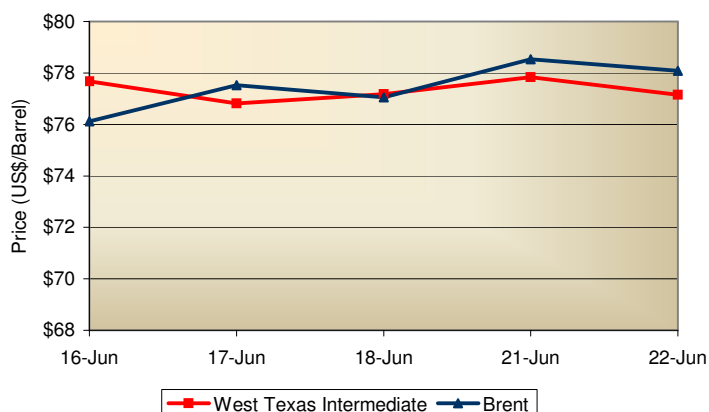


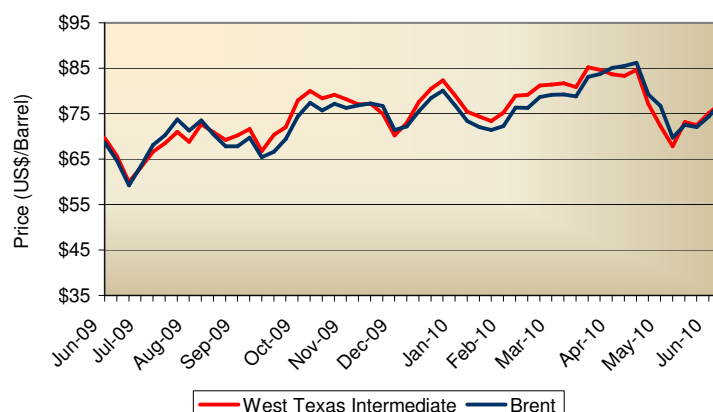
## Crude Price Report - For the Period June 16, 2010 to June 22, 2010

Benchmark Crudes (US\$/bbl)	June 9 - June 15 Average	Current Period					June 16 - June 22 Average	June Month-to-Date	2010 Year-to-Date
		16-Jun	17-Jun	18-Jun	21-Jun	22-Jun			
West Texas Intermediate	\$75.12	\$77.67	\$76.82	\$77.18	\$77.84	\$77.15	\$77.33	\$74.83	\$78.39
Brent	\$74.34	\$76.12	\$77.52	\$77.05	\$78.53	\$78.08	\$77.46	\$74.52	\$77.58

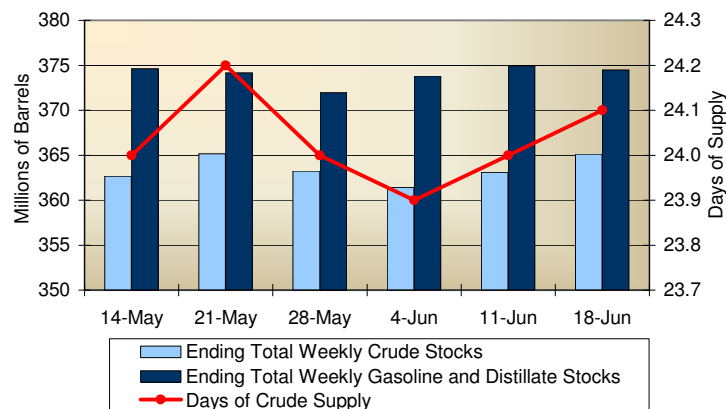
This Week's Price Action



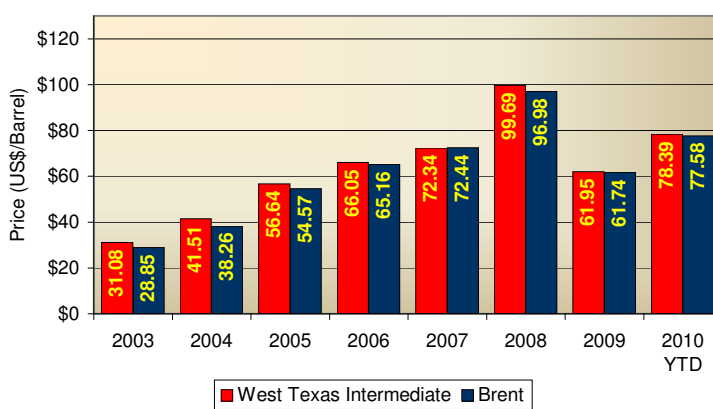
Weekly Average Price Action Over Last 12 Months



Weekly Ending U.S. Crude Stocks & Days of Supply



Annual Average Prices



### COMMENTARY:

► For the June 16 - June 22 period, the average price for West Texas Intermediate was higher by \$2.21 week-over-week, at \$77.33. Brent prices were higher by \$3.12 week-over-week, averaging \$77.46.

► WTI began the period at \$77.67 ending lower at \$77.15 on June 22. Brent prices began the period at \$76.12, ending higher at \$78.08 on June 22.

► The average crude prices for 2010 year-to-date decreased from the previous period with WTI down \$0.05 to \$78.39 and Brent remained at \$77.58.

► US crude stocks increased by 2.017 million bbls this period. The days of crude supply increased by 0.1 days from 24.0 days in the previous period. US gasoline and distillate stocks decreased by 0.465 million bbls.

► This week a U.S. judge ruled against the six-month moratorium imposed on deepwater drilling in the Gulf of Mexico. The White House indicated that it plans to appeal the ruling. The lawsuit was originally filed by Louisiana-based Hornbeck Offshore Services LLC and joined by other companies involved in offshore drilling operations. The lawsuit sought to reverse the moratorium, which the companies say will force job cuts to service offshore oil platforms. The ban caused the shutdown of 33 deepwater drilling rigs.

► On June 9, OPEC released its Monthly Oil Market Report. OPEC forecasts that world demand for oil will grow by 0.95 million barrels per day (mb/d) in 2010, unchanged from the previous report. Total demand growth is expected to come from non-OECD as growth in the OECD is expected to remain negative. OPEC estimates that Non-OPEC supply will increase to 51.78 mb/d in 2010 due to updates on actual production data in the first quarter and healthy supply figures for the early part of the second quarter. The demand for OPEC crude in 2010 is expected to average 28.77 mb/d, representing a downward revision of 70 thousand barrels per day (tb/d) from the previous report. This would leave no room for additional crude oil supplies in the market. OPEC total crude oil production averaged 29.26 mb/d in May representing growth over the previous month. The increase came mainly from Iraq, while other OPEC members experienced only minor changes.

### 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 2003 to 2010 are simple averages calculated from daily prices as reported by EIA.

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