

Fundamentals:
Oil edged higher in volatile trade on Friday, and was flat on the week, with prices supported by the prospect of lower Russian exports but pressured by rising inventories in the United States and concerns over global economic activity.

Brent crude futures settled at \$83.16 a barrel, up 95 cents, or 1.2%. West Texas Intermediate U.S. crude futures (WTI) settled at \$76.32 a barrel, rising 93 cents, or 1.2%. Earlier, both fell by more than \$1 a barrel.

The benchmarks were little changed on the week.

Lower trading volumes contributed to volatility, with Brent trading at 58% and WTI trading at 90% of the previous session's levels.

On the anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, benchmark Brent crude was about 15% lower than a year earlier. It hit a 14-year high of nearly \$128 a barrel on Mar. 8, 2022.

Both benchmarks rose about 2% in the previous session on Russia's plans to cut oil exports from its western ports by up to 25% in March, which exceeded its announced production cuts of 500,000 barrels per day.

But the market appeared to be well supplied with U.S. inventories at their highest since May 2021, according to data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

An indicator of future supply, U.S. oil rigs fell seven to 600 this week, while the total count was still up 103 rigs, or 15.8%, over this time last year, energy services firm Baker Hughes Co said.

Indications that Russian crude and refined products are accumulating on tankers floating at sea also hinted at increasing supplies.

The bank also said it expects the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to cut production to limit oil price declines.

Minutes of the latest U.S. Federal Reserve meeting indicated that a majority of officials remained hawkish on inflation and tight labour market conditions, signalling further monetary tightening.

The prospect of further interest rate hikes supported the dollar index, which was set for a fourth straight week of gains. The index is now up about 2.5% for the month.

A firm dollar makes commodities priced in the greenback more expensive for holders of other currencies.

U.S. natural gas futures gained close to 6% ahead of the expiry of the front-month March contract on Friday on forecasts for colder weather and higher heating demand over the next two weeks than previously expected.

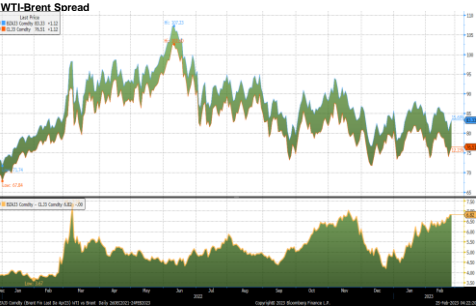
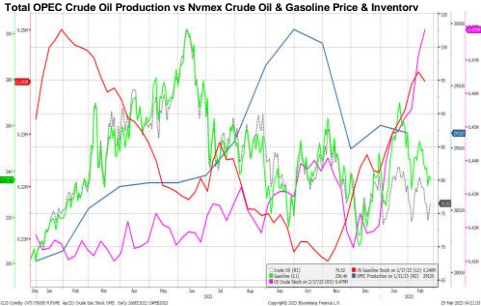
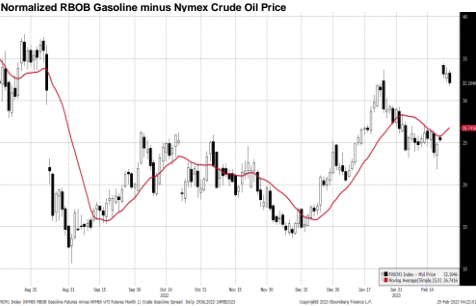
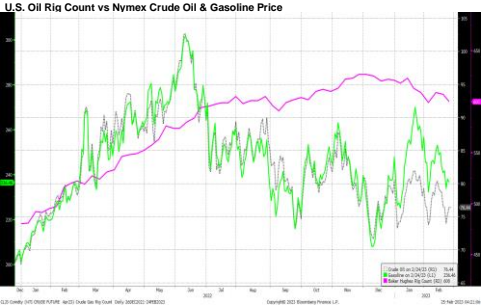
On its last day as front-month, gas futures for March delivery on the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) rose 13.7 cents, or 5.9%, to settle at \$2.451 per million British thermal units (mmBtu).

(Source: Reuters)

| Energy Table | | | | | |
|--------------------|--------|--------|-------|--------|---------|
| Contract | Sett | Chg | High | Low | |
| Nymex Crude Oil | APR 23 | 76.32 | 1.13 | 76.63 | 74.09 |
| Natural Gas | APR 23 | 2.548 | 0.146 | 2.584 | 2.415 |
| RB Gasoline | MAR 23 | 235.87 | -1.64 | 240.58 | 230.93 |
| Heating Oil | MAR 23 | 279.62 | 9.41 | 280.90 | 268.37 |
| Brent Fin Last Day | MAY 23 | 83.00 | 1.05 | 83.07 | 80.74 |
| US Dollar Index | | 105.26 | 0.660 | 105.32 | 104.421 |

