

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	\Rightarrow
	W Coast	\rightarrow	
Conventional	NYH	\Rightarrow	\Rightarrow
	Gulf	\Rightarrow	\Rightarrow
	Grp III		
	Chicago	—	
	W Coast	\Rightarrow	—
Gulf Coast Price Outlook		\Rightarrow	

Wholesale demand surged +406,000 bpd last week, as the downstream supply chain rebuilt stocks after the earlier price

collapse, and to meet Memorial weekend demand . The latest 4-wk average demand was -44,000 bpd below a year ago.

Production increased +174,000 bpd to a new 5-year high. Imports decreased -208,000 bpd but the level remains above the last 3-years.

Stocks increased +2.6 million barrels on the week, lifting the level above four of the last 5-years. The latest 4-wk stock build East of the Rockies was +8.5 million barrels, a record for this time of year. Markets served by Chicago area refineries remain in a supply squeeze on unplanned maintenance.

Basis trended higher in all regional markets last week with the exception of Group III and the West Coast where the trend was lower. Basis levels reached record highs in Chicago on a supply squeeze. Basis remains elevated for RBOB in NYH and in the Group III, while levels in other markets were near the mid range. The West Coast remains below the historic range.

Expect basis levels on the East Coast and Midwest to trend lower as supplies

improve, while trending higher on the West Coast from record lows.

RBOB

New York Harbor basis to trend lower on improving supply

Conventional

New York Harbor basis to trade sideways on improved supply

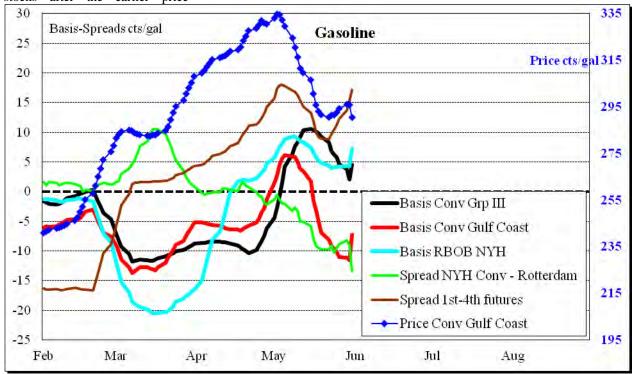
Chicago basis to trade collapse as Gulf product arrives and plants return to operation in the near term. Group III basis to trend lower on high production levels.

Gulf Basis to trade sideways on improved supply.

West Coast (Los Angeles) basis to trade sideways in the near term on extreme over supply, then higher as exports increase.

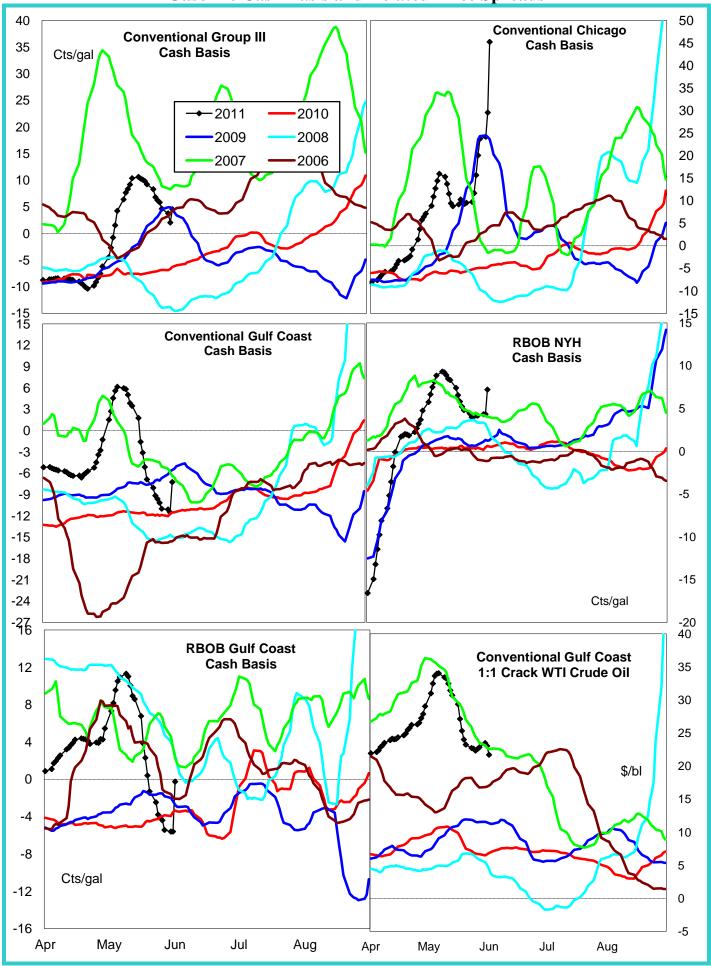
Gulf Coast Price

The very weak West Coast market should drive a surge in exports from that region. The Chicago market should collapse as process units return to operation and Gulf receipts arrive. The gasoline market is likely to become over supplied by early summer on high imports, production and lackluster demand, leading to price weakness.

