

### 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	<b></b>	$\rightarrow$
	W Coast	$\rightarrow$	$\rightarrow$
Conventional	NYH	$\Rightarrow$	$\Rightarrow$
	Gulf	<b></b>	$\Rightarrow$
	Grp III	<b></b>	$\Rightarrow$
	Chicago	$\Rightarrow$	$\Rightarrow$
	W Coast	$\Rightarrow$	$\Rightarrow$
Gulf Coast Price Outlook		-	

Wholesale demand was nearly unchanged last week, at a level well above a year ago. The latest 4-wk year-on-year change in demand was a +138,000 bpd increase (+1.6%).

Supplies increased +108,000 bpd on higher production and imports.

Stocks decreased -1.5 million barrels last week, including a +1 million barrel build on the East Coast.

Basis fell sharply in NYH to a level near the average of the last 2-years on improved supplies. Gulf, Group III and the Northwest basis levels continued to trade well below the 5-year range. Extended refinery maintenance in the Chicago region has supported basis levels above the 5-year mid range for the period.

Look for basis to trend higher from the record lows in the Gulf on improving supply in the Northeast. Group III basis should trend seasonally lower.

#### **RBOB**

**New York Harbor** basis to trade at levels marginally above the historic range on low levels of refinery output in the region.

### Conventional

**New York Harbor** basis to trade slightly above the average of the last 3-years on production in the region.

**Chicago** basis to trade at the upper end of the historic range, with extended refinery maintenance in the winter quarter providing support.

**Group III** basis to trend seasonally lower on reduced demand and start of winter quarter stock builds.

**Gulf Basis** to trend higher from depressed levels as shipments to the northeast return to normal rates.

West Coast (Los Angeles) basis to trade at the low end of the historic range on seasonal stock builds.

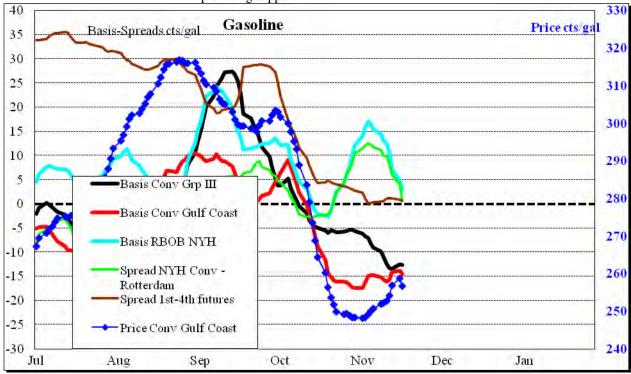
#### **Gulf Coast Price**

Supplies have improved in the Northeast, and should continue to experience stock builds. However, low refinery production in the Central Atlantic Region should limit stock levels to the low end of the historic range.

A modest seasonal uptrend in demand through mid December should partially offset season high production during the same period. Expect stock building to lag the average of the last 3-years as a result.

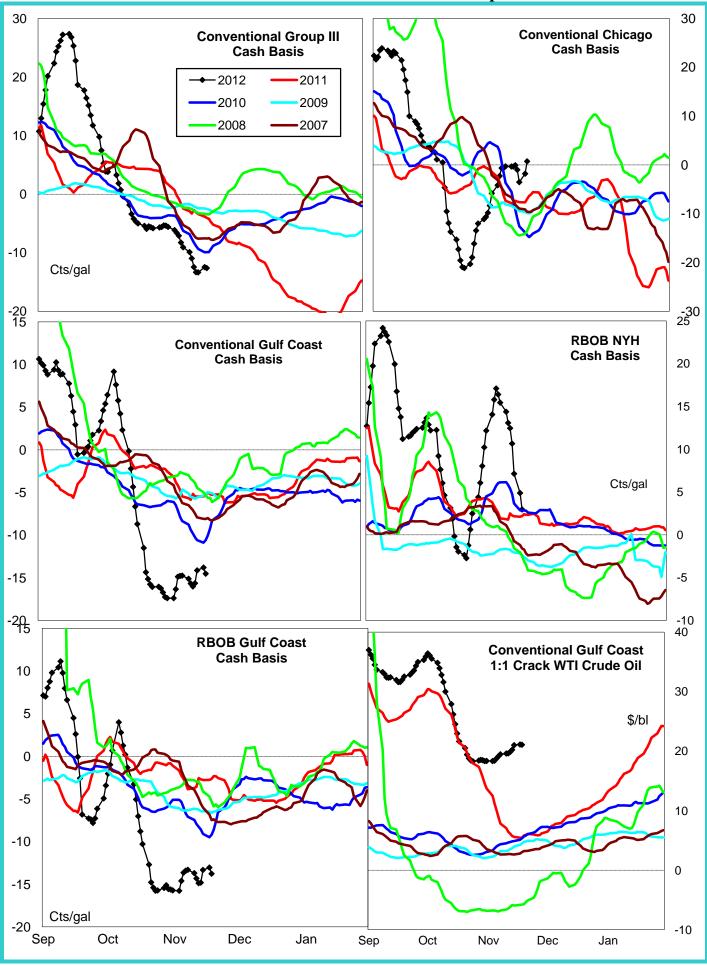
The deep recession in Europe and slow economic growth in Asia should lead to slower demand growth for energy during the 1st half of 2013.

