The Morning Email: Oil

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ENERGY MATRIX - NYMEX PRODUCTS

NYMEX	Last	NET	High	Low	Open	Volume	Yest. Vol	SYM Name
CLA	67.96	1.21	68.5	66.64	67.21	16,702	402,902	WTI Crude
HOA	208.5400	2.9200	209.62	205	205	1,151	79,938	Heating Oil
RBA	155.54	2.1	157.98	153.61	154.3	831	53,382	Unleaded Gas
NGA	66.86	-0.9100	67.9	66.85	67.77	1,005	108,333	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	67.96	0.00	251,195	15,430	DEC
F.CLAF09	68.35	0.00	68,874	3,366	JAN
F.CLAG09	68.79	0.00	23,734	2,150	FEB
F.CLAH09	69.20	0.00	12,600	2,087	MAR
F.CLAJ09	69.50	0.00	23,734	2,150	APR

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.QOX08	#VALUE!				
F.QOZ08	65.72	105,115	118,935	26,326	DEC
F.QOF09	67.04	101,313	51,609	11,888	JAN
F.QOG09	68.20	38,634	17,404	5,294	FEB
F.QOH09	69.04	27,356	8,396	1,806	MAR
F.QOJ09	70.02	38,634	17,404	5,294	APR

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.

