

Volume 478 May 30, 2013

Market- June natural gas futures expired Wednesday at \$.4148 per therm; July is now the front month. Natural gas traded mixed this week as warm weather across the country is causing gas demand to increase for electric generation. News that Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) exports were approved is supporting prices. 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. Prices throughout the years are compressed caused by strong activity in the front months and selling in the later months. The US gas traditional rig count was unchanged and horizontal drilling decreased 9 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 July is lower this week at \$91.98 per barrel. Heating oil is the same at \$2.83 per gal. Unleaded gasoline futures are lower this week at \$2.76 and gasoline at the pump is around \$3.89...in Indiana. The natural gas storage report this week was an injection of 88BCF; storage is **664BCF lower** than last year and **88BCF lower** than the 5 year average.



Above Graph – July 2013 NYMEX gas futures

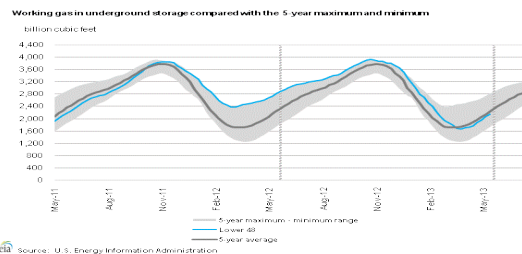
Extended Temperature Forecast: Chicago Area

	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
High	82	80	78	67	65
Low	68	68	61	51	52

Storage Statistics: (BCF) Billion Cubic Ft

This Week	Last Year	5 Year Ave.
2,141	2,805	2,229

The total is an increase of 89 BCF from last week.



Above Graph - Storage levels as of May 30

Comparative Fuels: Futures Prices for Jul

	Price	Compared to Nat Gas
Natural Gas (therm)	\$.4131	\$.4131
Propane (gal)	\$.951	\$ 1.04
Crude Oil (barrel)	\$ 91.98	
Heating Oil (gal)	\$ 2.83	\$ 2.04
Unleaded Gas (gal)	\$ 2.76	

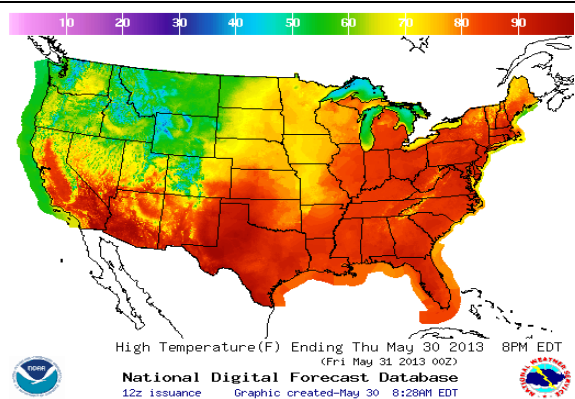
North American Traditional Nat. Gas Rig Count:

This week	354
Last week	354
Year Ago this week	594

US Horizontal Rig Count:

This week	1087
Last week	1096
Year Ago this week	1191

NGI Chicago for May 2013 \$0.4330
(June will be released Monday 6-3-13)



High Temperature (F) Ending Thu May 30 2013 8PM EDT
(Fri May 31 2013 00Z)
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