

Volume 462 February 7, 2013

Market- Natural gas futures traded mixed to higher this week as weather across the country is near normal without any extremes to impact demand and prices. Prices are moving a bit lower this morning after the storage report showing a smaller withdrawal than in previous weeks. The once over-supply of gas in storage is coming back in range (blue line) 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 a decrease this week of 6 and horizontal drilling increased 9 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 lower this week at \$96.11 per barrel. Heating oil is higher at \$3.20 per gal. Unleaded gasoline futures are higher this week at \$3.02 and gasoline at the pump is around \$3.69...in Indiana. The natural gas storage report this week was a withdrawal of 118BCF; storage is **226BCF lower** than last year but **351 BCF higher** than the 5 year average.



Above Graph – Mar 2013 NYMEX gas futures

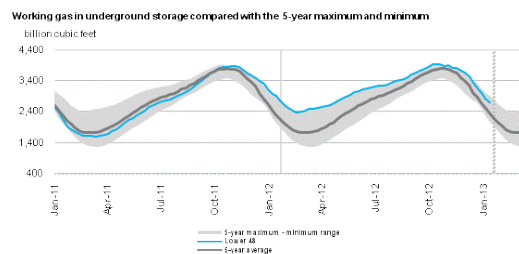
Extended Temperature Forecast: Chicago Area

	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
High	38	32	34	43	38
Low	30	24	29	33	26

Storage Statistics: (BCF) Billion Cubic Ft

This Week	Last Year	5 Year Ave.
2,684	2,910	2,333

The total is a decrease of 118 BCF from last week.



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

Above Graph - Storage levels as of February 7

Comparative Fuels: Futures Prices for Mar

	Price	Compared to Nat Gas
Natural Gas (therm)	\$3.415	\$3.415
Propane (gal)	\$866	\$9439
Crude Oil (barrel)	\$96.11	
Heating Oil (gal)	\$3.20	\$2.30
Unleaded Gas (gal)	\$3.02	

North American Traditional Nat. Gas Rig Count:

This week	428
Last week	434
Year Ago this week	745

US Horizontal Rig Count:

This week	1136
Last week	1127
Year Ago this week	1174

NGI Chicago for Feb 2013 **\$3440**

