The Morning Email: Oil

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ENERGY MATRIX - NYMEX PRODUCTS

NYMEX	Last	NET	High	Low	Open	Volume	Yest. Vol	SYM Name
CLA	56.46	0.3	56.56	54.67	55.44	19,242	409,032	WTI Crude
HOA	183.2800	-0.2600	183.77	179.19	181.86	1,072	85,165	Heating Oil
RBA	125	0.19	125.43	122	124	903	66,796	Unleaded Gas
NGA	63.04	-1.0100	64	62.83	63.49	717	167,622	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



NYMEX - WTI

		Yest.	Yest.	Today's	Contract
	Last	Open Int	Volume	Volume	Month
F.CLAX08	71.28				
F.CLAZ08	56.46	0.00	230,214	15,815	DEC
F.CLAF09	57.27	0.00	90,820	5,865	JAN
F.CLAG09	58.10	0.00	24,146	810	FEB
F.CLAH09	59.12	0.00	12,395	560	MAR
F.CLAJ09	58.74	0.00	24,146	810	APR

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ICE - BRENT

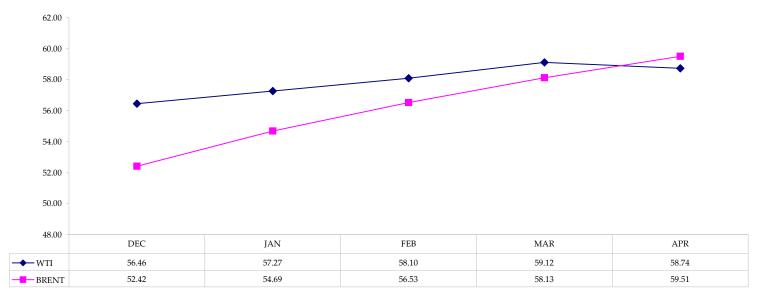
		Yest.	Yest.	Today's	Contract
	Last	Open Int	Volume	Volume	Month
F.QOX08	#VALUE!				
F.QOZ08	52.42	33,838	95,870	7,784	DEC
F.QOF09	54.69	137,051	128,518	25,142	JAN
F.QOG09	56.53	91,848	52,632	7,480	FEB
F.QOH09	58.13	36,618	15,101	3,118	MAR
F.QOJ09	59.51	91,848	52,632	7,480	APR

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Crack Spreads relative to Crude:

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