

FEBRUARY 2010



THE MARKET



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As we enter the second month of the new year we do so with cautious optimism. On the first trading days of the new year crude oil was trading just above \$82.00 and today, one month later, crude is roughly \$9.00 lower. At least for now with crude oil heading in the right direction we should see better numbers on the finished products as we have noticed some decreasing on the street.

Keep in mind that I'm still bearish, but if this year has any hint of normalcy to the last 30 years - what you don't get for price decreases in the first quarter (Jan-Feb-Mar) you typically won't get. This is due to the fact that once the first quarter is in the history books the mind set is that the travel season is just ahead, opening of fishing season, kids seeing the end of the school year and even with our economy wounded gasoline demand does increase.

It's any ones guess as to how high prices will go. In my opinion, barring acts of God or war; its hard for me to imagine demand going crazy. If demand doesn't cork out then prices shouldn't either, but remember that in the past few years these markets have been anything but normal or predictable.

The one to watch again is China. As you may recall China's exploding economy several years ago was the catalyst to drive literally all commodities out of sight. With their economy threatening to recover that could spike demand and let me be clear, when stellar demand returns energy prices will recover right along with it. The \$64,000 question is when? But because of the volatile and unpredictable nature of the market, literally no one knows.

If you're thinking of Locking in then you'll just have to go with your gut, until then the Rolling Account is a no-brainer. In January alone there were many times when the Rolling price was much deeper then 10 cents off the street, this is simply because our Pay at the Pump was less then the street.

Always remember, whether Locking, Rolling or a Tank at a Time we are always here for you with airtight data and best of all we are local.

Thanks for your support.

U.S. Inventory Stats As of February 3rd, 2010

9:30 a.m. Central Standard Time

(1 U.S. Barrel = 42 gallons)

	<u>Over/Short from Last Year</u>	<u>Value from Last Year</u>
Crude	- 21.3 million Barrels	+ \$.3666 / barrel
Gasoline	+ 10.8 million Barrels	+ \$.8830 / gallon
Diesel	+ 12.8 million Barrels	+ \$.7116 / gallon

**Inventory Stats Will Be Upgraded Weekly (Wednesday)

Unless a Holiday then 1 day later (Thursday)

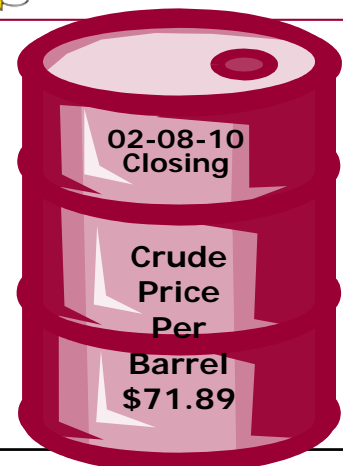
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Closing Crude Prices

(New York Mercantile)

02-01-10	\$74.43 / Barrel	+\$1.54
02-02-10	\$77.23 / Barrel	+\$2.80
02-03-10	\$76.98 / Barrel	-\$0.25
02-04-10	\$73.17 / Barrel	-\$3.84
02-05-10	\$71.19 / Barrel	-\$1.95
02-08-10	\$71.89 / Barrel	+\$0.70