

**Fundamentals:**

Oil prices settled lower on Monday, after rising for three straight weeks, as concern about further interest rate hikes that could curb demand balanced the prospect of a tighter market due to supply cuts from OPEC+ producers.

The U.S. dollar rose after U.S. jobs data pointed to a tight labor market, heightening expectations of another Federal Reserve rate hike. Dollar strength makes oil more expensive for other currency holders and can weigh on demand.

Brent crude settled down 96 cents, or 0.2%, at \$84.58 a barrel while U.S. West Texas Intermediate also fell 94, or 0.1%, to \$79.74. Both benchmarks fell by more than \$1 earlier in the session

Crude last week jumped more than 6% after OPEC+, the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and allies including Russia, surprised the market with a new round of production cuts starting in May.

Oil also drew support from a steeper-than-expected drop in U.S. crude inventories last week, as well as a decline in gasoline and distillate stocks, hinting at rising demand.

In global financial markets, a U.S. inflation report to be released on Wednesday could help investors gauge the near-term trajectory for interest rates.

Also coming up are monthly reports from OPEC on Thursday and the International Energy Agency on Friday, which will update oil demand and supply forecasts.

U.S. natural gas futures rose 8% on Monday as traders covered short positions following a slide to a one-week low in the last session, while analysts expect high price volatility in the near term.

Front-month gas futures for May delivery on the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) rose 16.1 cents, or 8%, to settle at \$2.172 per million British thermal units (mmBtu).

However, analysts said the market could see high volatility in the near term, given the lack of clear catalysts.

Prices declined more than 9% last week, which was the largest decline since early March, on milder weather and increased output.

Refinitiv said average gas output in the U.S. Lower 48 states has risen to 100 billion cubic feet per day (bcfd) so far in April, up from 98.7 bcfd in March and compared with a monthly record of 100.4 bcfd in January.

"In the U.S. gas markets, mild weather, lackluster industrial activity and concerns about a potential glut in LNG markets due to seasonally elevated storage in Europe have coincided amid relatively resilient supply and led to a sharp sell-off since the beginning of the year," Barclays said in a note.

U.S. energy firms last week cut the number of oil and natural gas rigs operating for a second week in a row, energy services firm Baker Hughes Co BKR.O said in its closely followed report on Thursday.

(Source: Reuters)

**Energy Table**

Contract	Sett	Chg	High	Low	
Nymex Crude Oil	MAY 23 79.74	-0.82	81.22	79.61	
Natural Gas	MAY 23 2.172	0.163	2.223	2.011	
RB Gasoline	MAY 23 280.79	0.35	282.62	276.56	
Heating Oil	MAY 23 288.14	2.55	270.36	263.96	
Brent, Fin Last Day	JUN 23 84.26	-0.86	85.64	84.08	
US Dollar Index		102.55	0.456	102.807	101.988

**Bloomberg Survey on U.S. Total Change in Inventories**

Date	Crude Oil		Gasoline		Crude Oil	
	Actual	Survey	Actual	Survey	Production	Inventory
31/3/2023	-3739	-1700	-4119	-2000	12200	469952
24/3/2023	-7489	1750	-2904	-2250	12200	473691
17/3/2023	1117	-1800	-6399	-2364	12300	481180
10/3/2023	1550	1500	-2061	-1617	12200	480063
3/3/2023	-1694	1600	-1134	-2000	12200	478513
24/2/2023	1166	1900	-874	-1000	12300	480207
17/2/2023	7647	2800	-1856	900	12300	479041
10/2/2023	2316	2000	2316	1500	12300	471394
3/2/2023	2423	2000	5008	1600	12300	455111
27/1/2023	4140	-1000	2576	2000	12200	452688
20/1/2023	533	1500	1763	1500	12200	448548
13/1/2023	8408	-3000	3483	2400	12200	448015

**Fundamental Data:**

Event	Period	Avg Survey	Actual	Prior
04/15/2023 01:00 Baker Hughes U.S. Rig Count	Apr-14	--	--	751
04/15/2023 01:00 Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Gas Rigs	Apr-14	--	--	158
04/15/2023 01:00 Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Oil Rigs	Apr-14	--	--	590
04/12/2023 22:30 DOE Crude Oil Implied Demand	Apr-07	--	--	19878
04/12/2023 22:30 DOE Cushing OK Crude Inventory	Apr-07	--	--	-970k
04/12/2023 22:30 DOE Distillate Implied Demand	Apr-07	--	--	5373.9
04/12/2023 22:30 DOE Gasoline Implied Demand	Apr-07	--	--	10154.9
04/12/2023 22:30 DOE U.S. Crude Oil Inventories	Apr-07	--	--	-3739k
04/12/2023 22:30 DOE U.S. Distillate Inventory	Apr-07	--	--	-3652k
04/12/2023 22:30 DOE U.S. Gasoline Inventories	Apr-07	--	--	-4119k
04/12/2023 22:30 DOE U.S. Refinery Utilization	Apr-07	--	--	-0.70%
04/13/2023 22:30 EIA Natural Gas Storage Change	Apr-07	--	--	-23
04/13/2023 22:30 EIA Working Natural Gas Implied Flow	Apr-07	--	--	-23
04/12/2023 00:00 STEO Curr Yr Dry Nat Gas Forecast	Apr	--	--	100.67
04/12/2023 00:00 STEO Current Yr Crude Forecast	Apr	--	--	12.44
04/12/2023 00:00 STEO Fwd Yr Crude Forecast	Apr	--	--	12.63
04/12/2023 00:00 STEO Fwd Yr Dry Nat Gas Forecast	Apr	--	--	101.69

