

Volume 520 April 3, 2014

Market- Natural gas prices and basis continues to trade in a volatile state for the next 12 months with some easing as the weather starts to warm up. There have been 38 gas critical days in 2014. There was a withdrawal from storage reported again this morning causing prices to rise. Natural gas storage inventories are rapidly depleting and are at record lows. 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. Prices are also supported by global increasing demand for Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG). 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 May is lower this week at \$100.08 per barrel. Heating oil is lower at \$2.88 per gal. Unleaded gasoline futures are higher this week at \$2.89 and gasoline at the pump is around \$3.65...in Indiana. The natural gas storage report this week was a withdrawal of **74BCF**; storage is **878BCF lower** than last year and **992BCF lower** than the 5 year average.



Above Graph – May 2014 NYMEX gas futures

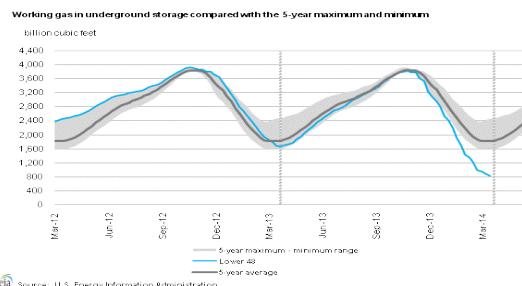
Extended Temperature Forecast: Chicago Area

	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
High	41	50	46	57	43
Low	39	27	32	36	32

Storage Statistics: (BCF) Billion Cubic Ft

This Week	Last Year	5 Year Ave.
822	1,700	1,814

The total is a decrease of 74 BCF from last week.



Above Graph - Storage levels as of April 3

Comparative Fuels: Futures Prices for May

	Price	Compared to Nat Gas
Natural Gas (therm)	\$4.479	\$4.479
Propane (gal)	\$1.06	\$1.15
Crude Oil (barrel)	\$100.08	
Heating Oil (gal)	\$2.89	\$2.07
Unleaded Gas (gal)	\$2.89	

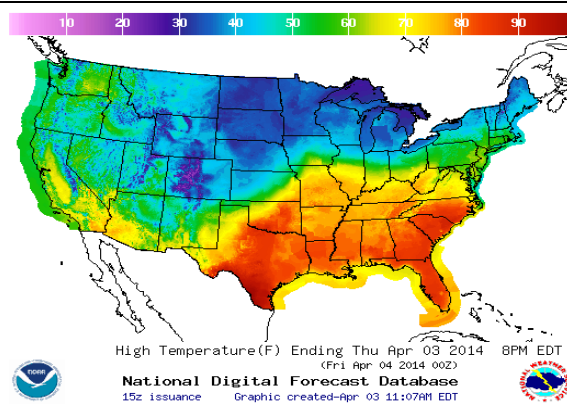
North American Traditional Nat. Gas Rig Count:

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 April 2014 \$4.960



High Temperature (F) Ending Thu Apr 03 2014 8PM EDT
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