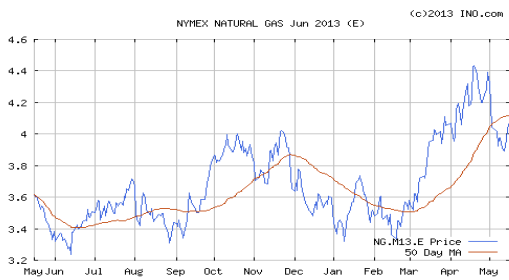


Volume 476 May 16, 2013

Market- Natural gas futures traded mixed to higher this week as warm weather across the country is causing gas demand to increase for electric generation. 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 4 and horizontal drilling increased 7 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 lower this week at \$94.75 per barrel. Heating oil is lower at \$2.89 per gal. Unleaded gasoline futures are higher this week at \$2.85 and gasoline at the pump is around \$3.99...in Indiana. The natural gas storage report this week was an injection of 99BCF; storage is **694BCF lower** than last year and **23BCF lower** than the 5 year average.



Above Graph – June 2013 NYMEX gas futures

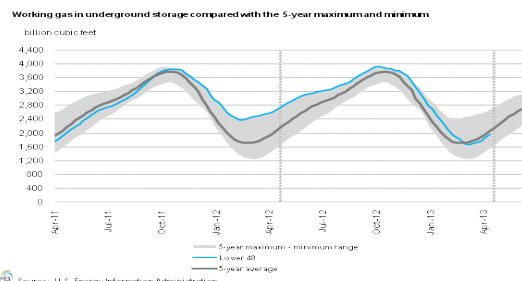
Extended Temperature Forecast: Chicago Area

	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
High	79	64	70	81	82
Low	54	52	63	65	68

Storage Statistics: (BCF) Billion Cubic Ft

This Week	Last Year	5 Year Ave.
1,964	2,658	2,047

The total is an increase of 99 BCF from last week.



Above Graph - Storage levels as of May 16

Comparative Fuels: Futures Prices for May

	Price	Compared to Nat Gas
Natural Gas (therm)	\$1.4035	\$1.4035
Propane (gal)	\$1.934	\$1.02
Crude Oil (barrel)	\$94.75	
Heating Oil (gal)	\$2.89	\$2.08
Unleaded Gas (gal)	\$2.85	

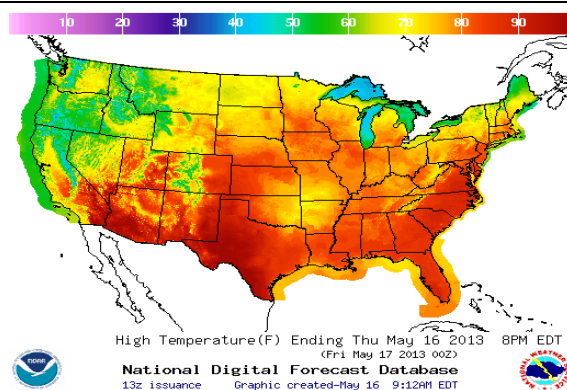
North American Traditional Nat. Gas Rig Count:

This week	350
Last week	354
Year Ago this week	598

US Horizontal Rig Count:

This week	1099
Last week	1092
Year Ago this week	1187

NGI Chicago for May 2013 \$1.4330



High Temperature (F) Ending Thu May 16 2013 8PM EDT

(Fri May 17 2013 00Z)
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