

**Fundamentals:**

Oil prices fell by \$2 per barrel to their lowest in two weeks on Wednesday, as investors became more concerned that recent economic data will mean more aggressive interest rate increases by central banks, pressuring economic growth and fuel demand.

Brent crude futures settled \$2.45, or 3%, lower at \$80.60 per barrel. The West Texas Intermediate crude futures (WTI) dropped \$2.41, or 3%, to end at \$74.05 a barrel.

The settlement levels were the lowest for both benchmarks since Feb. 3.

Minutes from the latest U.S. Federal Reserve meeting showed a majority of Fed officials agreed that the risks of high inflation remained a "key factor" shaping monetary policy and warranted continued rate hikes until it was controlled.

The U.S. dollar index gained for a second straight session, making greenback-denominated oil more expensive for holders of other currencies.

Other U.S. economic reports, however, showed some troubling signs for the world's biggest oil consumer. Sales of existing homes fell in January to their lowest since October 2010.

U.S. crude stockpiles have grown weekly for about two months, and were forecast in a Reuters poll to have risen 2.1 million barrels last week.

The American Petroleum Institute, an industry group, releases its inventory report at 4:30 p.m. ET (2130 GMT).

Demand for crude oil is also seasonally lower with major U.S. refineries deep in maintenance season, said Price Group analyst Phil Flynn.

Some 1.44 million barrels per day of U.S. refining capacity is expected to be offline in the week ending March 3, according to research company IIR energy.

A massive snowstorm in the U.S. Northern Plains and Upper Midwest has also hit fuel demand, with 3,500 flights delayed or cancelled across the country so far, according to FlightAware.com. U.S. gasoline futures slid almost 4% to their lowest in two weeks.

US natural gas futures rallied the most in a month amid signs that the market is nearing a bottom after earlier plunging to less than \$2 per million British thermal unit.

Gas for March delivery settled 4.9% higher at \$2.174 on Wednesday. That capped a volatile day: The futures at one point surged as much as 11% on the New York Mercantile Exchange, after previously touching \$1.967, the lowest intraday level since September 2020.

The prospect for increased gas demand from the Freeport LNG export terminal in Texas, which is currently in the process of reopening after a June explosion knocked it offline, helped support prices, said Dennis Kissler, a trader at Bok Financial Securities. He also cited indications that current depressed prices will lead producers including Chesapeake Energy Corp. to slow down drilling activities, which could ultimately curb production.

(Source: Reuters, Bloomberg)

**Energy Table**

Contract	Sett	Chg	High	Low
Nymex Crude Oil	APR 23 73.95	-2.50	76.55	73.80
Natural Gas	MAR 23 2.174	0.088	2.302	1.967
RB Gasoline	MAR 23 233.76	-9.07	243.12	232.04
Heating Oil	MAR 23 271.48	-8.94	280.95	270.00
Brent Fin Last Day	APR 23 80.46	-2.59	83.23	80.44
US Dollar Index		0.377	104.595	104.006

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

Date	Crude Oil		Gasoline		Crude Oil	
	Actual	Survey	Actual	Survey	Production	Inventory
17/02/2023	-	2900	-	1100	-	-
10/02/2023	16283	2000	2316	1500	12300	471394
03/02/2023	2423	2000	5008	1600	12300	455111
27/01/2023	4140	-1000	2576	2000	12200	452688
20/01/2023	533	1500	1763	1500	12200	448546
13/01/2023	8408	-3000	3483	2400	12200	448015
06/01/2023	18961	-2000	4114	750	12200	439607
30/12/2022	-346	1500	-346	-1000	12100	420646
23/12/2022	718	-1200	-3105	500	12000	418952
16/12/2022	-5895	2500	2530	2000	12100	418234
09/12/2022	10231	-3500	4496	2500	12100	424123
02/12/2022	-5186	-3418	5319	2474	12200	413898

