

Weekly Crude Price Report - For the Week Ending October 20, 2009

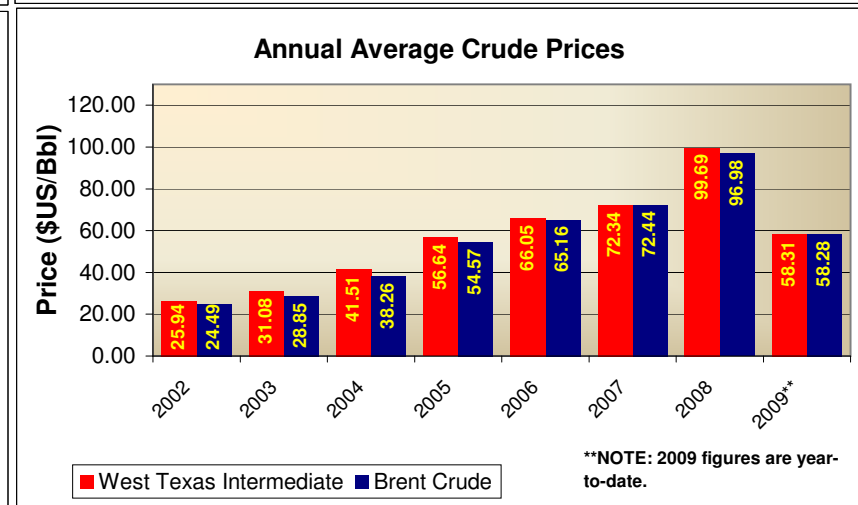
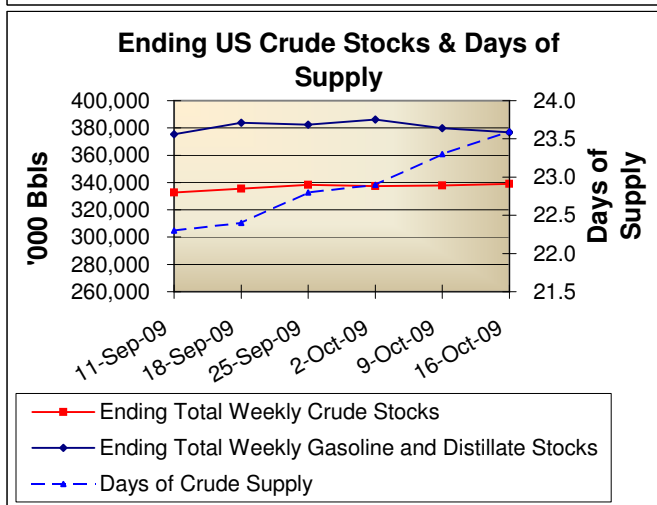
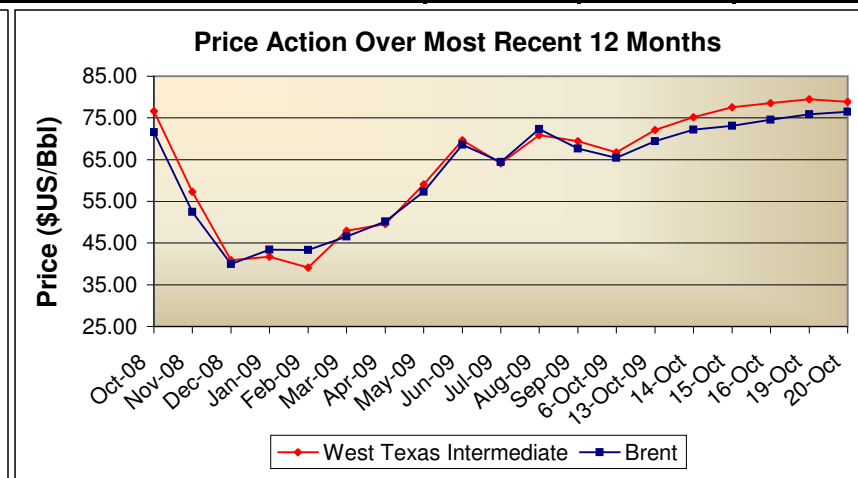
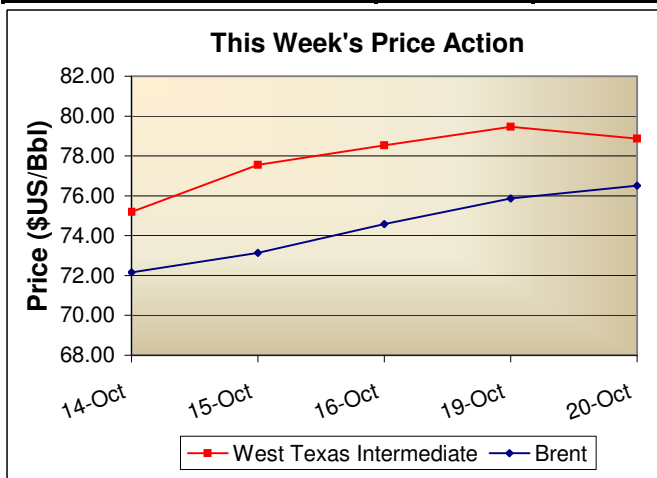
| Benchmark Crudes (US\$/bbl) | October 7 - October 13 Average | Current Week | | | | | October 14 - October 20 Average | October Month-to-Date | 2009 Year to-Date |
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| | | 14-Oct | 15-Oct | 16-Oct | 19-Oct | 20-Oct | | | |
| - West Texas Intermediate | 72.08 | 75.20 | 77.55 | 78.54 | 79.47 | 78.87 | 77.93 | 73.68 | 58.31 |
| - Brent Crude | 69.43 | 72.16 | 73.14 | 74.58 | 75.86 | 76.51 | 74.45 | 70.48 | 58.28 |

COMMENTARY:

► For the October 14 - October 20 period, the average price for West Texas Intermediate was higher by \$5.85 week-over-week, at \$77.93. Brent prices were higher by \$5.02 week-over-week, averaging \$74.45.

► US crude stocks increased by 1.312 million bbls this week. At the same time, days of crude supply increased from the previous week by 0.3 to 23.6 days of supply. US gasoline and distillate stocks decreased by 2.998 million bbls.

► On October 16, OPEC's Secretary-General stated oil prices needed to rise above the current \$77 a barrel price to encourage more investment by OPEC member countries. The average crude price for 2009 is estimated to be in the high fifties and OPEC's Secretary-General stated it needed to rise to around \$65-70 for investments to be profitable in oil-producing countries. OPEC members have postponed around 35 oil investment projects since prices tumbled from their peak of around \$150 a barrel last year.



Sources/Notes:

- 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.
- 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).
- Annual and monthly average prices for spot WTI and Brent crude from 2002 to 2009 are simple averages calculated from daily prices as reported by EIA.

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