

Volume 493 September 12, 2013

Market- Natural gas traded lower this week as weather across the country was warm but with expectations that it will drop at the end of the week; but prices are rising this morning after the storage report. Future hurricane threats are keeping prices supported as well as oil over \$100 and new 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 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 14 rigs and horizontal drilling decreased 3 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 Oct is higher this week at \$108.26 per barrel. Heating oil is lower at \$3.10 per gal. Unleaded gasoline futures are lower this week at \$2.74 and gasoline at the pump is around \$3.59...in Indiana. The natural gas storage report this week was an injection of 65BCF; storage is **172BCF lower** than last year and **46BCF above** than the 5 year average.



Above Graph – Oct 2013 NYMEX gas futures

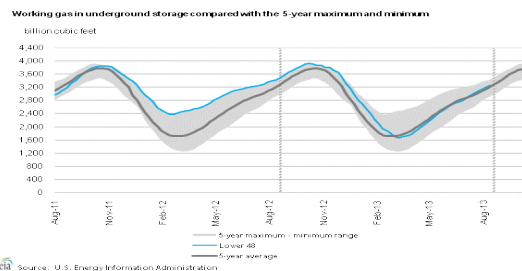
Extended Temperature Forecast: Chicago Area

	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
High	80	64	71	72	67
Low	56	51	58	57	56

Storage Statistics: (BCF) Billion Cubic Ft

This Week	Last Year	5 Year Ave.
3,253	3,425	3,207

The total is an increase of 65 BCF from last week.



Above Graph - Storage levels as of September 12

Comparative Fuels: Futures Prices for Oct

	Price	Compared to Nat Gas
Natural Gas (therm)	\$3.650	\$3.660
Propane (gal)	\$1.11	\$1.22
Crude Oil (barrel)	\$108.26	
Heating Oil (gal)	\$3.10	\$2.22
Unleaded Gas (gal)	\$2.74	

North American Traditional Nat. Gas Rig Count:

This week	394
Last week	380
Year Ago this week	452

US Horizontal Rig Count:

This week	1075
Last week	1078
Year Ago this week	1135

NGI Chicago for September 2013 **\$3.630**

