

Fundamentals:

Oil prices settled nearly flat in choppy trade on Monday as Russia relaxed its fuel ban and investors eyed elevated interest rates that could curb demand.

Brent crude futures settled 2 cents higher at \$93.29 a barrel.

U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude settled 35 cents lower at \$89.68.

Crude prices fell last week after a hawkish Federal Reserve rattled global financial markets and raised concerns that interest rates could stay higher for longer, crimping oil demand. That snapped a three-week rally of more than 10% after Saudi Arabia and Russia constrained supply by extending production cuts to the end of the year.

Russia approved changes to its fuel export ban, lifting restrictions for fuel used as bunkering for some vessels and diesel with high sulphur content, a government document showed on Monday.

The export ban on all types of gasoline and high-quality diesel, announced last Thursday, remained in place.

Last week, Moscow issued a temporary ban on gasoline and diesel exports to most countries to stabilise the domestic market, fanning concerns of low products supply as the Northern Hemisphere heads into winter.

Also weighing on oil prices, the U.S. dollar index strengthened to its highest since November 2022. A stronger greenback makes U.S. dollar-priced oil more expensive for holders of other currencies, curtailing demand.

On the supply side, the number of operating oil rigs in the U.S. fell by eight to 507 last week - the lowest count since February 2022 - despite higher prices, a weekly report from Baker Hughes showed on Friday.

Compounding supply constraints, U.S. oil refiners are expected to have about 1.7 million barrels per day (bpd) of capacity offline for the week ending Sept. 25, decreasing available refining capacity by 324,000 bpd, research company IIR Energy said on Monday.

Offline capacity is expected to rise to 1.9 million bpd in the week ending Oct. 6, IIR added.

In Iran, an explosion was reported on Monday at Iran's southern refinery of Bandar Abbas, according to the official IRNA news agency, following a gas leak.

Expectations of better economic data this week from China, the world's largest crude importer, lifted sentiment. However, analysts flagged that oil prices face technical resistance at the November 2022 highs reached hit last week.

China's manufacturing sector is expected to expand in September, with the purchasing manufacturing index forecast to rise above 50 for the first time since March, Goldman Sachs analysts said.

U.S. natural gas futures settled steady on Monday, as less gas flowing to the nation's liquefied natural gas (LNG) export plants offset support from healthy demand projections.

Front-month gas futures for October delivery on the New York Mercantile Exchange settled little changed at \$2.639 per million British thermal units.

(Source: Reuters)

Energy Table

Contract	Sett	Chg	High	Low
Nymex Crude Oil NOV 23	89.68	-0.07	90.83	89.03
Natural Gas OCT 23	2.639	-0.002	2.671	2.606
RB Gasoline OCT 23	254.39	-2.40	258.71	252.94
Heating Oil OCT 23	326.22	-4.47	334.82	324.91
Brent Fin Last Day DEC 23	92.00	0.04	92.73	91.21
US Dollar Index	105.95	0.366	106.097	105.517

Bloomberg Survey on U.S. Total Change in Inventories

Date	Crude Oil		Gasoline		Crude Oil	
	Actual	Survey	Actual	Survey	Production	Inventory
15/9/2023	-2136	-1700	-831	1100	12900	418456
8/9/2023	3955	-2481	5561	-850	12900	420592
1/9/2023	-6307	-2000	-2666	-1000	12800	416637
25/8/2023	-10584	-2191	-214	-1250	12800	422944
18/8/2023	-6134	-3000	1468	-481	12800	433528
11/8/2023	-5960	-2500	-262	-1100	12700	439662
4/8/2023	5851	2300	-2661	-200	12600	445622
28/7/2023	1481	-1050	1481	-1550	12200	439771
21/7/2023	-600	-2250	-786	-1373	12200	456820
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

Fundamental Data:

Event	Period	Avg Survey	Actual	Prior
09/27/2023 22:30 DOE U.S. Crude Oil Inventories	Sep-22	--	--	-2136k
09/27/2023 22:30 DOE Cushing OK Crude Inventory	Sep-22	--	--	-2064k
09/27/2023 22:30 DOE U.S. Gasoline Inventories	Sep-22	--	--	-831k
09/27/2023 22:30 DOE U.S. Distillate Inventory	Sep-22	--	--	-2867k
09/27/2023 22:30 DOE U.S. Refinery Utilization	Sep-22	--	--	-1.80%
09/27/2023 22:30 DOE Crude Oil Implied Demand	Sep-22	--	--	19722
09/27/2023 22:30 DOE Gasoline Implied Demand	Sep-22	--	--	9553.7
09/27/2023 22:30 DOE Distillate Implied Demand	Sep-22	--	--	5274.6
09/28/2023 22:30 EIA Natural Gas Storage Change	Sep-22	--	--	64
09/28/2023 22:30 EIA Working Natural Gas Implied Flow	Sep-22	--	--	64
09/30/2023 01:00 Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Oil Rigs	Sep-29	--	--	507
09/30/2023 01:00 Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Gas Rigs	Sep-29	--	--	118
09/30/2023 01:00 Baker Hughes U.S. Rig Count	Sep-29	--	--	630

