

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

Wholesale demand decreased -94,000 bpd last week, with the level well below the 5-year range. The latest 4-wk change in demand was a -292,000 bpd decrease compared to a year ago.

Supplies decreased -129,000 bpd on lower imports. The latest 4-wk average supply was -34,000 bpd below a year ago.

Very weak demand led to smaller than average stock draw of -0.6 million barrels last week. The latest 4-wk stock change in markets East of the Rockies was a build of +1.4 million barrels compared to an average draw of -13 million barrels for the last 2-years.

Basis trended higher in nearly all regional markets last week, the exceptions being NYH conventional and the Northwest.

Record low stocks have not spiked west coast basis, due to extremely weak demand and near record production rates.

Expect basis to trend higher in the midwest on heavy refinery maintenance

#### **RBOB**

*New York Harbor* basis to trade sideways on high stock levels and weak demand.

### Conventional

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*Chicago* basis to strengthen on refinery maintenance over the next 30-days.

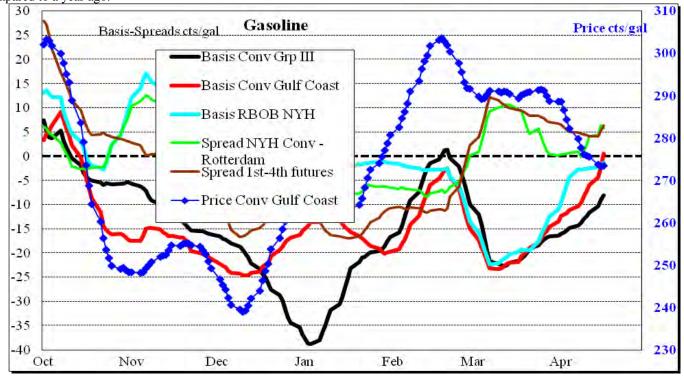
Group III basis to trend higher on refinery maintenance and increased seasonal demand.

**Gulf Basis** to pull back from the recent uptrend as unplanned maintenance is completed and refiners return to operation in the region.

West Coast (Los Angeles) basis to extend the uptrend on very low stock levels, limited by high production; followed by a pull back before the quarter ends.

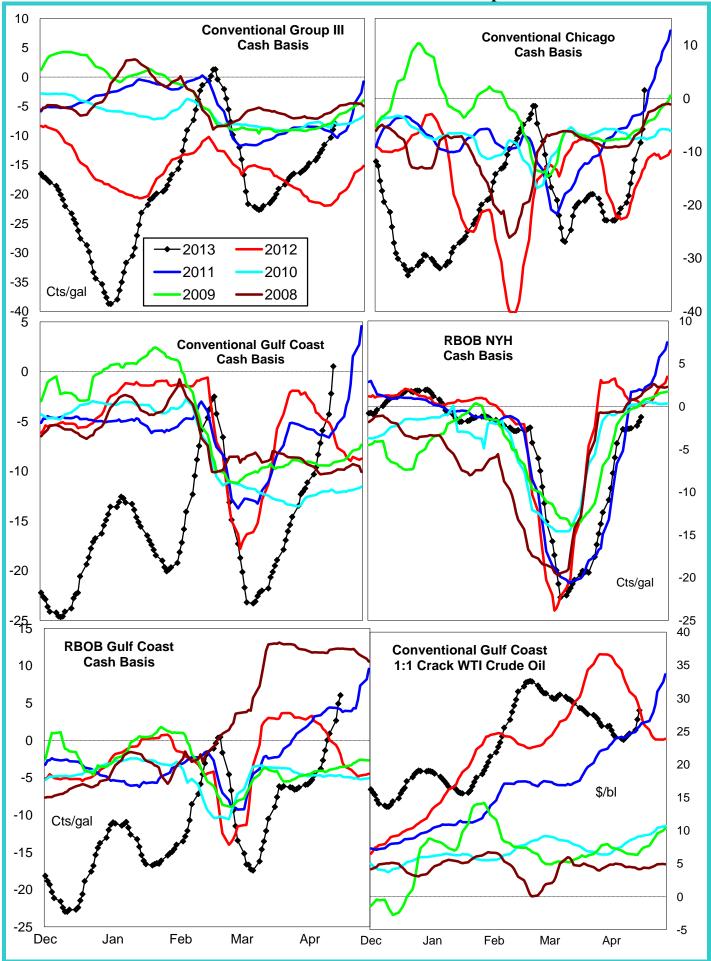
Gulf Coast Price The downstream supply chain draws down working stocks when wholesale prices fall, leading to low demand and further downward pressure on prices. Combined with continued year-on-year declines in demand, stock levels have increased to record highs for this time of year on the East Coast, Gulf and Rockies. Heavy refinery maintenance in the Midwest should tighten supplies temporarily in the region.

In the run up to peak summer demand, supplies are likely to be very ample, with risk of further price weakness on slow global economic growth.