**Fundamental Data:**

Event	Period	Avg Survey	Actual	Prior
02/23/2023 23:30	EIA Natural Gas Storage Change	Feb-17	-59	-100
02/23/2023 23:30	EIA Working Natural Gas Implied Flow	Feb-17	-59	-100
02/24/2023 00:00	DOE U.S. Crude Oil Inventories	Feb-17	2900k	16283k
02/24/2023 00:00	DOE Cushing OK Crude Inventory	Feb-17	-	659k
02/24/2023 00:00	DOE U.S. Gasoline Inventories	Feb-17	1100k	2316k
02/24/2023 00:00	DOE U.S. Distillate Inventory	Feb-17	-1102k	-1285k
02/24/2023 00:00	DOE U.S. Refinery Utilization	Feb-17	-0.25%	-1.40%
02/24/2023 00:00	DOE Crude Oil Implied Demand	Feb-17	-	16206
02/24/2023 00:00	DOE Gasoline Implied Demand	Feb-17	-	9060.1
02/24/2023 00:00	DOE Distillate Implied Demand	Feb-17	-	4913.6
02/25/2023 02:00	Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Oil Rigs	Feb-24	609	607
02/25/2023 02:00	Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Gas Rigs	Feb-24	-	151
02/25/2023 02:00	Baker Hughes U.S. Rig Count	Feb-24	-	760

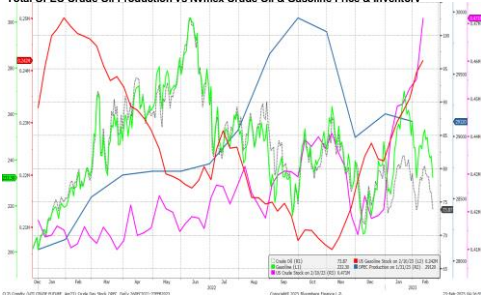
**U.S. Oil Rig Count vs Nymex Crude Oil & Gasoline Price**



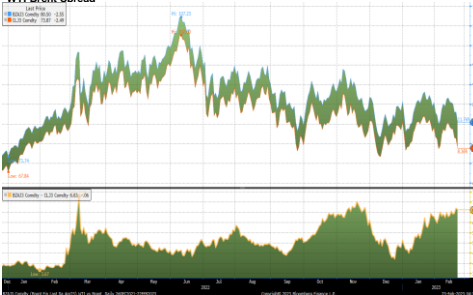
**Normalized RBOB Gasoline minus Nymex Crude Oil Price**



**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:	75.06	1st Resistance:	2.207	1st Resistance:	237.27
1st Support:	72.84	1st Support:	2.141	1st Support:	230.25
MACD:	-0.494	MACD:	-0.340	MACD:	-1.316
MACD DIFF:	-0.379	MACD DIFF:	0.032	MACD DIFF:	-1.884
RSI:	37.154	RSI:	30.564	RSI:	39.582

Heating Oil		Brent Fin Last Day	
1st Resistance:	275.55	1st Resistance:	81.67
1st Support:	267.41	1st Support:	79.25
MACD:	-9.010	MACD:	-0.225
MACD DIFF:	-1.884	MACD DIFF:	-0.384
RSI:	37.679	RSI:	39.061

2nd Resistance:		2nd Support:		2nd Resistance:		2nd Support:	
76.17	71.73	2.229	2.109	240.77	226.75	82.87	78.05

**Strategy**

	Long	Profit target:	Stop-loss:	Long	Profit target:	Stop-loss:	Short:	Profit target:	Stop-loss:	Short:	Profit target:	Stop-loss:
Crude Oil	72.84	73.57	72.48	71.73	72.45	71.37	75.06	74.31	75.43	76.17	75.41	76.55
Natural Gas	2.141	2.163	2.131	2.109	2.130	2.098	2.207	2.185	2.218	2.239	2.217	2.250
Gasoline	230.25	232.56	229.10	226.75	229.01	225.61	237.27	234.89	238.45	240.77	238.37	241.98
Heating Oil	267.41	270.08	266.07	263.34	265.97	262.02	275.55	272.80	276.93	279.62	276.83	281.02
Brent Fin Last Day	79.25	80.05	78.86	78.05	78.83	77.66	81.67	80.85	82.08	82.87	82.05	83.29

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