

Fundamentals:
Oil prices were little changed on Friday as the market balanced a weaker U.S. dollar and mixed U.S. jobs reports, but both crude benchmarks ended the first week of the year lower due to global recession concerns.

Brent futures fell 12 cents, or 0.2%, to settle at \$78.57 a barrel, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude rose 10 cents, or 0.1%, to settle at \$73.77.

For the week, both Brent and WTI were down over 8%, their biggest weekly dives to start the year since 2016. Both benchmarks had gained about 13% during the prior three weeks.

U.S. services industry activity in November contracted for the first time in more than 2-1/2 years, according to a report from the Institute for Supply Management (ISM).

But another report showed the U.S. economy added jobs at a solid clip in December, pushing the unemployment rate back to a pre-pandemic low of 3.5% as the labor market remains tight.

That U.S. jobs report caused the U.S. dollar to fall and global stocks to rally as investors bet that inflation is easing and the U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed) need not be as aggressive as some feared.

A weaker dollar can boost demand for oil, as dollar-denominated commodities become cheaper for holders of other currencies.

Atlanta Federal Reserve (Fed) President Raphael Bostic said the latest U.S. jobs figures are another sign that the economy is gradually slowing and should that continue the Fed can step down to a quarter percentage point interest rate hike at its next policy meeting.

The world's top crude exporter, Saudi Arabia, lowered prices for the Arab light crude it sells to Asia to its lowest since November 2021 amid the global pressures hitting oil.

Stock markets in China, the world's largest crude oil importer, logged a five-day winning streak on Friday on investors' expectations that the Chinese economy would soon emerge from its COVID woes and stage a robust recovery in 2023.

But, more countries around the world are demanding visitors from China take COVID tests, days before China drops border controls and ushers in an eagerly awaited return to travel for a population that has been largely stuck at home for three years.

Euro zone inflation tumbled last month but underlying price pressures are still rising and economic growth indicators are surprisingly benign, suggesting that the European Central Bank will keep raising interest rates for months to come.

India's government expects economic growth to slow in the financial year ending March, as pandemic-related distortions ease and pent-up demand for goods levels out going into 2023.

U.S. natural gas futures eased to a fresh one-year low on Friday on forecasts for warmer-than-normal weather and lower than usual heating demand to continue into late January.

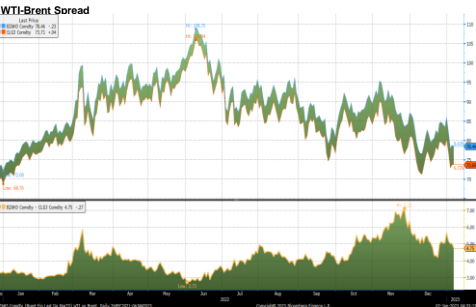
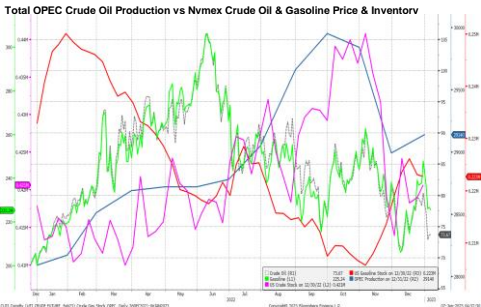
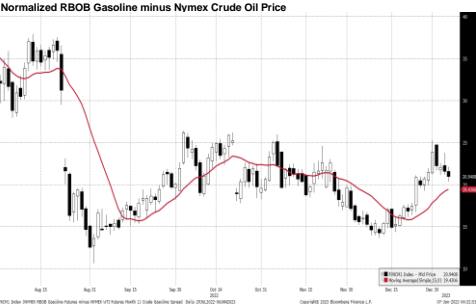
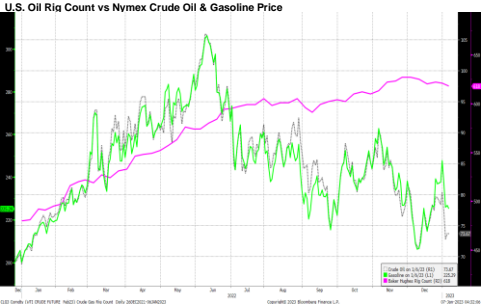
Front-month gas futures for February delivery fell 1.0 cent, or 0.3%, to settle at \$3.710 per million British thermal units (mmBtu), their lowest close since Dec. 30.

