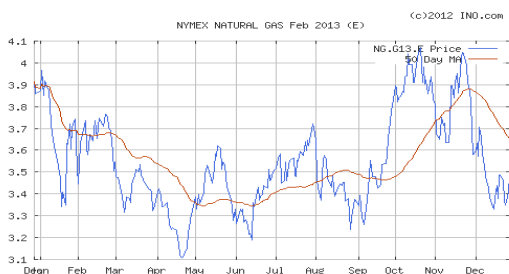


Volume 456 December 28, 2012

Market- January natural gas futures expired Thursday at \$.3354 per therm; February is now the front month. Natural gas futures traded mixed to lower this week. Prices are rising this morning after the storage report. Weather this week has not been able to influence the market...but below normal weather is coming in the long term forecast. The once over-supply of gas in storage was coming back in line as seen on the graph to the right; although we again have more gas in storage than last year and more gas in storage compared to the five-year average. The US gas traditional rig count was an increase this week of 13 and horizontal drilling increased 0 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 February is higher this week at \$91.18 per barrel. Heating oil is higher at \$3.05 per gal. Unleaded gasoline futures are higher this week at \$2.78 and gasoline at the pump is around \$3.35...in Indiana. The natural gas storage report this week was a withdrawal of 72BCF; storage is **81BCF higher** than last year and **413 BCF higher** than the 5 year average.



Above Graph – Feb 2013 NYMEX gas futures

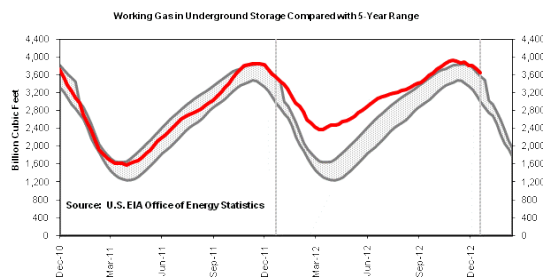
Extended Temperature Forecast: Chicago Area

	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
High	34	34	32	30	35
Low	29	28	19	29	22

Storage Statistics: (BCF) Billion Cubic Ft

This Week	Last Year	5 Year Ave.
3,652	3,571	3,239

The total is a decrease of 72 BCF from last week.



Above Graph - Storage levels as of December 28

Comparative Fuels: Futures Prices for Feb

	Price	Compared to Nat Gas
Natural Gas (therm)	\$.3469	\$.3469
Propane (gal)	\$.7840	\$.8546
Crude Oil (barrel)	\$91.18	
Heating Oil (gal)	\$3.05	\$2.19
Unleaded Gas (gal)	\$2.78	

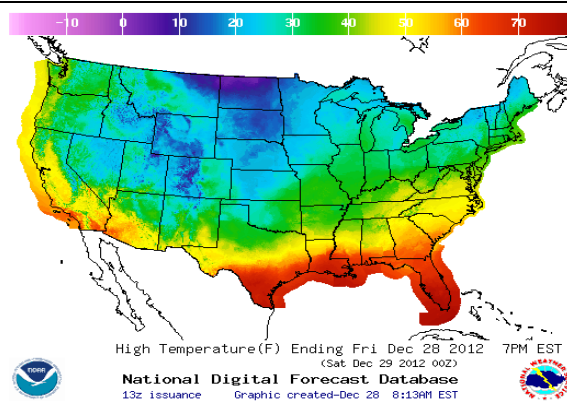
North American Traditional Nat. Gas Rig Count:

This week	429
Last week	416
Year Ago this week	802

US Horizontal Rig Count:

This week	1105
Last week	1105
Year Ago this week	1177

NGI for Jan 2013 (EST.) \$3.550



High Temperature (F) Ending Fri Dec 28 2012 7PM EST

(Sat Dec 29 2012 00Z)

National Digital Forecast Database

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