

MarketWatch | Refined Products

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Market Commentary

All NYMEX | Prior Settlements

Recap: Oil prices rose toward 6-week highs on Monday, supported by hopes that a preliminary U.S.-China trade deal would soon be reached. WTI traded at a session high of \$57.43 a barrel, its highest in more than a month as market optimism about progress in U.S.-China trade negotiations propelled U.S. stock indexes to record highs, helping to elevate oil. Brent topped the session at \$62.78 a barrel. December WTI finished the session trading at \$56.54 a barrel, up 34 cents, or 0.60%, while January Brent added 44 cents, or 0.71%, to settle at \$62.13 a barrel, its highest finish in 5 weeks. December RBOB finished up 0.5% at \$1.6637 a gallon and December heating oil up 0.4% at \$1.9405 a gallon.

<u>Technical Analysis:</u> Monday's trading session pushed WTI into a larger area of consolidation, with the December contract pushing through its 200-day moving average. At this point, we would look for prices to grind higher, working toward the \$60.00 mark. Resistance prior to \$60.00 is set at \$58.21. To the downside, support is seen at \$55.42 and below that at \$54.00.

<u>Fundamental News:</u> Iran's nuclear chief, Ali Akbar Salehi, said the country is launching a new array of 30 advanced IR-6 centrifuges on Monday, scaling back Iran's commitments under a nuclear agreement with major powers.

A spokesman for the U.S. Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration said on Monday the precise source of the leak on TC Energy's Keystone oil pipeline has not been identified yet. There remains no estimated timeline for a restart of the 590,000 b/d crude oil pipeline which was shut down after the discovery of a 9,000 barrel leak last week.

Venezuela's oil exports eased in October, but surpassed 800,000 bpd for a second month in a row, helping to drain an inventory buildup that had forced the OPEC country to cut output, according to documents and data.

Genscape reported that crude oil stocks held in Cushing, Oklahoma in the week ending Friday, November 1st increased by 1,765,525 barrels on the week and by 284,846 barrels from Tuesday, October 29th to 48,942,004 barrels.

Iran's Oil Minister, Bijan Zanganeh, said he expects further production cuts to be agreed at the next OPEC meeting in December.

Several units at Monroe Energy's 185,000 bpd Trainer refinery were up and running on Saturday and Sunday following a brief upset on Friday for ongoing maintenance. A 92,500 bpd crude distillation unit and a 26,000 bpd VDU resumed operations on Saturday evening following planned work that started on September 30th. A 50,000 bpd catalytic reformer resumed operations on Saturday morning following an upset on Friday. A 26,000 bpd diesel hydrotreater was restarted on Sunday afternoon following the upset. Meanwhile, a 23,000 bpd hydrocracker remains offline following an upset.

IIR Energy reported that US oil refiners are expected to shut in 1.29 million bpd of capacity in the week ending November 8^{th} , increasing available refining capacity by 181,000 bpd on the week. Offline capacity is expected to fall to 931,000 bpd in the week ending November 15^{th} .

Early Market Call - as of 9:00 AM EDT WTI - Dec \$57.08, up 55 cents RBOB - Dec \$1.6764, up 1.24 cents HO - Dec \$1.9509, up 1.06 cents

	ULSD (HO)	Prior Settle	Change In
Month	Close	Change	One Week
Dec-19	\$1.9405	\$0.0074	\$0.0132
Jan-20	\$1.9336	\$0.0089	\$0.0125
Feb-20	\$1.9227	\$0.0099	\$0.0286
Mar-20	\$1.9049	\$0.0097	\$0.0105
Apr-20	\$1.8830	\$0.0091	\$0.0114
May-20	\$1.8699	\$0.0088	\$0.0107
Jun-20	\$1.8620	\$0.0083	\$0.0101
Jul-20	\$1.8600	\$0.0079	\$0.0094
Aug-20	\$1.8597	\$0.0075	\$0.0089
Sep-20	\$1.8612	\$0.0074	\$0.0083
Oct-20	\$1.8630	\$0.0072	\$0.0082
Nov-20	\$1.8647	\$0.0071	\$0.0084
Dec-20	\$1.8659	\$0.0069	\$0.0081
Jan-21	\$1.8669	\$0.0067	\$0.0070
Feb-21	\$1.8619	\$0.0062	\$0.0066
Mar-21	\$1.8514	\$0.0057	\$0.0067
Apr-21	\$1.8339	\$0.0052	\$0.0072

Other Front Mo	nth NYMEX	Close	Change
Crude - WTI	Jan Brent-	\$56.5400	\$0.3400
Crude - Brent	WTI Spread	\$62.1300	\$0.4400
Natural Gas	\$5.59	\$2.8210	\$0.1070
Gasoline		\$1.6637	\$0.0080



