

Fundamentals:

Oil prices rose more than \$3 on Monday as Iraq's halt on some crude exports from its semi-autonomous Kurdistan region revived up a market moving higher as worries about a financial crisis eased on news of a U.S. banking acquisition.

Brent crude futures settled up \$3.13, or 4.2%, at \$78.12 a barrel. West Texas Intermediate U.S. crude closed \$3.55, or 5.1%, higher at \$72.81.

Brent gained 2.8% last week while WTI rebounded by 3.8% as jitters in the banking sector eased.

Prices received a lift as Turkey stopped pumping crude from Kurdistan via a pipeline following an arbitration decision that confirmed Baghdad's consent was needed to ship the oil. The exports amount to about half a percent of global oil supply, or 450,000 barrels per day (bpd).

First Citizens BancShares Inc said it will acquire deposits and loans of failed Silicon Valley Bank, closing one chapter in the crisis of confidence that has roiled financial markets.

"Oil prices are edging higher extending gains from the previous week as investors weighed up efforts by the authorities to calm concerns regarding the global banking system," said Fiona Cincotta, senior financial markets analyst at City Index.

There are also hopes for extra support for bank funding after reports that U.S. authorities were in early deliberations about expanding emergency lending facilities.

Wall Street equities gained as the banking deal offered a respite after weeks of turmoil.

Oil prices also drew support from worries of geopolitical turmoil after Russian President Vladimir Putin's plans to station tactical nuclear weapons in Belarus, one of Russia's most pronounced nuclear signals yet.

Russian Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Novak has said Moscow is close to achieving its target of cutting crude output by 500,000 barrels per day (bpd) to about 9.5 million bpd.

Still, Russia's crude exports are expected to remain steady as it cuts refinery output in April, data from industry sources and Reuters calculations showed on Friday.

On the demand side, China's crude oil imports are expected to rise 6.2% in 2023 from last year's level to 540 million tonnes, according to an annual forecast by a research unit of China National Petroleum Corp on Monday.

U.S. natural gas futures dropped about 6% on Monday to a four-week low, on rising output and new forecasts for milder weather and lower heating demand next week that should allow utilities to start injecting gas into storage at the beginning of April.

Front-month gas futures for April delivery fell 12.8 cents, or 5.8%, to settle at \$2.088 per million British thermal units (mmbtu), their lowest since Feb. 21 when it settled at a 29-month low of \$2.073.

The market has been extremely volatile this month, with the contract gaining or losing more than 5% on nine of 19 trading days.

(Source: Reuters)

Energy Table

| Contract | Sett | Chg | High | Low |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|---------|--------|
| Nymex Crude Oil MAY 23 | 72.81 | 3.63 | 73.10 | 69.13 |
| Natural Gas APR 23 | 2.088 | -0.130 | 2.143 | 2.059 |
| RB Gasoline APR 23 | 268.42 | 9.21 | 269.40 | 256.64 |
| Heating Oil APR 23 | 277.04 | 7.03 | 277.67 | 268.19 |
| Brent Fin Last Day JUN 23 | 77.68 | 3.09 | 78.02 | 74.43 |
| US Dollar Index | 102.84 | -0.280 | 103.229 | 102.83 |

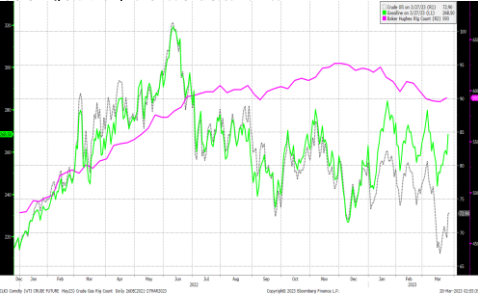
Bloomberg Survey on U.S. Total Change in Inventories

| Date | Crude Oil | | Gasoline | | Crude Oil | |
|------------|-----------|--------|----------|--------|------------|-----------|
| | Actual | Survey | Actual | Survey | Production | Inventory |
| 03/17/2023 | 1117 | -1800 | -6399 | -2364 | 12300 | 481180 |
| 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 | 471934 |
| 03/02/2023 | 2423 | 2000 | 5008 | 1600 | 12300 | 455111 |
| 27/01/2023 | 2576 | -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 | 1694 | 1500 | -346 | -1000 | 12100 | 420646 |

Fundamental Data:

| Event | Period | Avg Survey | Actual | Prior |
|---|--------|------------|--------|--------|
| 03/29/2023 22:30 DOE U.S. Crude Oil Inventories | Mar-24 | -- | -- | 1117k |
| 03/29/2023 22:30 DOE Cushing OK Crude Inventory | Mar-24 | -- | -- | -1063k |
| 03/29/2023 22:30 DOE U.S. Gasoline Inventories | Mar-24 | -- | -- | -6399k |
| 03/29/2023 22:30 DOE U.S. Distillate Inventory | Mar-24 | -- | -- | -3313k |
| 03/29/2023 22:30 DOE U.S. Refinery Utilization | Mar-24 | -- | -- | 0.40% |
| 03/29/2023 22:30 DOE Crude Oil Implied Demand | Mar-24 | -- | -- | 18312 |
| 03/29/2023 22:30 DOE Gasoline Implied Demand | Mar-24 | -- | -- | 9851.4 |
| 03/29/2023 22:30 DOE Distillate Implied Demand | Mar-24 | -- | -- | 5198.3 |
| 03/30/2023 22:30 EIA Natural Gas Storage Change | Mar-24 | -- | -- | -72 |
| 03/30/2023 22:30 EIA Working Natural Gas Implied Flow | Mar-24 | -- | -- | -72 |
| 04/01/2023 01:00 Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Oil Rigs | Mar-31 | -- | -- | 593 |
| 04/01/2023 01:00 Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Gas Rigs | Mar-31 | -- | -- | 162 |
| 04/01/2023 01:00 Baker Hughes U.S. Rig Count | Mar-31 | -- | -- | 758 |