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

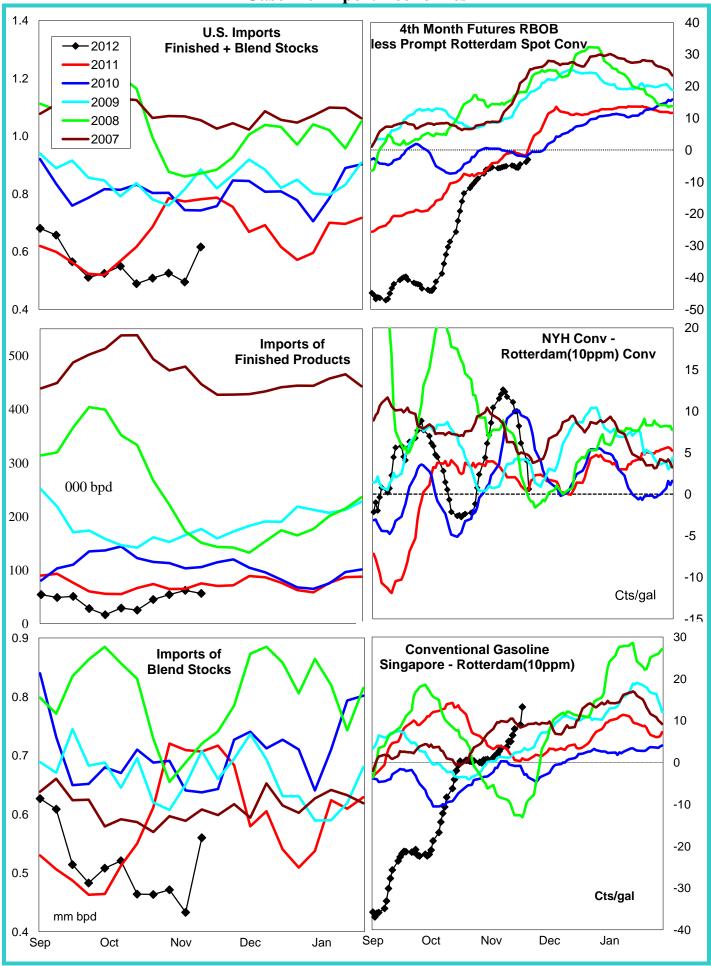


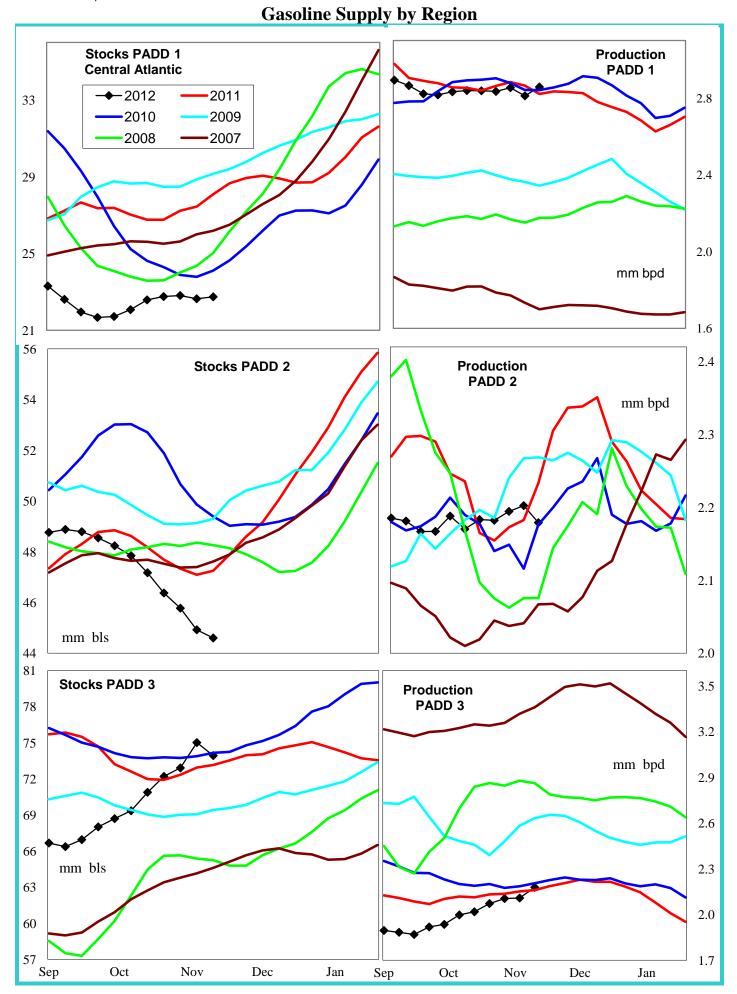
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# **Gasoline