

Volume 543 September 11, 2014

Market- Natural gas prices traded higher again early in the week; then lower through today. Cold weather in the North is supporting prices. Trading was lower after the storage report this morning with a higher than expected injection and higher than last year and the 5 year average. Uncertainty about gas storage levels is weakening as the deficit is shrinking every week. 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 2 rigs and horizontal drilling increased 3 rigs. Gas production levels due to shale drilling are still strong. Natural gas is very attractive to fix for winter and beyond.

The Crude oil price for Oct is lower this week at \$93.15 per barrel. Heating oil is lower at \$2.76 per gal. Unleaded gasoline futures are lower this week at \$2.53 and gasoline at the pump is around \$3.39...in Indiana. The natural gas storage report this week was an injection of **92BCF**; storage is **443 BCF lower** than last year and **463BCF lower** than the 5 year average.



Above Graph—Oct 2014 NYMEX gas futures

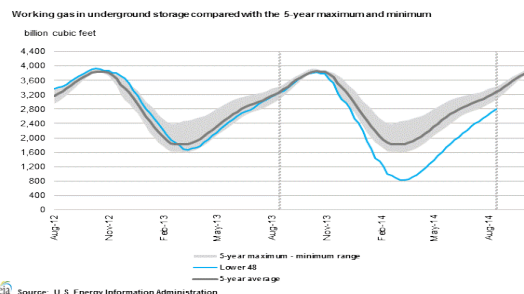
**Extended Temperature Forecast:
Chicago Area**

	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
High	60	59	60	65	66
Low	51	50	45	53	54

Storage Statistics: (BCF) Billion Cubic Ft

This Week	Last Year	5 Year Ave.
2,801	3,244	3,264

The total is an increase of 92 BCF from last week.



Above Graph - Storage levels as of 9-11-14

Comparative Fuels: Futures Prices for Oct

	Price	Compared to Nat Gas
Natural Gas (therm)	\$3.838	\$3.838
Propane (gal)	\$1.06	\$1.155
Crude Oil (barrel)	\$93.15	
Heating Oil (gal)	\$2.76	\$1.98
Unleaded Gas (gal)	\$2.53	

North American Traditional Nat. Gas Rig Count:

This week	340
Last week	338
Year Ago this week	394

US Horizontal Rig Count:

This week	1,333
Last week	1,330
Year Ago this week	1,075

NGI Chicago for Sep 2014 \$4,000

