

Fundamentals:

Oil prices mostly rose over 2% on Friday after energy firms posted positive earnings and U.S. data showed crude output was declining while fuel demand was growing.

On its last day as the front-month, Brent futures for June delivery rose \$1.17, or 1.5%, to settle at \$79.54 a barrel, while the more actively traded July contract jumped 2.7% to settle at \$80.33.

U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude rose \$2.02, or 2.7%, to settle at \$76.78.

Despite the daily gains, Brent and WTI both declined for a second week in a row, with Brent posting a fourth straight monthly decline as disappointing U.S. economic data and uncertainty over interest rates weighed on the demand outlook.

U.S. officials are coordinating urgent talks to rescue First Republic Bank FRC.N, as private-sector efforts led by the bank's advisers have yet to reach a deal, according to three sources familiar with the situation.

The U.S. Federal Deposit Insurance Corp (FDIC), the Treasury Department and the Federal Reserve are among government bodies that have started to orchestrate meetings with financial companies about a solution for First Republic, the sources said.

U.S. crude production fell in February to 12.5 million barrels per day (bpd), its lowest since December. Fuel demand rose to nearly 20 million bpd, its highest since November, according to the Energy Information Administration (EIA).

EIA data this week showed U.S. crude oil and gasoline inventories fell more than expected last week as demand for the motor fuel picked up ahead of the peak summer driving season.

The number of rigs drilling for oil in the U.S. was unchanged this week at 591, but inched down by one in April in their fifth monthly decline, energy services firm Baker Hughes Co said.

Supply of the five North Sea crude oil grades underpinning the dated Brent benchmark will average about 607,000 bpd in June, compared with 696,000 bpd in May, implying a 13% fall, loading programs showed.

Oil companies Exxon Mobil Corp and Chevron Corp have enjoyed strong demand and held the line on cost-cutting implemented during COVID-19 lockdowns.

Crude prices have declined in recent weeks and months due to worries that interest rate hikes that could reduce demand.

Brent declined about 3% this week after falling about 5% last week, while WTI slid about 1% this week after losing about 6% last week.

For the month, Brent slid less than 1% in April, while WTI gained about 1%. That was the first monthly increase in WTI prices in six months.

U.S. consumer spending was unchanged in March, but persistent strength in underlying inflation pressures could prompt the Fed to hike rates again next week to slow inflation, feeding fears of a possible recession.

(Source: Reuters)

Energy Table

Contract	Sett	Chg	High	Low
Nymex Crude Oil JUN 23	76.78	1.97	76.92	73.93
Natural Gas JUN 23	2.410	0.040	2.529	2.285
RB Gasoline JUN 23	253.01	3.46	255.55	247.32
Heating Oil JUN 23	237.71	2.31	239.43	232.61
Brent Fin Last Day JUL 23	80.27	2.05	80.50	77.50
US Dollar Index	101.68	0.173	102.172	101.423

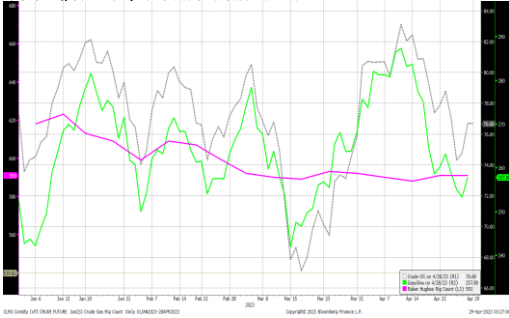
Bloomberg Survey on U.S. Total Change in Inventories

Date	Crude Oil		Gasoline		Crude Oil	
	Actual	Survey	Actual	Survey	Production	Inventory
21/4/2023	-5054	-1500	-2408	-1500	12200	460914
14/4/2023	-4581	-250	1299	-1250	12300	465988
7/4/2023	597	-1050	-330	-1900	12300	470549
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	-1134	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	16283	2000	2316	1500	12300	471394
3/2/2023	2423	2000	5008	1600	12300	455111

Fundamental Data:

Event	Period	Avg Survey	Actual	Prior
04/29/2023 01:00 Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Oil Rigs	Apr-28	591	591	591
04/29/2023 01:00 Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Gas Rigs	Apr-28	--	161	159
04/29/2023 01:00 Baker Hughes U.S. Rig Count	Apr-28	--	755	753
05/03/2023 22:30 DOE U.S. Crude Oil Inventories	Apr-28	--	--	-5054K
05/03/2023 22:30 DOE Cushing OK Crude Inventory	Apr-28	--	--	319K
05/03/2023 22:30 DOE U.S. Gasoline Inventories	Apr-28	--	--	-2408K
05/03/2023 22:30 DOE U.S. Distillate Inventory	Apr-28	--	--	-577K
05/03/2023 22:30 DOE U.S. Refinery Utilization	Apr-28	--	--	0.30%
05/03/2023 22:30 DOE Crude Oil Implied Demand	Apr-28	--	--	19298
05/03/2023 22:30 DOE Gasoline Implied Demand	Apr-28	--	--	10246
05/03/2023 22:30 DOE Distillate Implied Demand	Apr-28	--	--	4844.4
05/04/2023 22:30 EIA Natural Gas Storage Change	Apr-28	--	--	79
05/04/2023 22:30 EIA Working Natural Gas Implied Flow	Apr-28	--	--	79
05/06/2023 01:00 Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Oil Rigs	May-05	--	--	591
05/06/2023 01:00 Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Gas Rigs	May-05	--	--	161
05/06/2023 01:00 Baker Hughes U.S. Rig Count	May-05	--	--	755

