

**Fundamentals:**

Oil prices rose by more than a dollar a barrel on Friday to record their second-straight week of gains, as supplies tightened in some parts of the world and U.S. inflation data indicated price rises were slowing.

The most actively traded Brent futures, for June delivery, settled up \$1.29, or 1.6%, at \$79.89 a barrel. Brent futures for May delivery, which expired upon settlement, gained 50 cents, or 0.6%, to settle at \$79.77 a barrel.

West Texas Intermediate crude (WTI) for May delivery settled higher by \$1.30, or 1.8%, at \$75.67 a barrel, gaining about 9% for the week.

Data on Friday showed the U.S. Personal Consumption Expenditure (PCE) index, the Federal Reserve's preferred inflation gauge, rose 0.3% in February on a monthly basis, compared with a 0.6% rise in January and an expectation of a 0.4% rise in a Reuters poll.

Signs that inflation is slowing tend to support oil prices as this could point to less aggressive interest rate hikes from the Fed, lifting investor demand for risk assets like commodities and equities.

Oil prices were also buoyed after producers shut in or reduced output at several oilfields in the semi-autonomous Kurdistan region of northern Iraq following a halt to the northern export pipeline.

With prices recovering from recent lows, the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and allies led by Russia are likely to stick to their existing output deal at a meeting on Monday, sources said.

OPEC pumped 28.90 million barrels per day (bpd) this month, a Reuters survey found, down 70,000 bpd from February. Output is down more than 700,000 bpd from September.

Despite Friday's gains, Brent and WTI recorded monthly declines of 5% and 2% respectively, their steepest since November. Brent settled lower for the third quarter in a row, the first time that has happened since 2015.

The benchmarks hit their lowest since 2021 on March 20 in the wake of large bank failures, and while they have recouped some of the losses since then, they remain well below the levels at which they were trading at the start of March.

U.S. natural gas futures jumped about 5% to a one-week high on Friday on forecasts for more demand next week than previously expected with rising amounts of gas flowing to liquefied natural gas (LNG) export plants, but they slumped by a record 50% this quarter.

The quarterly price drop came on rising output and mostly mild weather so far this winter that kept heating demand low and allowed utilities to leave more gas in storage than usual.

Front-month gas futures for May delivery on the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) rose 11.2 cents, or 5.3%, to settle at \$2.216 per million British thermal units (mmBtu), their highest close since March 24.

Despite Friday's gain, the front-month was flat for the week, down 19% for the month and 50% for the quarter. That would be the contract's biggest quarterly drop on record, topping the current record loss of 49% during first quarter of 2001.

(Source: Reuters)

**Energy Table**

Contract	Sett	Chg	High	Low
Nymex Crude Oil MAY 23	75.67	1.30	75.72	73.77
Natural Gas MAY 23	2.216	0.112	2.241	2.074
RB Gasoline MAY 23	268.10	4.32	269.31	260.36
Heating Oil MAY 23	262.06	5.68	262.53	255.76
Brent Fin Last Dav JUN 23	79.89	1.29	79.93	77.85
US Dollar Index	102.60	0.452	102.63	102.048

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

Date	Crude Oil		Gasoline		Crude Oil	
	Actual	Survey	Actual	Survey	Production	Inventory
24/3/2023	-7489	1750	-2904	-2250	12200	472691
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	490207
17/2/2023	7647	2800	-1856	900	12300	479341
10/2/2023	16283	2000	2316	1500	12300	471394
3/2/2023	5008	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
6/1/2023	18961	-2000	4114	750	12200	439607