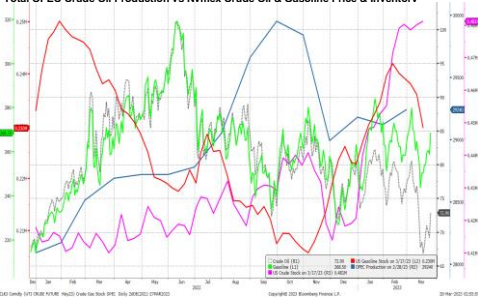
U.S. Oil Rig Count vs Nymex Crude Oil & Gasoline Price



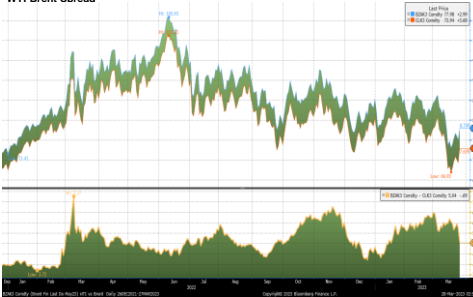
Normalized RBOB Gasoline minus Nymex Crude Oil Price



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



WTI-Brent Spread



Source: Bloomberg

Nymex Crude Daily Chart



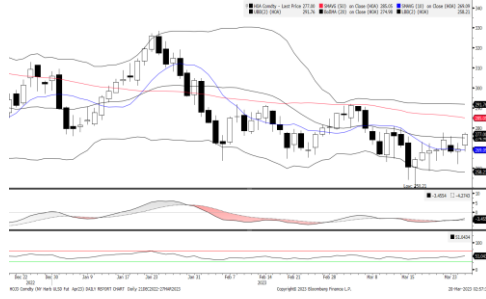
Nymex RBOB Gasoline Daily Chart



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: | 73.90 | 2nd Resistance: | 74.99 | 1st Resistance: | 2.119 | 2nd Resistance: | 2.151 | 1st Resistance: | 272.45 | 2nd Resistance: | 276.47 |
| 1st Support: | 71.72 | 2nd Support: | 70.63 | 1st Support: | 2.057 | 2nd Support: | 2.025 | 1st Support: | 264.39 | 2nd Support: | 260.37 |
| MACD: | -2.003 | | | MACD: | -0.152 | | | MACD: | -1.198 | | |
| MACD DIFF: | -0.028 | | | MACD DIFF: | -0.028 | | | MACD DIFF: | 0.778 | | |
| RSI: | 48.669 | | | RSI: | 37.122 | | | RSI: | 56.631 | | |

| Heating Oil | | | | Brent Fin Last Day | | | |
|-----------------|--------|-----------------|--------|--------------------|--------|-----------------|-------|
| 1st Resistance: | 281.20 | 2nd Resistance: | 285.35 | 1st Resistance: | 78.85 | 2nd Resistance: | 80.01 |
| 1st Support: | 272.88 | 2nd Support: | 268.73 | 1st Support: | 76.51 | 2nd Support: | 75.35 |
| MACD: | -3.489 | | | MACD: | -2.028 | | |
| MACD DIFF: | 0.789 | | | MACD DIFF: | -0.096 | | |
| RSI: | 50.719 | | | RSI: | 47.006 | | |

Strategy

| | Long | Profit target: | Stop-loss: | Long | Profit target: | Stop-loss: | Short: | Profit target: | Stop-loss: | Short: | Profit target: | Stop-loss: |
|--------------------|--------|----------------|------------|--------|----------------|------------|--------|----------------|------------|--------|----------------|------------|
| Crude Oil | 71.72 | 72.44 | 71.36 | 70.63 | 71.33 | 70.27 | 73.90 | 73.16 | 74.27 | 74.99 | 74.24 | 75.37 |
| Natural Gas | 2.057 | 2.077 | 2.046 | 2.025 | 2.046 | 2.015 | 2.119 | 2.098 | 2.130 | 2.151 | 2.129 | 2.161 |
| Gasoline | 264.39 | 267.04 | 263.07 | 260.37 | 262.97 | 259.07 | 272.45 | 269.72 | 273.81 | 276.47 | 273.71 | 277.85 |
| Heating Oil | 272.88 | 275.61 | 271.52 | 268.73 | 271.42 | 267.39 | 281.20 | 278.38 | 282.60 | 285.35 | 282.50 | 286.78 |
| Brent Fin Last Day | 76.51 | 77.28 | 76.13 | 75.35 | 76.10 | 74.97 | 78.85 | 78.06 | 79.24 | 80.01 | 79.21 | 80.41 |

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