

## WEEKLY GASOLINE FUNDAMENTAL-PRICE-BASIS OUTLOOK

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

Wholesale demand fell -369,000 bpd last week as the downstream supply chain ran down inventories following the 4th of July holiday weekend. A build up of stocks in the downstream supply chain ahead of the holiday likely contributed to earlier increased demand. The latest 4-wk

average year-on-year increase was +165,000 bpd.

Production increased +47,000 bpd on the week, yet another 5-year high. The increase was due in part to earlier high levels of blend stock imports, as imports fell -333,000 bpd last week.

The latest 4-wk average supply was +73,000 bpd above last year.

Stocks increased +1.6 million barrels last week, to a new high for the season. The latest 4-wk stock change East of the Rockies was +3.5 million barrels, a level above the mid range.

Cash basis trended higher across markets late last week, then pulled back this week. The recent weakness was due in part to the weekly drop in demand and counter seasonal stock builds

Basis levels for conventional grades remain above the mid range in most markets for this time of year. RBOB grade basis remains weak in NYH and on the Gulf Coast. Tight supplies continue to support West Coast basis at the upper end of the historic range.

Stock levels remain low in PADD 2 although production now matches historic highs for the period.

Look for cash basis to extend the current weak trend on flat demand, very high stocks and/or high production levels. IF hurricanes do not strike the Gulf, the East of Rockies market faces severe over supply during the next 60-days.

#### **RBOB**

New York Harbor basis to trade sideways on very high stock levels and flat demand. Gulf Coast basis to trade sideways to lower on very high stocks and flat demand. West Coast (Los Angeles) basis to trend lower as process units return to operation and imports arrive.

#### Conventional

*New York Harbor* basis to trade sideways on flat demand and high stocks.

*Chicago basis* to trade flat to lower on increased production and flat demand.

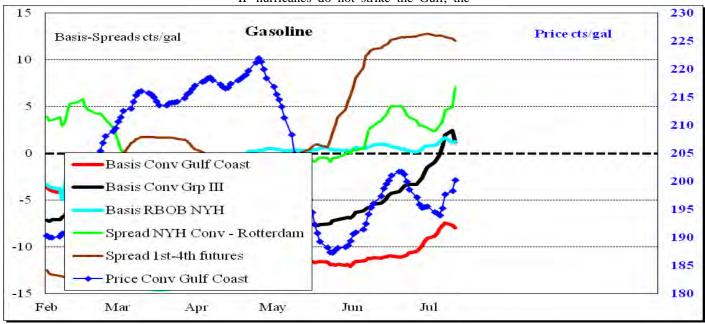
**Group III** basis to trade flat to lower on high production and increased receipts from the Gulf.

**Gulf Basis** is should trade flat to lower on very high stocks and flat demand.

West Coast (Los Angeles) to trend lower as process units return to operation and imports arrive.

#### **Gulf Coast Price**

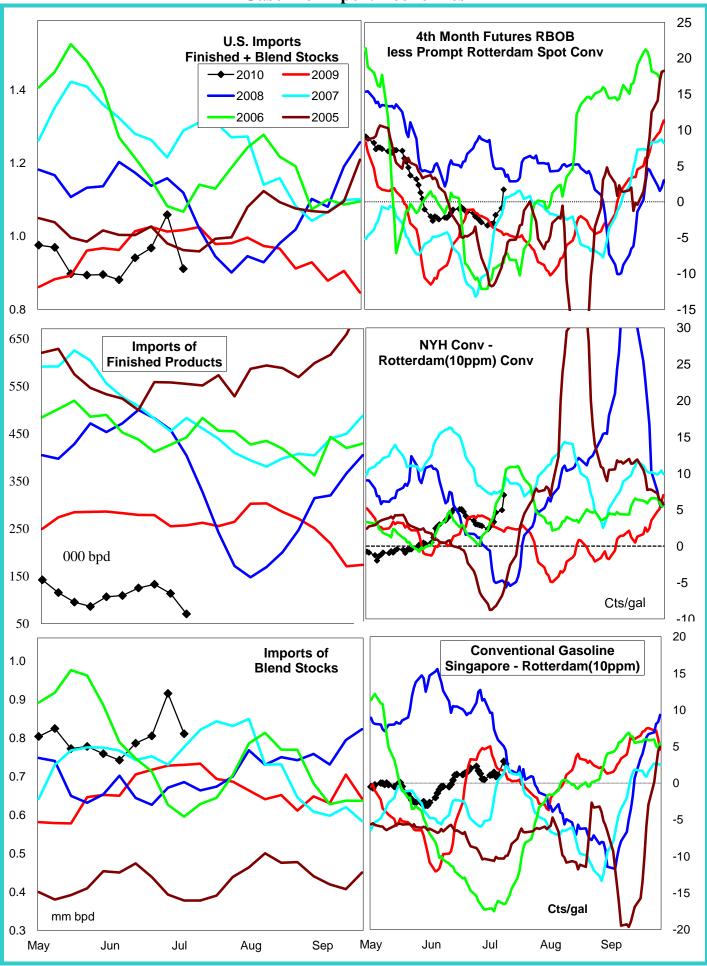
Renewed evidence of only modest demand growth, counter seasonal stock builds and record levels, combined with record production points to a sharp price pull back during the next 60-days in the absence of hurricane damage to the Gulf.

