

# WEEKLY GASOLINE FUNDAMENTAL-PRICE-BASIS OUTLOOK

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Cash Basis Outlook			
Product	Market	Weeks Forward	
		1 - 2	3 - 6
RBOB	NYH	$\Rightarrow$	
	Gulf	$\Rightarrow$	
	W Coast	$\Rightarrow$	<b></b>
Conventional	NYH	$\Rightarrow$	
	Gulf	$\Rightarrow$	<b></b>
	Grp III	$\Rightarrow$	<b></b>
	Chicago	$\Rightarrow$	-
	W Coast	$\Rightarrow$	<b>-</b>
Gulf Coast Price Outlook			

Wholesale demand decreased -27,000 bpd last week, after the prior week surge.

Production increased +12,000 bpd on the week, to a new 5-yr high for the period. Imports increased +87,000 bpd, but remain at an extremely low level. The latest 4-wk average supply was +8,000 bpd above a year ago. This compares to the latest demand that was -41,000 bpd below last year.

Stocks increased +0.3 million barrels on the week. The latest 4-wk stock draw East of the Rockies was -6.5 million barrels, matching the mid range for the period. East of the Rockies, supply remains below the mid range.

Cash basis remains particularly weak across all regional markets because stock levels are at 5-yr record highs in all markets except New England and the Central Atlantic Regions of PADD 1. Stock levels in these regions are near record lows.

Expect basis strength on rising seasonal demand, liquidation of winter grades and some increase in imports to the East Coast.

### **RBOB**

**New York Harbor** basis to strengthen on liquidation of winter RVP grades, partially offset by some increase imports.

Gulf Coast basis to strengthen on liquidation of winter RVP grades and increased dependence by PADD 1 on receipts from the Gulf to offset low imports.

West Coast (Los Angeles) basis to remain weak on record high production and stock levels.

## Conventional

**New York Harbor** basis to strengthen on liquidation of winter RVP grades, partially offset by some increase imports.

*Chicago basis* to strengthen on liquidation of winter RVP grades and refinery maintenance.

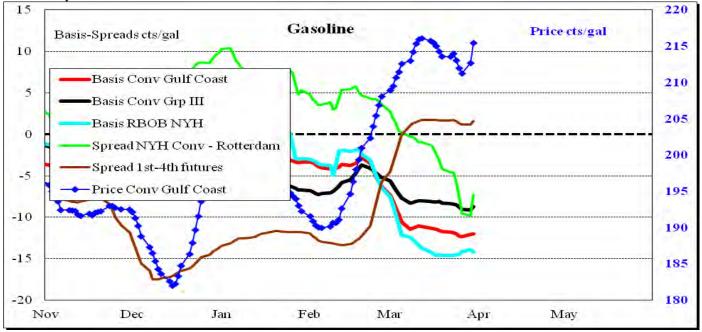
*Group III* basis to strengthen on above average refinery maintenance.

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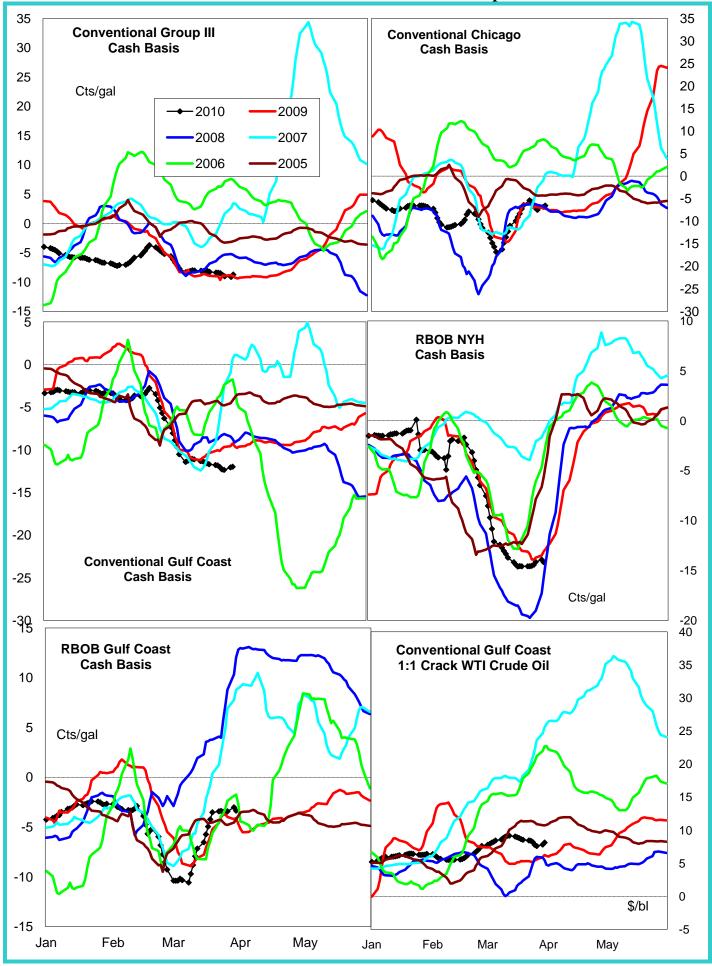
#### **Gulf Coast Price**

