

Fundamentals:

Oil prices edged slightly higher on Monday, bouncing back from early losses, as top oil executives at an energy conference in Houston discussed supply tightness and hopes for rising Chinese demand.

Oil market and logistics are tight and vulnerable to any unexpected supply disruption, as Russian oil is still getting to the market, but at different costs, oil major Chevron Corp Chief Executive Mike Wirth said at the CERAWeek energy conference.

Trading company Gunvor's CEO Torbjorn Tornqvist said crude prices may rise in the second half of the year as Chinese demand returns to the market, adding that the oil market has stabilized.

Brent crude futures were trading up 35 cents, or 0.4% at \$86.18 a barrel, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures were up 78 cents, or 1%, at \$90.46.

Oil was also supported by top crude exporter Saudi Arabia raising prices for the flagship Arab light crude it sells to Asia for a second month in April, as well as a weaker dollar.

A weaker greenback makes dollar-denominated crude cheaper for foreign buyers and boosts demand.

Earlier in the session, both benchmarks had decline by more than \$1 per barrel after China on Sunday set a lower-than-expected 5% gross domestic product (GDP) growth target for this year, down from last year's 5.5% target. Policy sources had told Reuters the target could be set as high as 6% for 2023.

China's GDP grew last year by only 3%. Premier Li Keqiang on Sunday said the foundation for stable growth needed to be consolidated, that insufficient demand remained a pronounced problem and expectations of private investors and businesses were unstable.

Oil traders are also concerned about interest rates across the world as global central banks have been tightening policy to fight inflation.

Investors awaited U.S. Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell's testimony this week. Traders have started factoring in rate hikes but are hoping for smaller increases than last year.

The Fed's Powell will testify to Congress on Tuesday and Wednesday, when he is likely to be quizzed on whether larger increases are needed in the world's biggest oil-consuming country.

Future U.S. rate hikes are also likely to depend on what the February payrolls report reveals on Friday, followed by the February inflation report next week.

Over the weekend, European Central Bank President Christine Lagarde said it was "very likely" the bank would raise interest rates this month to keep a lid on inflation.

U.S. natural gas futures plunged by about 15% on Monday - its biggest one-day drop in over eight months - on forecasts for much less cold weather and heating demand than previously expected over the next two weeks.

That price drop came after the contract soared about 9% to a five-week high on Friday as gas flows to U.S. liquefied natural gas (LNG) export plants jumped to a record high with Freeport LNG's export plant in Texas ramping up after exiting an eight-month outage in February.

(Source: Reuters)

Energy Table

Contract	Sett	Chg	High	Low
Nymex Crude Oil APR 23	80.46	0.83	80.63	78.32
Natural Gas APR 23	2.572	-0.397	2.830	2.532
RB Gasoline APR 23	278.65	-4.53	279.92	270.87
Heating Oil APR 23	288.66	-1.96	291.00	283.10
Brent Fin Last Day MAY 23	86.30	0.47	86.36	84.35
US Dollar Index	104.27	-0.248	104.691	104.163

Bloomberg Survey on U.S. Total Change in Inventories

Date	Crude Oil		Gasoline		Crude Oil	
	Actual	Survey	Actual	Survey	Production	Inventory
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	533	1500	1783	1500	12200	448548
13/01/2023	8408	-3000	3483	2400	12200	448015
06/01/2023	4114	-2000	4114	750	12200	439607
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

Fundamental Data:

Event	Period	Avg Survey	Actual	Prior
03/08/2023 01:00	STEO Fwd Yr Dry Nat Gas Forecast	Mar	--	--
03/08/2023 01:00	STEO Curr Yr Dry Nat Gas Forecast	Mar	--	--
03/08/2023 01:00	STEO Fwd Yr Crude Forecast	Mar	--	--
03/08/2023 01:00	STEO Current Yr Crude Forecast	Mar	--	--
03/08/2023 23:30	DOE U.S. Crude Oil Inventories	Mar-03	--	--
03/08/2023 23:30	DOE Cushing OK Crude Inventory	Mar-03	--	--
03/08/2023 23:30	DOE U.S. Gasoline Inventories	Mar-03	--	--
03/08/2023 23:30	DOE U.S. Distillate Inventory	Mar-03	--	--
03/08/2023 23:30	DOE U.S. Refinery Utilization	Mar-03	--	--
03/08/2023 23:30	DOE Crude Oil Implied Demand	Mar-03	--	--
03/08/2023 23:30	DOE Gasoline Implied Demand	Mar-03	--	--
03/08/2023 23:30	DOE Distillate Implied Demand	Mar-03	--	--
03/09/2023 23:30	EIA Natural Gas Storage Change	Mar-03	--	--
03/09/2023 23:30	EIA Working Natural Gas Implied Flow	Mar-03	--	--
03/11/2023 02:00	Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Oil Rigs	Mar-10	--	--
03/11/2023 02:00	Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Gas Rigs	Mar-10	--	--
03/11/2023 02:00	Baker Hughes U.S. Rig Count	Mar-10	--	--