**Fundamental Data:**

Event	Period	Avg Survey	Actual	Prior
04/01/2023 01:00 Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Oil Rigs	Mar-31	590	592	593
04/01/2023 01:00 Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Gas Rigs	Mar-31	--	160	162
04/01/2023 01:00 Baker Hughes U.S. Rig Count	Mar-31	--	755	758
04/05/2023 22:30 DOE U.S. Crude Oil Inventories	Mar-31	--	--	-7489k
04/05/2023 22:30 DOE Cushing OK Crude Inventory	Mar-31	--	--	-1632k
04/05/2023 22:30 DOE U.S. Gasoline Inventories	Mar-31	--	--	-2904k
04/05/2023 22:30 DOE U.S. Distillate Inventory	Mar-31	--	--	281k
04/05/2023 22:30 DOE U.S. Refinery Utilization	Mar-31	--	--	1.70%
04/05/2023 22:30 DOE Crude Oil Implied Demand	Mar-31	--	--	1859%
04/05/2023 22:30 DOE Gasoline Implied Demand	Mar-31	--	--	9970.9
04/05/2023 22:30 DOE Distillate Implied Demand	Mar-31	--	--	4738.9
04/06/2023 22:30 EIA Natural Gas Storage Change	Mar-31	--	--	-47
04/06/2023 22:30 EIA Working Natural Gas Implied Flow	Mar-31	--	--	-47
04/07/2023 01:00 Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Oil Rigs	Apr-07	--	--	592
04/07/2023 01:00 Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Gas Rigs	Apr-07	--	--	160
04/07/2023 01:00 Baker Hughes U.S. Rig Count	Apr-07	--	--	755

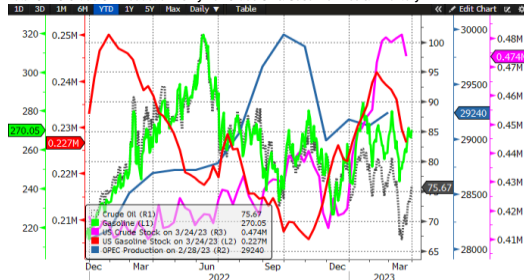
**U.S. Oil Rig Count vs Nymex Crude Oil & Gasoline Price**



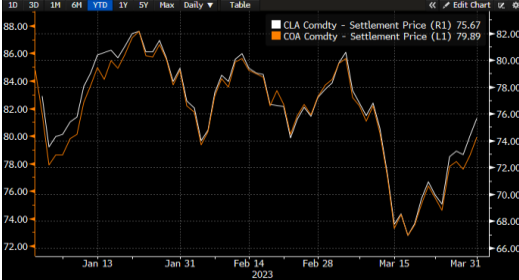
**Normalized RBOB Gasoline minus Nymex Crude Oil Price**



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



**WTI-Brent Spread**



Source: Bloomberg



**Technical Analysis**

Crude Oil	Natural Gas	Gasoline
1st Resistance: 76.81	1st Resistance: 2.249	1st Resistance: 272.12
2nd Resistance: 77.94	2nd Resistance: 2.282	2nd Resistance: 276.14
1st Support: 74.53	1st Support: 2.183	1st Support: 264.08
2nd Support: 73.40	2nd Support: 2.150	2nd Support: 260.06
MACD: -0.792	MACD: -0.172	MACD: 0.752
MACD DIFF: 0.723	MACD DIFF: -0.021	MACD DIFF: 1.703
RSI: 55.907	RSI: 40.306	RSI: 57.548

Heating Oil	Brent Fin Last Day
1st Resistance: 265.99	1st Resistance: 81.09
2nd Resistance: 269.92	2nd Resistance: 82.29
1st Support: 258.13	1st Support: 78.69
2nd Support: 254.20	2nd Support: 77.49
MACD: -4.201	MACD: -1.024
MACD DIFF: 0.740	MACD DIFF: 0.566
RSI: 47.190	RSI: 53.276

**Strategy**

	Long	Profit target	Stop-loss	Long	Profit target	Stop-loss	Short	Profit target	Stop-loss	Short	Profit target	Stop-loss
Crude Oil	74.53	75.28	74.16	73.40	74.13	73.03	76.81	76.04	77.19	77.94	77.16	78.33
Natural Gas	2.183	2.205	2.172	2.150	2.171	2.139	2.249	2.227	2.260	2.282	2.260	2.294
Gasoline	264.08	266.72	262.76	260.06	262.66	258.76	272.12	269.40	273.48	276.14	273.38	277.52
Heating Oil	258.13	260.71	256.84	254.20	256.74	252.93	265.99	263.33	267.32	269.92	267.22	271.27
Brent Fin Last Day	78.69	79.48	78.30	77.49	78.27	77.11	81.09	80.28	81.49	82.29	81.46	82.70

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