

# WEEKLY GASOLINE FUNDAMENTAL-PRICE-BASIS OUTLOOK

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

Wholesale demand declined -46,000 bpd last week with the level below the 5-year range. The latest 4-wk year-on-year change in demand was a -292,000 bpd decrease (-3.3%).

Supplies fell -0.5 million bpd on lower production and imports.

Stocks decreased -0.5 million barrels on the week, including a -1 million barrel draw on the East Coast.

Stocks remain extremely tight on the East Coast, due to low imports and earlier refinery closures. The restart of the Trainer PA refinery should add local supply over the next several months, while lower seasonal demand and increased output of winter grades should improved stock levels before year end. West coast production is at a record level, which combined with a waiver for winter grades should improve supplies in the very near term.

Basis levels fell sharply in all regional markets last week on lower demand and a switch to winter grades in most markets. Basis levels remain elevated on the West Coast and to a lesser extent NYH. Levels in the Midwest and Gulf traded at the low end of the historic range for this time of year.

#### **RBOB**

**New York Harbor** basis to trend lower as imports and receipts from the Gulf resupply the market.

## Conventional

**New York Harbor** basis to trend lower as imports and receipts from the Gulf lift stock levels.

*Chicago* basis trade sideways at the low end of the historic range due to tight East Coast supply.

*Group III* basis to trade sideways at the low end of the historic range due to tight East Coast supply

**Gulf Basis** to trend lower on reduced seasonal demand.

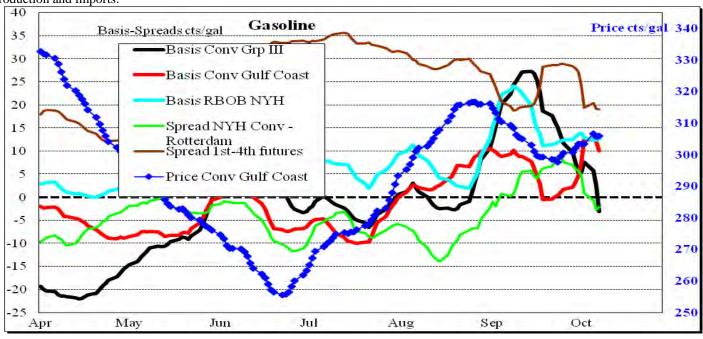
West Coast (Los Angeles) basis to extend the downtrend on high production and improving stock levels.

### **Gulf Coast Price**

Look for an end to the supply squeeze on the east coast on an increase in imports, lower seasonal demand and increased production of winter grade product. However, stock rebuilding on the East Coast will likely be modest due to a lack of local refining capacity. The long term year-on-year downtrend in gasoline demand should continue, allowing offseason stock rebuilding to occur in other regional markets by year end.

A financial crisis in Iran increases oil supply uncertainty in the region. This risk is partially offset by a continued slowdown in global economic growth.

Look for volatile energy prices with downside risk due to slow global economic growth.



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**Gasoline Cash Basis and Related Price Spreads** 35 50 **Conventional Chicago** Cts/gal **Cash Basis** 30 **Conventional Group III** 40 **Cash Basis** 25 30 20 -2012 2011 2010 2009 15 20 2008 2007 10 10 5 0 0 -5 -10 -10 -15 16 -20 25 **Conventional Gulf Coast RBOB NYH Cash Basis** 12 **Cash Basis** 20 8 15 4 0 10 -4 5 -8 0 -12 Cts/gal -1<u>6</u> -5 50 **RBOB Gulf Coast Conventional Gulf Coast** Cash Basis 1:1 Crack WTI Crude Oil 10 40 5 30 0 -5 20 \$/bl -10 10 -15 0 -20 Cts/gal -25 -10

