The Morning Email: Oil

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ENERGY MATRIX - NYMEX PRODUCTS

NYMEX	Last	NET	High	Low	Open	Volume	Yest. Vol	SYM Name
CLA	116.12	0.12	117.42	115.81	116.39	16,865	565,282	WTI Crude
HOA	312.7900	-0.3800	315.76	311.57	313.59	1,109	106,676	Heating Oil
RBA	293.48	0.25	296.33	293.03	294.3	1,943	110,777	Unleaded Gas
NGA	84.01	-0.5500	85.5	83.53	85.31	1,160	246,614	Natural Gas

All contracts quoted are electronic.

All contracts are coded for lead volume month. Meaning, whatever month has the most volume, that's the month quoted in the matrix above, for all contracts.

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Economic Release Estimates, from Bloomberg



Spreads - WTI and BRENT

NYMEX - WTI

		Yest.	Yest.	Today's	Contract	
	Last	Open Int	Volume	Volume	Month	
F.CLAU08	116.12	0.00	322,967	12,497	SEP	F.QOU08
F.CLAV08	116.07	0.00	157,976	7,541	OCT	F.QOV08
F.CLAX08	116.30	0.00	46,571	1,731	NOV	F.QOX08
F.CLAZ08	116.52	0.00	50,247	2,268	DEC	F.QOZ08
F.CLAF09	117.98	0.00	5,717	283	JAN	F.QOF09
F.CLAG09	117.68	0.00	1,160	102	FEB	F.QOG09
F.CLAH09	117.08	0.00	672	0	MAR	F.QOH09

Contango IF: front months lower than back months.

IF Contango, then: It pays more to store crude. Carry cost is positive.

Also, It pays to keep crude stored, pump prices rise, and so do oil company profits

Backwardation: Opposite of Contango

"Never sell a backwardation market". Backwardation tends

to coexist with rising prices

ICE - BRENT

:			Yest.	Yest.	Today's	Contract
ı		Last	Open Int	Volume	Volume	Month
	F.QOU08	113.60	21,281	64,639	6,457	SEP
	F.QOV08	114.78	102,815	139,139	25,833	OCT
,	F.QOX08	115.69	92,501	51,455	10,177	NOV
;	F.QOZ08	116.47	69,743	34,065	6,165	DEC
	F.QOF09	117.17	27,453	5,585	951	JAN
	F.QOG09	117.67	22,156	2,072	358	FEB
	F.QOH09	117.98	13,342	1,023	194	MAR

IF Contango and price is rallying, then 'long only' funds are buying.

That's because it's the only thing that makes sense due to

the fact, funds do not incur carrying charges.

Contango is bearish for price.

