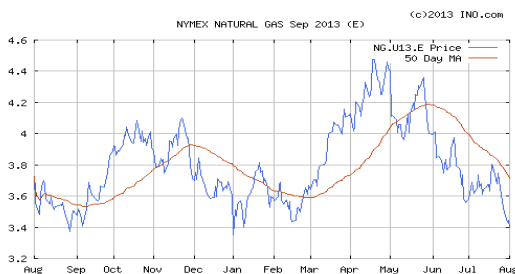


Volume 487 August 1, 2013

Market- August natural gas futures expired Monday at \$.3459 per therm; September is now the front month. Natural gas traded lower this week and is moving lower this morning after a higher than expected storage injection report. Mild weather across the country is keeping prices low yet supported by 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 0 rigs and horizontal drilling increased 9 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 Sep is higher this week at \$107.75 per barrel. Heating oil is higher at \$3.07 per gal. Unleaded gasoline futures are higher this week at \$3.03 and gasoline at the pump is around \$3.99...in Indiana. The natural gas storage report this week was an injection of 59BCF; storage is **368BCF lower** than last year and **34BCF lower** than the 5 year average.



Above Graph – Sep 2013 NYMEX gas futures

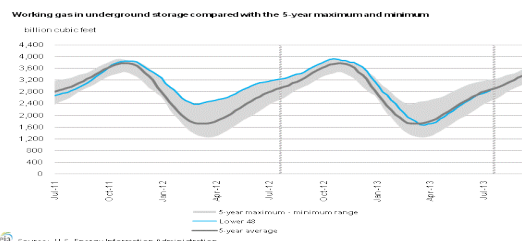
**Extended Temperature Forecast:
Chicago Area**

	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
High	82	79	75	75	76
Low	66	67	63	60	65

Storage Statistics: (BCF) Billion Cubic Ft

This Week	Last Year	5 Year Ave.
2,845	3,213	2,879

The total is an increase of 59 BCF from last week.



Above Graph - Storage levels as of August 1

Comparative Fuels: Futures Prices for Sep

	Price	Compared to Nat Gas
Natural Gas (therm)	\$.3379	\$.3379
Propane (gal)	\$.941	\$1.07
Crude Oil (barrel)	\$107.75	
Heating Oil (gal)	\$3.09	\$2.23
Unleaded Gas (gal)	\$3.03	

North American Traditional Nat. Gas Rig Count:

This week	369
Last week	369
Year Ago this week	505

US Horizontal Rig Count:

This week	1067
Last week	1058
Year Ago this week	1151

NGI Chicago for July 2013 \$3750
August will be released Friday, 8-2-13

