

Volume 485 July 18, 2013

Market- Natural gas traded mixed this week then much higher today the storage report this morning. Hot weather across the country is keeping prices supported as well as oil now over \$107. 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 7 rigs and horizontal drilling decreased 10 rigs. 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 \$107.94 per barrel. Heating oil is higher at \$3.10 per gal. Unleaded gasoline futures are higher this week at \$3.04 and gasoline at the pump is around \$3.99...in Indiana. The natural gas storage report this week was an injection of 58BCF; storage is **414BCF lower** than last year and **34BCF lower** than the 5 year average.



Above Graph – Aug 2013 NYMEX gas futures

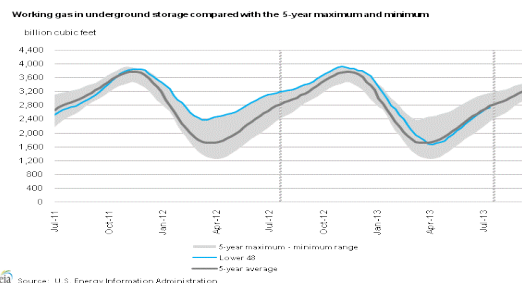
Extended Temperature Forecast: Chicago Area

	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
High	92	94	84	79	83
Low	78	75	67	66	72

Storage Statistics: (BCF) Billion Cubic Ft

This Week	Last Year	5 Year Ave.
2,745	3,159	2,779

The total is an increase of 58 BCF from last week.



Above Graph - Storage levels as of July 18

Comparative Fuels: Futures Prices for Aug

	Price	Compared to Nat Gas
Natural Gas (therm)	\$3.807	\$3.807
Propane (gal)	\$936	\$1.02
Crude Oil (barrel)	\$107.94	
Heating Oil (gal)	\$3.10	\$2.23
Unleaded Gas (gal)	\$3.04	

North American Traditional Nat. Gas Rig Count:

This week	362
Last week	355
Year Ago this week	522

US Horizontal Rig Count:

This week	1058
Last week	1068
Year Ago this week	1166

NGI Chicago for July 2013 \$3.750

