

**Fundamentals:**

Oil prices rose slightly in choppy trading on Monday, as investors balanced concerns about global demand growth against upcoming supply disruptions that could be exacerbated by political instability in Russia.

Brent crude futures rose 33 cents, or 0.5%, to settle at \$74.18 a barrel, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) futures rose 21 cents, or 0.3%, to settle at \$69.37 a barrel.

Calm returned to Moscow following the end of the uprising led by Wagner Group head Yevgeny Prigozhin, with investors waiting to see whether it presaged the potential for more turbulence in Russia. Despite the country being a major OPEC+ producer, oil prices were unmoved by the mutiny.

A clash between Moscow and Russian mercenary group Wagner was averted on Saturday after the heavily armed mercenaries withdrew from the southern Russian city of Rostov under a deal that halted their rapid advance on the capital.

However, the challenge has raised questions about President Vladimir Putin's grip on power and some concern about possible disruption of Russian oil supply.

In an early indicator of future U.S. supply, the number of oil and natural gas rigs operated by U.S. energy companies fell for an eighth week in a row for the first time since July 2020, a closely followed report showed on Friday.

Both Brent and WTI prices fell by about 3.6% last week on worries that further interest rate hikes by the U.S. Federal Reserve could sap oil demand at a time when China's economic recovery has also disappointed investors.

Oil has dropped around 13% this year, in part due to Russia's robust exports but also reflecting monetary tightening in the US and a lackluster economic recovery in China. China's economy continues to show signs of losing momentum as recent data showed slowed spending on everything from holiday travel to cars and homes.

U.S. natural gas futures climbed to their highest level in more than three months on Monday, with demand for LNG exports seen rising and soaring temperatures expected to boost cooling demand, especially in Texas.

Front-month gas futures for July delivery on the New York Mercantile Exchange rose 6.2 cents, or 2.3%, to settle at \$2.791 per million British thermal units (mmbtu), highest level since March.

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Data provider Refinitiv predicted demand for exports of liquefied natural gas (LNG) to rise from 11 billion cubic feet per day (bcfd) last week to 11.5 bcfd this week and 12.6 bcfd next week.

(Source: Reuters, Bloomberg)

**Energy Table**

Contract	Sett	Chg	High	Low
Nymex Crude Oil	AUG 23 69.37	0.36	70.11	68.71
Natural Gas	JUL 23 2.791	0.040	2.816	2.720
RB Gasoline	JUL 23 253.75	-3.03	255.19	249.59
Heating Oil	JUL 23 243.88	5.14	246.51	240.96
Brent, Fin Last Day	SEP 23 74.48	0.47	74.98	73.62
US Dollar Index	102.77	-0.134	102.83	102.612

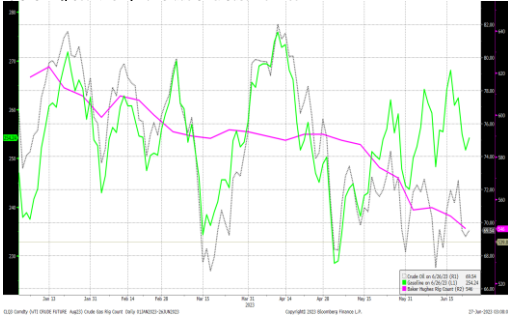
**Bloomberg Survey on U.S. Total Change in Inventories**

Date	Crude Oil		Gasoline		Crude Oil	
	Actual	Survey	Actual	Survey	Production	Inventories
16/6/2023	-3831	450	479	800	12200	463293
9/6/2023	7919	-1536	2108	1000	12400	467124
2/6/2023	-452	1500	2745	1000	12400	459205
26/5/2023	4489	-1500	-207	-1100	12200	458657
19/5/2023	-12456	2000	-2053	-1600	12300	455168
12/5/2023	5040	-2000	-1381	-2000	12200	467624
5/5/2023	2951	-2500	-3167	-1500	12300	462584
28/4/2023	1742	-500	1742	-1500	12300	459633
21/4/2023	-5054	-1500	-2408	-1500	12200	460914
14/4/2023	-4581	-250	1299	-1250	12300	465988
7/4/2023	597	-1050	-330	-1900	12300	470549
31/3/2023	-3739	-1700	-4119	-2000	12200	469952

**Fundamental Data:**

Event	Period	Avg Survey	Actual	Prior
06/28/2023 22:30	DOE U.S. Crude Oil Inventories	Jun-23	--	--
06/28/2023 22:30	DOE Cushing OK Crude Inventory	Jun-23	--	--
06/28/2023 22:30	DOE U.S. Gasoline Inventories	Jun-23	--	--
06/28/2023 22:30	DOE U.S. Distillate Inventories	Jun-23	--	--
06/28/2023 22:30	DOE U.S. Refinery Utilization	Jun-23	--	-0.60%
06/28/2023 22:30	DOE Crude Oil Implied Demand	Jun-23	--	18908
06/28/2023 22:30	DOE Gasoline Implied Demand	Jun-23	--	10233.4
06/28/2023 22:30	DOE Distillate Implied Demand	Jun-23	--	5159
06/29/2023 22:30	EIA Natural Gas Storage Change	Jun-23	--	95
06/29/2023 22:30	EIA Working Natural Gas Implied Flow	Jun-23	--	95
07/01/2023 01:00	Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Oil Rigs	Jun-30	--	546
07/01/2023 01:00	Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Gas Rigs	Jun-30	--	130
07/01/2023 01:00	Baker Hughes U.S. Rig Count	Jun-30	--	682

