

Volume 519 March 20, 2014

Market- Natural gas prices continue to trade high for the next 12 months with some easing as the weather starts to warm up. Natural gas storage inventories are rapidly depleting and are at record lows. There have been 38 gas critical days in 2014. Prices are also supported by global increasing demand for Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG). There was a withdrawal from storage reported again this morning. Gas is below average storage levels as seen on the graph to the right and is below last year levels and below five-year average. The US gas traditional rotary rig count decreased 1 rig and horizontal drilling increased 10 rigs. Gas production levels due to shale drilling are still strong. Natural gas is very attractive to fix now and for next winter.

The Crude oil price for April is higher this week at \$100.24 per barrel. Heating oil is lower at \$2.91 per gal. Unleaded gasoline futures are lower this week at \$2.97 and gasoline at the pump is around \$3.59...in Indiana. The natural gas storage report this week was a withdrawal of **48BCF**; storage is **932BCF lower** than last year and **876BCF lower** than the 5 year average.



Above Graph – Apr 2014 NYMEX gas futures

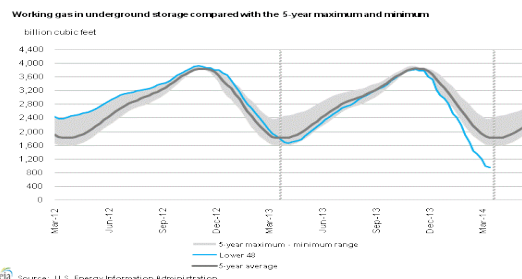
Extended Temperature Forecast: Chicago Area

	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
High	50	61	42	32	31
Low	30	33	25	19	24

Storage Statistics: (BCF) Billion Cubic Ft

This Week	Last Year	5 Year Ave.
953	1,885	1,829

The total is a decrease of 48 BCF from last week.



Above Graph - Storage levels as of March 20

Comparative Fuels: Futures Prices for Apr

	Price	Compared to Nat Gas
Natural Gas (therm)	\$0.4439	\$0.4439
Propane (gal)	\$1.06	\$1.15
Crude Oil (barrel)	\$100.24	
Heating Oil (gal)	\$2.91	\$2.09
Unleaded Gas (gal)	\$2.87	

North American Traditional Nat. Gas Rig Count:

This week	344
Last week	345
Year Ago this week	431

US Horizontal Rig Count:

This week	1,212
Last week	1,202
Year Ago this week	1,131

NGI Chicago for Mar 2014 **\$1.082**

