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Oil & Gas News

Oil inches up to \$86 as storm pounds US coast

The price of oil recovered slightly Tuesday, rising to above \$86 a barrel, even as a massive storm was pounding the heavily populated U.S. East Coast, reducing demand for fuel by keeping drivers off roads, closing businesses and silencing activity in New York City and other metropolitan areas.

By early afternoon in Europe, benchmark oil for December delivery was up 50 cents to \$86.04 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Crude oil prices fell 74 cents, or 1.3 percent, to finish at \$85.54 a barrel Monday. The Nymex will be closed again Tuesday because of the storm, but electronic trading continues.

The biggest refineries in the northeastern United States shut down or throttled back sharply on Monday as the storm came ashore into New Jersey and hurled seawater at New York City, closing U.S. financial markets.

Analysts said the impact on demand, with power outages and the shutdown of major cities, could be significant. That impact on oil prices would only be offset partially by a drop in oil supplies, as some oil imports would be cut off.

Oil analyst Stephen Schork said in an email commentary that "with lower Manhattan in the dark, roads from Connecticut to Delaware closed and refineries shut, the lack of implied demand is overshadowing ... potential supply disruptions from Sandy."

Oil prices got some support from rising equities in Europe, boosted by some encouraging company earnings reports.

In London, Brent crude, which is used to price international varieties of oil, was down 3 cents a barrel to \$109.41.

In other energy futures trading in New York:

- Wholesale gasoline fell 1.01 cents to \$2.631 per gallon.
- Natural gas lost 5.5 cents to \$3.748 per 1,000 cubic feet.
- Heating oil was down 0.99 cent to \$3.0774 per gallon.

Production Statistics and Allowables for November 2012

AUSTIN — The Texas average rig count as of October 2012, was 867, representing about 49 percent of all active land rigs in the United States. In the last 12 months, total Texas reported production was 486 million barrels of oil and 7.2 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

The Commission's estimated final production for August 2012 is 50,378,711 barrels of crude oil and 537,924,295 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas well gas.

The Commission derives final production numbers by multiplying the preliminary August 2012 production totals of 41,604,353 barrels of crude oil and 455,520,616 Mcf of gas well gas by a production adjustment factor of 1.2109 for crude oil and 1.1809 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.)

Texas natural gas storage reported to the Commission for September 2012 was 424,283,340 Mcf compared to 385,102,434 Mcf in September 2011. The October 2012 gas storage estimate is 443,380,900 Mcf.

The Texas Railroad Commission's Oil and Gas Division set initial November 2012 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 10,297,001 Mcf (thousand cubic feet).

In setting the initial November 2012 allowables, the Commission used historical production figures from previous months, producers' demand forecasts for the coming month, and adjusted the figures based on well capability.

These initial allowables will be adjusted after actual production for November 2012 is reported.

Texas monthly oil and gas statistics

SEPTEMBER PERMITS TO DRILL

The Commission issued a total of 1,640 original drilling permits in September 2012 compared to 1,984 in September 2011.

The September total included 1,441 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 44 to re-enter existing well bores, and 155 for re-completions.

Permits issued in September 2012 included 507 oil, 120 gas, 953 oil and gas, 52 injection, two service and six other permits.

August crude oil production

Texas preliminary August 2012 crude oil production averaged 1,342,076 barrels daily, up from the 983,864 barrels daily average of August 2011.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for August 2012 is 41,604,353 barrels, up from 30,499,770 barrels reported during August 2011.

September oil and gas completions

In September 2012, operators reported 657 oil, 178 gas, 34 injection and two other completions compared to 323 oil, 260 gas, 19 injection and one other completion in September 2011.

Total well completions for 2012 year to date are 10,836 up from 5,944 recorded during the same period in 2011.

Operators reported 687 holes plugged and zero dry holes in September 2012 compared to 668 holes plugged and zero dry holes in September 2011.