| Bloomberg Survey on U.S. Total Change in Inventories | | | | | | |
|--|-----------|--------|----------|--------|------------|-----------|
| Date | Crude Oil | | Gasoline | | Crude Oil | |
| | Actual | Survey | Actual | Survey | Production | Inventory |
| 17/02/2023 | 7647 | 2800 | -1856 | 900 | 12300 | 479041 |
| 10/02/2023 | 16283 | 2000 | 2316 | 1500 | 12300 | 471394 |
| 03/02/2023 | 2423 | 2000 | 5008 | 1600 | 12300 | 455111 |
| 27/01/2023 | 4140 | -1000 | 2576 | 2000 | 12200 | 452688 |
| 20/01/2023 | 533 | 1500 | 1763 | 1500 | 12200 | 448548 |
| 13/01/2023 | 8408 | -3000 | 3483 | 2400 | 12200 | 448015 |
| 06/01/2023 | 18961 | -2000 | 4114 | 750 | 12200 | 439607 |
| 30/12/2022 | -346 | 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 | 413898 |

| Fundamental Data: | | | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|--------|--------|------------|
| Event | Period | Avg Survey | Actual | Prior | |
| 02/24/2023 00:00 | DOE U.S. Crude Oil Inventories | Feb-17 | 2800k | 7647k | 16283k |
| 02/24/2023 00:00 | DOE Cushing OK Crude Inventory | Feb-17 | -- | 700k | 659k |
| 02/24/2023 00:00 | DOE U.S. Gasoline Inventories | Feb-17 | 900k | -1856k | 2316k |
| 02/24/2023 00:00 | DOE U.S. Distillate Inventory | Feb-17 | -1204k | 2698k | -1285k |
| 02/24/2023 00:00 | DOE U.S. Refinery Utilization | Feb-17 | -0.002 | -0.006 | -0.014 |
| 02/24/2023 00:00 | DOE Crude Oil Implied Demand | Feb-17 | -- | 17534 | 16206 |
| 02/24/2023 00:00 | DOE Gasoline Implied Demand | Feb-17 | -- | 9678.6 | 906010.00% |
| 02/24/2023 00:00 | DOE Distillate Implied Demand | Feb-17 | -- | 4728.6 | 4913.6 |
| 02/25/2023 02:00 | Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Oil Rigs | Feb-24 | 609 | 600 | 607 |
| 02/25/2023 02:00 | Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Gas Rigs | Feb-24 | -- | 151 | 151 |
| 02/25/2023 02:00 | Baker Hughes U.S. Rig Count | Feb-24 | -- | 753 | 760 |



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: | 77.46 | 2nd Resistance: | 78.61 |
| 1st Support: | 75.18 | 2nd Support: | 74.03 |
| MACD: | -0.607 | | |
| MACD DIFF: | -0.316 | | |
| RSI: | 46.515 | | |

Natural Gas

| | | | |
|-----------------|--------|-----------------|-------|
| 1st Resistance: | 2.586 | 2nd Resistance: | 2.624 |
| 1st Support: | 2.510 | 2nd Support: | 2.472 |
| MACD: | -0.234 | | |
| MACD DIFF: | 0.047 | | |
| RSI: | 44.609 | | |

Gasoline

| | | | |
|-----------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| 1st Resistance: | 239.41 | 2nd Resistance: | 242.95 |
| 1st Support: | 232.33 | 2nd Support: | 228.79 |
| MACD: | -2.035 | | |
| MACD DIFF: | -1.747 | | |
| RSI: | 43.094 | | |

Heating Oil

| | | | |
|-----------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| 1st Resistance: | 283.81 | 2nd Resistance: | 288.01 |
| 1st Support: | 275.43 | 2nd Support: | 271.23 |
| MACD: | -8.763 | | |
| MACD DIFF: | -0.973 | | |
| RSI: | 43.968 | | |

Brent Fin Last Day

| | | | |
|-----------------|--------|-----------------|-------|
| 1st Resistance: | 84.25 | 2nd Resistance: | 85.49 |
| 1st Support: | 81.76 | 2nd Support: | 80.51 |
| MACD: | -0.331 | | |
| MACD DIFF: | -0.296 | | |
| RSI: | 48.239 | | |

Strategy

| | Long | Profit target: | Stop-loss: | Long | Profit target: | Stop-loss: | Short | Profit target: | Stop-loss: | Short | Profit target: | Stop-loss: |
|--------------------|--------|----------------|------------|--------|----------------|------------|--------|----------------|------------|--------|----------------|------------|
| Crude Oil | 75.18 | 75.93 | 74.80 | 74.03 | 74.77 | 73.66 | 77.46 | 76.69 | 77.85 | 78.61 | 77.82 | 79.00 |
| Natural Gas | 2.510 | 2.535 | 2.497 | 2.472 | 2.496 | 2.459 | 2.586 | 2.560 | 2.599 | 2.624 | 2.598 | 2.638 |
| Gasoline | 232.33 | 234.66 | 231.17 | 228.79 | 231.08 | 227.65 | 239.41 | 237.01 | 240.61 | 242.95 | 240.52 | 244.16 |
| Heating Oil | 275.43 | 278.18 | 274.05 | 271.23 | 273.94 | 269.88 | 283.81 | 280.98 | 285.23 | 288.01 | 285.13 | 289.45 |
| Brent Fin Last Day | 81.76 | 82.57 | 81.35 | 80.51 | 81.32 | 80.11 | 84.25 | 83.40 | 84.67 | 85.49 | 84.64 | 85.92 |

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