

**Fundamentals:**

Oil prices edged higher on Friday after the International Energy Agency forecast record global demand and tightening supplies, propelling prices to the seventh straight week of gains, the longest such streak since 2022.

Brent crude futures rose 41 cents, or 0.5%, to settle \$86.81 a barrel, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures gained 37 cents, or 0.5%, to settle at \$83.19. On a weekly basis, both benchmarks rose about 0.5%.

The IEA estimated that global oil demand hit a record 103 million barrels per day in June and could scale another peak this month.

Meanwhile, output cuts from Saudi Arabia and Russia set the stage for a sharp decline in inventories over the rest of 2023, which IEA said could drive oil prices even higher.

On Thursday, the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) said it expects global oil demand to rise by 2.44 million bpd this year, unchanged from its previous forecast. Prospects for the oil market look healthy for the second half of the year, OPEC said.

U.S. economic data this week also lifted market sentiment, fueling speculation that the Federal Reserve is nearing the end of aggressive rate hikes.

The last time that Brent rose for seven straight weeks was in January-February 2022, prior to Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

After falling for eight weeks in a row, the number of oil rigs operating in the U.S., an early indicator of future output, held steady at 525 this week, energy services firm Baker Hughes said.

Mixed economic data from China weighed on sentiment this week. While customs data showed crude imports up year on year, China's overall exports plunged 14.5% in July, with monthly crude imports retreating from June's near-record highs to their lowest level since January.

Natural gas futures settled slightly higher as a mixed forecast shows cooler weather before the US heats up again, signaling a rise in demand.

European natural gas prices posted their biggest weekly gain since June as jitters re-emerge about the continent's ability to secure enough supplies ahead of winter.

Benchmark futures soared 28% on Wednesday, before partially retreating through Friday, leaving the contract up more than 20% for the week. Traders are awaiting news about potential strikes at three major liquefied natural gas facilities in Australia, which threaten to disrupt about 10% of global liquefied natural gas exports.

For Europe, the impact would be far more limited than for customers in Japan. The continent has built up much higher inventories than usual for the time of year, and sources its LNG from a wide variety of suppliers.

Still, concerns are that if Asian prices gain in a supply squeeze, US LNG, which makes up the bulk of Europe's imports, would shift away. Up until last year the region depended to a large extent on Russian pipeline gas, exports of which have since dwindled, and any signs of actual or perceived supply disruptions are sparking nervousness in the market.

(Source: Reuters, Bloomberg)

**Energy Table**

Contract	Sett	Chg	High	Low
Nymex Crude Oil SEP 23	83.19	0.24	83.81	82.23
Natural Gas SEP 23	2.770	0.018	2.833	2.701
RB Gasoline SEP 23	296.49	4.17	296.59	289.93
Heating Oil SEP 23	312.15	-3.68	319.49	311.15
Brent, Fin Last Day OCT 23	86.61	0.21	87.35	85.85
US Dollar Index	102.85	0.323	102.91	102.419

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

Date	Crude Oil		Gasoline		Crude Oil	
	Actual	Survey	Actual	Survey	Production	Inventories
4/8/2023	5851	2300	-2661	-200	12600	445622
28/7/2023	-17049	-1050	1481	-1550	12200	439771
21/7/2023	-600	-2250	-786	-1373	12200	456920
14/7/2023	-708	-2500	-1066	-1500	12300	457420
7/7/2023	5946	-50	-4	-1350	12300	458128
30/6/2023	-1508	-2000	-2549	0	12400	452182
23/6/2023	-9603	-1500	603	1000	12200	453690
16/6/2023	479	450	479	800	12200	462393
9/6/2023	7919	-1536	2108	1000	12400	467124
2/6/2023	-452	1500	2745	1000	12400	458205
26/5/2023	4489	-1500	-207	-1100	12200	459657
19/5/2023	-12456	2000	-2053	-1600	12300	455168

