

Volume 500 October 31, 2013

Market- November natural gas futures expired Tuesday at \$.3496 per therm; December is now the front month. Natural gas traded lower this week as normal weather moves across the country. An improving economy and future cold weather is keeping prices supported as well as 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. The US gas traditional rotary rig count increased 4 rigs and horizontal drilling decreased 1 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 Dec is higher this week at \$96.65 per barrel. Heating oil is higher at \$2.98 per gal. Unleaded gasoline futures are higher this week at \$2.60 and gasoline at the pump is around \$3.29...in Indiana. The natural gas storage report this week was an injection of 38BCF; storage is **120BCF lower** than last year and **58BCF above** than the 5 year average.



Above Graph – Dec 2013 NYMEX gas futures

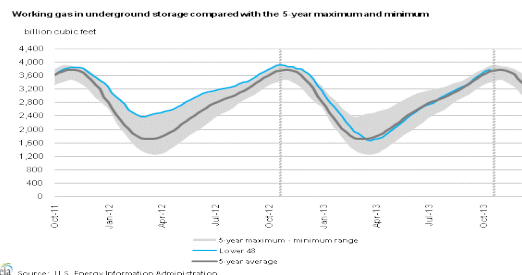
Extended Temperature Forecast: Chicago Area

	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
High	63	54	50	50	57
Low	48	45	43	43	52

Storage Statistics: (BCF) Billion Cubic Ft

This Week	Last Year	5 Year Ave.
3,779	3,899	3,721

The total is an increase of 38 BCF from last week.



Above Graph - Storage levels as of October 31

Comparative Fuels: Futures Prices for Dec

	Price	Compared to Nat Gas
Natural Gas (therm)	\$3.593	\$3.593
Propane (gal)	\$1.17	\$1.30
Crude Oil (barrel)	\$96.65	
Heating Oil (gal)	\$2.98	\$2.14
Unleaded Gas (gal)	\$2.60	

North American Traditional Nat. Gas Rig Count:

This week	376
Last week	372
Year Ago this week	416

US Horizontal Rig Count:

This week	1098
Last week	1099
Year Ago this week	1105

NGI Chicago for October 2013 \$3.640