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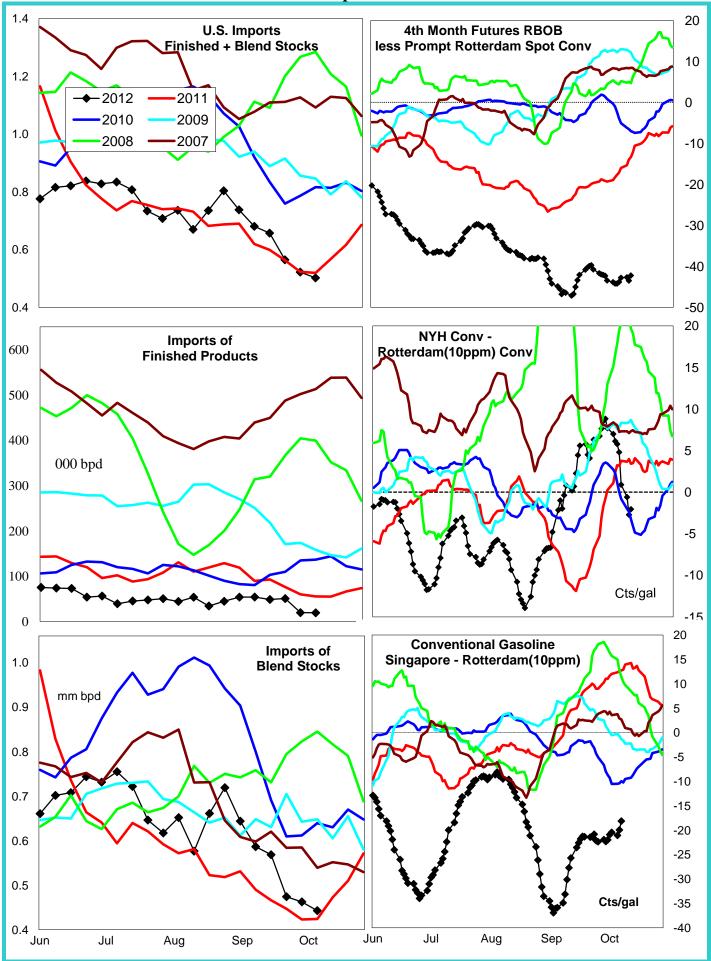
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# **Gasoline Import Economics**



**Gasoline Supply by Region Production** Stocks PADD 1 33 PADD 1 **Central Atlantic** 2.9 31 29 2.5 27 25 2.1 23 -2012 2011 mm bpd 2010 2009 21 2008 2007 1.7 19 2.4 Stocks PADD 2 **Production** PADD 2 52 mm bpd 2.3 50 2.2 48 2.1 mm bls 2.0 46 78 **Production** Stocks PADD 3 3.5 PADD 3 75 3.2 72 mm bpd 2.9 69 2.6 66 2.3 63 2.0 60 mm bls 57 1.7

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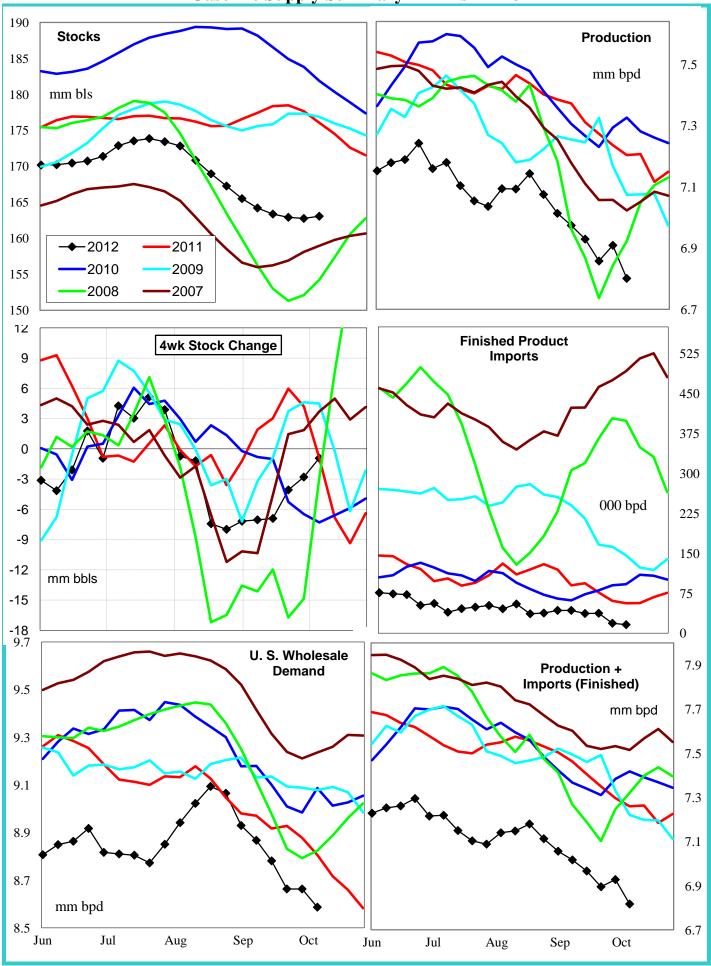
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**Gasoline Supply Summary PADDs 1+2+3** 



**PADD 5 Gasoline Supply** 