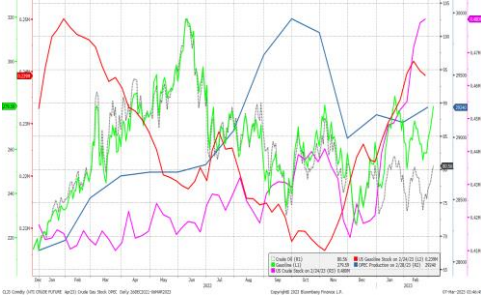
U.S. Oil Rig Count vs Nymex Crude Oil & Gasoline Price



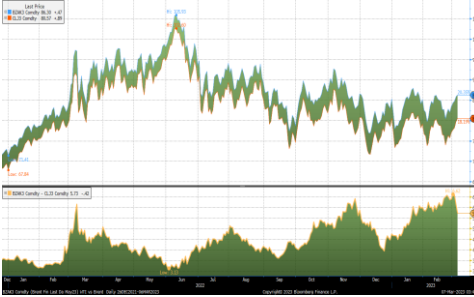
Normalized RBOB Gasoline minus Nymex Crude Oil Price



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



WTI-Brent Spread



Source: Bloomberg

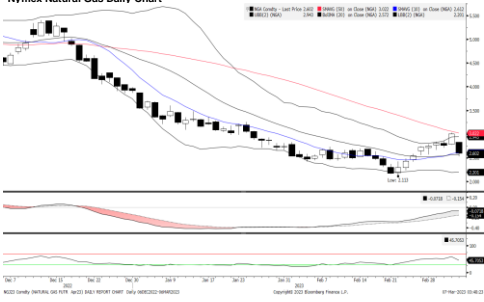
Nymex Crude Daily Chart



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:	81.67	2nd Resistance:	82.87	1st Resistance:	2.611	2nd Resistance:	2.649	1st Resistance:	283.84	2nd Resistance:	288.04
1st Support:	79.25	2nd Support:	78.05	1st Support:	2.533	2nd Support:	2.495	1st Support:	275.46	2nd Support:	271.26
MACD:	0.123			MACD:	-0.071			MACD:	2.141		
MACD DIFF:	0.385			MACD DIFF:	0.083			MACD DIFF:	1.483		
RSI:	59.322			RSI:	45.946			RSI:	64.364		

Heating Oil				Brent Fin Last Day			
1st Resistance:	292.99	2nd Resistance:	297.32	1st Resistance:	87.59	2nd Resistance:	88.89
1st Support:	284.33	2nd Support:	280.00	1st Support:	85.01	2nd Support:	83.71
MACD:	-1.651			MACD:	0.291		
MACD DIFF:	2.160			MACD DIFF:	0.316		
RSI:	52.824			RSI:	58.512		

Strategy												
	Long	Profit target:	Stop-loss:	Long	Profit target:	Stop-loss:	Short:	Profit target:	Stop-loss:	Short:	Profit target:	Stop-loss:
Crude Oil	79.25	80.05	78.86	78.05	78.83	77.66	81.67	80.85	82.08	82.87	82.05	83.29
Natural Gas	2.533	2.559	2.521	2.495	2.520	2.482	2.611	2.584	2.624	2.649	2.623	2.662
Gasoline	275.46	278.21	274.08	271.26	273.97	269.90	283.84	281.01	285.26	288.04	285.16	289.48
Heating Oil	284.33	287.17	282.91	280.00	282.80	278.60	292.99	290.06	294.45	297.32	294.35	298.81
Brent Fin Last Day	85.01	85.86	84.59	83.71	84.55	83.29	87.59	86.72	88.03	86.89	88.00	89.33

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