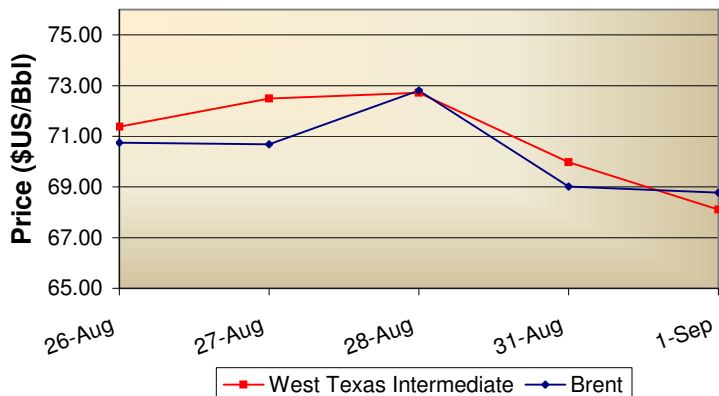


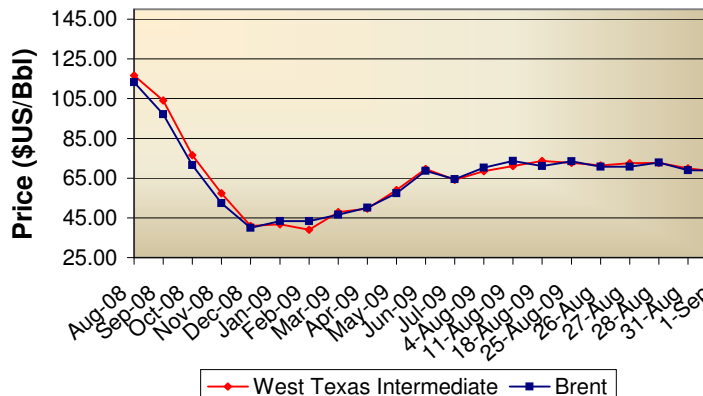
Weekly Crude Price Report - For the Week Ending September 1, 2009

Benchmark Crudes (US\$/bbl)	August 19 - August 25 Average	Current Week					August 26 - September 1 Average	August Month-to-Date	2009 Year-to-Date
		26-Aug	27-Aug	28-Aug	31-Aug	1-Sep			
- West Texas Intermediate	72.67	71.38	72.49	72.72	69.97	68.11	70.93	70.91	55.70
- Brent Crude	73.54	70.74	70.68	72.80	69.02	68.78	70.40	72.34	56.16

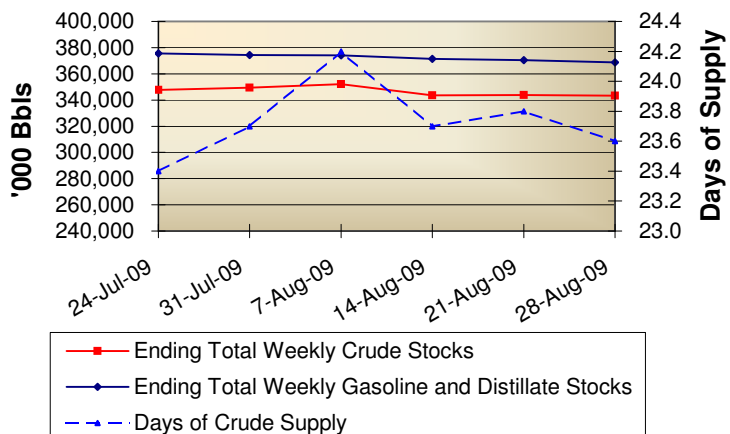
This Week's Price Action



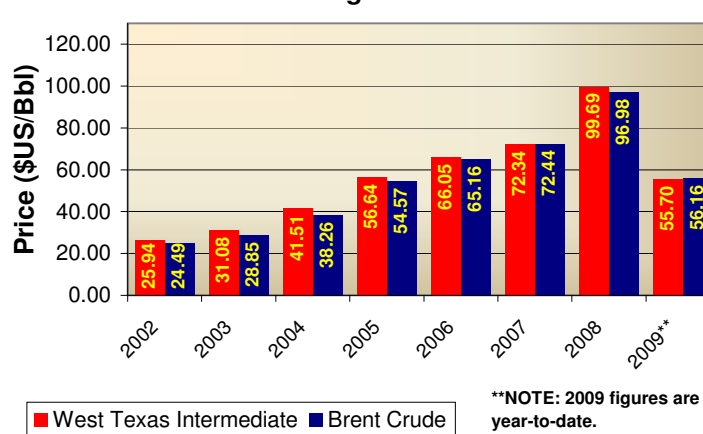
Price Action Over Most Recent 12 Months



Ending US Crude Stocks & Days of Supply



Annual Average Crude Prices



COMMENTARY:

► For the August 26 - September 1 period, the average price for West Texas Intermediate was lower by \$1.73 week-over-week, at \$70.93. Brent prices were also lower by \$3.14 week-over-week, averaging \$70.40.

► US crude stocks decreased by 0.372 million bbls this week. At the same time, days of crude supply decreased from the previous week with 23.6 days of supply. US gasoline and distillate stocks decreased by 1.790 million bbls.

► According to media sources, the United Arab Emirates' main oil exporter will ease up on OPEC-led supply curbs. Non-compliance with production quotas by OPEC members has increased during the recent rise in prices but this does not appear to have undermined prices or weakened oil balances. Inventories continue to be high and this is a key factor (along with price levels and signs of economic recovery) that OPEC members will consider when they meet to set production quotas later this month.

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 2002 to 2009 are simple averages calculated from daily prices as reported by EIA.