

Volume 490 August 22, 2013

Market- Natural gas traded higher this week as warmer weather across the country and future hurricane threats are keeping prices supported as well as oil over \$100 and new natural gas LNG exports. Prices are rising this morning after a lower 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 but above 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 12 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 \$104.26 per barrel. Heating oil is higher at \$3.08 per gal. Unleaded gasoline futures are lower this week at \$2.83 and gasoline at the pump is around \$3.59...in Indiana. The natural gas storage report this week was an injection of 57BCF; storage is **238BCF lower** than last year and **44BCF above** than the 5 year average.



Above Graph – Sep 2013 NYMEX gas futures

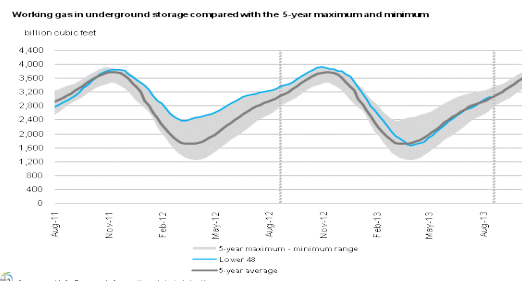
Extended Temperature Forecast: Chicago Area

	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
High	82	79	84	88	91
Low	66	62	66	71	73

Storage Statistics: (BCF) Billion Cubic Ft

This Week	Last Year	5 Year Ave.
3,063	3,301	2,019

The total is an increase of 57 BCF from last week.



Above Graph - Storage levels as of August 22

Comparative Fuels: Futures Prices for Sep

	Price	Compared to Nat Gas
Natural Gas (therm)	\$3.556	\$3.556
Propane (gal)	\$1.08	\$1.18
Crude Oil (barrel)	\$104.26	
Heating Oil (gal)	\$3.08	\$2.22
Unleaded Gas (gal)	\$2.83	

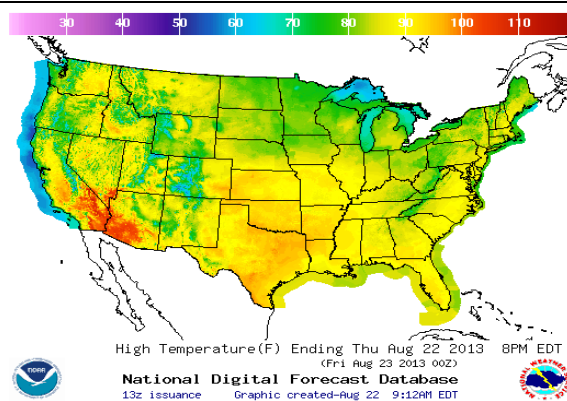
North American Traditional Nat. Gas Rig Count:

This week	388
Last week	386
Year Ago this week	484

US Horizontal Rig Count:

This week	1077
Last week	1065
Year Ago this week	1153

NGI Chicago for August 2013 \$3.620



High Temperature (F) Ending Thu Aug 22 2013 8PM EDT
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