

### WEEKLY GASOLINE FUNDAMENTAL-PRICE-BASIS OUTLOOK

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

Wholesale demand increased +0.3 million bpd last week, to a level comparable with last years' 5-year lows. The latest 4-wk year-on-year change in demand was a -50,000 bpd decline.

Production increased +0.2 million bpd on the week, partially offset by record low imports.

Seasonally weak demand led to a +1.9 million barrel increase in stocks, now at a record season high.

Basis trended higher from record lows in the Group and Chicago markets on reduced production. Basis traded sideways to lower in the Gulf and West Coast markets, where stock levels reached new all time highs.

Look for basis to trend higher in the midwest on reduced production, with a sharp uptrend on the West Coast as refiners begin winter maintenance over the next 30-days. Basis levels in the Midwest and Gulf regions should remain depressed on high stock levels and relatively tight supplies in the Northeast.

#### **RBOB**

**New York Harbor** basis to trade at levels comparable to the 5-year mid range on seasonal stock building, then trend seasonally lower against spring RBOB NYMEX grades.

#### Conventional

**New York Harbor** basis to trade at levels within the 5-year range on seasonal stock builds, then seasonally lower against spring RBOB NYMEX grades.

*Chicago* basis to trend higher from very low levels, but remain weak on low demand above average stock levels.

*Group III* basis to extend the current uptrend on reduced production and some shipments into PADD 3.

**Gulf Basis** to trade sideways on low seasonal demand, exceptionally high stocks, offset by start of winter refinery maintenance.

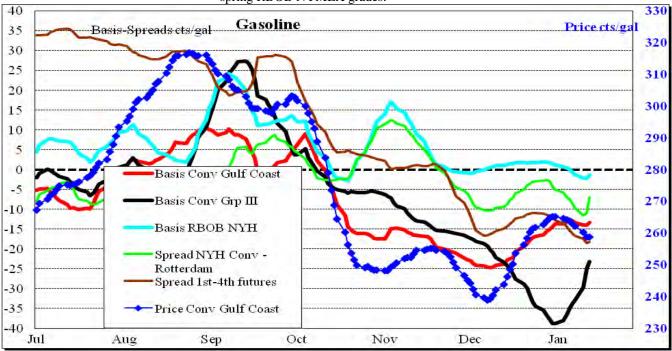
West Coast (Los Angeles) basis to rebound over the next few weeks as refiners began winter maintenance.

### **Gulf Coast Price**

Tight supplies in Northwest Europe, and record low imports to the Northeast, continue to support the NYMEX RBOB contract.

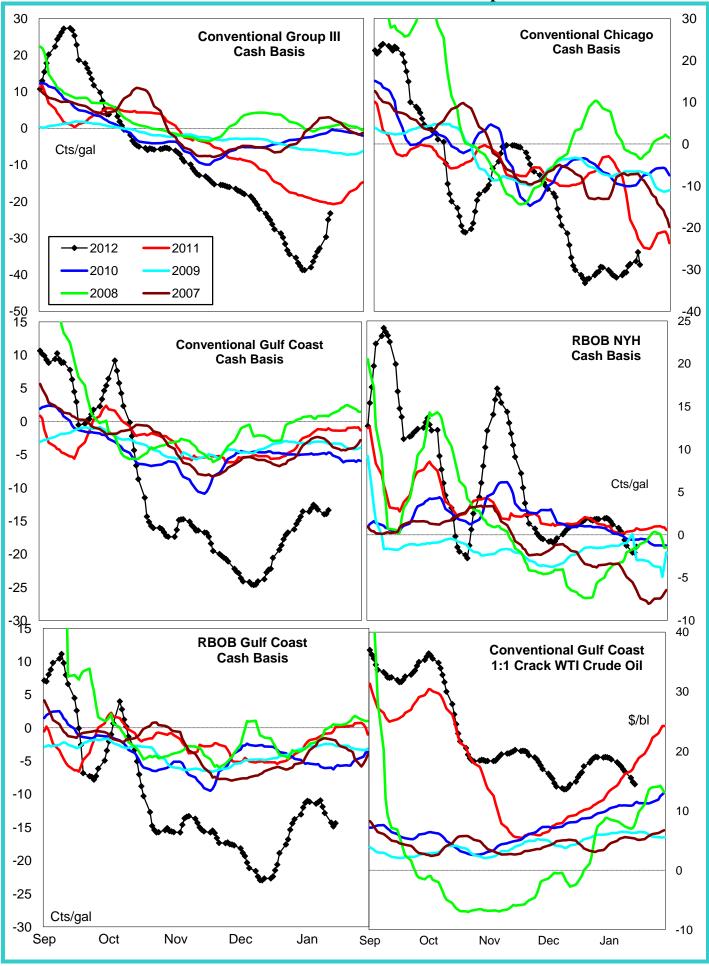
Start of refinery maintenance in the Gulf and West Coast regions, lower output in the midwest and higher seasonal demand should support an uptrend in wholesale prices ahead of the spring season.