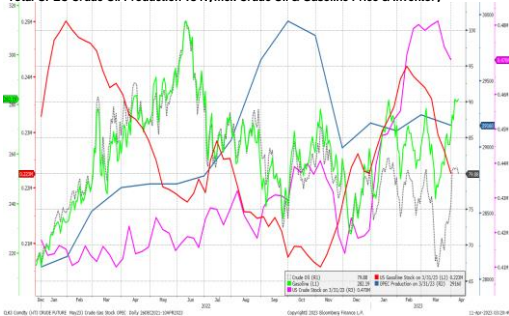
**U.S. Oil Rig Count vs Nymex Crude Oil & Gasoline Price**



**Normalized RBOB Gasoline minus Nymex Crude Oil Price**



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



**WTI-Brent Spread**

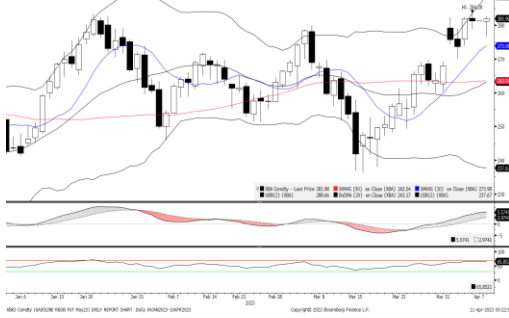


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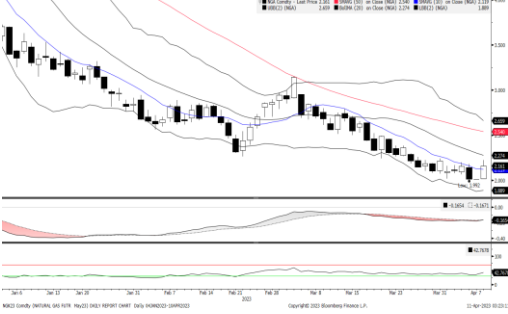
**Nymex Crude Daily Chart**



**Nymex RBOB Gasoline Daily Chart**



**Nymex Natural Gas Daily Chart**



**Nymex Heating Oil Daily Chart**



**Nymex Brent Last Day Daily Chart**



**Technical Analysis**

<b>Crude Oil</b>	1st Resistance: 80.94	2nd Resistance: 82.13	<b>Natural Gas</b>	1st Resistance: 2.205	2nd Resistance: 2.237	<b>Gasoline</b>	1st Resistance: 285.00	2nd Resistance: 289.21
	1st Support: 78.54	2nd Support: 77.35		1st Support: 2.139	2nd Support: 2.107		1st Support: 276.58	2nd Support: 272.37
	MACD: 1.526			MACD: -0.164			MACD: 5.550	
	MACD DIFF: 1.126			MACD DIFF: 0.003			MACD DIFF: 2.581	
	RSI: 62.356			RSI: 43.295			RSI: 65.641	
<b>Heating Oil</b>	1st Resistance: 272.16	2nd Resistance: 276.18	<b>Brent Fin Last Day</b>	1st Resistance: 85.52	2nd Resistance: 86.79			
	1st Support: 264.12	2nd Support: 260.10		1st Support: 83.00	2nd Support: 81.73			
	MACD: -0.747			MACD: 1.235				
	MACD DIFF: 1.688			MACD DIFF: 1.067				
	RSI: 52.503			RSI: 60.952				

**Strategy**

<b>Crude Oil</b>	Long: 78.54	Profit target: 79.33	Stop-loss: 78.15	Long: 77.35	Profit target: 78.12	Stop-loss: 76.96	Short: 80.94	Profit target: 80.13	Stop-loss: 81.34	Short: 82.13	Profit target: 81.31	Stop-loss: 82.54
<b>Natural Gas</b>	2.139	2.161	2.129	2.107	2.128	2.096	2.205	2.183	2.216	2.237	2.215	2.248
<b>Gasoline</b>	276.58	279.34	275.20	272.37	275.09	271.00	285.00	282.15	286.43	289.21	286.32	290.66
<b>Heating Oil</b>	264.12	266.76	262.80	260.10	262.70	258.80	272.16	269.44	273.52	276.18	273.42	277.57
<b>Brent Fin Last Day</b>	83.00	83.83	82.58	81.73	82.55	81.32	85.52	84.67	85.95	86.79	85.92	87.22

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