

Fundamentals:

Oil prices gained more than 2% on Wednesday, bouncing back from multi-month lows, after data showed a bigger-than-expected draw in U.S. crude stockpiles, even as worries about weak oil demand in China persisted.

Brent crude futures settled up \$1.85, or 2.42%, at \$78.33 a barrel. U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude gained \$2.03, or 2.77%, to \$75.23.

U.S. crude stocks fell for a sixth week in a row, dropping by 3.7 million barrels to 429.3 million barrels last week, government data showed, more than analysts' expectations in a Reuters poll for a 700,000-barrel draw.

"The story here really is that demand is stronger than people thought and overall supplies are tighter," said Phil Flynn, an analyst at Price Futures Group. "Crude supply is below average for this time of year."

Industry data from the American Petroleum Institute on Tuesday had shown an unexpected build in crude and gasoline inventories.

On Monday, Brent slumped to its lowest since early January and WTI touched its lowest since February, as a global stock market rout deepened on concerns about a potential recession in the U.S. after weak jobs data. Both oil benchmarks broke a three-session declining streak on Tuesday.

"The recovery we have gotten from the large downturn on Monday shows it was a very short-lived temper tantrum and not a market crash," said Tim Snyder, chief economist at Matador Economics.

Lower production at Libya's 300,000 barrel-per-day (bpd) Sharara oilfield is also adding to concerns about supply shortages.

Libya's National Oil Corp declared force majeure in its Sharara oilfield from Aug. 7, the company said on Wednesday. NOC had said on Tuesday it would start to gradually decrease production at the field due to protests.

Tensions in the Middle East continued to stoke supply concerns.

The Middle East is bracing for a possible new wave of attacks by Iran and its allies following last week's killing of senior members of militant groups Hamas and Hezbollah, with concern rising that the conflict in Gaza is turning into a wider Middle East war.

Iran-aligned Houthi militants on Wednesday targeted a container ship in the Red Sea and two U.S. destroyers in the adjacent Gulf of Aden. Attacks on vessels passing through the region have forced tankers to choose longer alternate routes.

"Any escalation of the conflict in the Middle East could see a greater risk of disruptions to supplies from the region," ANZ analyst Daniel Hynes said.

Supporting the bearish demand view, Chinese trade data showed that July daily crude oil imports fell to the lowest level since September 2022. China is the world's largest crude importer.

U.S. natural gas futures rose more than 4% to a near one-week high on Wednesday, boosted by forecasts for hotter weather over the next two weeks that should boost air conditioning demand.

(Source: Reuters)

Energy Table

Contract	Sett	Chg	High	Low
Nymex Crude Oil	#NAME? 75.23	2.22	75.84	72.58
Natural Gas	#NAME? 2.112	0.086	2.120	2.010
RB Gasoline	#NAME? 235.73	3.89	237.84	229.62
Heating Oil	#NAME? 235.56	6.25	236.60	228.50
Brent Fin Last Day	#NAME? 78.49	2.01	78.86	75.95
US Dollar Index	103.17	0.201	103.368	102.916

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:

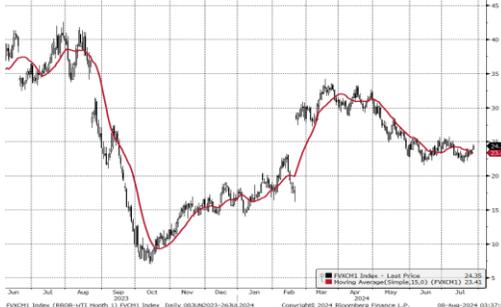
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08/07/2024 22:30	DOE U.S. Crude Oil Inventories	Aug-02	-1800K	-3728K
08/07/2024 22:30	DOE Cushing OK Crude Inventory	Aug-02	--	579K
08/07/2024 22:30	DOE U.S. Gasoline Inventories	Aug-02	-1800K	1340K
08/07/2024 22:30	DOE U.S. Distillate Inventory	Aug-02	1000K	949K
08/07/2024 22:30	DOE U.S. Refinery Utilization	Aug-02	0.60%	0.40%
08/07/2024 22:30	DOE Crude Oil Implied Demand	Aug-02	--	20157
08/07/2024 22:30	DOE Gasoline Implied Demand	Aug-02	--	9866.1
08/07/2024 22:30	DOE Distillate Implied Demand	Aug-02	--	5015.4
08/08/2024 22:30	EIA Natural Gas Storage Change	Aug-02	25	4900.9
08/08/2024 22:30	EIA Working Natural Gas Implied Flow	Aug-02	25	--
08/10/2024 01:00	Baker Hughes U.S. Rig Count	Aug-02	--	586
08/10/2024 01:00	Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Gas Rigs	Aug-02	--	98
08/10/2024 01:00	Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Oil Rigs	Aug-02	--	482

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



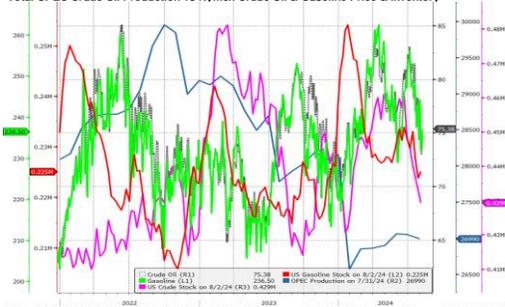
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Normalized RBOB Gasoline minus Nymex Crude Oil Price



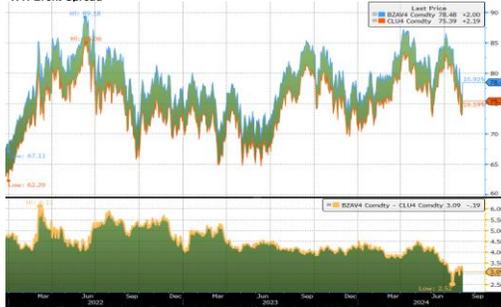
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Total OPEC Crude Oil Production vs Nymex Crude Oil & Gasoline Price & Inventory



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WTI-Brent Spread



CLM Comdty (Brent Fin Last Day Oct14) WTI vs Brent Daily 30/AM2023-07/AM2024 Copyright© 2024 Bloomberg Finance L.P. 08-Aug-2024 03:38:14

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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: 76.36	1st Resistance: 2.144	1st Resistance: 239.27
1st Support: 74.10	1st Support: 2.080	1st Support: 232.19
MACD: -1.471	MACD: -0.132	MACD: -2.855
MACD DIFF: -0.445	MACD DIFF: 0.012	MACD DIFF: -0.861
RSI: 43.793	RSI: 43.148	RSI: 44.925
2nd Resistance: 77.49	2nd Resistance: 2.175	2nd Resistance: 242.80
2nd Support: 72.97	2nd Support: 2.049	2nd Support: 228.66

Heating Oil	Brent Fin Last Day
1st Resistance: 239.09	1st Resistance: 79.67
1st Support: 232.03	1st Support: 77.31
MACD: -5.074	MACD: -1.535
MACD DIFF: -1.312	MACD DIFF: -0.400
RSI: 41.406	RSI: 42.498
2nd Resistance: 242.63	2nd Resistance: 80.84
2nd Support: 228.49	2nd Support: 76.14

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