

The Morning Email: Oil

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ENERGY MATRIX - NYMEX PRODUCTS

NYMEX	Last	NET	High	Low	Open	Volume	Yest. Vol	SYM Name
CLA	136.11	0.06	136.9	135.43	135.8	16,192	477,236	WTI Crude
HOA	386.4700	1.3100	388.03	384.55	384.89	548	68,105	Heating Oil
RBA	338.3	0.22	338.9	336.5	338	493	69,606	Unleaded Gas
NGA	121.09	1.0300	121.3	119.55	119.55	1,690	206,501	Natural Gas

All contracts quoted are electronic.

All contraces 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



NYMEX - WTI

		Yest.	Yest.	Today's	Contract
	Last	Open Int	Volume	Volume	Month
F.CLAQ08	136.11	0.00	277,656	14,585	AUG I
F.CLAU08	136.78	0.00	106,203	3,328	SEP I
F.CLAV08	137.22	0.00	27,527	640	OCT
F.CLAX08	137.88	0.00	16,109	506	NOV
F.CLAZ08	138.37	0.00	26,768	612	DEC
F.CLAF09	138.34	0.00	3,673	2	JAN

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
	Last	Open Int	Volume	Volume	Month
F.QOQ08	136.67	54,082	95,667	16,366	AUG
F.QOU08	137.59	99,497	74,719	14,280	SEP
F.QOV08	138.51	73,227	39,565	6,790	OCT
F.QOX08	139.22	29,625	14,039	2,588	NOV
F.QOZ08	139.73	62,930	17,552	1,771	DEC
F.QOF09	140.52	25,501	3,863	327	JAN

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.

