



# MarketWatch | Refined Products

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## Market Commentary

**Recap:** The crude market sold off on Thursday as the market reversed its gains posted on Wednesday after U.S. President Donald Trump ruled out the use of force to acquire Greenland and stepped back from tariff threats aimed at the United States' European allies. On Wednesday, President Trump also softened his threats against Iran, stating that he hoped there would be no further U.S. military action in Iran but added that the U.S. would act if Iran resumed its nuclear program. The oil market traded to a high of \$60.82 in overnight trading before it erased most of its previous gains. The market continued to trade lower and posted a low of \$58.96 following the release of the EIA's weekly petroleum stocks report, which showed builds across the board, with a larger than expected build of 3.6 million barrels in crude stocks. The market later settled in a sideways trading range during the remainder of the session. The March WTI contract settled down \$1.26 at \$59.36 and the March Brent contract settled down \$1.18 at \$64.06. The product markets ended the session lower, with the heating oil market settling down 6.37 cents at \$2.3668 and the RB market settling down 4.02 cents at \$1.8172.

**Technical Analysis:** The oil market on Friday will likely continue to trade in its recent trading range as some of the risk premium related to the U.S. seeking to acquire Greenland and Iranian supply risk has dissipated. The market will likely refocus on the supply and demand outlook. It will also look to further developments on a possible deal to end the war between Russia and Ukraine following U.S. President Donald Trump's meeting with Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskiy on Thursday in Davos. The crude market is seen finding support at \$58.96, \$58.52, \$58.32, \$57.65, \$57.48 followed by \$55.89 and \$55.65. Meanwhile, resistance is seen at \$60.82, \$60.89, \$61.01 and \$62.20.

**Fundamental News:** U.S. Energy Secretary, Chris Wright, said the world needs more than double oil production, while criticizing the European Union and the U.S. state of California for wasting money on what he described as inefficient green energy.

Amin Nasser, Chief Executive of Aramco, said global oil glut predictions are seriously exaggerated as demand growth remains strong and global oil stocks are depleted.

Kazakhstan's Energy Ministry said that a special commission was investigating the causes of a January 18<sup>th</sup> incident which forced the shutdown of the Tengiz oil field. Production at the field could be remain halted for another 7-10 days.

Sources stated that Valero bought a cargo of Venezuelan crude oil, one of the first deals by U.S. Gulf Coast refiners that are part of Washington's agreement with Venezuela to export up to 50 million barrels. A source also stated that Phillips 66 has also purchased a cargo. Both bought the crude from trading house Vitol.

U.S. President Donald Trump said that his meeting with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy in Davos was "very good" and that his message to Russian President Vladimir Putin is that the war in Ukraine has to end. Separately, Ukrainian President, Volodymyr Zelenskiy, said he discussed progress on peace talks and air defense supplies at a "productive" meeting with his U.S. counterpart Donald Trump in Davos on Thursday.

The Kremlin said that it appreciated U.S. envoy Steve Witkoff's diplomatic efforts to end the war in Ukraine, but declined to comment on the U.S. envoy's stated optimism that a deal was close. Witkoff and Jared Kushner, U.S. President Donald Trump's son-in-law, are due to meet Russian President Vladimir Putin in Moscow for talks on Ukraine later on Thursday.

**Early Market Call - as of 8:50 AM EDT**

WTI - Mar \$60.88, up \$1.21  
 RBOB - Feb \$1.8449, up 1.92 cents  
 HO - Feb \$2.4136, up 3.28 cents

## All NYMEX | Prior Settlements

	ULSD (HO) Close	Prior Settle Change	Change In One Week
Feb-26	2.3668	-0.0637	0.1585
Mar-26	2.2985	-0.0603	0.1028
Apr-26	2.2384	-0.0533	0.0694
May-26	2.2004	-0.0474	0.0525
Jun-26	2.1729	-0.0431	0.0412
Jul-26	2.1622	-0.0401	0.0354
Aug-26	2.1582	-0.0373	0.0325
Sep-26	2.1612	-0.0351	0.0324
Oct-26	2.1656	-0.0328	0.0334
Nov-26	2.1666	-0.0305	0.0342
Dec-26	2.1642	-0.0285	0.0346
Jan-27	2.1650	-0.0266	0.0349
Feb-27	2.1621	-0.0253	0.0348
Mar-27	2.1516	-0.0241	0.0337
Apr-27	2.1341	-0.0230	0.0320
May-27	2.1243	-0.0215	0.0314
Jun-27	2.1175	-0.0198	0.0305

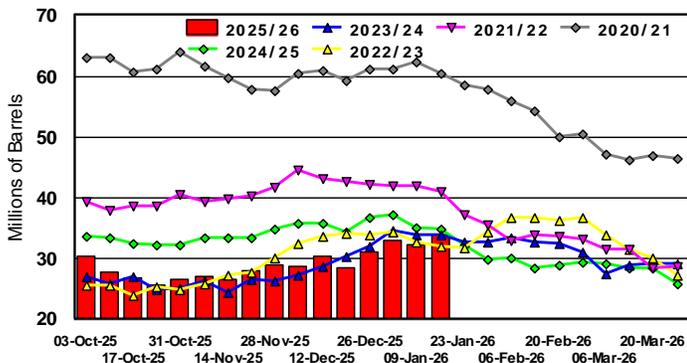
Sprague HeatCurve October 2026-April 2027		Close	Change
Crude - WTI	Mar Brent- WTI Spread \$4.70	\$59.3600	-\$1.2600
Crude - Brent		\$64.0600	-\$1.1800
Natural Gas		\$5.0450	\$0.1700
Gasoline		\$1.8172	-\$0.0402

## EIA Working Gas Storage Report

	16-Jan-26	09-Jan-26	Change	16-Jan-25
East	632	664	-32	621
Midwest	752	790	-38	753
Mountain	242	251	-9	231
Pacific	300	302	-2	271
South Central	1139	1178	-39	1,048
Salt	343	355	-12	301
Nonsalt	796	823	-27	746
Total	3065	3185	-120	2,924

## Weekly EIA Petroleum Status Report for the Week Ending January 16, 2026

### Distillate Stocks PADD #1



### Overall U.S. Stats

**Crude Oil Stocks(excluding SPR)** Up 3.6 million barrels  
 Cushing, OK Crude Stocks Up 1.48 million barrels  
**Gasoline Stocks** Up 6 million barrels  
**Distillate Stocks** Up 3.3 million barrels  
**Refinery % Operated** 93.3%, down 2%

### PADD #1

Distillate Stocks (in million bbl)	Week Ending Jan 16, 2026	Week Ending Jan 9, 2026	Week Ending Jan 17, 2025
New England	5.3	5.2	5.5
Central Atlantic	16.0	15.4	16.4
Total PADD #1	33.8	32.2	34.8
Distillate Imports (thousands b/d)	165	177	259

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