

Volume 475 May 9, 2013

Market- Natural gas futures traded lower this week as weather across the country is causing gas demand to soften. Prices throughout the years are compressed caused by strong activity in the front months and selling in the later months. There was an injection into storage reported again this week as expected. The once over-supply of gas in storage is now at average levels as seen on the graph to the right; storage right now is below last year levels and below the five-year average. The US gas traditional rig count was a decrease this week of 12 and horizontal drilling increased 8 rigs. Gas production levels due mostly to shale drilling are still strong. Natural gas is very attractive to fix at this time as prices are trending up again.

The Crude oil price for June is higher this week at \$95.91 per barrel. Heating oil is higher at \$2.92 per gal. Unleaded gasoline futures are higher this week at \$2.84 and gasoline at the pump is around \$3.79...in Indiana. The natural gas storage report this week was an injection of 88BCF; storage is **727BCF lower** than last year and **99BCF lower** than the 5 year average.



Above Graph – June 2013 NYMEX gas futures

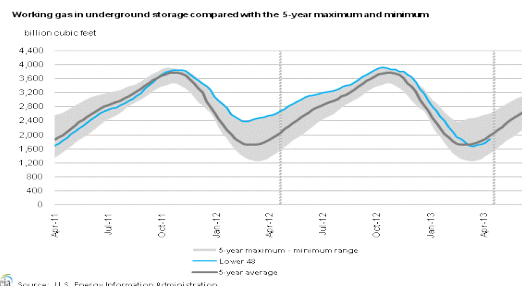
Extended Temperature Forecast: Chicago Area

	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
High	71	53	60	57	62
Low	50	46	41	42	51

Storage Statistics: (BCF) Billion Cubic Ft

This Week	Last Year	5 Year Ave.
1,865	2,602	1,964

The total is an increase of 88 BCF from last week.



Above Graph - Storage levels as of May 9

Comparative Fuels: Futures Prices for May

	Price	Compared to Nat Gas
Natural Gas (therm)	\$3.959	\$3.959
Propane (gal)	\$958	\$1.04
Crude Oil (barrel)	\$95.91	
Heating Oil (gal)	\$2.92	\$2.10
Unleaded Gas (gal)	\$2.84	

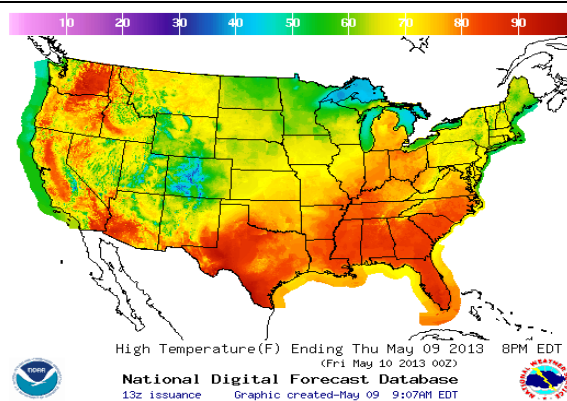
North American Traditional Nat. Gas Rig Count:

This week	354
Last week	366
Year Ago this week	606

US Horizontal Rig Count:

This week	1092
Last week	1084
Year Ago this week	1158

NGI Chicago for May 2013 \$4.330



High Temperature (F) Ending Thu May 09 2013 8PM EDT
(Fri May 10 2013 00Z)
National Digital Forecast Database
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