Inland markets, including the Rockies, Group III and Chicago, should witness improved basis levels as supplies are reduced and seasonal demand trends higher.

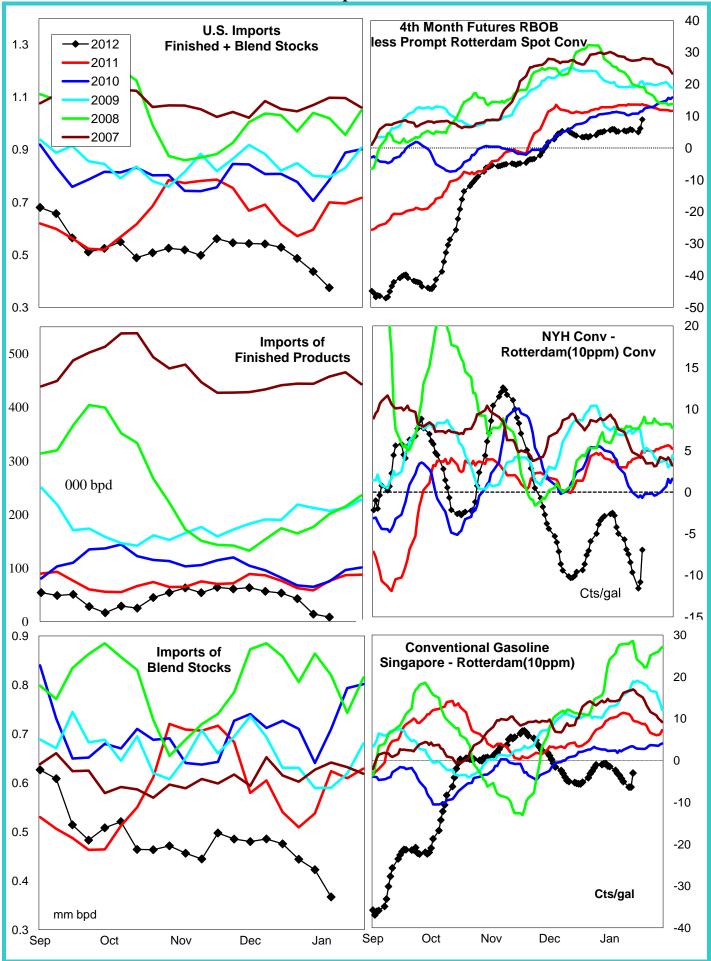


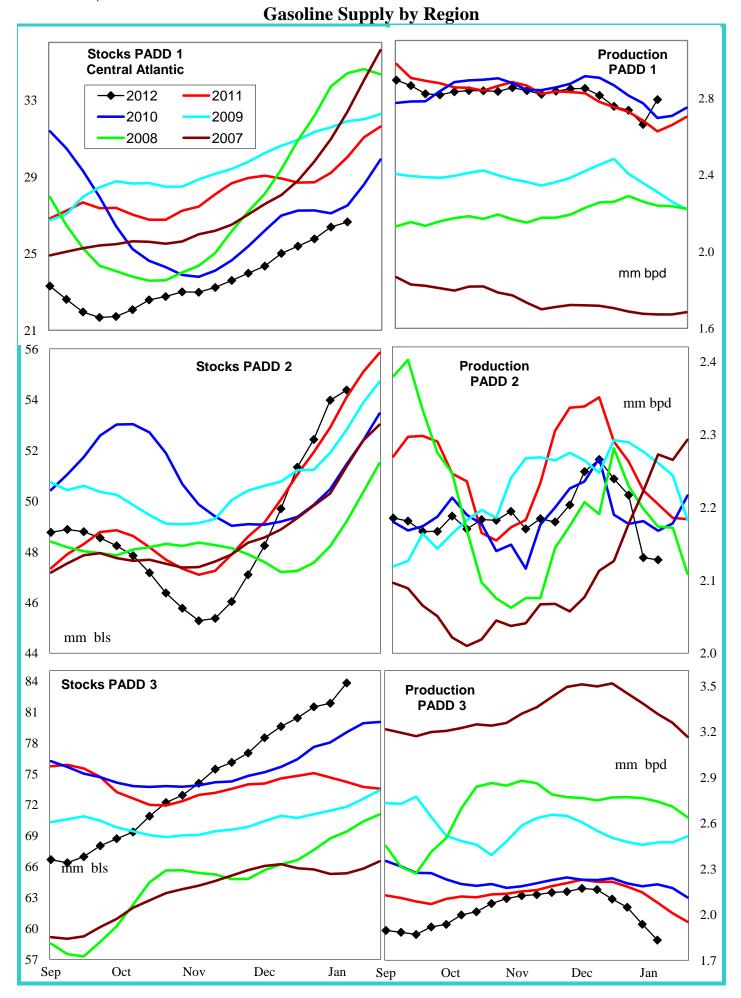
