

Volume 461 January 31, 2013

Market- February natural gas futures expired Tuesday at \$.3226 per therm; March is now the front month. Natural gas futures traded lower this week as warmer weather across the country decreased demand and prices. Prices are moving higher this morning after the storage report showing a large withdrawal. The once over-supply of gas in storage is coming back in range as seen on the graph to the right; although we still have more gas in storage than compared to the five-year average. The US gas traditional rig count was an increase this week of 5 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 March is higher this week at \$97.19 per barrel. Heating oil is higher at \$3.09 per gal. Unleaded gasoline futures are higher this week at \$2.99 and gasoline at the pump is around \$3.49...in Indiana. The natural gas storage report this week was a withdrawal of 194BCF; storage is **202BCF lower** than last year but **304 BCF higher** than the 5 year average.



Above Graph – Mar 2013 NYMEX gas futures

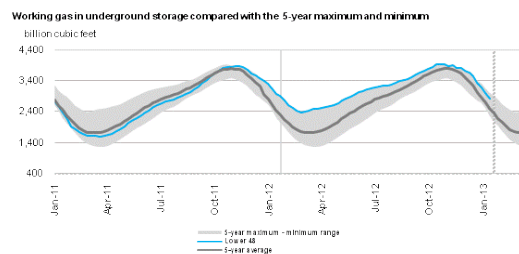
Extended Temperature Forecast: Chicago Area

	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
High	18	15	27	23	38
Low	3	13	18	17	27

Storage Statistics: (BCF) Billion Cubic Ft

This Week	Last Year	5 Year Ave.
2,802	3,004	2,498

The total is a decrease of 194 BCF from last week.



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

Above Graph - Storage levels as of January 31

Comparative Fuels: Futures Prices for Mar

	Price	Compared to Nat Gas
Natural Gas (therm)	\$.3373	\$.3373
Propane (gal)	\$.836	\$.9112
Crude Oil (barrel)	\$97.19	
Heating Oil (gal)	\$3.09	\$2.22
Unleaded Gas (gal)	\$2.99	

North American Traditional Nat. Gas Rig Count:

This week	434
Last week	429
Year Ago this week	777

US Horizontal Rig Count:

This week	1127
Last week	1127
Year Ago this week	1185

NGI for Jan 2013 **\$.3520**

