

Fundamentals:

Oil prices settled over \$2 lower on Friday at their lowest level since mid-June as investors eyed a possible ceasefire in Gaza, while a strengthened dollar drove values down further.
Brent crude prices settled down \$2.48, or 2.9%, to \$82.63 a barrel. U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude futures dropped \$2.69, or 3.3%, to \$80.13.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said a long-sought ceasefire between Israel and the Palestinian militant group Hamas was within sight.

"I believe we're inside the 10-yard line and driving toward the goal line in getting an agreement that would produce a ceasefire, get the hostages home and put us on a better track to trying to build lasting peace and stability," Blinken said, using a football analogy.

The war in Gaza has led investors to price in a risk premium when trading oil, as tensions threaten global supplies.

If a ceasefire is reached, the Iran-backed Houthi rebels could ease their attacks on commercial vessels in the Red Sea, since the group declared the attacks in support of Hamas.

"Geopolitics is starting to ease just a little bit so that ought to work in our favor, following the news of this ceasefire," said Tim Snyder, chief economist at Mataador Economics.

The United Nations' highest court said Israel's occupation of Palestinian territories and its settlements there are illegal and should be withdrawn as soon as possible, further buoying hopes of an end to the conflict.

The U.S. dollar index climbed after stronger-than-expected data on the U.S. labor market and manufacturing this week, pressuring oil prices, said Phil Flynn, an analyst at Price Futures Group.

A stronger U.S. currency dampens demand for dollar-denominated oil from buyers holding other currencies.

Chinese officials acknowledged the sweeping list of economic goals reemphasized at the end of a Communist Party meeting this week contained "many complex contradictions", pointing to a bumpy road for policy implementation.

China's economy grew by a slower-than-expected 4.7% in the second quarter, official data showed, sparking concerns over its demand for oil.

Lending some support to prices, energy services firm Baker Hughes said oil rigs fell by one to 477 this week, their lowest since December 2021.

A global tech outage disrupted operations in multiple industries, with airlines halting flights, some broadcasters going off air and sectors from banking to healthcare hit by system problems.

Meanwhile, two large oil tankers were on fire after colliding near Singapore.

Singapore is Asia's biggest oil trading hub and the world's largest bunkering port. Its surrounding waters are vital trade waterways between Asia and Europe and the Middle East and among the busiest global sea lanes.

U.S. natural gas futures slid about 2% on a rise in output over the past month and the still high amount of gas in storage despite weeks of below normal injections.

(Source: Reuters)

Energy Table

Contract	Sett	Chg	High	Low	
Nymex Crude Oil	AUG 24 80.13	-2.54	82.88	80.07	
Natural Gas	AUG 24 2.128	-0.001	2.143	2.057	
RB Gasoline	AUG 24 245.04	-5.97	252.41	244.76	
Heating Oil	AUG 24 241.91	-6.18	250.25	241.73	
Brent Fin Last Day	SEP 24 82.77	-2.34	85.35	82.57	
US Dollar Index		104.40	0.222	104.42	104.13

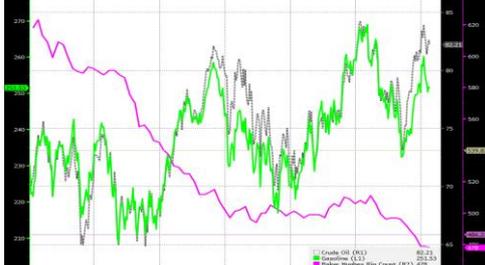
Bloomberg Survey on U.S. Total Change in Inventories

Date	Crude Oil		Gasoline		Production	Crude Oil Inventory
	Actual	Survey	Actual	Survey		
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	418466
8/9/2023	3955	-2481	5561	-850	12900	420582
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:

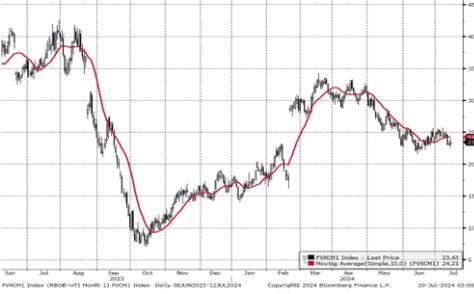
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07/20/2024 01:00 Baker Hughes U.S. Rig Count	Jul-19	--	586	584
07/20/2024 01:00 Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Gas Rigs	Jul-19	--	103	100
07/20/2024 01:00 Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Oil Rigs	Jul-19	--	477	478
07/24/2024 22:30 DOE U.S. Crude Oil Inventories	Jul-19	--	--	-4870K
07/24/2024 22:30 DOE Cushing OK Crude Inventory	Jul-19	--	--	-875K
07/24/2024 22:30 DOE U.S. Gasoline Inventories	Jul-19	--	--	3328K
07/24/2024 22:30 DOE U.S. Distillate Inventory	Jul-19	--	--	3454K
07/24/2024 22:30 DOE U.S. Refinery Utilization	Jul-19	--	--	-1.70%
07/24/2024 22:30 DOE Crude Oil Implied Demand	Jul-19	--	--	21033
07/24/2024 22:30 DOE Gasoline Implied Demand	Jul-19	--	--	9633.4
07/24/2024 22:30 DOE Distillate Implied Demand	Jul-19	--	--	4,844
07/25/2024 22:30 EIA Natural Gas Storage Change	Jul-19	--	--	10
07/25/2024 22:30 EIA Working Natural Gas Implied Flow	Jul-19	--	--	10
07/27/2024 01:00 Baker Hughes U.S. Rig Count	Jul-26	--	--	586
07/27/2024 01:00 Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Gas Rigs	Jul-26	--	--	103
07/27/2024 01:00 Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Oil Rigs	Jul-26	--	--	477

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



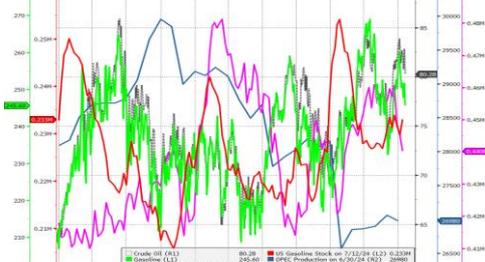
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Normalized RBOB Gasoline minus Nymex Crude Oil Price



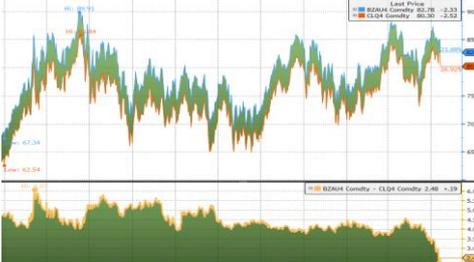
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Total OPEC Crude Oil Production vs Nymex Crude Oil & Gasoline Price & Inventory



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WTI-Brent Spread



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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	1st Resistance:	81.33	2nd Resistance:	82.53	1st Support:	78.93	2nd Support:	77.73	Natural Gas	1st Resistance:	2.160	2nd Resistance:	2.192	1st Support:	2.096	2nd Support:	2.064	Gasoline	1st Resistance:	248.72	2nd Resistance:	252.39	1st Support:	241.36	2nd Support:	237.69
MACD:	0.647								MACD:	-0.176									MACD:	0.568						
MACD DIFF:	-0.262								MACD DIFF:	-0.030									MACD DIFF:	-0.879						
RSI:	46.528								RSI:	33.478									RSI:	43.588						
Heating Oil	1st Resistance:	245.54	2nd Resistance:	249.17	1st Support:	238.28	2nd Support:	234.65	Brent Fin Last Day	1st Resistance:	84.01	2nd Resistance:	85.25	1st Support:	81.53	2nd Support:	80.29									
MACD:	-0.734								MACD:	0.284																
MACD DIFF:	-1.596								MACD DIFF:	-0.334																
RSI:	37.040								RSI:	42.717																

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