

Fundamentals:

Oil prices settled lower Friday, reversing early gains of more than \$1 a barrel as banking sector fears caused both benchmarks to reach their biggest weekly declines in months.

Brent crude futures settled down by \$1.73, or 2.3%, to \$72.97 a barrel. U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude fell \$1.61, or 2.4%, at \$66.74.

At their session low, both benchmarks were down more than \$3. Brent fell nearly by 12% in the week, its biggest weekly fall since December. WTI futures fell 13% since Friday's close, its biggest since last April.

Oil prices tracked equity markets lower, dogged by the banking sector crisis and worries about possible recession.

All three indexes were sharply lower in afternoon trading, with financial stocks down the most among the major sectors of the S&P 500 following the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) and Signature Bank and with trouble at Credit Suisse and First Republic Bank.

Prices had recovered some ground after support measures from the European Central Bank and U.S. lenders, but dropped again when SVB Financial Group said it had filed for reorganization.

Analysts still expect constrained global supply to support oil prices in the foreseeable future.

OPEC+ members attributed this week's price weakness to financial drivers rather than any supply and demand imbalance, adding that they expected the market to stabilize.

WTI's fall this week to less than \$70 a barrel for the first time since December 2021 could spur the U.S. government to start refilling its Strategic Petroleum Reserve, boosting demand.

And analysts expect China's demand recovery to add price support, with U.S. crude exports to China in March heading towards their highest in nearly two and a half years.

Saudi Arabia and Russia in a meeting on Thursday affirmed their commitment to OPEC+'s decision last October to cut production targets by two million barrels per day until the end of 2023.

An OPEC+ monitoring panel is due to meet on Apr. 3.

U.S. natural gas futures dropped 7% on Friday to their lowest level in three weeks on forecasts for milder weather and lower heating demand than previously expected.

Front-month gas futures for April delivery fell 17.6 cents, or 7%, to settle at \$2.338 per million British thermal units (mmBtu). The contract was down 3.2% this week after dropping 19% last week.

Data provider Refinitiv estimated 275 heating degree days (HDDs) over the next two weeks, down from the 281 HDDs estimated on Thursday.

HDDs estimate demand to heat homes and businesses by measuring the number of degrees a day's average temperature is below 65 degrees Fahrenheit (18 degrees Celsius).

Refinitiv forecasted that U.S. gas demand, including exports, would slide from 116.9 bcf/d this week to 108.0 bcf/d next week.

Energy Table

Contract	Sett	Chg	High	Low
Nymex Crude Oil APR 23	66.74	-2.10	69.64	65.17
Natural Gas APR 23	2.338	-0.158	2.534	2.327
RB Gasoline APR 23	250.15	-1.74	255.97	244.73
Heating Oil APR 23	267.87	3.52	273.06	263.45
Brent Fin Last Day MAY 23	72.43	-2.27	75.90	71.35
US Dollar Index	103.92	-0.495	104.445	103.687

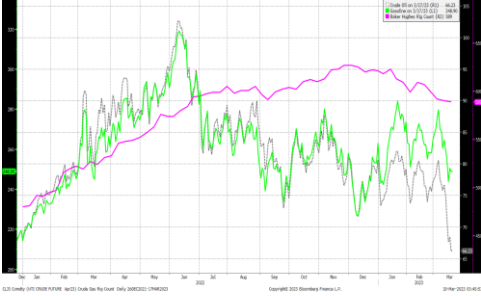
Bloomberg Survey on U.S. Total Change in Inventories

Date	Crude Oil		Gasoline		Crude Oil	
	Actual	Survey	Actual	Survey	Production	Inventory
03/10/2023	1550	1500	-2061	-1617	12200	480063
03/03/2023	-1694	1600	-1134	-2000	12200	478513
24/02/2023	1166	1900	-874	-1000	12300	480207
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	1763	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	1694	1500	-346	-1000	12100	420646
23/12/2022	718	-1200	-3105	500	12000	418952

Fundamental Data:

