

Volume 374 April 28, 2011

**Market** May natural gas futures expired Wed at \$.4377 per therm; June is now the front month. Natural gas traded mixed to higher this week as dollars continue into the commodity markets and prices are supported by colder than normal weather in the north. Crude oil and other energy liquids are influenced higher by the unrest in the Middle East. Gas production levels due mostly to on-shore shale drilling are causing an over-supply condition; gas is now being exported as LNG. Industrial demand is recovering slowly. Natural gas is attractive to fix at this time to protect this year and beyond. The North American rig count is 878 this week. After a rise in count starting a year and a half ago the rig count has leveled off and decreased 7 this week.

The Crude oil price for June is higher this week at \$112.92 per barrel. Heating oil is higher at \$3.24 per gal. Unleaded gasoline futures are higher this week at \$3.45 and gasoline at the pump is around \$4.15...in Indiana. The natural gas storage report today was an injection of 31 BCF. Storage is 215 BCF lower than last year and 11 BCF lower than the 5 year average.



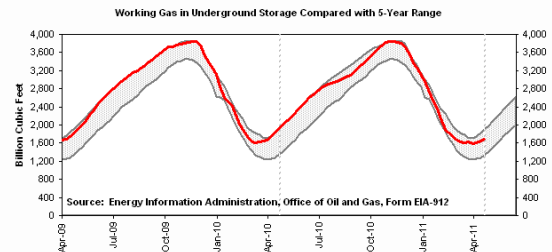
Above Graph – June 2011 NYMEX gas futures

**Weather:** **Thu:** Cloudy with showers. High near 45F. Winds W at 15 to 25 mph. Chance of rain 50%. **Fri:** Mainly sunny. High 59F. Winds N at 10 to 15 mph. **Sat:** Windy, slight chance of a thunderstorm. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the upper 40s. **Sun:** Chance of showers. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the low 40s. **Mon:** Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the low 40s.

**Storage Statistics: (BCF) Billion Cubic Ft**

This Week	Last Year	5 Year Ave.
1,685	1,900	1,696

The total is an increase of 31 BCF from last week.



Above Graph - Storage levels as of 4-28-11

**Comparative Fuels: Futures Prices for June**

	Price	Compared to Nat Gas
Natural Gas (therm)	\$ <b>.4476</b>	<b>\$.4476</b>
Propane (gal)	<b>\$1.55</b>	<b>\$1.69</b>
Crude Oil (barrel)	<b>\$112.92</b>	
Heating Oil (gal)	<b>\$3.24</b>	<b>\$2.33</b>
Unleaded Gas (gal)	<b>\$3.45</b>	

**North American Natural Gas Rig Count:**

This week	878
Last week	885
Year Ago this week	956

**NYMEX Futures Price for Winter**

Nov 2011-Mar 2012 \$**.5264** per therm.

**NYMEX Futures Price for 1 YR**

Jun 2011-May 2012 \$**.5209** per therm.

**NGI for April 2011 \$4420**