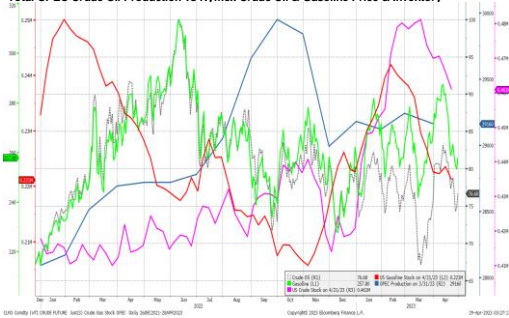
U.S. Oil Rig Count vs Nymex Crude Oil & Gasoline Price



Normalized RBOB Gasoline minus Nymex Crude Oil Price



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

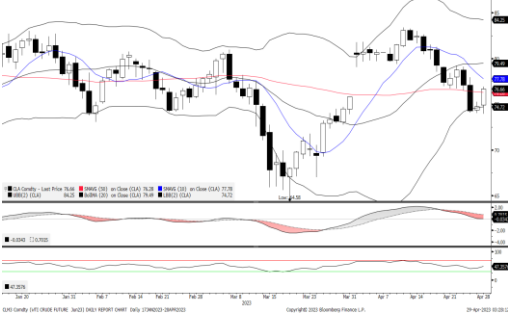


WTI-Brent Spread

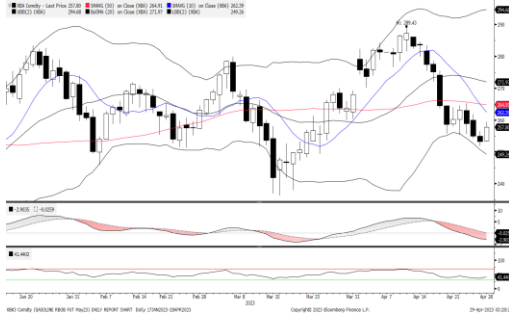


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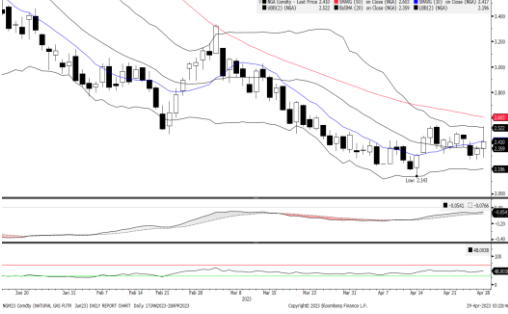
Nymex Crude Daily Chart



Nymex RBOB Gasoline Daily Chart



Nymex Natural Gas Daily Chart



Nymex Heating Oil Daily Chart



Nymex Brent Last Day Daily Chart



Technical Analysis

Crude Oil			Natural Gas			Gasoline					
1st Resistance:	77.93	2nd Resistance:	79.08	1st Resistance:	2.446	2nd Resistance:	2.482	1st Resistance:	256.81	2nd Resistance:	260.60
1st Support:	75.83	2nd Support:	74.48	1st Support:	2.374	2nd Support:	2.338	1st Support:	249.21	2nd Support:	245.42
MACD:	-0.028			MACD:	-0.055			MACD:	-2.573		
MACD DIFF:	-0.731			MACD DIFF:	0.022			MACD DIFF:	-2.829		
RSI:	47.565			RSI:	47.289			RSI:	40.398		
Heating Oil			Brent Fin Last Day								
1st Resistance:	241.28	2nd Resistance:	244.84	1st Resistance:	81.47	2nd Resistance:	82.68				
1st Support:	234.14	2nd Support:	230.58	1st Support:	79.07	2nd Support:	77.86				
MACD:	-5.726			MACD:	-0.308						
MACD DIFF:	-2.304			MACD DIFF:	-0.703						
RSI:	32.844			RSI:	46.500						

Strategy

	Long:	Profit target:	Stop-loss:	Long:	Profit target:	Stop-loss:	Short:	Profit target:	Stop-loss:	Short:	Profit target:	Stop-loss:
Crude Oil	75.63	75.38	75.25	74.48	75.22	74.10	77.93	77.15	78.32	79.08	78.29	79.48
Natural Gas	2.374	2.398	2.362	2.338	2.361	2.326	2.446	2.422	2.458	2.482	2.457	2.495
Gasoline	249.21	251.71	247.97	245.42	247.87	244.19	256.81	254.24	258.09	260.60	257.99	261.90
Heating Oil	234.14	236.49	232.97	230.58	232.88	229.43	241.28	238.86	242.48	244.84	242.39	246.07
Brent Fin Last Day	79.07	79.86	78.67	77.86	78.64	77.47	81.47	80.66	81.88	82.68	81.85	83.09

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