

Fundamentals:

Oil prices fell on Friday, settling at their lowest since January after data showed the U.S. economy added fewer jobs than expected last month, and weak Chinese economic data added more pressure.

Brent crude futures settled down \$2.71, or 3.41%, to \$76.81 a barrel. U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude futures settled down \$2.79, or 3.66%, at \$73.52.

At their session lows, both benchmarks fell by more than \$3 per barrel.

U.S. job growth slowed more than expected in July and unemployment increased to 4.3%, pointing to raising fears of a possible recession.

"We moved from a demand-driven market to a geopolitical one for maybe two days then we absolutely nosedived on all this economic data," said Tim Snyder, chief economist at Matarador Economics.

Economic data from top oil importer China and surveys showing weaker manufacturing activity across Asia, Europe and the U.S. raised the risk of a sluggish global economic recovery that would weigh on oil consumption.

Falling manufacturing activity in China also inhibited prices, adding to concerns about demand growth after June data showed imports and refinery activity lower than a year earlier.

Asia's crude imports in July fell to their lowest in two years, sapped by weak demand in China and India, data from LSEG Oil Research showed.

Meanwhile, OPEC oil output rose in July, a Reuters survey found, as a rebound in Saudi Arabian supply and small increases elsewhere offset the impact of ongoing voluntary supply cuts by other members and the wider OPEC+ alliance.

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries pumped 26.70 million barrels per day (bpd) last month, up 100,000 bpd from June, according to the survey based on shipping data and information from industry sources.

An OPEC+ meeting on Thursday had left the group's oil output policy unchanged, including a plan to start unwinding one layer of production cuts from October.

Oil investors are also watching the Middle East, where Lebanon's Iran-backed group Hezbollah said its conflict with Israel had entered a new phase. Still, analysts noted no material disruption of oil supplies from the region as prices slumped to multi-week lows days after the killing of senior leaders of Iran-aligned militant groups Hamas and Hezbollah stoked fears of all-out war.

"Oil has been pumped up on just extraordinary jitters over the Middle East situation but here we are several days after a significant event," said John Kilduff, partner at Again Capital in New York.

U.S. natural gas futures held steady on Friday, supported by rising gas flows to liquefied natural gas (LNG) export plants and forecasts for near record-breaking heat over the next few days but pressured by rising output, formation of a likely demand-killing storm near Florida and a tremendous oversupply of gas in storage.

(Source: Reuters)

Energy Table

Contract	Sett	Chg	High	Low
Nymex Crude Oil	SEP 24 73.52	-2.31	77.29	72.97
Natural Gas	SEP 24 1.967	0.004	2.023	1.920
RB Gasoline	SEP 24 231.76	-7.28	242.31	230.45
Heating Oil	SEP 24 231.85	-7.98	242.89	231.34
Brent, Fin Last Day	OCT 24 77.26	-2.26	80.45	76.42
US Dollar Index	103.21	-1.209	104.426	103.125

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
13/11/2023	-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

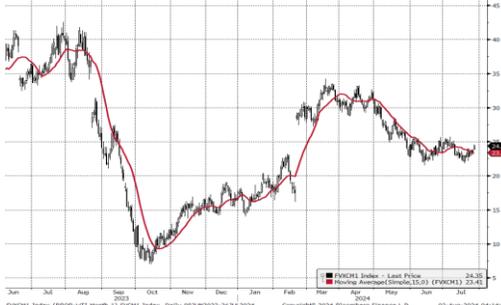
Fundamental Data:

Event	Period	Avg Survey	Actual	Prior
08/03/2024 01:00	Baker Hughes U.S. Rig Count	Aug-02	--	586
08/03/2024 01:00	Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Gas Rigs	Aug-02	--	98
08/03/2024 01:00	Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Oil Rigs	Aug-02	--	482
08/07/2024 22:30	DOE U.S. Crude Oil Inventories	Aug-02	--	-3436k
08/07/2024 22:30	DOE Cushing OK Crude Inventory	Aug-02	--	-1106k
08/07/2024 22:30	DOE U.S. Gasoline Inventories	Aug-02	--	-3665k
08/07/2024 22:30	DOE U.S. Distillate Inventory	Aug-02	--	1534k
08/07/2024 22:30	DOE U.S. Refinery Utilization	Aug-02	--	-1.50%
08/07/2024 22:30	DOE Crude Oil Implied Demand	Aug-02	--	20744
08/07/2024 22:30	DOE Gasoline Implied Demand	Aug-02	--	10257.4
08/07/2024 22:30	DOE Distillate Implied Demand	Aug-02	--	4900.9
08/08/2024 22:30	EIA Natural Gas Storage Change	Aug-02	--	18
08/08/2024 22:30	EIA Working Natural Gas Implied Flow	Aug-02	--	18
08/10/2024 01:00	Baker Hughes U.S. Rig Count	Aug-09	--	586
08/10/2024 01:00	Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Gas Rigs	Aug-09	--	98
08/10/2024 01:00	Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Oil Rigs	Aug-09	--	482

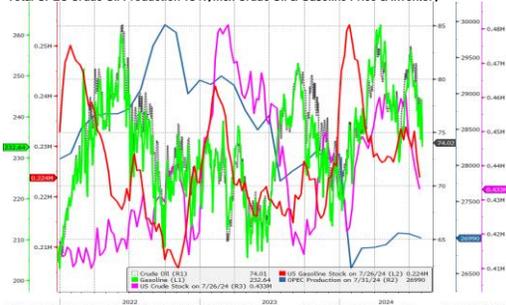
U.S. Oil Rig Count vs Nymex Crude Oil & Gasoline Price



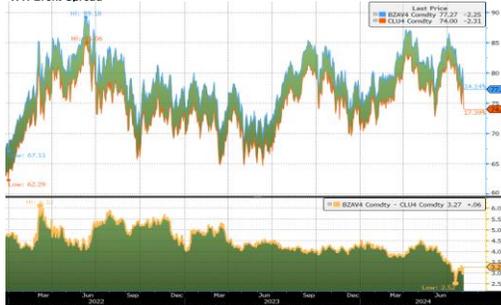
Normalized RBOB Gasoline minus Nymex Crude Oil Price



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:	74.62	1st Resistance:	1.997	1st Resistance:	235.24
1st Support:	72.42	1st Support:	1.937	1st Support:	228.28
MACD:	-1.122	MACD:	-0.150	MACD:	-2.212
MACD DIFF:	-0.533	MACD DIFF:	-0.003	MACD DIFF:	-1.026
RSI:	36.344	RSI:	33.019	RSI:	38.924

Heating Oil		Brent Fin Last Day	
1st Resistance:	235.33	1st Resistance:	78.42
1st Support:	228.37	1st Support:	76.10
MACD:	-3.928	MACD:	-1.218
MACD DIFF:	-1.384	MACD DIFF:	-0.477
RSI:	35.049	RSI:	35.005

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