

**Fundamentals:**

Oil prices settled higher on Wednesday after a jump in U.S. refining activity last week drove a larger-than expected decline in gasoline and crude inventories, but gains were capped due to minimal supply disruptions from Hurricane Beryl.

Brent LCO1c futures settled up 42 cents, or 0.5% at \$85.08 a barrel. U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude OCL1c settled up 69 cents, or 0.85%, at \$82.10 a barrel.

WTI rose by as much as \$1 during the session, after the U.S. Energy Information Administration reported that U.S. crude inventories fell by 3.4 million barrels to 445.1 million barrels in the week ended July 5, far exceeding analysts' expectations in a Reuters poll for a 1.3 million-barrel draw.

Gasoline stocks fell by 2 million barrels to 229.7 million barrels, much bigger than the 600,000-barrel draw analysts expected during U.S. Fourth of July holiday week.

"More than anything the EIA data seems to be the driving force right now for higher prices," said Phil Flynn, analyst at Price Futures Group.

Both crude futures contracts had ended the previous three sessions lower on signs that the Texas energy industry came off relatively unscathed from Hurricane Beryl.

Oil and gas companies restarted some operations on Tuesday. On Wednesday morning, the Port of Houston said it had returned to normal start times for operations at its eight public terminals.

Refineries and offshore production facilities saw limited storm damage and have largely returned to normal operations, easing concerns of a supply disruption.

Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell said he was not yet ready to declare inflation beaten, but felt the U.S. remained on a path to stable prices and continued low unemployment.

Investors are betting on interest rate cuts for September, which could boost economic growth and oil demand.

Geopolitical risk did little to moveprices, analysts said, with investors somewhat fatigued over discussions about a ceasefire in Gaza and the war in Ukraine, said Tim Snyder, economist at Matador Economics.

"We see news stories out there that are having little impact on the market, which means the market is discounting those," he added.

In the Middle East, Hezbollah chief Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah said that if Hamas reached a Gaza ceasefire deal with Israel, Hezbollah would stop its need for separate talks. The group began firing at Israeli targets on the border in support of Palestinians after its ally Hamas launched the Oct. 7 attack on Israel that precipitated the war in Gaza.

U.S. natural gas futures eased about 1% on Wednesday on recent increases in output, a drop in the amount of gas flowing to liquefied natural gas (LNG) export plants after Freeport LNG in Texas shut for Hurricane Beryl and a tremendous surplus of gas in storage for this time of year.

(Source: Reuters)

**Energy Table**

Contract	Sett	Chg	High	Low
Nymex Crude Oil	AUG 24 82.10	0.94	82.66	80.81
Natural Gas	AUG 24 2.329	-0.026	2.385	2.292
RB Gasoline	AUG 24 250.34	-1.76	253.34	249.21
Heating Oil	AUG 24 251.84	0.14	253.70	249.64
Brent Fin Last Day	SEP 24 85.33	0.67	85.65	84.00
US Dollar Index	105.05	-0.079	105.174	104.996

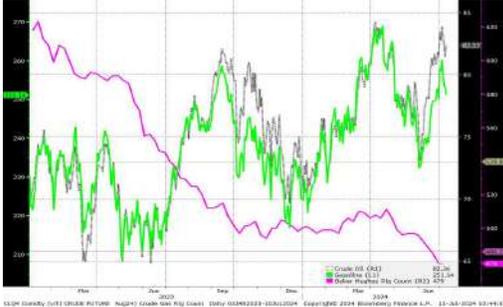
**Bloomberg Survey on U.S. Total Change in Inventories**

Date	Crude Oil		Gasoline		Crude Oil	
	Actual	Survey	Actual	Survey	Production	Inventory
20/10/2023	1372	-450	156	-1266	13200	421120
13/10/2023	-4491	-550	-2370	-100	13200	419748
6/10/2023	10176	-1400	-1313	-1000	13200	424239
29/9/2023	-2224	50	6481	-300	12900	414063
22/9/2023	-2169	-900	1027	-500	12900	416287
15/9/2023	-2136	-1700	-831	1100	12900	418456
8/9/2023	3955	-2481	5561	-850	12900	420592
1/9/2023	-2666	-2000	-2666	-1000	12800	416637
25/8/2023	-10584	-2191	-214	-1250	12800	422944
18/8/2023	-6134	-3000	1468	-481	12800	433528
11/8/2023	-5960	-2500	-262	-1100	12700	439662
4/8/2023	5851	2300	-2661	-200	12600	445622