Event	Period	Avg Survey	Actual	Prior
03/18/2023 01:00	Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Oil Rigs	Mar-17	588	590
03/18/2023 01:00	Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Gas Rigs	Mar-17	--	153
03/18/2023 01:00	Baker Hughes U.S. Rig Count	Mar-17	--	746
03/22/2023 22:30	DOE U.S. Crude Oil Inventories	Mar-17	--	1550k
03/22/2023 22:30	DOE Cushing OK Crude Inventory	Mar-17	--	-1916k
03/22/2023 22:30	DOE U.S. Gasoline Inventories	Mar-17	--	-2061k
03/22/2023 22:30	DOE U.S. Distillate Inventory	Mar-17	--	-2537k
03/22/2023 22:30	DOE U.S. Refinery Utilization	Mar-17	--	2.20%
03/22/2023 22:30	DOE Crude Oil Implied Demand	Mar-17	--	18195
03/22/2023 22:30	DOE Gasoline Implied Demand	Mar-17	--	9484.3
03/22/2023 22:30	DOE Distillate Implied Demand	Mar-17	--	4945.4
03/23/2023 22:30	EIA Natural Gas Storage Change	Mar-17	--	-58
03/23/2023 22:30	EIA Working Natural Gas Implied Flow	Mar-17	--	-58
03/25/2023 01:00	Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Oil Rigs	Mar-24	--	589
03/25/2023 01:00	Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Gas Rigs	Mar-24	--	162
03/25/2023 01:00	Baker Hughes U.S. Rig Count	Mar-24	--	754

U.S. Oil Rig Count vs Nymex Crude Oil & Gasoline Price



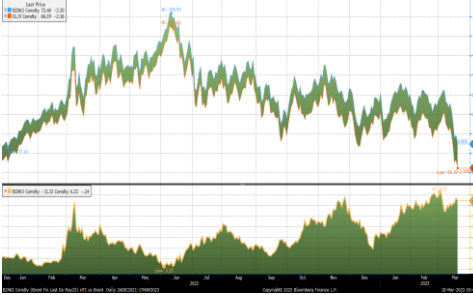
Normalized RBOB Gasoline minus Nymex Crude Oil Price



Total OPEC Crude Oil Production vs Nymex Crude Oil & Gasoline Price & Inventory



WTI-Brent Spread



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		Natural Gas		Gasoline	
1st Resistance:	67.74	1st Resistance:	2.373	1st Resistance:	253.90
1st Support:	65.74	1st Support:	2.303	1st Support:	246.40
MACD:	-2.306	MACD:	-0.091	MACD:	-3.430
MACD DIFF:	-1.189	MACD DIFF:	0.000	MACD DIFF:	-2.378
RSI:	27.958	RSI:	41.269	RSI:	39.759

Heating Oil		Brent Fin Last Day	
1st Resistance:	271.89	1st Resistance:	73.52
1st Support:	263.85	1st Support:	71.34
MACD:	-5.323	MACD:	-2.250
MACD DIFF:	-1.060	MACD DIFF:	-1.211
RSI:	42.882	RSI:	28.539

2nd Resistance:		2nd Support:		2nd Resistance:		2nd Support:	
68.74	64.74	2.408	2.288	257.65	242.65	74.60	70.26

Strategy

	Long	Profit target:	Stop-loss:	Long	Profit target:	Stop-loss:	Short:	Profit target:	Stop-loss:	Short:	Profit target:	Stop-loss:
Crude Oil	65.74	66.40	65.41	64.74	65.39	64.41	67.74	67.06	68.08	68.74	68.05	69.09
Natural Gas	2.303	2.326	2.291	2.268	2.291	2.257	2.373	2.349	2.385	2.408	2.384	2.420
Gasoline	246.40	248.86	245.17	242.65	245.07	241.43	253.90	251.36	255.17	257.65	255.08	258.94
Heating Oil	263.85	266.49	262.53	259.83	262.43	258.53	271.89	269.17	273.25	275.91	273.15	277.29
Brent Fin Last Day	71.34	72.06	70.99	70.26	70.96	69.91	73.52	72.78	73.88	74.60	73.86	74.98

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