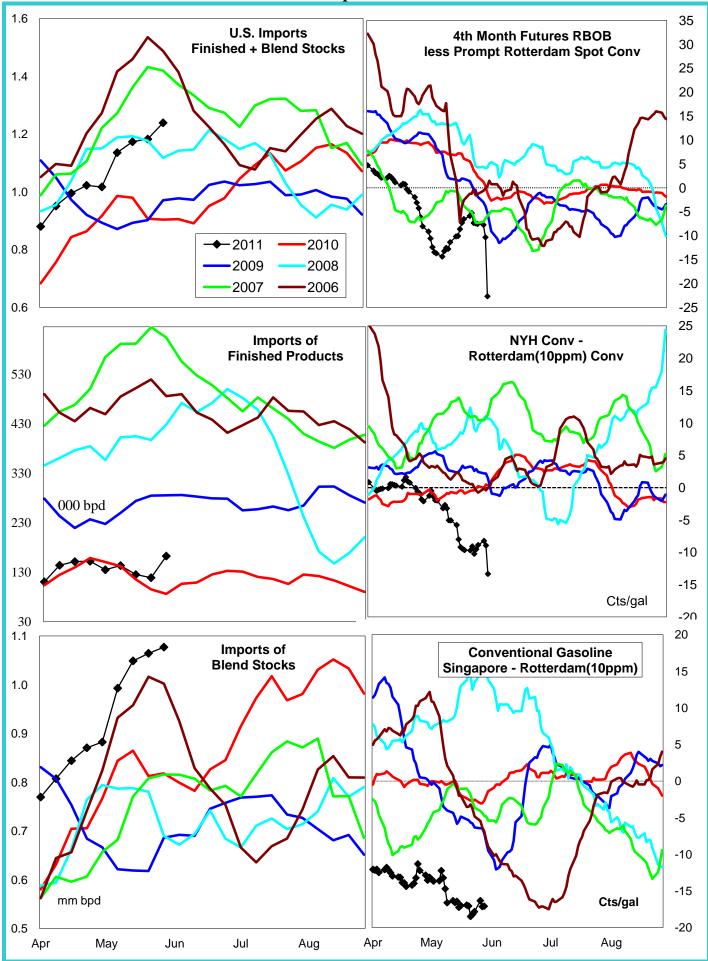


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Gasoline Cash Basis and Related Price Spreads

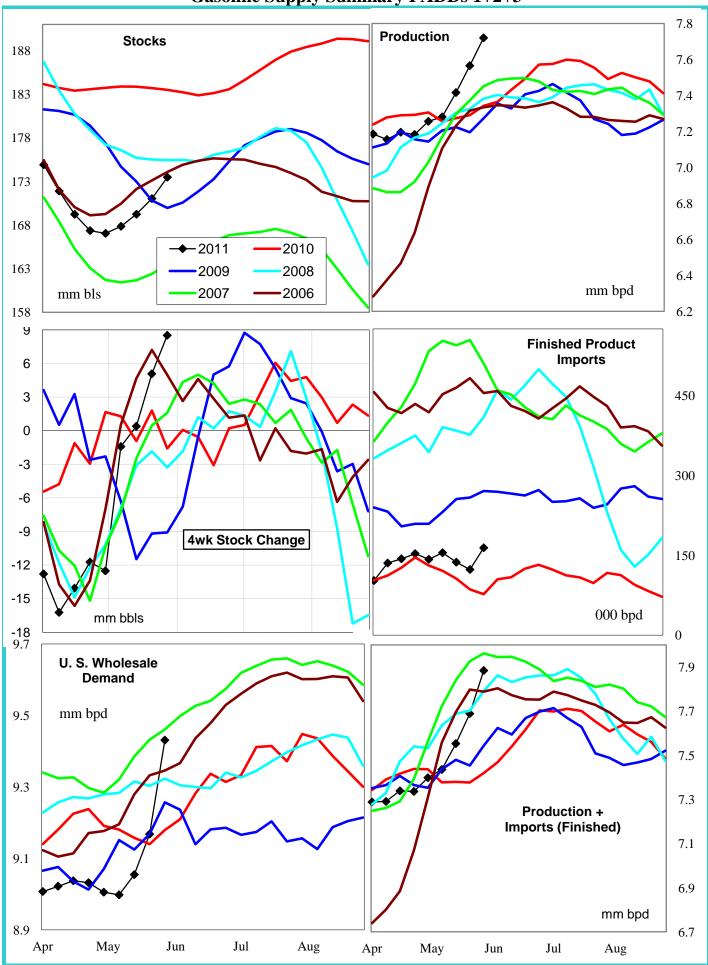


Gasoline Import Economics



Gasoline Supply by Region 36 3.1 **Production** Stocks PADD 1 PADD 1 **Central Atlantic** 34 2.7 32 **←**2011 2010 2.3 2009 2008 30 2007 2006 1.9 28 1.5 26 mm bpd 1.1 24 Stocks PADD 2 **Production** PADD 2 54 2.3 52 2.2 50 2.1 48 2.0 mm bpd mm bls 46 1.9 3.7 **Production** 76 Stocks PADD 3 PADD 3 3.4 73 3.1 70 2.8 67 2.5 mm bpd mm bls 64 2.2 61 1.9 Apr May Jun Jul Aug Jul Apr May Jun Aug

Gasoline Supply Summary PADDs 1+2+3



PADD 5 Gasoline Supply

