

The Morning Email: Oil

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ENERGY MATRIX - NYMEX PRODUCTS

NYMEX	Last	NET	High	Low	Open	Volume	Yest. Vol	SYM Name
CLA	54.9	-0.05	55.86	54.13	55.01	19,756	409,611	WTI Crude
HOA	178.2500	-0.8500	181.5	176.79	179.49	1,515	57,897	Heating Oil
RBA	116.5	-0.96	118.48	115.8	117.46	388	57,341	Unleaded Gas
NGA	64.92	-0.4100	66	64.9	65.74	686	116,569	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.

Economic Release Estimates, from Bloomberg

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Region North America Country United States Type Energy / Commodities

Date 11/18/08 05:14:20 United States: Energy / Commodities

	Date	Time	A M	Event	Period	Survey	Actual	Prior	Revised
26)	11/19	09:35		DOE U.S. Crude Oil Inventories	NOV 14	1000K	--	22K	--
27)	11/19	09:35		DOE U.S. Gasoline Inventories	NOV 14	1000K	--	1982K	--
28)	11/19	09:35		DOE U.S. Distillate Inventory	NOV 14	700K	--	516K	--
29)	11/19	09:35		DOE U.S. Refinery Utilization	NOV 14	0.00%	--	-0.69%	--
30)	11/19	09:35		DOE Cushing OK Crude Inventory	NOV 14	--	--	441K	--
31)	11/19	09:35		API U.S. Crude Oil Inventories	NOV 14	--	--	899K	--
32)	11/19	09:35		API U.S. Gasoline Inventories	NOV 14	--	--	3606K	--
33)	11/19	09:35		API U.S. Distillate Inventory	NOV 14	--	--	1493K	--
34)	11/20	09:30		EIA Natural Gas Storage Change	NOV 14	--	--	46	--
35)	11/21	12:00		Baker Hughes U.S. Rig Count	NOV 21	--	--	1941	--
36)	11/26	09:35		DOE U.S. Crude Oil Inventories	NOV 21	--	--	--	--
37)	11/26	09:35		DOE U.S. Gasoline Inventories	NOV 21	--	--	--	--
38)	11/26	09:35		DOE U.S. Distillate Inventory	NOV 21	--	--	--	--
39)	11/26	09:35		DOE U.S. Refinery Utilization	NOV 21	--	--	--	--
40)	11/26	09:35		DOE Cushing OK Crude Inventory	NOV 21	--	--	--	--
41)	11/26	09:35		API U.S. Crude Oil Inventories	NOV 21	--	--	--	--
42)	11/26	09:35		API U.S. Gasoline Inventories	NOV 21	--	--	--	--
43)	11/26	09:35		API U.S. Distillate Inventory	NOV 21	--	--	--	--
44)	11/26	11:00		EIA Natural Gas Storage Change	NOV 21	--	--	--	--

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NYMEX - WTI

	Last	Yest. Open Int	Yest. Volume	Today's Volume	Contract Month
F.CLAX08	#VALUE!				
F.CLAZ08	54.90	0.00	337,536	10,207	DEC
F.CLAF09	55.40	0.00	127,983	9,156	JAN
F.CLAG09	56.16	0.00	22,796	868	FEB
F.CLAH09	56.54	0.00	14,079	553	MAR
F.CLAJ09	57.22	0.00	22,796	868	APR

ICE - BRENT

	Last	Yest. Open Int	Yest. Volume	Today's Volume	Contract Month
F.QOX08	#VALUE!				
F.QOZ08	#VALUE!				
F.QOF09	52.15	125,671	112,771	28,621	JAN
F.QOG09	53.98	108,745	46,832	14,474	FEB
F.QOH09	55.55	40,211	19,429	4,908	MAR
F.QOJ09	57.03	108,745	46,832	14,474	APR

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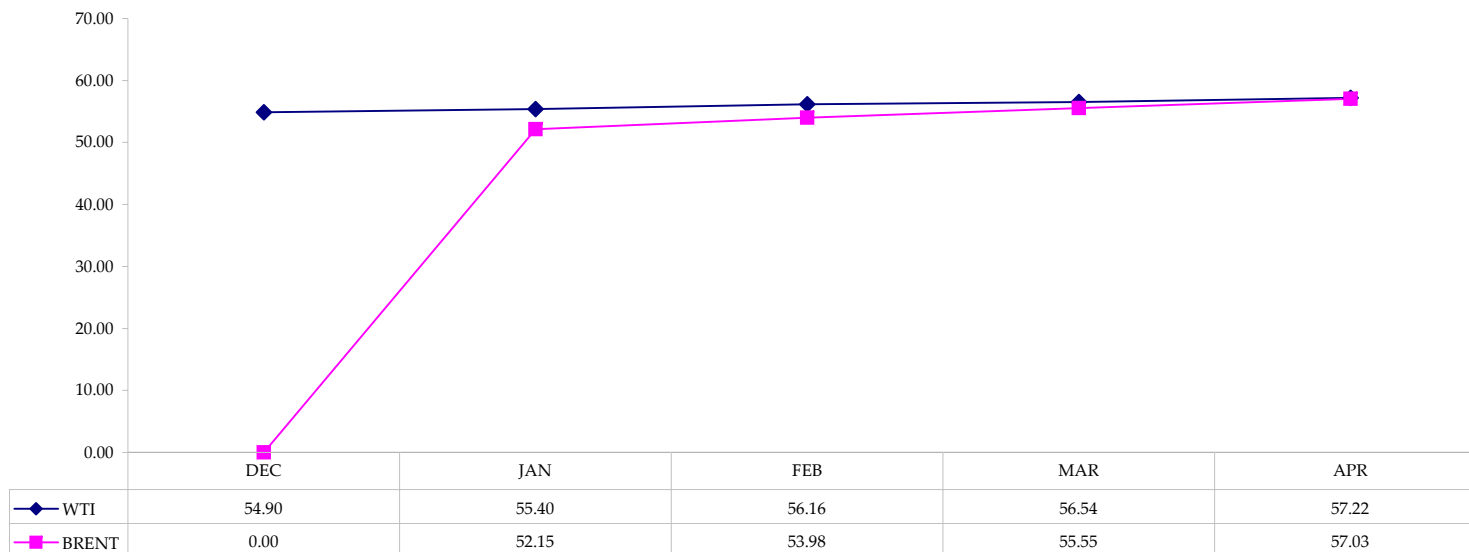
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Crack Spreads relative to Crude:

If crack spread weak then less incentive to store crude.

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