August natural gas production

Texas oil and gas wells produced 549,882,336 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for August 2012 up from the August 2011 preliminary gas production total of 543,112,563 Mcf. Texas preliminary August total gas production averaged 17,738,140 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) a day.

Texas production in August 2012 came from 148,967 oil wells and 94,338 gas wells.

Early voting continues strong

Terry County residents continued to make their way to the American Legion building this week to cast an early ballot in the Nov. 6 General election.

Several local races will be decided in the election, highlighted by the race for United States President.

Early voting kicked off last week in the County Clerk's office and at press time Tuesday 1753 people had voted.

Early voting will continue from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., through Friday.

Polls across the county will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 6.

Officials expect more than half of Texans will cast their ballots before Election Day.

Locally contested races highlight the ballot this year in Terry County for Sheriff, County Attorney and County Commissioner.

In the Sheriff's race, incumbent Republican Larry Gilbreath is being challenged by Democrat Albert Flores, a longtime deputy in the department.

Incumbent Democrat Ramon Gallegos will try to maintain his post as County Attorney against political newcomer Jo'Shae Ferguson-Worley, a Republican.

In the Commissioners' race in Precinct 3, former commissioner Don Robertson, a Republican, is vying for the position against Cecil Castilleja, a Democrat.

In the 19th Congressional District race, Lubbock Republican incumbent Randy Neugebauer will face off with Libertarian challenger Richard (Chip) Peterson, also of Lubbock.

Aside from the 2012 Presidential race between President Barack Obama and GOP challenger Mitt

Romney, Terry County residents will also have a say in who will become Texas' newest United States Senator.

In the race, Republican Tea Party activist Ted Cruz and Democrat Paul Sadler lead a field of four candidates who include Libertarian Party candidate John Jay Myers and Green Party candidate David B. Collins.

Election day polling on Nov. 6 will be conducted at all regular polling places within Terry County, located in Brownfield, Meadow and Wellman.

The ballot will include the following races:

2012 General Election Ballot Candidates

U.S. President/Vice President

Mitt Romney/Paul Ryan (R)
 Barack Obama/Joe Biden (D)
 Gary Johnson/Jim Gray (L)
 Jill Stein/Cheri Honkala (G)

U.S. Senator

Ted Cruz (R)
 Paul Sadler (D)
 John Jay Myers (L)
 David B. Collins (G)

U.S. Representative, Dist. 19

Randy Neugebauer (R)
 Richard (Chip) Peterson (L)

Railroad Commissioner

Christi Craddick (R)
 Dale Henry (D)
 Vivekananda (Vik) Wall (L)
 Chris Kennedy (G)

Railroad Commissioner (Unexpired Term)

Barry Smitherman (R)
 Jamie O. Perez (L)
 Josh Wendel (G)

Justice, Supreme Court, Pl. 2

Don Willett (R)
 RS Roberto Koelsch (L)

Justice, Supreme Court, Pl. 4

John Devine (R)
 Tom Oxford (L)
 Charles E. Waterbury (G)

Justice, Supreme Court, Pl. 6

Nathan Hecht (R)
 Michele Petty (D)
 Mark Ash (L)
 Jim Chisholm (G)

Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals

Sharon Keller (R)
 Keith Hampton (D)
 Lance Stott (L)

Judge, Court of Appeals, Pl. 7

Barbara Parker Hervey (R)
 Mark W. Bennett (L)

Judge, Court of Appeals, Pl. 8

Elsa Alcalá, (R)
 William Brian Strange, III (L)

Member, State Board of Ed., District 15

Marty Rowley (R)
 Steven D. Schafersman (D)

State Senator, Dist. 28

Robert Duncan (R)
 M.J. (Smitty) Smith (LIB)

State Rep., Dist. 83

Charles Perry (R)

Justice, 7th Court of Appeals, Place 2

Mackey K. Hancock (R)

Justice, 7th Court of Appeals, Place 3

Pat Pirtle (R)

District Judge, 121st Judicial District

Kelly G. Moore (R)

Terry County Attorney

Ramon Gallegos (D)
 Jo'Shae Ferguson-Worley (R)

