

Highlights

U.S. crude oil refinery inputs averaged 16.0 million barrels per day during the week ending September 1, up 192,000 barrels per day from the previous week's average. Refineries operated at 93.6 percent of their operable capacity last week. Gasoline production increased last week compared to the previous week, averaging over 9.2 million barrels per day, while distillate fuel production also increased, averaging nearly 4.3 million barrels per day.

U.S. crude oil imports averaged nearly 10.4 million barrels per day last week, down 788,000 barrels per day from the previous week. Over the last four weeks, crude oil imports have averaged over 10.4 million barrels per day, an increase of 127,000 barrels per day from the comparable four weeks last year. Total motor gasoline imports (including both finished gasoline and gasoline blending components) last week averaged over 1.0 million barrels per day. Distillate fuel imports averaged 522,000 barrels per day last week.

U.S. commercial crude oil inventories (excluding those in the Strategic Petroleum Reserve) fell 2.2 million barrels compared to the previous week. However, at 330.6 million barrels, U.S. crude oil inventories remain well above the upper end of the average range for this time of year. Total motor gasoline inventories increased by 0.7 million barrels last week, and are above the upper end of the average range. Distillate fuel inventories rose by 3.1 million barrels, and remain above the upper end of the average range for this time of year. Most of the increase was in ultra-low-sulfur diesel fuel inventories, while high-sulfur distillate fuel (heating oil) inventories inched higher by 0.4 million barrels. Total commercial petroleum inventories increased by 1.8 million

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Total products supplied over the last four-week period has averaged over 21.2 million barrels per day, or 0.4 percent less than averaged over the same period last year. Over the last four weeks, motor gasoline demand has averaged nearly 9.6 million barrels per day, or 1.4 percent above the same period last year. Distillate fuel demand has averaged 4.1 million barrels per day over the last four weeks, or 3.2 percent above the same period last year. Jet fuel demand is up 3.4 percent over the last four weeks compared to the same four-week period last year.

The average world crude oil price on September 1, 2006 was \$64.49, \$1.96 lower than last week's price but \$3.74 above a year ago. WTI was \$69.24 per barrel on September 1, 2006, \$2.89 under last week but \$2.33 more than a year ago. The spot price for conventional gasoline in the New York Harbor was 177.85 cents per gallon, 9.16 cents below last week's price and 84.66 cents under a year ago. The spot price for No. 2 low-sulfur diesel fuel in the New York Harbor was 203.20 cents per gallon, 19.10 cents less than last week's price and 5.43 cents below a year ago.

The national average retail regular gasoline price decreased for the fourth consecutive week to 272.7 cents per gallon on September 4, 2006, 11.8 cents per gallon less than last week and 34.2 cents per gallon under a year ago. The national average retail diesel fuel price decreased to 296.7 cents per gallon, 6.0 cents per gallon below last week but 6.9 cents per gallon more than a year ago.

Refinery Activity (Thousand Barrels per Day)

	Four Weeks Ending		
	09/01/06	08/25/06	09/01/05
Crude Oil Input to Refineries	15,780	15,684	15,624
Refinery Capacity Utilization (Percent)	92.7	92.2	92.1
Motor Gasoline Production	9,221	9,205	8,756
Distillate Fuel Oil Production	4,111	3,996	4,115

See Table 2.

Stocks (Million Barrels)

	Four Weeks Ending		
	09/01/06	08/25/06	09/01/05
Crude Oil (Excluding SPR)	330.6	332.8	311.4
Motor Gasoline	206.9	206.2	194.0
Distillate Fuel Oil ¹	139.9	136.8	139.4
All Other Oils	389.2	389.1	378.1
Crude Oil in SPR ²	687.8	687.8	700.7
Total	1,754.5	1,752.8	1,723.7

See Table 3.

Net Imports (Thousand Barrels per Day)

	Four Weeks Ending		
	09/01/06	08/25/06	09/01/05
Crude Oil	10,413	10,363	10,271
Petroleum Products	2,658	2,717	2,092
Total	13,071	13,080	12,363

See Table 1.

Products Supplied (Thousand Barrels per Day)

	Four Weeks Ending		
	09/01/06	08/25/06	09/01/05
Motor Gasoline	9,583	9,602	9,454
Distillate Fuel Oil	4,103	4,068	3,974
All Other Products	7,552	7,596	7,903
Total	21,238	21,266	21,331

See Table 10.

Prices (Cents per Gallon except as noted)

	Week Ending		
	09/01/06	08/25/06	09/02/05
World Crude Oil (Dollars per Barrel)	64.49	66.45	60.75
Spot Prices			
WTI Crude Oil - Cushing (Dollars per Barrel)	69.24	72.13	66.91
Conv. Regular Gasoline - NYH	177.85	187.01	262.50
RFG/RBOB Regular - NYH	177.10	188.90	262.50
No. 2 Heating Oil - NYH	196.58	199.30	203.03
No. 2 Low-sulfur Diesel Fuel - NYH	203.20	222.30	208.63
Kerosene-Type Jet - NYH	205.70	219.30	227.50
Residual Fuel - NYH	109.52	118.76	127.98
Propane - Mont Belvieu	112.07	114.19	111.50
	09/04/06	08/28/06	09/05/05
Retail Prices			
Motor Gasoline - Regular	272.7	284.5	306.9
Motor Gasoline - Midgrade	284.2	295.3	317.2
Motor Gasoline - Premium	295.2	306.4	328.5
On-Highway Diesel Fuel	296.7	302.7	289.8

See Tables 13, 14, 15 and 17.

Data for the week ending September 1 reflect benchmarking to the June *Petroleum Supply Monthly* values.

¹ Distillate fuel oil stocks located in the "Northeast Heating Oil Reserve" are not included.

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.