Extremely favorable ethanol blend economics has encouraged marketers to maximize ethanol blending, offsetting low imports of blend stocks and contributing to record gasoline output. Very high stocks in regions outside PADD 1, and rising production may limit the spring uptrend in gasoline prices.

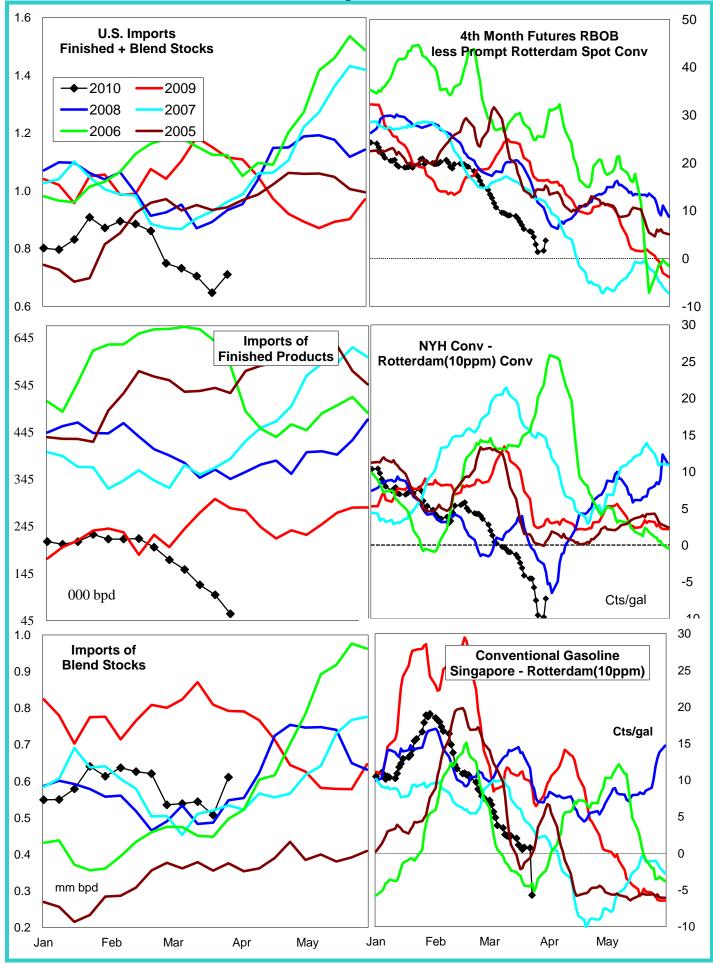