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# **Gasoline Cash Basis and Related Price Spreads**

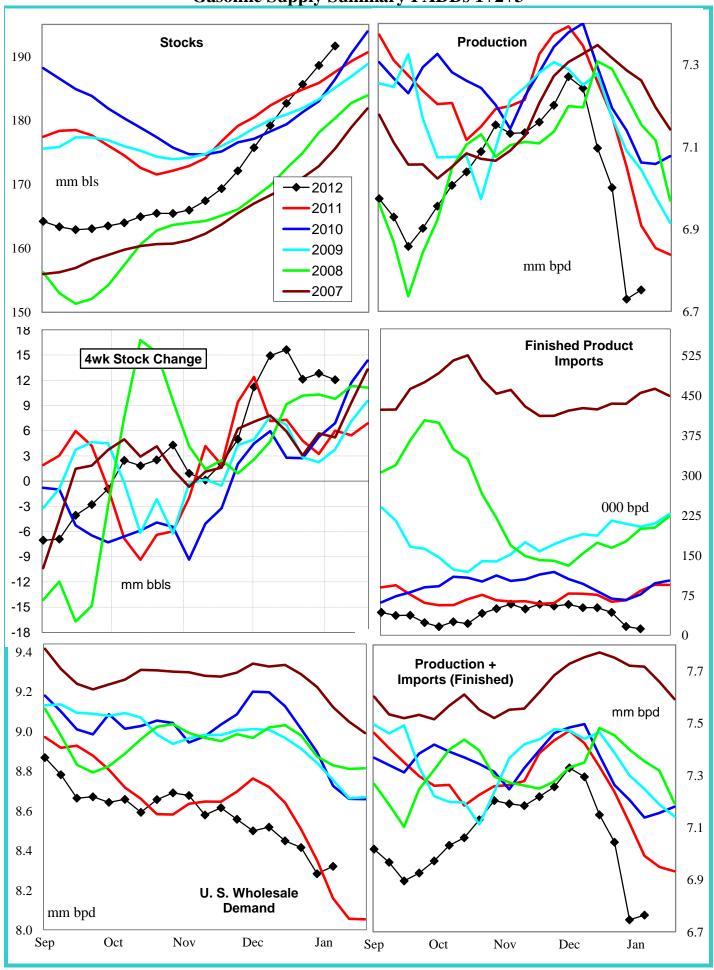


# **Gasoline Import Economics**





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



**PADD 5 Gasoline Supply** 

