

Fundamentals:

Oil prices rose on Friday but remained posted their steepest weekly losses since March, after another partial lifting of Russia's fuel export ban compounded demand fears due to macroeconomic headwinds.

On Friday, Brent futures settled up 51 cents at \$84.58 per barrel. U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude futures settled up 48 cents at \$82.79.

For the week, Brent posted a decline of about 11% and WTI recorded an over 8% drop, on worries that persistently high interest rates will slow global growth and hammer fuel demand, even if supplies are depressed by Saudi Arabia and Russia, who said they will continue supply cuts to year end.

U.S. job growth rose by 336,000 in September according to Labor Department statistics, far exceeding economists' forecasts of a 170,000 rise.

The sentiment of the statistics is mixed for oil prices. A robust U.S. economy could buoy sentiment for near-term oil demand, analysts said, but conversely the statistics resulted in a stronger U.S. dollar and increased bets on another interest rate hike in 2023.

A strong U.S. dollar is typically negative for oil demand, making the commodity relatively more expensive for holders of other currencies.

Russia announced it had lifted its ban on diesel exports for supplies delivered to ports by pipeline. Companies still must sell at least 50% of their diesel production to the domestic market.

The price spread between gasoil and Brent futures fell to the lowest since July at \$23.59 a barrel on the news, but have since rebounded to \$25.84.

But reports of firmer Chinese travel activity has for now provided a floor to prices. The country's mid-autumn and National Day holiday travel rose 71.3% on the year and 4.1% compared with 2019 to 826 million trips, according to news agency Xinhua.

In an indication of future U.S. supply, U.S. oil rigs fell five to 497 this week, their lowest number since February 2022, energy services firm Baker Hughes said on Friday.

U.S. natural gas futures jumped about 5% on Friday and 14% for the week to an eight-month high as lower output, rising exports, cooler weather and rising heating demand forced some traders to buy contracts in a technical short squeeze.

Also supporting prices, workers at U.S. energy firm Chevron's two liquefied natural gas (LNG) export plants in Western Australia voted to restart strikes. Australia was the world's biggest LNG exporter in 2022, according to data from LSEG.

If those strikes reduce the amount of LNG Australia exports, global gas prices will rise, including in the U.S., which is on track to become the world's biggest LNG exporter in 2023.

Front-month gas futures for November delivery on the New York Mercantile Exchange rose 17.2 cents, or 5.4%, to settle at \$3.338 per million British thermal units, their highest close since Jan. 23.

(Source: Reuters)

Energy Table

Contract	Sett	Chg	High	Low
Nymex Crude Oil NOV 23	82.79	0.48	83.28	81.50
Natural Gas NOV 23	3.338	0.158	3.364	3.166
RB Gasoline NOV 23	219.22	0.06	222.27	217.92
Heating Oil NOV 23	290.08	3.88	296.22	283.36
Brent Fin Last Day DEC 23	84.46	0.39	84.96	83.45
US Dollar Index	106.11	-0.219	106.974	105.952

Bloomberg Survey on U.S. Total Change in Inventories

Date	Crude Oil		Gasoline		Crude Oil	
	Actual	Survey	Actual	Survey	Production	Inventories
29/9/2023	-2224	50	6481	-300	12900	414063
22/9/2023	-2169	-900	1027	-500	12900	416287
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	-262	-2500	-262	-1100	12700	439662
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	456820
14/7/2023	-708	-2500	-1066	-1500	12300	457420

Fundamental Data:

Event	Period	Avg Survey	Actual	Prior
10/07/2023 01:00 Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Oil Rigs	Oct-06	--	497	502
10/07/2023 01:00 Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Gas Rigs	Oct-06	--	118	116
10/07/2023 01:00 Baker Hughes U.S. Rig Count	Oct-06	--	619	623
10/12/2023 00:00 STEO Fwd Yr Dry Nat Gas Forecast	Oct	--	--	104.93
10/12/2023 00:00 STEO Curr Yr Dry Nat Gas Forecast	Oct	--	--	102.69
10/12/2023 00:00 STEO Fwd Yr Crude Forecast	Oct	--	--	13.16
10/12/2023 00:00 STEO Current Yr Crude Forecast	Oct	--	--	12.78
10/12/2023 22:30 EIA Natural Gas Storage Change	Oct-06	--	--	86
10/12/2023 22:30 EIA Working Natural Gas Implied Flow	Oct-06	--	--	86
10/12/2023 23:00 DOE U.S. Crude Oil Inventories	Oct-06	--	--	-2224k
10/12/2023 23:00 DOE Cushing OK Crude Inventory	Oct-06	--	--	132k
10/12/2023 23:00 DOE U.S. Gasoline Inventories	Oct-06	--	--	6481k
10/12/2023 23:00 DOE U.S. Distillate Inventory	Oct-06	--	--	-1269k
10/12/2023 23:00 DOE U.S. Refinery Utilization	Oct-06	--	--	-2.20%
10/12/2023 23:00 DOE Crude Oil Implied Demand	Oct-06	--	--	19433
10/12/2023 23:00 DOE Gasoline Implied Demand	Oct-06	--	--	8850.7
10/12/2023 23:00 DOE Distillate Implied Demand	Oct-06	--	--	4955.3

