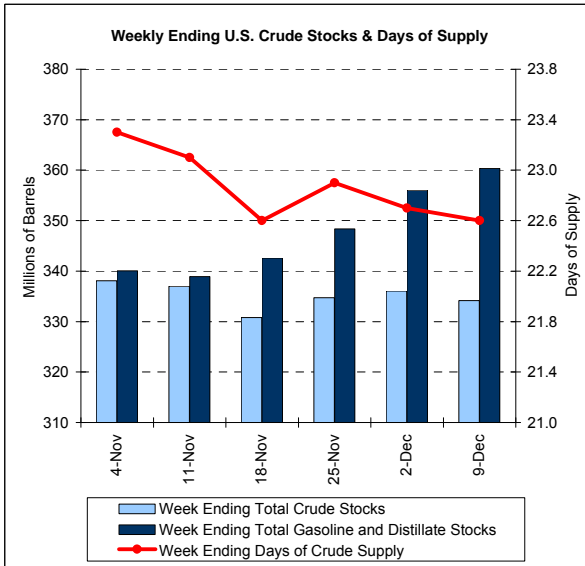
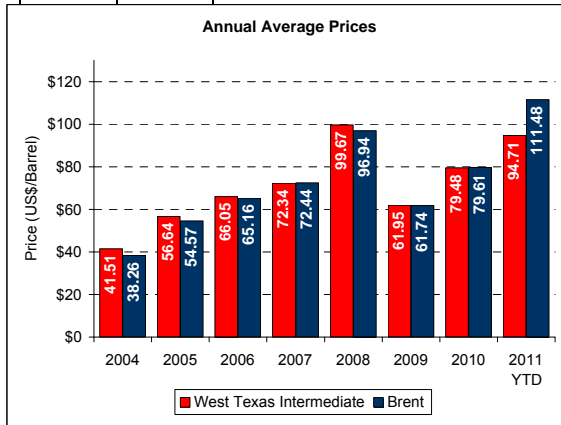
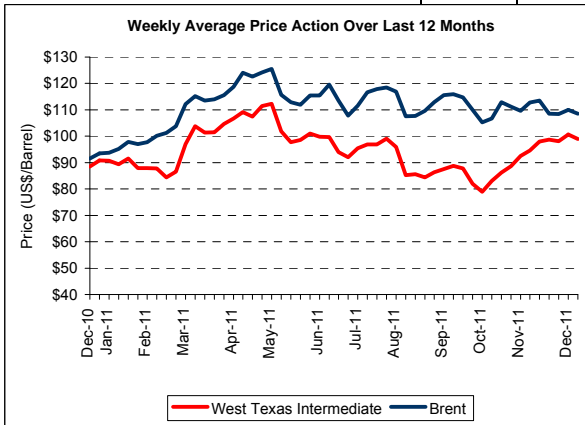


Crude Oil Price Report - For the Period December 7, 2011 to December 13, 2011

Benchmark Crudes (US\$/bbl)	November 30-December 6 Average	Current Period					December 7-December 13 Average	December Month-to-Date
		7-Dec	8-Dec	9-Dec	12-Dec	13-Dec		
West Texas Intermediate	\$ 100.61	\$ 100.49	\$ 98.34	\$ 99.41	\$ 97.77	N/A	\$ 99.00	\$ 99.84
Brent	\$ 110.00	\$ 110.07	\$ 108.23	\$ 107.91	\$ 107.82	N/A	\$ 108.51	\$ 109.10



Crude Oil Prices This Week

► The EIA did not report any price data for December 13.

► This report includes the December 6 prices, which were unavailable for the previous report. Also, EIA previously published a WTI price for November 25, but has since removed it from their publication. This is reflected in WTI's year-to-date average.

► WTI began the period at \$100.49/bbl and ended lower at \$97.77/bbl on December 12. Brent began the period at \$110.07/bbl and ended lower at \$107.82/bbl on December 12.

► For the December 7 - December 13 period, the average price of West Texas Intermediate was down \$1.61 week-over-week, at \$99.00/bbl. The average price of Brent was down by \$1.49 week-over-week, at \$108.51/bbl.

► The average crude price for 2011 year-to-date for WTI increased from the previous period by \$0.07 to \$94.71/bbl. Brent decreased from the previous period by \$0.05 to \$111.48/bbl.

► U.S. crude oil stocks decreased by 1.932 million bbls this period to 334.2 million bbls. The days of crude supply decreased by 0.1 days to 22.6 days from 22.7 days in the previous period. U.S. gasoline and distillate stocks increased by 4.304 million bbls to 360.3 million bbls.

Sources/Notes:

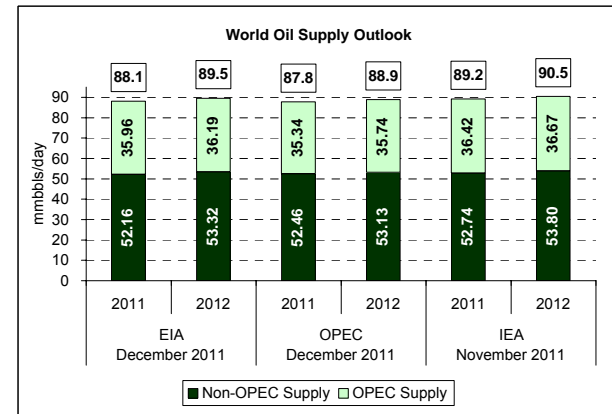
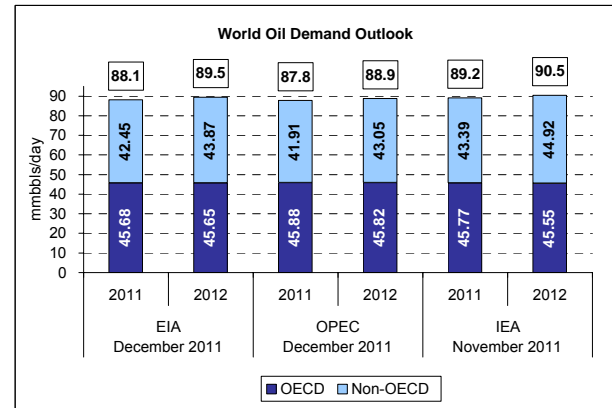
1. West Texas Intermediate and Brent Crude prices are spot prices as reported weekly by the Energy Information Administration (EIA) of the Department of Energy (DOE) in the United States.
2. Inventory stocks are reported weekly by the EIA and include all inventories held with "primary" enterprises such 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 2004 to 2011 are simple averages calculated from daily prices as reported by EIA.
4. Sources for the World Oil Demand and Supply Outlooks are from the International Energy Agency (IEA) Oil Market Report, the OPEC Monthly Oil Market Report and the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) Short-Term Energy Outlook.
5. Totals may not add due to independent rounding.
6. OPEC supply includes inventory stock draws and OPEC NGL's and condensate.

World Oil Market Outlook (EIA, OPEC & IEA) Comparison

► The outlooks expect world oil demand will increase by approximately 0.9 to 1.1 million barrels per day (mmbbls/day) in 2011 and between 1.1 to 1.4 mmbbls/day in 2012.

► The outlooks expect non-OPEC oil supply will increase by approximately 0.1 to 0.4 mmbbls/day in 2011 and between 0.7 to 1.2 mmbbls/day in 2012.

► The outlooks expect OPEC oil supply will increase by approximately 0.6 to 0.8 mmbbls/day in 2011 and between 0.2 to 0.4 mmbbls/day in 2012.



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