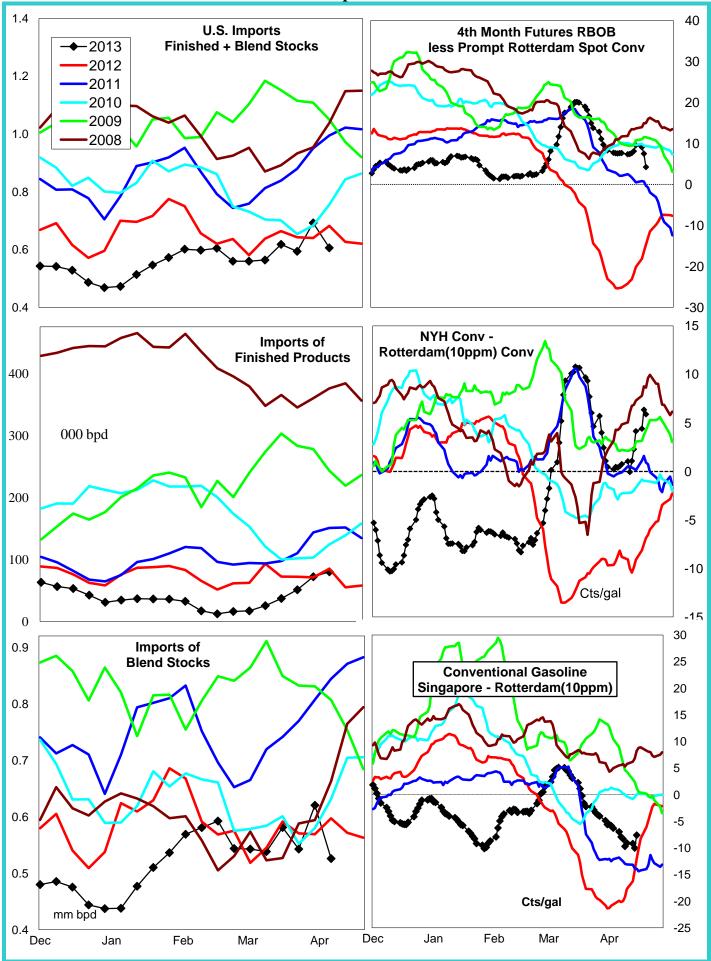


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# **Gasoline Cash Basis and Related Price Spreads**



# **Gasoline Import Economics**



www.fundamentalpetroleumtrends.com 04/18/2013 **Gasoline Supply by Region** 3.2 Stocks PADD 1 **Production Central Atlantic** PADD 1 36 2.8 32 2.4 28 2.0 2013 2012 mm bpd 2011 2010 2009 2008 1.6 24 Stocks PADD 2 **Production** 57 PADD 2 2.3 mm bpd 55 2.2 53 51 2.1 49 mm bls 47 2.0 Stocks PADD 3 3.5 **Production** 82 PADD 3 3.2 79 2.9 76 2.6 73 mm bls mm bpd 2.3 70 2.0 67

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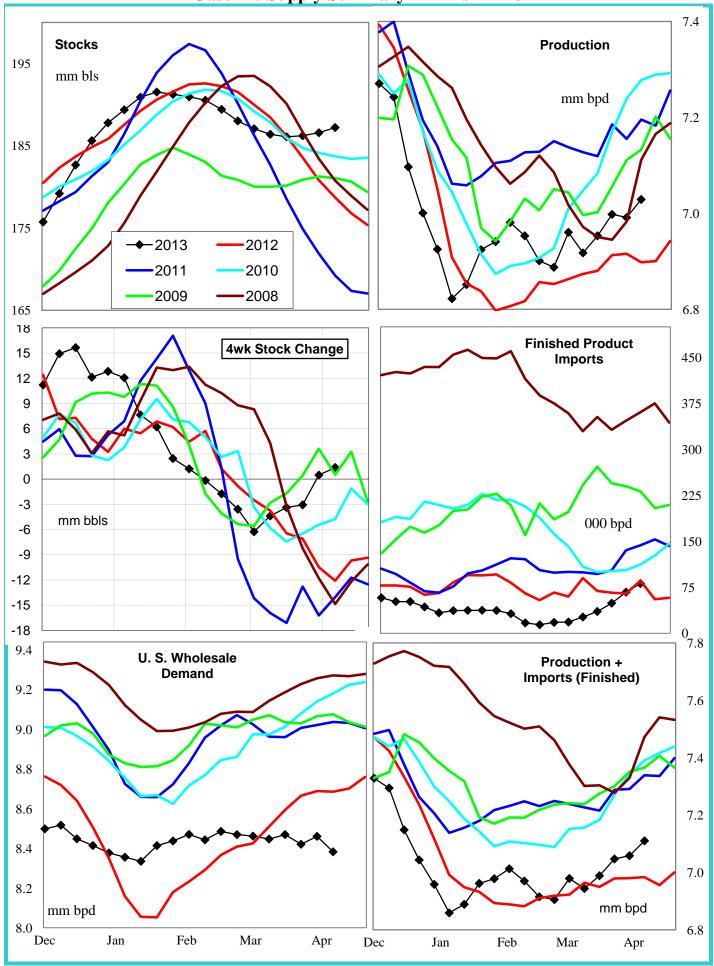
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**Gasoline Supply Summary PADDs 1+2+3** 



**PADD 5 Gasoline Supply** 