Cash Basis and Related Price Spreads**

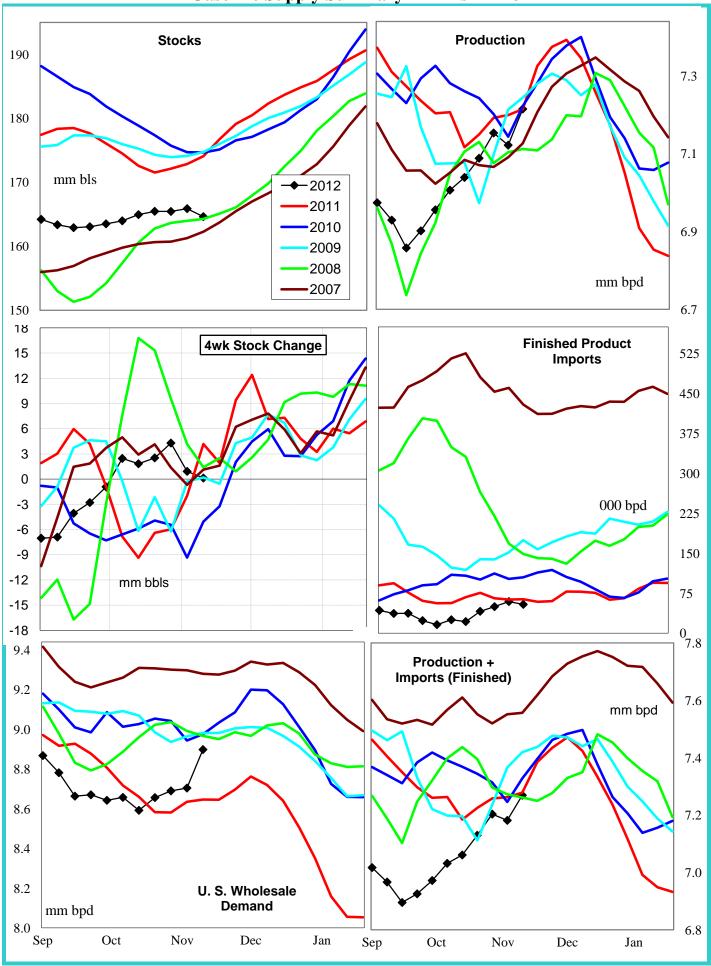


# **Gasoline Import Economics**





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



**PADD 5 Gasoline Supply** 