**Fundamental Data:**

Event	Period	Avg Survey	Actual	Prior
08/12/2023 01:00 Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Oil Rigs	Aug-11	--	525	525
08/12/2023 01:00 Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Gas Rigs	Aug-11	--	123	128
08/12/2023 01:00 Baker Hughes U.S. Rig Count	Aug-11	--	654	659
08/16/2023 22:30 DOE U.S. Crude Oil Inventories	Aug-11	--	5851k	5851k
08/16/2023 22:30 DOE Cushing OK Crude Inventory	Aug-11	--	159k	159k
08/16/2023 22:30 DOE U.S. Gasoline Inventories	Aug-11	--	-2661k	-2661k
08/16/2023 22:30 DOE U.S. Distillate Inventory	Aug-11	--	-1706k	-1706k
08/16/2023 22:30 DOE U.S. Refinery Utilization	Aug-11	--	1.10%	1.10%
08/16/2023 22:30 DOE Crude Oil Implied Demand	Aug-11	--	1844k	1844k
08/16/2023 22:30 DOE Gasoline Implied Demand	Aug-11	--	10242.9	10242.9
08/16/2023 22:30 DOE Distillate Implied Demand	Aug-11	--	5219.7	5219.7
08/17/2023 22:30 EIA Natural Gas Storage Change	Aug-11	--	29	29
08/17/2023 22:30 EIA Working Natural Gas Implied Flow	Aug-11	--	29	29
08/19/2023 01:00 Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Oil Rigs	Aug-18	--	525	525
08/19/2023 01:00 Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Gas Rigs	Aug-18	--	123	123
08/19/2023 01:00 Baker Hughes U.S. Rig Count	Aug-18	--	654	654

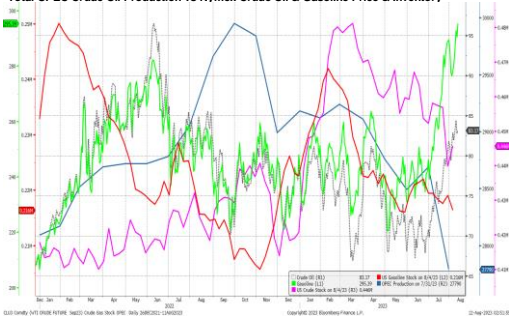
**U.S. Oil Rig Count vs Nymex Crude Oil & Gasoline Price**



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



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



**WTI-Brent Spread**

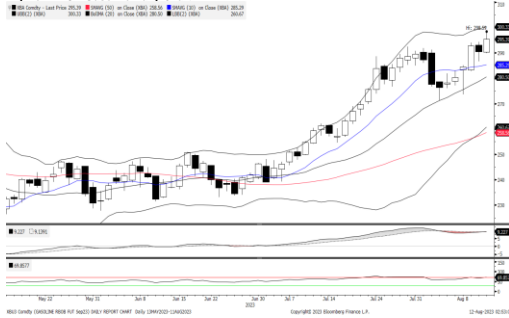


Source: Bloomberg

**Nymex Crude Daily Chart**



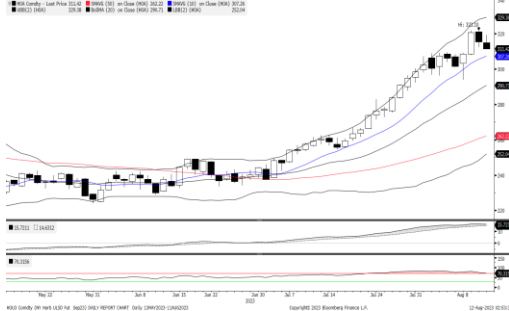
**Nymex RBOB Gasoline Daily Chart**



**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:	84.44	1st Resistance:	2.812	1st Resistance:	300.94
2nd Resistance:	85.69	2nd Resistance:	2.728	2nd Resistance:	305.38
1st Support:	81.94	1st Support:	0.043	1st Support:	292.04
2nd Support:	80.69	2nd Support:	0.021	2nd Support:	287.60
MACD:	2.513	MACD DIFF:	55.514	MACD:	9.169
MACD DIFF:	0.094	RSI:	63.626	MACD DIFF:	0.039
RSI:	63.626			RSI:	69.459

Heating Oil		Brent Fin Last Day	
1st Resistance:	316.83	1st Resistance:	87.91
2nd Resistance:	321.51	2nd Resistance:	89.21
1st Support:	307.47	1st Support:	85.31
2nd Support:	302.79	2nd Support:	84.01
MACD:	15.740	MACD:	2.312
MACD DIFF:	1.104	MACD DIFF:	0.087
RSI:	70.573	RSI:	64.272

**Strategy**

	Long:	Profit target:	Stop-loss:	Long:	Profit target:	Stop-loss:	Short:	Profit target:	Stop-loss:	Short:	Profit target:	Stop-loss:
Crude Oil	81.94	82.76	81.53	80.69	81.50	80.29	84.44	83.59	84.96	85.69	84.83	86.11
Natural Gas	2.728	2.756	2.715	2.687	2.714	2.673	2.812	2.783	2.826	2.853	2.825	2.967
Gasoline	292.04	294.96	290.58	287.60	290.47	286.16	300.94	297.93	302.44	305.38	302.33	306.91
Heating Oil	307.47	310.54	305.93	302.79	305.81	301.27	316.83	313.66	318.42	321.51	318.30	323.12
Brent Fin Last Day	85.31	86.16	84.88	84.01	84.85	83.59	87.91	87.03	88.35	89.21	88.32	89.65

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