**Fundamental Data:**

Event	Period	Avg Survey	Actual	Prior
07/06/2024 01:00	Baker Hughes U.S. Rig Count	Jul-05	--	585
07/06/2024 01:00	Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Gas Rigs	Jul-05	--	101
07/06/2024 01:00	Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Oil Rigs	Jul-05	--	479
07/10/2024 22:30	DOE U.S. Crude Oil Inventories	Jul-05	442.00k	-3443k
07/10/2024 22:30	DOE Cushing OK Crude Inventory	Jul-05	--	-702k
07/10/2024 22:30	DOE U.S. Gasoline Inventories	Jul-05	-1120.00k	-2006k
07/10/2024 22:30	DOE U.S. Distillate Inventory	Jul-05	154.00k	4884k
07/10/2024 22:30	DOE U.S. Refinery Utilization	Jul-05	0.26%	1.30%
07/10/2024 22:30	DOE Crude Oil Implied Demand	Jul-05	--	20552
07/10/2024 22:30	DOE Gasoline Implied Demand	Jul-05	--	10317.4
07/10/2024 22:30	DOE Distillate Implied Demand	Jul-05	--	4,569
07/11/2024 22:30	EIA Natural Gas Storage Change	Jul-05	--	32
07/11/2024 22:30	EIA Working Natural Gas Implied Flow	Jul-05	--	32
07/13/2024 01:00	Baker Hughes U.S. Rig Count	41091	--	585
07/13/2024 01:00	Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Gas Rigs	41091	--	101
07/13/2024 01:00	Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Oil Rigs	41091	--	479

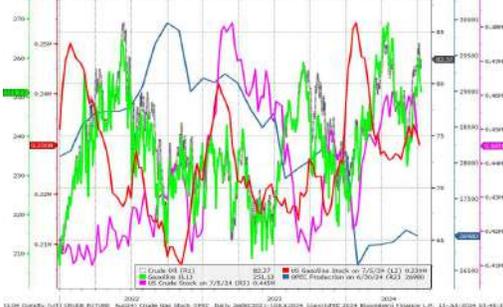
**U.S. Oil Rig Count vs Nymex Crude Oil & Gasoline Price**



**Normalized RBOB Gasoline minus Nymex Crude Oil Price**



**Total OPEC Crude Oil Production vs Nymex Crude Oil & Gasoline Price & Inventory**



**WTI-Brent Spread**



Source: Bloomberg

**Nymex Crude Daily Chart**



**Nymex RBOB Gasoline Daily Chart**



**Nymex Natural Gas Daily Chart**



**Nymex Heating Oil Daily Chart**



**Nymex Brent Last Day Daily Chart**



**Technical Analysis**

Crude Oil	Natural Gas	Gasoline
1st Resistance: 83.33	1st Resistance: 2.364	1st Resistance: 254.10
1st Support: 80.87	1st Support: 2.294	1st Support: 246.58
MACD: 1.188	MACD: -0.130	MACD: 2.639
MACD DIFF: 0.049	MACD DIFF: -0.058	MACD DIFF: 0.309
RSI: 58.029	RSI: 33.213	RSI: 52.053
2nd Resistance: 84.56	2nd Resistance: 2.399	2nd Resistance: 257.85
2nd Support: 79.64	2nd Support: 2.259	2nd Support: 242.83

Heating Oil	Brent Fin Last Day
1st Resistance: 255.62	1st Resistance: 86.61
1st Support: 249.06	1st Support: 84.05
MACD: 2.621	MACD: 0.969
MACD DIFF: -0.183	MACD DIFF: 0.017
RSI: 49.542	RSI: 55.249
2nd Resistance: 259.40	2nd Resistance: 87.89
2nd Support: 244.28	2nd Support: 82.77

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