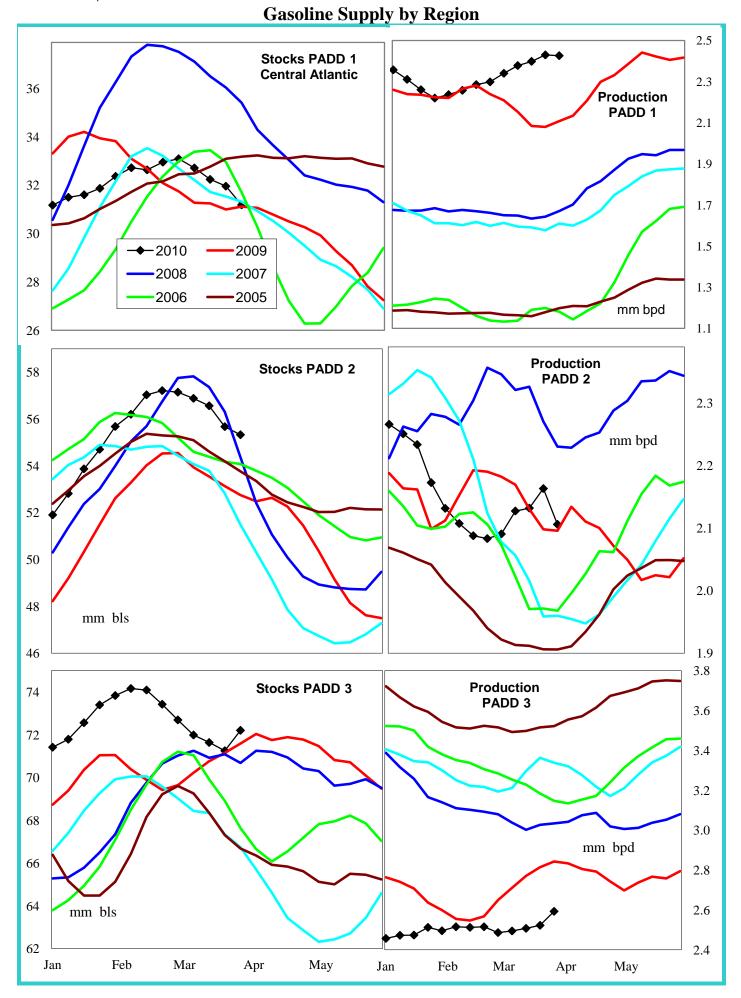
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**Gasoline Cash Basis and Related Price Spreads** 

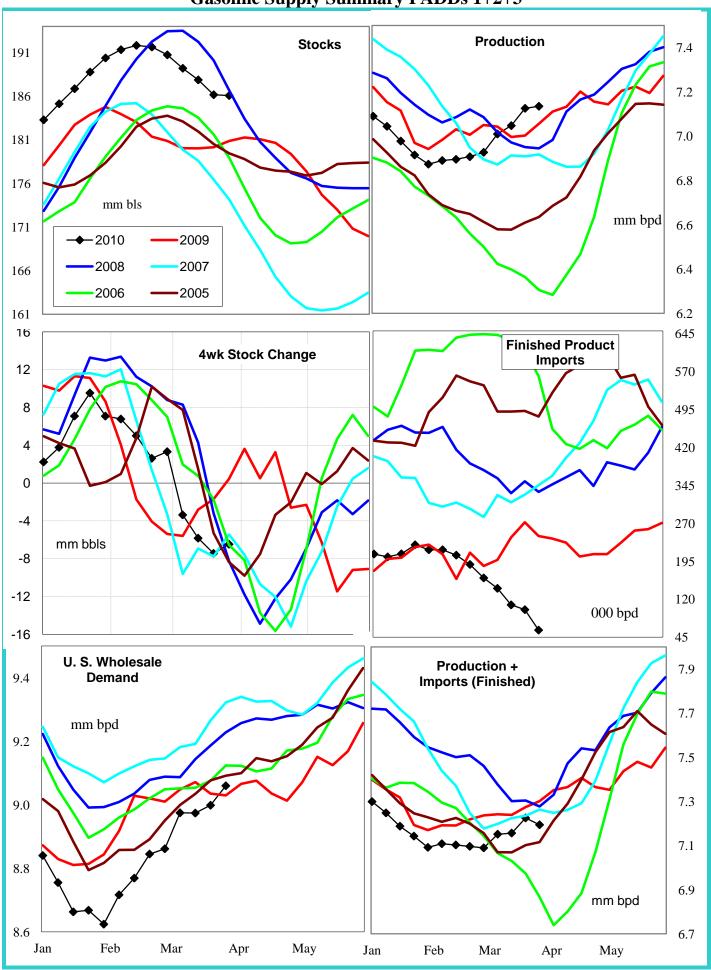


# **Gasoline Import Economics**





**Gasoline Supply Summary PADDs 1+2+3** 



**PADD 5 Gasoline Supply** 