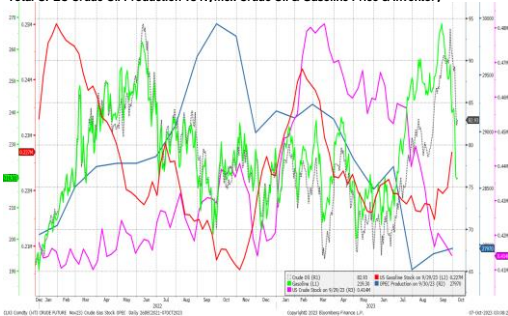
U.S. Oil Rig Count vs Nymex Crude Oil & Gasoline Price



Normalized RBOB Gasoline minus Nymex Crude Oil Price



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

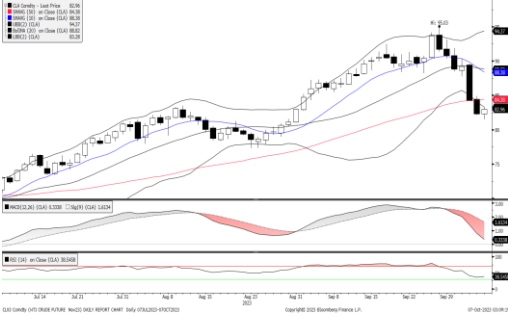


WTI-Brent Spread

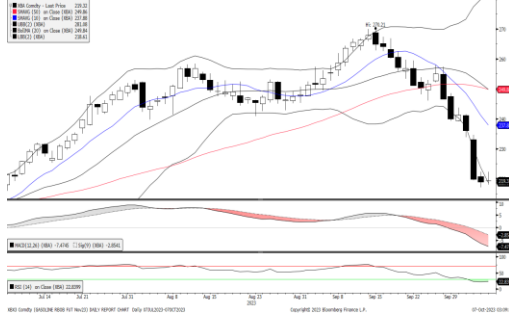


Source: Bloomberg

Nymex Crude Daily Chart



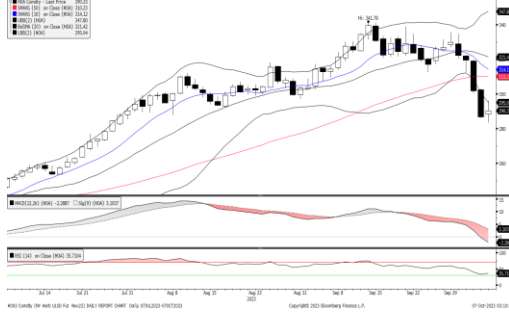
Nymex RBOB Gasoline Daily Chart



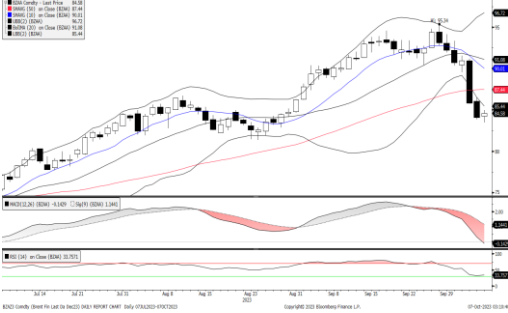
Nymex Natural Gas Daily Chart



Nymex Heating Oil Daily Chart



Nymex Brent Last Day Daily Chart



Technical Analysis

Crude Oil	1st Resistance: 84.03	2nd Resistance: 85.27	1st Support: 81.55	2nd Support: 80.31	Natural Gas	1st Resistance: 3.388	2nd Resistance: 3.438	1st Support: 3.298	2nd Support: 3.238	Gasoline	1st Resistance: 222.51	2nd Resistance: 225.80	1st Support: 215.93	2nd Support: 212.64
	MACD: 0.320		MACD: -1.290			MACD: 0.010		MACD: 0.045			MACD: -7.504		MACD: -4.643	
	RSI: 37.955		RSI: 66.974			RSI: 22.282								
Heating Oil	1st Resistance: 294.43	2nd Resistance: 298.78	1st Support: 285.73	2nd Support: 281.38	Brent Fin Last Day	1st Resistance: 85.73	2nd Resistance: 86.99	1st Support: 83.19	2nd Support: 81.93					
	MACD: -2.257		MACD: -5.965			MACD: -0.153		MACD: -1.295						
	RSI: 36.020		RSI: 33.225											

Strategy

Crude Oil	Long: 81.55	Profit target: 82.36	Stop-loss: 81.14	Long: 80.31	Profit target: 81.11	Stop-loss: 79.90	Short: 84.03	Profit target: 83.19	Stop-loss: 84.45	Short: 85.27	Profit target: 84.42	Stop-loss: 85.70
Natural Gas	3.288	3.321	3.271	3.238	3.270	3.222	3.388	3.354	3.405	3.438	3.404	3.455
Gasoline	215.93	218.09	214.85	212.64	214.77	211.58	222.51	220.28	223.62	225.80	223.54	226.93
Heating Oil	285.73	288.59	284.30	281.38	284.19	279.97	294.43	291.49	295.90	298.78	295.79	300.28
Brent Fin Last Day	83.19	84.03	82.78	81.93	82.75	81.52	85.73	84.87	86.16	86.99	86.12	87.43

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