

Volume 483 July 5, 2013

Market- Natural gas traded lower this week and lower after the storage report this morning. Hot weather early in the week kept prices supported as well as oil now over \$100. 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 increased 2 rigs and horizontal drilling increased 1 rig. 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 Aug is higher this week at \$101.95 per barrel. Heating oil is higher at \$2.97 per gal. Unleaded gasoline futures are higher this week at \$2.86 and gasoline at the pump is around \$3.65...in Indiana. The natural gas storage report this week was an injection of 72BCF; storage is **491BCF lower** than last year and **30BCF lower** than the 5 year average.



Above Graph – Aug 2013 NYMEX gas futures

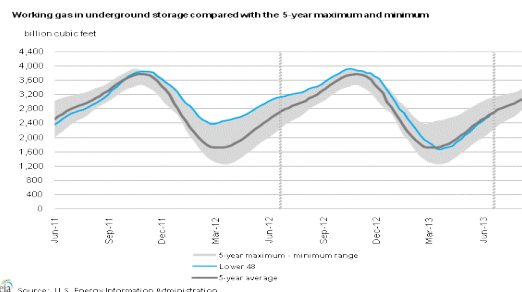
Extended Temperature Forecast: Chicago Area

	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
High	84	85	86	88	85
Low	70	70	72	74	74

Storage Statistics: (BCF) Billion Cubic Ft

This Week	Last Year	5 Year Ave.
2,605	3,096	2,635

The total is an increase of 72 BCF from last week.



Above Graph - Storage levels as of July 5

Comparative Fuels: Futures Prices for Aug

	Price	Compared to Nat Gas
Natural Gas (therm)	\$3.608	\$3.608
Propane (gal)	\$0.863	\$0.9406
Crude Oil (barrel)	\$101.95	
Heating Oil (gal)	\$2.97	\$2.13
Unleaded Gas (gal)	\$2.86	

North American Traditional Nat. Gas Rig Count:

This week	355
Last week	353
Year Ago this week	542

US Horizontal Rig Count:

This week	1068
Last week	1067
Year Ago this week	1174

NGI Chicago for July 2013 \$3.750