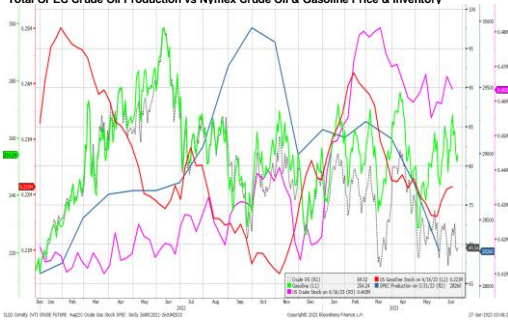
**U.S. Oil Rig Count vs Nymex Crude Oil & Gasoline Price**



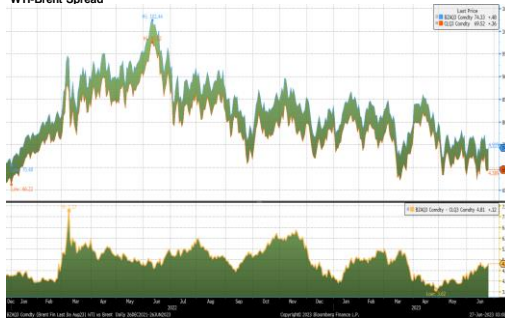
**Normalized RBOB Gasoline minus Nymex Crude Oil Price**



**Total OPEC Crude Oil Production vs Nymex Crude Oil & Gasoline Price & Inventory**

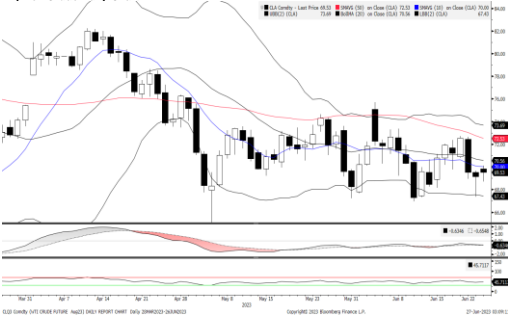


**WTI-Brent Spread**



Source: Bloomberg

**Nymex Crude Daily Chart**



**Nymex RBOB Gasoline Daily Chart**



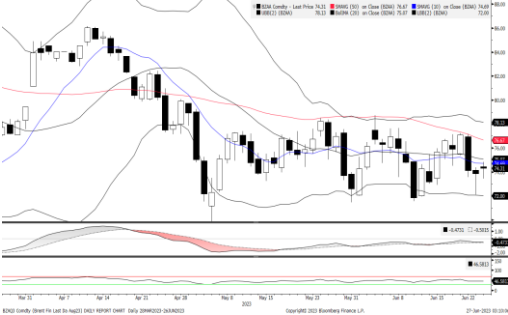
**Nymex Natural Gas Daily Chart**



**Nymex Heating Oil Daily Chart**



**Nymex Brent Last Day Daily Chart**



**Technical Analysis**

<b>Crude Oil</b>	1st Resistance: 70.41	2nd Resistance: 71.45	<b>Natural Gas</b>	1st Resistance: 2.833	2nd Resistance: 2.875	<b>Gasoline</b>	1st Resistance: 257.56	2nd Resistance: 261.36
	1st Support: 68.33	2nd Support: 67.29		1st Support: 2.749	2nd Support: 2.707		1st Support: 249.94	2nd Support: 246.14
	MACD: -0.635			MACD: 0.061			MACD: 1.614	
	MACD DIFF: 0.019			MACD DIFF: 0.054			MACD DIFF: -0.579	
	RSI: 45.686			RSI: 64.704			RSI: 49.617	
<b>Heating Oil</b>	1st Resistance: 247.54	2nd Resistance: 251.20	<b>Brent Fin Last Day</b>	1st Resistance: 75.60	2nd Resistance: 76.71			
	1st Support: 240.22	2nd Support: 236.56		1st Support: 73.36	2nd Support: 72.25			
	MACD: 2.508			MACD: -0.383				
	MACD DIFF: 0.979			MACD DIFF: 0.048				
	RSI: 53.086			RSI: 47.269				

**Strategy**

<b>Crude Oil</b>	Long: 68.33	Profit target: 69.01	Stop-loss: 67.99	Long: 67.29	Profit target: 67.96	Stop-loss: 66.95	Short: 70.41	Profit target: 69.71	Stop-loss: 70.76	Short: 71.45	Profit target: 70.74	Stop-loss: 71.81
<b>Natural Gas</b>	2.749	2.777	2.735	2.707	2.734	2.694	2.833	2.805	2.847	2.875	2.846	2.889
<b>Gasoline</b>	249.94	252.44	248.69	246.14	248.60	244.91	257.56	254.98	258.84	261.36	258.75	262.67
<b>Heating Oil</b>	240.22	242.62	239.02	236.56	238.93	235.38	247.54	245.06	248.78	251.20	248.68	252.45
<b>Brent Fin Last Day</b>	73.36	74.10	73.00	72.25	72.97	71.88	75.60	74.84	75.98	76.71	75.95	77.10

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