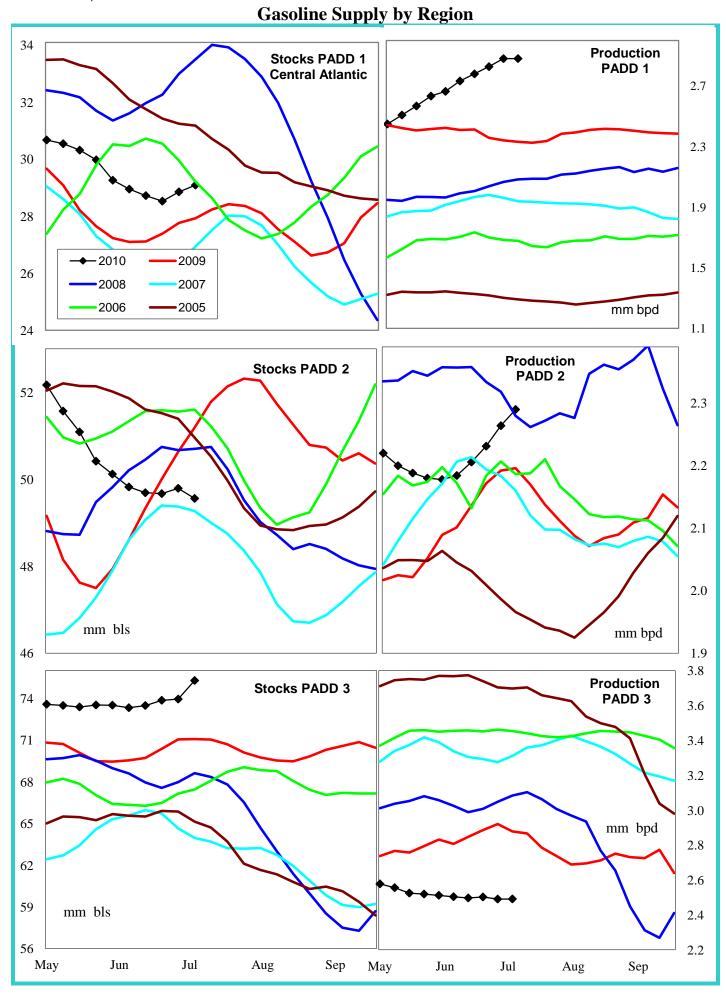


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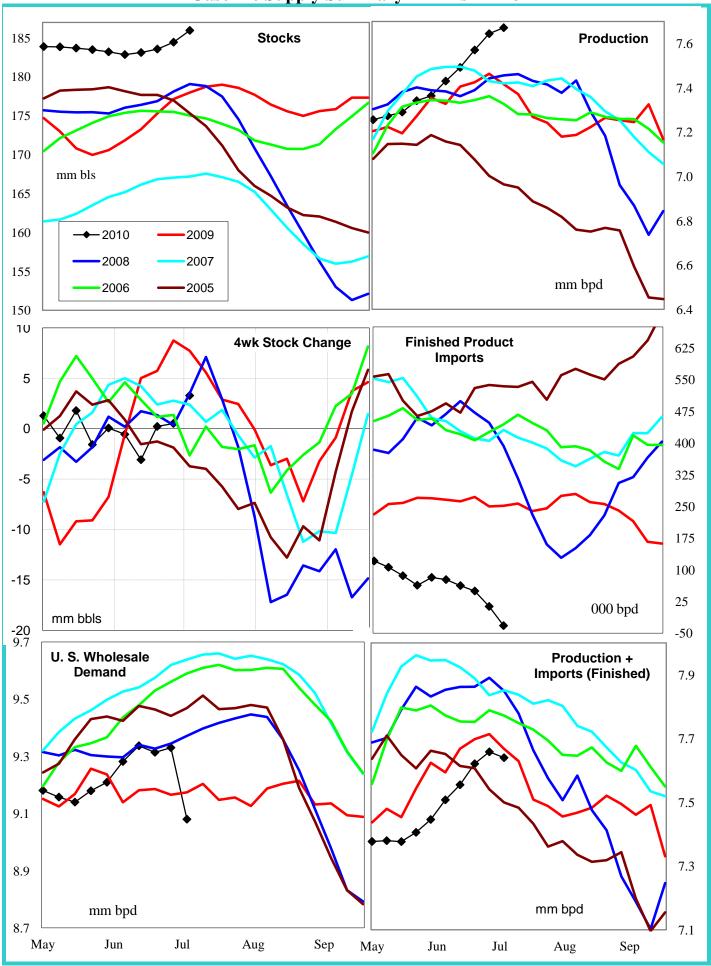
**Gasoline Cash Basis and Related Price Spreads** 35 35 **Conventional Chicago Conventional Group III** 30 30 **Cash Basis Cash Basis** 25 25 Cts/gal 20 20 2009 -2010 15 15 2008 2007 10 10 2006 2005 5 5 0 0 -5 -5 -10 -10 -15 -15 25 -20 20 **RBOB NYH** 20 **Cash Basis Conventional Gulf Coast** 15 **Cash Basis** 15 10 10 5 0 5 -5 0 -10 -15 -5 -20 Cts/gal -25 15 -10 40 **RBOB Gulf Coast Conventional Gulf Coast Cash Basis** 1:1 Crack WTI Crude Oil 35 10 30 5 25 20 0 15 \$/bl -5 10 5 -10 0 Cts/gal -15 -5 May Jun Jul Aug Sep May Jun Jul Aug Sep

# **Gasoline Import Economics**





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



**PADD 5 Gasoline Supply** 