Terry County Sheriff

Albert Flores (D)
 Larry Gilbreath (R)

Terry Co. Tax Assessor/Collector

Rexann W. Turrentine (D)

County Commissioner, Pct. 1

Mike Swain (R)

County Commissioner, Pct. 3

Cecil Castilleja (D)
 Don Robertson (R)

Justice of the Peace (Unexpired Term)

Angie P. Garza (R)

Terry County Constable

Danny Reynolds (R)

Obituaries



JACOVO (JAKE) RIVERA 1938-2012

Jacovo (Jake) Rivera, age 74 went to be with the Lord on Thursday, October 25, 2012 in Brownfield. Funeral Services for Mr. Rivera were 2:00 P.M., Monday, October 29, 2012 at Primera Iglesia Bautista in Brownfield with Pastor Plutaro Garcia officiating. Personal services have been entrusted to Mark A Jones Funeral Directors of Brownfield.

Mr. Rivera was born February 15, 1938 to Andres and Antonia Rivera in Mathis, Texas. Jack moved to Brownfield in 1954.. He married the love of his life, Alice Garcia on June 21, 1955 here in Brownfield.

Jacks family remembers him as a jack of all trades. His greatest joy in life was spending time with his family and niece and nephews.

Those left to cherish his memories are wife, of 57 years, Alice Rivera of the home; 2 Daughters: Rachel Prieto and husband Santos and Corina Rivera both of Lubbock; 1 Sister: Lupe Cabrera of Brownfield and several nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind 6 Grandchildren and 7 Great-Grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by both parents; 1 Daughter: Rebecca Rivera; 4 Brothers and 3 Sisters.

Family requests that in lieu of flowers that donations be made to Primera Iglesia Bautista Church of Brownfield or your favorite charity.

Bridal Selections

Kelsey Salmon & Kent Moore

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CONSTRUCTION

Workers were busy Tuesday morning working on the substrate that will underlie the artificial turf.

The pristine turf will complete the 50-yard-square indoor practice field.

The first-class facility is part of the \$5.4 million bond package approved last fall and will extend the life of Cub Stadium for decades to come.

Cubs Head Coach Bryan Welps has told the *Brownfield News* his players are anxious to get into their new digs.

"This is as nice a facility as any high school team in West Texas has and we're proud to call it home," Welps said. "We've been watching it go up all summer while we practice beside it and our guys are just ready to be in there."

The field house has separate locker rooms for varsity, junior varsity and freshman teams, as well as a separate dressing area for female sports, such as track and field.

Coaches offices and dressing rooms, film storage and an impressive trainer's room with numerous tables and jacuzzis

HARVEST

"The cotton looks really good from the road and it even looks okay from the cab on the stripper, but when they get to the gin, it's just not there," Russell said. "The drought is definitely still affecting us."

Most of the county's irrigated acreage has been brought in, according to Bishop, but roughly 50 percent of the cotton remains in the fields.

"There's a bunch of dry land left to work," he said. "They're out there getting it and we're still waiting on some custom crews to get in and strip."

Bishop said he hasn't heard any report on grades of the cotton brought in so far.

"Right now, they're all a lot more worried about the pounds than about the quality," he said.

where athletes can be tended to are only a few of the first-class amenities included in the field house.

Equipment storage with rolling lockers and a weight room also are included in the large building behind the field house.

The turf is expected to be completed next week.

There IS a Difference!

Republican	Vs	Democrat
AGAINST	Issues	FOR
AGAINST	Same Sex Marriage	FOR
AGAINST	Gun Control	FOR
FOR	Obamacare	FOR
FOR	Protection of the Unborn	AGAINST
FOR	School Prayer	AGAINST
FOR	Balanced Budget	AGAINST
FOR	Extending Tax Cuts	AGAINST
FOR	Domestic Oil Exploration	AGAINST

National Platform Comparison

If you're a conservative, then you're a Republican, because the Republican Party is the ONLY Conservative party!

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