

Volume 488 August 8, 2013

Market- Natural gas traded lower again this week as mild weather across the country is keeping prices low yet supported by oil staying over \$100 and natural gas LNG exports. 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 19 rigs and horizontal drilling increased 6 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 lower this week at \$103.30 per barrel. Heating oil is lower at \$2.94 per gal. Unleaded gasoline futures are lower this week at \$2.94 and gasoline at the pump is around \$3.69...in Indiana. The natural gas storage report this week was an injection of 96BCF; storage is **297BCF lower** than last year and **20BCF above** than the 5 year average.



Above Graph – Sep 2013 NYMEX gas futures

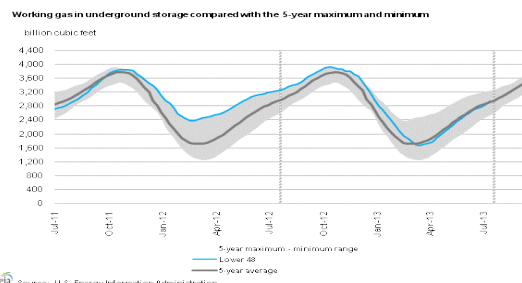
Extended Temperature Forecast: Chicago Area

	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
High	77	82	77	80	78
Low	64	66	62	66	64

Storage Statistics: (BCF) Billion Cubic Ft

This Week	Last Year	5 Year Ave.
2,941	3,238	2,921

The total is an increase of 96 BCF from last week.



Above Graph - Storage levels as of August 8

Comparative Fuels: Futures Prices for Sep

	Price	Compared to Nat Gas
Natural Gas (therm)	\$3.245	\$3.245
Propane (gal)	\$964	\$1.05
Crude Oil (barrel)	\$103.30	
Heating Oil (gal)	\$2.94	\$2.12
Unleaded Gas (gal)	\$2.84	

North American Traditional Nat. Gas Rig Count:

This week	388
Last week	369
Year Ago this week	498

US Horizontal Rig Count:

This week	1073
Last week	1067
Year Ago this week	1155

NGI Chicago for July 2013 \$3620

