



Crude Oil Watch

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- Although several refiners continue to report problems with gasoline units, total crude input increased this week to 15.3 million barrels per day (MMBD). That figure is up 0.2 MMBD from a week ago, and is largely the result of a 0.1 MMBD increase by PADD V refiners. Distillate and residual fuel oil production benefitted from the increase, with which refiners operated at 95 percent of their 16.3 MMBD operable capacity. Imports fell somewhat, to 8.7 MMBD, and crude stocks finished the week at 327.0 million barrels.
- A short trading week in the U.S. had little effect on the rising spot crude prices; spot WTI-Cushing edged very close to the \$20.00 line, but closed at \$19.94 on Friday. Brent jumped \$1.35 over the week, to \$18.90, as markets responded to news of a Nigerian force-majeure and to word from the IEA that, if producers continue to maintain production discipline, third quarter demand will begin to significantly dip into the world oil surplus that had caused last year's price crash.

Crude Oil Stocks and Refinery Inputs by Petroleum Administration for Defense District

| District | Crude Oil Stocks ¹ (Million Barrels) Week Ending | | | | | Refinery Crude Oil Inputs (Thousand Barrels per Day) Week Ending | | | | |
|--------------------------|---|----------|----------|--------------|----------|--|----------|----------|---------------|----------|
| | 06/18/99 | 06/25/99 | 07/02/99 | 07/09/99 | 07/09/98 | 06/18/99 | 06/25/99 | 07/02/99 | 07/09/99 | 07/10/98 |
| East Coast (PADD I) | 16.7 | 16.4 | 15.8 | 16.5 | 16.2 | 1,526 | 1,580 | 1,580 | 1,589 | 1,628 |
| Midwest (PADD II) | 68.2 | 67.4 | 67.8 | 70.1 | 76.8 | 3,401 | 3,458 | 3,486 | 3,439 | 3,582 |
| Gulf Coast (PADD III) | 170.2 | 167.9 | 165.7 | 165.4 | 171.4 | 7,241 | 7,113 | 6,966 | 7,110 | 7,463 |
| Rocky Mountain (PADD IV) | 12.7 | 12.7 | 12.8 | 12.3 | 11.7 | 499 | 527 | 540 | 527 | 508 |
| West Coast (PADD V) | 64.4 | 65.9 | 64.2 | 62.7 | 57.6 | 2,344 | 2,329 | 2,501 | 2,639 | 2,543 |
| U.S. Total | 332.1 | 330.4 | 326.2 | 327.0 | 333.8 | 15,011 | 15,007 | 15,073 | 15,304 | 15,724 |

Crude Oil Spot and Estimated Contract Prices² (Dollars per Barrel)

| | 06/18/99 | 06/25/99 | 07/02/99 | 07/09/99 | 07/10/98 |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|----------|
| Spot Market Prices | | | | | |
| WTI - Cushing | 18.01 | 18.17 | 19.70 | 19.94 | 13.96 |
| Brent | 15.93 | 16.27 | 17.55 | 18.90 | 11.61 |
| Estimated Contract Prices | | | | | |
| Total OPEC | 15.75 | 15.68 | 16.24 | 17.27 | 10.56 |
| Total Non-OPEC | 16.03 | 16.23 | 16.92 | 18.31 | 12.04 |
| Total World | 15.87 | 15.92 | 16.54 | 17.73 | 11.17 |
| United States | 16.31 | 16.23 | 16.95 | 18.15 | 11.37 |

¹ Excluding stocks held in the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

² Estimated contract prices based on government-selling prices, netback values, or spot market quotations. Total OPEC, Total Non-OPEC, and Total World prices are f.o.b. at the foreign port of lading, weighted by estimated export volume. United States prices weighted by estimated import volume. For information about this report, contact EIA's National Energy Information Center: 202-586-8800. Internet: Infoctr@eia.doe.gov.

Sources: Stocks and Refinery Inputs, Energy Information Administration, *Weekly Petroleum Status Report*; Spot Prices, Reuters Ltd.; Estimated Contract Prices, EIA Office of Energy Markets and End Use, *Platt's Oilgram Price Report*, *Petroleum Intelligence Weekly*, *Bloomberg Oil Buyers' Guide*, *Oil and Gas Journal*, *Wall Street Journal*. Year-ago production and price data taken from comparable week last year; year-ago stock data interpolated from final