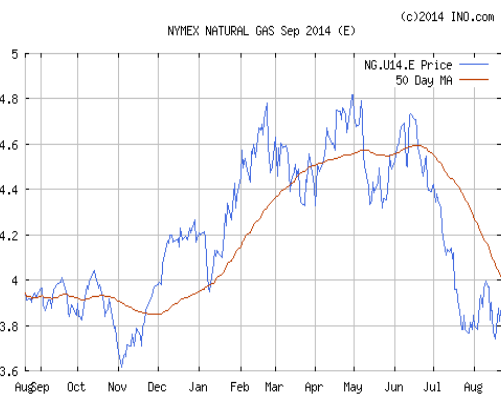


Volume 540 August 21, 2014

Market- Natural gas prices traded mixed this week again and trading higher after the storage report this morning with an expected injection. Hotter weather now and next week is putting pressure on prices with gas going for increased electric generation. Uncertainty long term about the gas storage levels will keep prices supported. Natural gas storage inventories are at record lows as seen on the graph to the right and are 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 increased 5 rigs and horizontal drilling increased 12 rigs. Gas production levels due to shale drilling are still strong. Natural gas is very attractive to fix now and for winter.

The Crude oil price for Sep is lower this week at \$93.98 per barrel. Heating oil is higher at \$2.84 per gal. Unleaded gasoline futures are higher this week at \$2.75 and gasoline at the pump is around \$3.49...in Indiana. The natural gas storage report this week was an injection of 88BCF; storage is **500 BCF lower** than last year and **535BCF lower** than the 5 year average.



Above Graph—Sept 2014 NYMEX gas futures

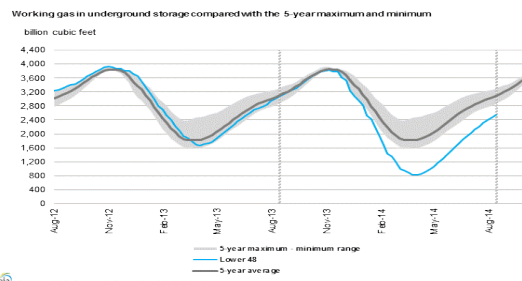
**Extended Temperature Forecast:
Chicago Area**

	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
High	80	89	89	94	93
Low	71	72	71	72	70

Storage Statistics: (BCF) Billion Cubic Ft

This Week	Last Year	5 Year Ave.
2,555	3,055	3,090

The total is an increase of 88 BCF from last week.



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

Above Graph - Storage levels as of Aug 21

Comparative Fuels: Futures Prices for Sep

	Price	Compared to Nat Gas
Natural Gas (therm)	\$3.880	\$3.880
Propane (gal)	\$1.014	\$1.105
Crude Oil (barrel)	\$93.98	
Heating Oil (gal)	\$2.84	\$2.04
Unleaded Gas (gal)	\$2.75	

North American Traditional Nat. Gas Rig Count:

This week	321
Last week	316
Year Ago this week	388

US Horizontal Rig Count:

This week	1,329
Last week	1,317
Year Ago this week	1,077

NGI Chicago for Aug 2014 \$3.870