(Source: Reuters)

Energy Table					
Contract		Sett	Chg	High	Low
Nymex Crude Oil	FEB 23	73.77	0.05	75.47	73.24
Natural Gas	FEB 23	3.710	0.041	3.839	3.520
RB Gasoline	FEB 23	224.46	-0.96	231.87	223.56
Heating Oil	FEB 23	300.45	4.34	305.36	295.20
Brent Fin Last Day	MAR 23	78.55	-0.14	80.57	78.05
US Dollar Index		103.92	-1.120	105.631	103.869

Bloomberg Survey on U.S. Total Change in Inventories						
Date	Crude Oil		Gasoline		Crude Oil	
	Actual	Survey	Actual	Survey	Production	Inventory
30/12/2022	1694	1500	-346	-1000	12100	420646
23/12/2022	718	-1200	-3105	500	12000	418952
16/12/2022	-5895	2500	2530	2000	12100	418234
09/12/2022	10231	-3500	4496	2500	12100	424129
02/12/2022	-5186	-3418	5319	2474	12200	413698
25/11/2022	-12581	-3123	2770	2250	12100	419084
18/11/2022	-3690	-2614	3058	1150	12100	431665
11/11/2022	2207	-1900	2207	200	12100	435355
04/11/2022	3925	250	-900	-1450	12100	440755
28/10/2022	-3115	-200	-1257	-1000	11900	436830
21/10/2022	2588	1500	-1478	-1500	12000	439945
14/10/2022	-1725	2500	-114	-2000	12000	437357

Fundamental Data:					
Event		Period	Avg Survey	Actual	Prior
01/06/2023 00:00	DOE U.S. Crude Oil Inventories	Dec-30	1500k	1694k	718k
01/06/2023 00:00	DOE Cushing OK Crude Inventory	Dec-30	--	244k	-195k
01/06/2023 00:00	DOE U.S. Gasoline Inventories	Dec-30	-1000k	-346k	-3105k
01/06/2023 00:00	DOE U.S. Distillate Inventory	Dec-30	-1173k	-1427k	283k
01/06/2023 00:00	DOE U.S. Refinery Utilization	Dec-30	-1.50%	-12.40%	1.10%
01/06/2023 00:00	DOE Crude Oil Implied Demand	Dec-30	--	17570	18149
01/06/2023 00:00	DOE Gasoline Implied Demand	Dec-30	--	8571	10182.9
01/06/2023 00:00	DOE Distillate Implied Demand	Dec-30	--	4351.9	5204.6
01/07/2023 02:00	Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Oil Rigs	Jan-06	623	618	621
01/07/2023 02:00	Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Gas Rigs	Jan-06	--	152	156
01/07/2023 02:00	Baker Hughes U.S. Rig Count	Jan-06	--	772	779



Source: Bloomberg

Nymex Crude Daily Chart



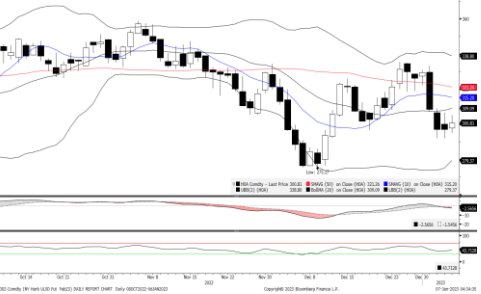
Nymex RBOB Gasoline Daily Chart



Nymex Natural Gas Daily Chart



Nymex Heating Oil Daily Chart



Nymex Brent Last Day Daily Chart



Technical Analysis

Crude Oil

1st Resistance:	74.88	2nd Resistance:	75.98
1st Support:	72.66	2nd Support:	71.56
MACD:	-0.981		
MACD DIFF:	-0.200		
RSI:	41.155		

Natural Gas

1st Resistance:	3.766	2nd Resistance:	3.821
1st Support:	3.654	2nd Support:	3.599
MACD:	-0.638		
MACD DIFF:	-0.150		
RSI:	29.185		

Gasoline	1st Resistance:	227.83	2nd Resistance:	231.19
	1st Support:	221.09	2nd Support:	217.73
	MACD:	0.530		
	MACD DIFF:	0.522		
	RSI:	46.914		

Heating Oil

1st Resistance:	304.96	2nd Resistance:	309.46
1st Support:	295.94	2nd Support:	291.44
MACD:	-2.506		
MACD DIFF:	-0.971		
RSI:	44.131		

Brent Fin Last Day

1st Resistance:	79.73	2nd Resistance:	80.91
1st Support:	77.37	2nd Support:	76.19
MACD:	-1.120		
MACD DIFF:	-0.167		
RSI:	40.781		

Strategy

	Long	Profit target:	Stop-loss:	Long	Profit target:	Stop-loss:	Short	Profit target:	Stop-loss:	Short	Profit target:	Stop-loss:
Crude Oil	72.66	73.39	72.30	71.56	72.27	71.20	74.88	74.13	75.25	75.98	75.22	76.36
Natural Gas	3.654	3.691	3.636	3.599	3.635	3.581	3.766	3.728	3.784	3.821	3.783	3.840
Gasoline	221.09	223.30	219.99	217.73	219.90	216.64	227.83	225.55	228.97	231.19	228.88	232.35
Heating Oil	295.94	298.90	294.46	291.44	294.35	289.98	304.96	301.91	306.48	309.46	306.37	311.01
Brent Fin Last Day	77.37	78.15	76.98	76.19	76.96	75.81	79.73	78.93	80.13	80.91	80.10	81.31

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