

Highlights

U.S. crude oil refinery inputs averaged 15.6 million barrels per day during the week ending July 26, an increase of about 200,000 barrels per day from the previous week. Increases were seen in all regions except for PADD I (East Coast). Over the last four weeks, crude oil inputs have averaged 15.5 million barrels per day, which is about 100,000 barrels per day more than was averaged last year at this time. Total distillate fuel oil, motor gasoline, and jet fuel refinery production all averaged slightly higher last week than in the previous week.

U.S. crude oil imports decreased slightly from the previous week, averaging just under 9.2 million barrels per day. During the most recent four weeks, crude oil imports have averaged 9.0 million barrels per day, or nearly 500,000 barrels per day less than during the same four-week period last year. Crude oil imports last week into PADD V (West Coast) were the third highest amount ever, and the most since the week ending August 18, 2000. After averaging about 1.1 million barrels per day during the week ending July 19, total motor gasoline imports (including both finished gasoline and gasoline blending components) averaged 900,000 barrels per day last week.

Due in part to an increase in U.S. crude oil refinery inputs last week, U.S. commercial crude oil inventories (excluding those in the Strategic Petroleum Reserve) fell by 2.0 million barrels, and are now 2.7 million barrels less than a year ago. U.S. crude oil inventories are now well within the bottom half of the normal range for this time of year. Motor gasoline inventories dropped by 1.0 million barrels, but are 0.7 million barrels above year-ago levels. Distillate fuel inventories rose by 1.1 million barrels, with a seasonal 0.9 million barrel build in high-sulfur distillate fuel (often

referred to as heating oil) providing the bulk of the increase. Total commercial petroleum inventories are now 5.2 million barrels above year-ago levels.

Total product supplied over the last four-week period averaged 19.5 million barrels per day or about 1.8 percent less than the very high level last year, slightly reversing positive year-over-year growth in May and June. Motor gasoline demand continues to show strength, averaging 0.5 percent above last year's level over the last four weeks, while distillate fuel demand now is 2.6 percent below last year's level. Jet fuel demand last week averaged over 1.7 million barrels per day, the third highest weekly average since the attacks on September 11.

The average world crude oil price on July 26, 2002 was \$24.50 per barrel, down \$0.69 from the previous week but \$0.88 more than last year. WTI was \$26.55 per barrel on July 26, 2002, \$1.28 less than last week and \$0.43 lower than last year. The spot price for conventional gasoline in the New York Harbor was 77.34 cents per gallon, down 1.51 cents from last week but 5.61 cents higher than a year ago. The spot price for low sulfur diesel fuel in the New York Harbor was 67.15 cents per gallon, 3.30 cents below last week and 5.00 cents less than last year.

The national average retail regular gasoline price decreased to 140.7 cents per gallon on July 29, 2002, 0.3 cent per gallon less than last week but 2.3 cents per gallon above a year ago. After increasing for five straight weeks, the national average retail diesel fuel price dropped to 130.3 cents per gallon, 0.8 cent below last week and 4.4 cents per gallon less than a year ago.

Refinery Activity (Million Barrels per Day)

| | Four Weeks Ending | | |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------|----------|
| | 07/26/02 | 07/19/02 | 07/26/01 |
| Crude Oil Input to Refineries..... | 15.5 | 15.5 | 15.4 |
| Refinery Capacity Utilization (Percent) . | 93.4 | 93.4 | 94.1 |
| Motor Gasoline Production..... | 8.6 | 8.6 | 8.5 |
| Distillate Fuel Oil Production..... | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.8 |

See Table 2.

Stocks (Million Barrels)

| | Week Ending | | |
|----------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 07/26/02 | 07/19/02 | 07/26/01 |
| Crude Oil (Excluding SPR)..... | 309.3 | 311.3 | 312.0 |
| Motor Gasoline..... | 211.6 | 212.6 | 210.9 |
| Distillate Fuel Oil ¹ | 134.4 | 133.3 | 123.0 |
| All Other Oils..... | 373.6 | 373.3 | 377.8 |
| Crude Oil in SPR ² | 578.0 | 578.0 | 543.6 |
| Total | 1,606.9 | 1,608.5 | 1,567.3 |

See Table 3.

Net Imports (Million Barrels per Day)

| | Four Weeks Ending | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 07/26/02 | 07/19/02 | 07/26/01 |
| Crude Oil..... | 9.0 | 9.1 | 9.5 |
| Petroleum Products..... | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.4 |
| Total | 10.0 | 10.2 | 10.9 |

See Table 1.

Products Supplied (Million Barrels per Day)

| | Four Weeks Ending | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 07/26/02 | 07/19/02 | 07/26/01 |
| Motor Gasoline..... | 9.0 | 9.1 | 9.0 |
| Distillate Fuel Oil..... | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.6 |
| All Other Products..... | 7.0 | 6.9 | 7.3 |
| Total | 19.5 | 19.6 | 19.9 |

See Table 9.

Prices (Cents per Gallon except as noted)

| | Week Ending | | |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------|----------|
| | 07/26/02 | 07/19/02 | 07/27/01 |
| World Crude Oil (Dollars per Barrel) | 24.50 | 25.19 | 23.62 |
| Spot Prices | | | |
| WTI Crude Oil - Cushing (Dollars per Barrel)..... | 26.55 | 27.83 | 26.98 |
| Conv. Regular Gasoline - NYH..... | 77.34 | 78.85 | 71.73 |
| RFG Regular - NYH..... | 82.21 | 83.65 | 74.48 |
| No. 2 Heating Oil - NYH..... | 66.13 | 69.45 | 70.78 |
| No. 2 Low-sulfur Diesel Fuel - NYH..... | 67.15 | 70.45 | 72.15 |
| Kerosene-Type Jet - NYH..... | 70.88 | 73.10 | 73.63 |
| Residual Fuel - NYH..... | 55.07 | 54.71 | 45.83 |
| Propane - Mont Belvieu..... | 37.44 | 37.13 | 41.57 |
| | 07/29/02 | 07/22/02 | 07/30/01 |
| Retail Prices | | | |
| Motor Gasoline - Regular..... | 140.7 | 141.0 | 138.4 |
| Conventional Areas..... | 137.6 | 138.1 | 131.9 |
| RFG Areas..... | 146.8 | 146.9 | 151.4 |
| On-Highway Diesel Fuel..... | 130.3 | 131.1 | 134.7 |

See Tables 12-14 and 16.

¹ Distillate fuel oil stocks located in the "Northeast Heating Oil Reserve" are not included. For details see Appendix D.

² Crude oil stocks in the SPR include non-U.S. stocks held under foreign or commercial storage agreements.

Notes: • NA=Not Available. • Data may not add to total due to independent rounding.