

Volume 494 September 19, 2013

Market- Natural gas traded higher this week as weather across the country continues warm and prices are rising this morning after the storage report. An improving economy and 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 7 rigs and horizontal drilling increased 1 rig. 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 lower this week at \$107.97 per barrel. Heating oil is lower at \$3.04 per gal. Unleaded gasoline futures are lower this week at \$2.72 and gasoline at the pump is around \$3.49...in Indiana. The natural gas storage report this week was an injection of 46BCF; storage is **187BCF lower** than last year and **18BCF above** than the 5 year average.



Above Graph – Oct 2013 NYMEX gas futures

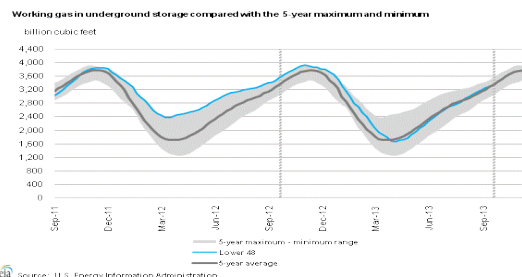
Extended Temperature Forecast: Chicago Area

	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
High	88	76	67	64	68
Low	71	57	53	52	52

Storage Statistics: (BCF) Billion Cubic Ft

This Week	Last Year	5 Year Ave.
3,299	3,486	3,281

The total is an increase of 46 BCF from last week.



Above Graph - Storage levels as of September 19

Comparative Fuels: Futures Prices for Oct

	Price	Compared to Nat Gas
Natural Gas (therm)	\$3.745	\$3.745
Propane (gal)	\$1.13	\$1.24
Crude Oil (barrel)	\$107.97	
Heating Oil (gal)	\$3.04	\$2.19
Unleaded Gas (gal)	\$2.72	

North American Traditional Nat. Gas Rig Count:

This week	401
Last week	394
Year Ago this week	448

US Horizontal Rig Count:

This week	1076
Last week	1075
Year Ago this week	1133

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

