

Volume 484 July 11, 2013

Market- Natural gas traded higher this week as hot weather across the country is keeping prices supported as well as oil now over \$100. Prices are moving lower this morning after a larger than expected storage injection. 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 \$105.44 per barrel. Heating oil is higher at \$3.01 per gal. Unleaded gasoline futures are higher this week at \$3.03 and gasoline at the pump is around \$3.89...in Indiana. The natural gas storage report this week was an injection of 82BCF; storage is **443BCF lower** than last year and **22BCF lower** than the 5 year average.



Above Graph – Aug 2013 NYMEX gas futures

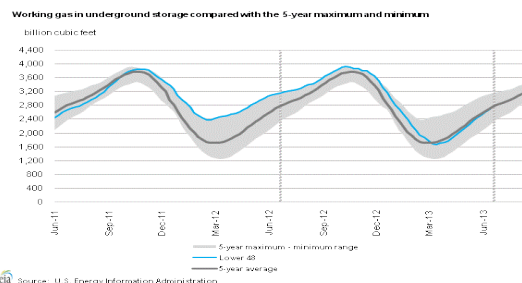
**Extended Temperature Forecast:
Chicago Area**

	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
High	79	82	83	83	84
Low	62	65	68	70	73

Storage Statistics: (BCF) Billion Cubic Ft

This Week	Last Year	5 Year Ave.
2,687	3,130	2,709

The total is an increase of 82 BCF from last week.



Above Graph - Storage levels as of July 11

Comparative Fuels: Futures Prices for Aug

	Price	Compared to Nat Gas
Natural Gas (therm)	\$0.3628	\$0.3628
Propane (gal)	\$0.903	\$0.9842
Crude Oil (barrel)	\$105.44	
Heating Oil (gal)	\$3.01	\$2.17
Unleaded Gas (gal)	\$3.03	

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 \$0.3750