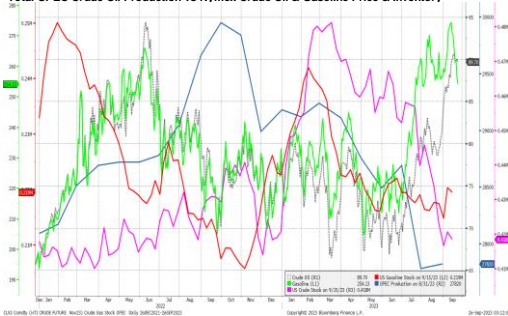
U.S. Oil Rig Count vs Nymex Crude Oil & Gasoline Price



Normalized RBOB Gasoline minus Nymex Crude Oil Price



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

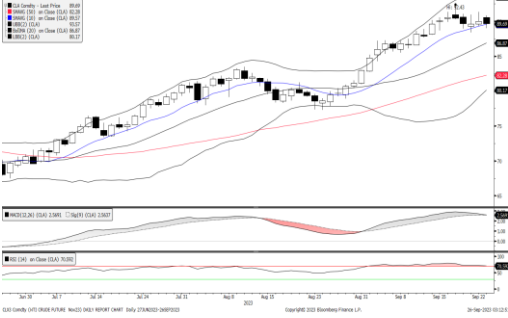


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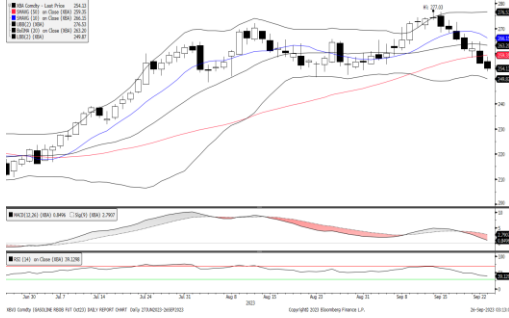


Source: Bloomberg

Nymex Crude Daily Chart



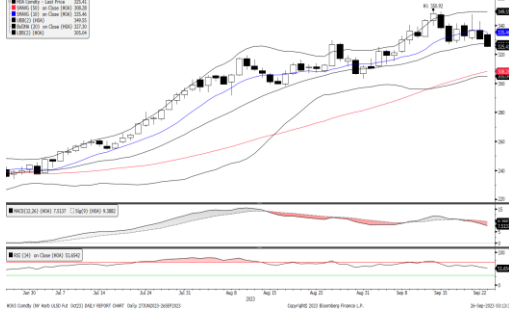
Nymex RBOB Gasoline Daily Chart



Nymex Natural Gas Daily Chart



Nymex Heating Oil Daily Chart



Nymex Brent Last Day Daily Chart



Technical Analysis

Crude Oil	1st Resistance: 91.03	2nd Resistance: 92.37	Natural Gas	1st Resistance: 2.679	2nd Resistance: 2.718	Gasoline	1st Resistance: 258.21	2nd Resistance: 262.02
	1st Support: 88.33	2nd Support: 86.99		1st Support: 2.599	2nd Support: 2.560		1st Support: 250.57	2nd Support: 246.76
	MACD: 2.591			MACD: -0.012			MACD: 0.824	
	MACD DIFF: 0.022			MACD DIFF: -0.001			MACD DIFF: -1.964	
	RSI: 72.628			RSI: 46.865			RSI: 38.784	
Heating Oil	1st Resistance: 331.11	2nd Resistance: 336.01	Brent Fin Last Day	1st Resistance: 93.38	2nd Resistance: 94.76			
	1st Support: 321.33	2nd Support: 316.43		1st Support: 90.62	2nd Support: 89.24			
	MACD: 7.573			MACD: 2.231				
	MACD DIFF: -1.927			MACD DIFF: -0.093				
	RSI: 52.127			RSI: 68.905				

Strategy

	Long:	Profit target:	Stop-loss:	Long:	Profit target:	Stop-loss:	Short:	Profit target:	Stop-loss:	Short:	Profit target:	Stop-loss:
Crude Oil	88.33	89.22	87.89	86.99	87.86	86.55	91.03	90.11	91.48	92.37	91.45	92.83
Natural Gas	2.599	2.625	2.586	2.560	2.585	2.547	2.679	2.652	2.692	2.718	2.691	2.732
Gasoline	250.57	253.08	249.32	246.76	249.23	245.52	258.21	255.62	259.50	262.02	259.40	263.33
Heating Oil	321.33	324.54	319.72	316.43	319.60	314.85	331.11	327.80	332.77	336.01	332.65	337.69
Brent Fin Last Day	90.62	91.53	90.17	89.24	90.13	88.79	93.38	92.45	93.85	94.76	93.81	95.23

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