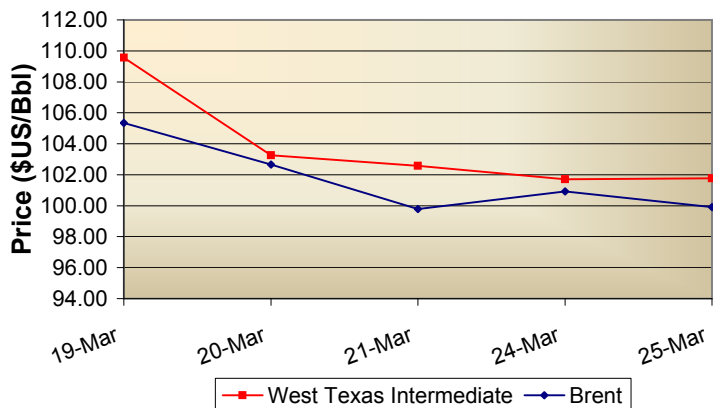


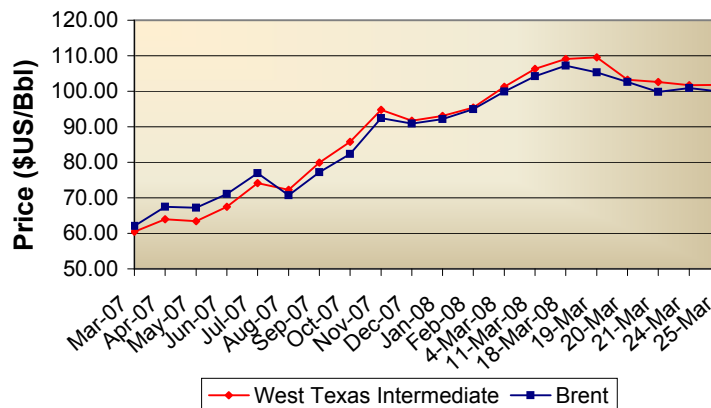
# Weekly Crude Price Report - For the Week Ending March 25, 2008

Benchmark Crudes (US\$/bbl)	Week Ended	Current Week					March 19 - March 25 Average	March Month-to-Date	2008 Year-to-Date
	18-Mar-08	19-Mar	20-Mar	21-Mar	24-Mar	25-Mar			
- West Texas Intermediate	109.08	109.57	103.25	102.57	101.70	101.78	103.77	105.77	97.56
- Brent Crude	107.22	105.35	102.65	99.78	100.93	99.91	101.72	103.90	96.58

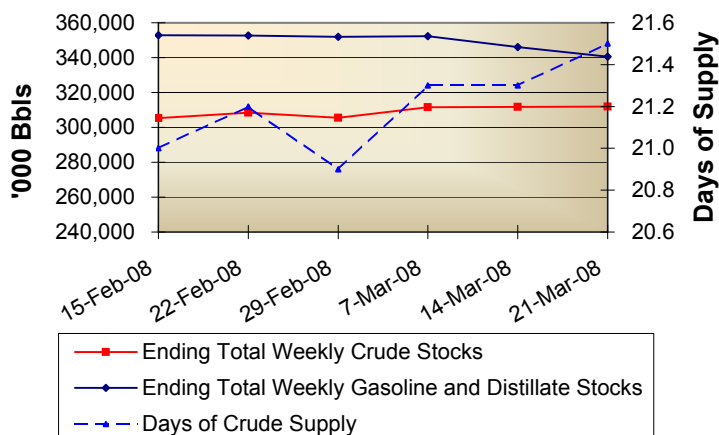
### This Week's Price Action



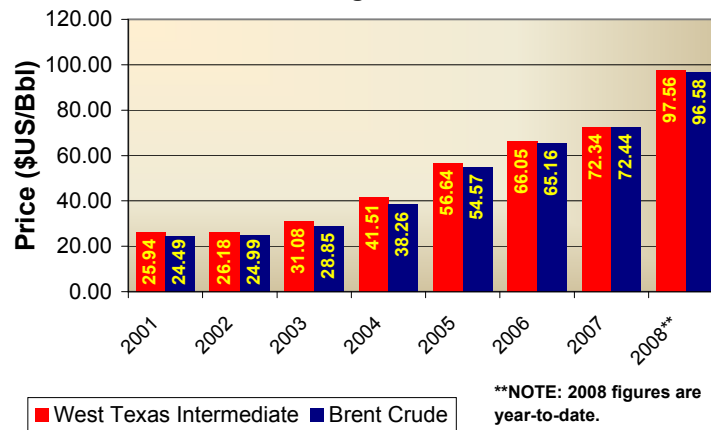
### Price Action Over Most Recent 12 Months



### Ending US Crude Stocks & Days of Supply



### Annual Average Crude Prices



\*\*NOTE: 2008 figures are year-to-date.

## COMMENTARY:

► For the March 19 - March 25 period, West Texas Intermediate closed lower by \$7.79 week-over-week, ending at \$101.78. Brent lost \$5.44 week-over-week to close at \$99.91.

► US Crude stocks increased by 0.1 million bbls. At the same time, days of crude supply increased by 0.2 to 21.5 days of supply. Gasoline and distillate stocks decreased by 5.4 million bbls.

► After testing the \$110 level last week, both WTI and Brent traded sharply lower this week, back to near \$100. Many analysts felt that this was a result of the market finally recognizing the weakness in major economies and the attendant softening of demand that normally materializes under such circumstances. The US dollar also strengthened during the week, in spite of another recent cut in interest rates by the US Federal Reserve. The dollar's increase had the effect of dampening crude demand even further and pushing prices lower across most commodities. There seems to be significant support for crude prices in the \$100 range however, and prices do not seem ready to sink below that level. In fact, upon release of this week's inventory data, which markets saw to be bullish, prices moved sharply higher. Currently, it does not appear that there will be any significant drop in prices in the next little while and some analysts are even expecting \$100+ crude throughout 2008.

## Sources/Notes:

1. West Texas Intermediate and Brent Crude prices are spot prices as reported weekly by the Energy Information Administration (EIA) of the Department of Energy (DOE) in the United States.
2. Inventory stocks are reported weekly by the EIA and include all inventories held with "primary" enterprises such as refiners and wholesalers of crude. Secondary and tertiary inventories held by retailers or end users are not included. Crude stocks include all unrefined crude; gasoline stocks include all grades of gasoline; and distillate stocks include all grades of distillates (including home heating fuel and diesel fuel).
3. Annual and monthly average prices for spot WTI and Brent crude from 2001 to 2008 are simple averages calculated from daily prices as reported by EIA.

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