

## Market Commentary

**Recap:** Oil prices held steady on Thursday with spot month futures in WTI unable to sustain itself above \$64.00 a barrel and June Brent holding close to \$72.00 a barrel. May WTI seesawed in a tight trading range around the unchanged level ahead of the Easter weekend, as traders continue to grapple with an array of news, some supportive and some less supportive. May WTI was trading at \$63.92 a barrel by 2:20 EDT, up 17 cents, while June Brent was up 29 cents, trading at \$71.93 a barrel. May WTI settled at \$64.00 a barrel, up 24 cents, or 0.38%, posting its seventh straight week of gains, the longest streak of weekly gains in almost five years. June Brent tacked on 35 cents, or 0.49%, to settle at \$71.97 a barrel. Brent gained 0.6% for the week, its fourth consecutive weekly rise. May RBOB rose 3 cents, or 1.5%, to \$2.072 a gallon, for a weekly climb of 1.7%, while May heating oil settled at \$2.071 a gallon, up a fraction of a cent for the week.

**Technical Analysis:** WTI finished the week in the sideways pattern created by the range of \$64.79 and \$63.00 as it consolidates below key resistance set at \$65.00. Coming into next week, we would look for a run at \$65.00. A break above this level will set a bullish tone for this market, with possible advancements toward \$67.50. Support is set at \$63.22 and \$62.00.

**Fundamental News:** According to Kpler, about 1 million tons of diesel are set to be exported from Asia and the Middle East to Europe in April.

Genscape reported that crude oil stocks held in Cushing, Oklahoma in the week ending Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> increased by 127,434 barrels on the week and by 664,981 barrels from Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> to 46,816,663 barrels.

Baker Hughes reported that US energy firms this week reduced the number of oil rigs operating for the first time in three weeks as production growth forecasts from shale fields continue to fall. The number of rigs searching for oil fell by eight in the week ending April 18<sup>th</sup> to 825.

The Joint Organizations Data Initiative reported that Saudi Arabia's oil exports in February fell to 6.977 million bpd from 7.254 million bpd in January.

Kuwait Oil Co said a limited fire that had broken out at a pump at Kuwait's Burgan oilfield on Wednesday has been brought under control.

Gasoline stocks independently held in the Amsterdam-Rotterdam-Antwerp refining and storage hub in the week ending April 18<sup>th</sup> fell by 9.96% on the week and by 22.89% on the year to 967,000 tons. Gasoil stocks increased by 2.6% on the week and by 21.93% on the year to 2.802 million tons, while fuel oil stocks fell by 11.69% on the week and by 30.13% on the year to 793,000 tons.

TransCanada Corp launched an open season to solicit binding commitments from interested parties for transportation services of crude oil from Cushing, Oklahoma to markets on the US Gulf Coast for incremental capacity on Marketlink.

Canada's Natural Resources Ministry extended the deadline for a decision on whether to push forward with the expansion of the Trans Mountain oil pipeline to June 18<sup>th</sup> from mid-May. The Trans Mountain expansion project would nearly triple the amount of crude oil carried from Alberta's oil sands to British Columbia's coast. Canada's Minister of Natural Resources, Amarjeet Sohi, said the delay would give the government more time to consult with indigenous groups impacted by the pipeline.

**Early Market Call - as of 8:40 AM EDT**

WTI - May \$65.47, up \$1.52  
 RBOB - May \$2.1259, up 5.33 cents  
 HO - May \$2.1039, up 3.38 cents

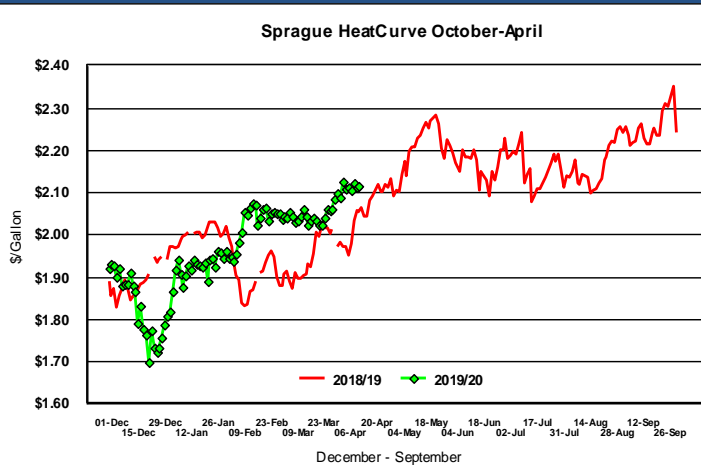
## All NYMEX | Prior Settlements

Month	ULSD (HO)	Prior Settle	Change In
	Close	Change	One Week
May-19	\$2.0709	\$0.0017	\$0.0037
Jun-19	\$2.0740	\$0.0026	\$0.0059
Jul-19	\$2.0801	\$0.0033	\$0.0072
Aug-19	\$2.0875	\$0.0040	\$0.0080
Sep-19	\$2.0974	\$0.0040	\$0.0090
Oct-19	\$2.1068	\$0.0044	\$0.0097
Nov-19	\$2.1144	\$0.0046	\$0.0099
Dec-19	\$2.1198	\$0.0047	\$0.0099
Jan-20	\$2.1236	\$0.0048	\$0.0097
Feb-20	\$2.1206	\$0.0047	\$0.0099
Mar-20	\$2.1122	\$0.0047	\$0.0104
Apr-20	\$2.0973	\$0.0046	\$0.0111
May-20	\$2.0860	\$0.0045	\$0.0120
Jun-20	\$2.0781	\$0.0044	\$0.0127
Jul-20	\$2.0737	\$0.0045	\$0.0128
Aug-20	\$2.0705	\$0.0045	\$0.0125
Sep-20	\$2.0690	\$0.0043	\$0.0123

Sprague HeatCurve Oct 2019-Apr 2020		\$2.1160	
Other Front Month NYMEX		Close	Change
Crude - WTI	June Brent-	\$64.0700	\$0.2000
Crude - Brent	WTI Spread	\$71.9700	\$0.3500
Natural Gas	\$7.90	\$2.4900	-\$0.0270
Gasoline		\$2.0722	\$0.0304

EIA Working Gas Storage Report				
	12-Apr-19	05-Apr-19	Change	Year Ago
East	228	209	19	208
Midwest	254	240	14	231
Mountain	66	64	2	83
Pacific	128	119	9	174
South Central	571	523	48	608
Salt	187	166	21	187
Nonsalt	384	357	27	421
Total	1,247	1,155	92	1,304

## Sprague HeatCurve October-April



## ICE June Brent-WTI Spread

