The Morning Email: Oil

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ENERGY MATRIX - NYMEX PRODUCTS

NYMEX	Last	NET	High	Low	Open	Volume	Yest. Vol	SYM Name
CLA	115.57	0.98	115.8	114.03	114.69	12,020	378,301	WTI Crude
HOA	319.0000	3.0700	319.36	315.61	316.5	1,001	101,481	Heating Oil
RBA	280.5	1.24	281.43	277.52	278.7	409	79,767	Unleaded Gas
NGA	78.81	0.3800	79.15	77.94	77.94	840	164,247	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	's Contract	
	Last	Open Int	Volume	Volume	Month	
F.CLAU08	115.65					
F.CLAV08	115.57	0.00	276,216	9,814	OCT	
F.CLAX08	116.14	0.00	53,733	1,709	NOV	
F.CLAZ08	116.50	0.00	44,438	1,130	DEC	
F.CLAF09	116.65	0.00	8,400	261	JAN	
F.CLAG09	117.42	0.00	3,511	91	FEB	
F.CLAH09	117.52	0.00	2,596	2	MAR	

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.QOU08	#VALUE!				
F.QOV08	115.09	92,382	98,392	8,131	OCT
F.QOX08	116.33	105,143	34,691	2,701	NOV
F.QOZ08	117.40	75,686	32,088	1,484	DEC
F.QOF09	117.76	29,002	10,402	458	JAN
F.QOG09	118.47	23,307	4,955	243	FEB
F.QOH09	119.05	14,993	3,047	83	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.

