

# MarketWatch | Refined Products

Thursday, November 10, 2022

## Market Commentary

**Recap:** Oil futures fell for the third straight day on Wednesday after a weekly EIA report showed a large increase in commercial crude oil inventories that was mostly due to more government sales of crude oil from the nation's strategic reserves to the private sector. A week-on-week uptick in US oil production to 12.1M barrels a day also helped to boost supplies. On the fuels side, inventories of both gasoline and distillates declined from the previous week, and implied US gasoline demand rose to 9M barrels a day. A drop in US stock markets is adding to the selling pressure on crude. Ongoing concerns over the impact of China's zero COVID policy on that country's demand for oil also added pressure on oil prices. WTI for December delivery lost \$3.08 per barrel, or 3.46% to \$85.83. Brent Crude for January delivery lost \$2.71 per barrel, or 2.84% to \$92.65. RBOB Gasoline for December delivery lost 9.21 cents per gallon, or 3.49% to \$3.6563.

Technical Analysis: December WTI blew through its 10-day moving average and is now hanging above its 50-day moving average. This technical indicator tends to garner a lot of attention and therefore we should see quite a bit of volatility around it. Just below, sits \$85 a key psychological level of support. Should we get a push below \$85.00; the minor trend of the market will shift to the downside. Support is seen at \$83.17 and \$80.80 - \$80. On the upside, resistance is seen at \$86.95, \$88.79 and \$90.

**Fundamental News**: The head of the International Energy Agency, Fatih Birol, said oil prices "flirting with \$100" were a real risk for the global economy, adding that he was surprised by the OPEC+ decision to cut output at its October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. He said "Those countries (oil producers) in the past took decisions which did comfort the oil markets...this decision may put further upward pressure on inflation and weaken the global economy." He said "The said "The ecent decision of OPEC+ to cut the production by 2 million bpd was definitely not helpful." He added that the move is fueling inflation, especially in developing countries, and may require a "rethink".

Iraq's Oil Ministry said it respects the OPEC+ agreement to achieve global market stability, and wants to raise the "value or revenue" of a barrel of oil in a way that works for both producers and consumers.

European diesel imports are on track to reach 4.9 million tons in November, down from about 6.4 million tons in October. Refinitiv reported that about 40% of the November imports are expected to come from Russia, relatively unchanged from October's level.

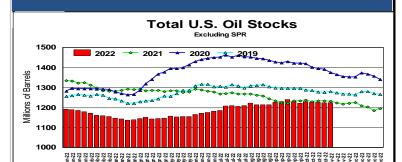
IIR Energy reported that U.S. oil refiners are expected to shut in about 518,000 bpd of capacity in the week ending November 11<sup>th</sup>, increasing available refining capacity by 253,000 bpd. Offline capacity is expected to decrease to 347,000 bpd in the week ending November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Chevron said an isolated fire inside its 269,000 bpd El Segundo refinery in California was extinguished on Tuesday and did not occur at any of the facility's major processing units. It said the fire did not impact the refinery's ability to supply petroleum products to its customers in the region.

Flint Hills Resources LLC reported emissions from crude unit fugitives F-40 at its Corpus Christi, Texas West refinery. It reported that it discovered a pinhole leak from a 16-inch diesel line at the crude unit on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

Early Market Call - as of 8:15 AM EDT WTI - December \$85.68, down 15 cents RBOB - December \$2.5676, up 2.3 cents HO - December \$3.6220, down 3.43 cents

		ULSD (HO)	Prior Settle	Change In		
Month		Close	Change	One Week		
Dec-22		3.6563	-0.1144	-0.0211		
Jan-23		3.4913	-0.1027	-0.0483		
Feb-23		3.3783	-0.0941	-0.0612		
Mar-23		3.2771	-0.0833	-0.0608		
Apr-23		3.1728	-0.074	-0.0608		
May-23		3.087	-0.0695	-0.0643		
Jun-23		3.0179	-0.0688	-0.0712		
Jul-23		2.9772	-0.0683	-0.0761		
Aug-23		2.9466	-0.0676	-0.079		
Sep-23		2.9217	-0.0669	-0.0799		
Oct-23		2.9001	-0.0663	-0.0795		
Nov-23		2.8791	-0.0659	-0.0793		
Dec-23		2.8581	-0.0659	-0.0794		
Jan-24		2.8363	-0.0658	-0.0805		
Feb-24		2.8139	-0.0658	-0.0813		
Mar-24		2.7818	-0.0659	-0.0814		
Apr-24		2.7411	-0.0659	-0.0813		
Sprague HeatCurve October 2023-April 2024 \$2.8286						
	Close					
Crude - WTI	Dec Brent-	\$85.000	)	-\$3.0000		
Crude - Brent	WTI Spread	\$92.6500	)	-\$2.7100		
Natural Gas	\$7.65	\$5.8650	)	-\$0.2730		

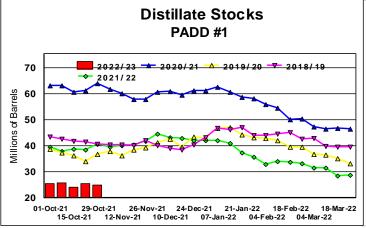


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#### Weekly EIA Petroleum Status Report for the Week Ending November 4, 2022

Gasoline



### **Overall U.S. Stats**

Crude Oil Stocks(excluding SPR) Up 3.9 million barrels Cushing, OK Crude Stocks Down 923,000 barrels Gasoline Stocks Down 899,000 barrels Distillate Stocks Down 521,000 barrels Refinery % Operated 92.1%, up 1.5% <u>PADD #1</u> Distillate Stocks Week Ending Week Ending Week Ending

Distillate Stocks (in million bbl)	Week Ending Nov 4, 2022	Week Ending Oct 28, 2022	Week Ending Nov 5, 2021
	1007 4, 2022	000 20, 2022	1000 5, 2021
New England	3.5	3.6	7.5
Central Atlantic	11.7	10.8	19.2
Total PADD #1	24.9	25.4	39.4
Distillate Imports			
(thousands b/d)	291	106	262

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