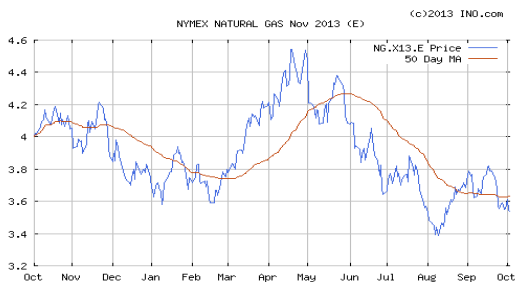


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**Market-** Natural gas traded slightly higher this week as warm weather across the country is supporting demand for gas for electric generation and the rig counts are lower. An improving economy is keeping prices supported as well as oil over \$100 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. NYMEX 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 decreased 10 rigs and horizontal drilling decreased 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 Oct is higher this week at \$103.88 per barrel. Heating oil is higher at \$3.01 per gal. Unleaded gasoline futures are lower this week at \$2.65 and gasoline at the pump is around \$3.39...in Indiana. The natural gas storage report this week was an injection of 101BCF; storage is **155BCF lower** than last year and **49BCF above** than the 5 year average.



Above Graph – Oct 2013 NYMEX gas futures

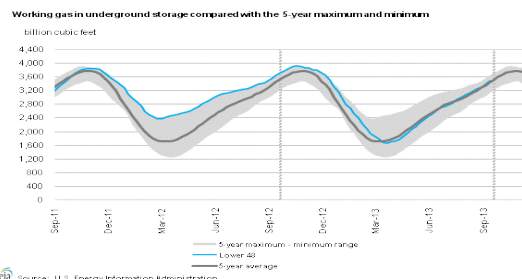
### Extended Temperature Forecast: Chicago Area

	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
<b>High</b>	80	85	79	63	64
<b>Low</b>	66	68	53	48	47

### Storage Statistics: (BCF) Billion Cubic Ft

This Week	Last Year	5 Year Ave.
3,487	3,642	3,438

The total is an increase of 101 BCF from last week.



Above Graph - Storage levels as of October 3

### Comparative Fuels: Futures Prices for Oct

	Price	Compared to Nat Gas
Natural Gas (therm)	<b>\$3.513</b>	<b>\$3.513</b>
Propane (gal)	<b>\$1.06</b>	<b>\$1.16</b>
Crude Oil (barrel)	<b>\$103.88</b>	
Heating Oil (gal)	<b>\$3.01</b>	<b>\$2.16</b>
Unleaded Gas (gal)	<b>\$2.65</b>	

### North American Traditional Nat. Gas Rig Count:

This week	376
Last week	386
Year Ago this week	435

### US Horizontal Rig Count:

This week	1085
Last week	1091
Year Ago this week	1142

NGI Chicago for October 2013 **\$3640**

