

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

Wholesale demand rebounded last week, increasing +0.7 million bpd to a record level for the period. The latest 4-wk

average demand was +228,000 bpd above last year – continuation of a 2-month year-on-year increase. Lower retail prices and improving economic conditions underlie the robust growth rate.

Supplies increased +0.7 million bpd last week, on higher production. Stocks fell -4.5 million barrels on the week, to a level +13 million barrels above a year ago, and a 5-yr high for this time of year.

Cash basis extended the spike in Chicago, to a level above the historic range for the week on unplanned refinery maintenance. Basis traded sideways in nearly all other markets last week.

Basis levels traded near the average of the last 2-yrs in all markets except Chicago.

Look for basis to pull back in Chicago as maintenance is completed. West Coast markets should trend higher on extremely low stock levels. Other markets are well balanced with high stock levels, production and imports.

## **RBOB**

*New York Harbor basis* to trend higher on the roll to spring grade physical product,

limited by record stock levels and high blend stock imports.

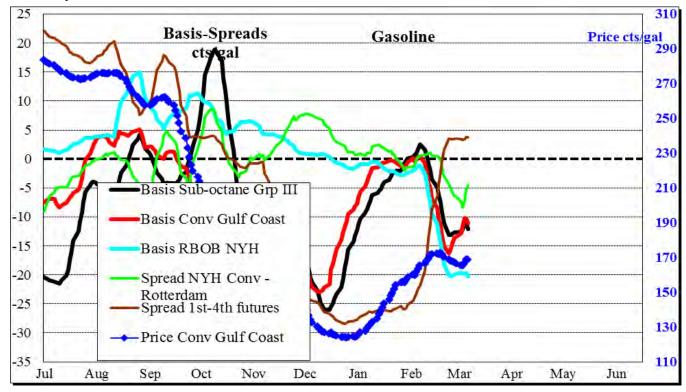
*Chicago* basis to trade at elevated levels until unplanned maintenance is completed, then see a sharp pull back.

Group III basis to trade sideways in the near term on high stocks and production, then trend higher on spring refinery maintenance.

**Gulf Basis** to trade sideways on increased seasonal demand, but largely offset by record stocks for this time of year, and refiners returning to operation from planned and unplanned maintenance.

West Coast (Los Angeles) basis trade sideways in the near term, then rebound, trading at levels above prior years due to the extended maintenance on the ExxonMobil FCCU.

**Gulf Coast Price** Look for wholesale prices to trend higher on robust year-on-year growth of +3%, limited by high stocks in markets East of the Rockies and global over supply of crude oil.



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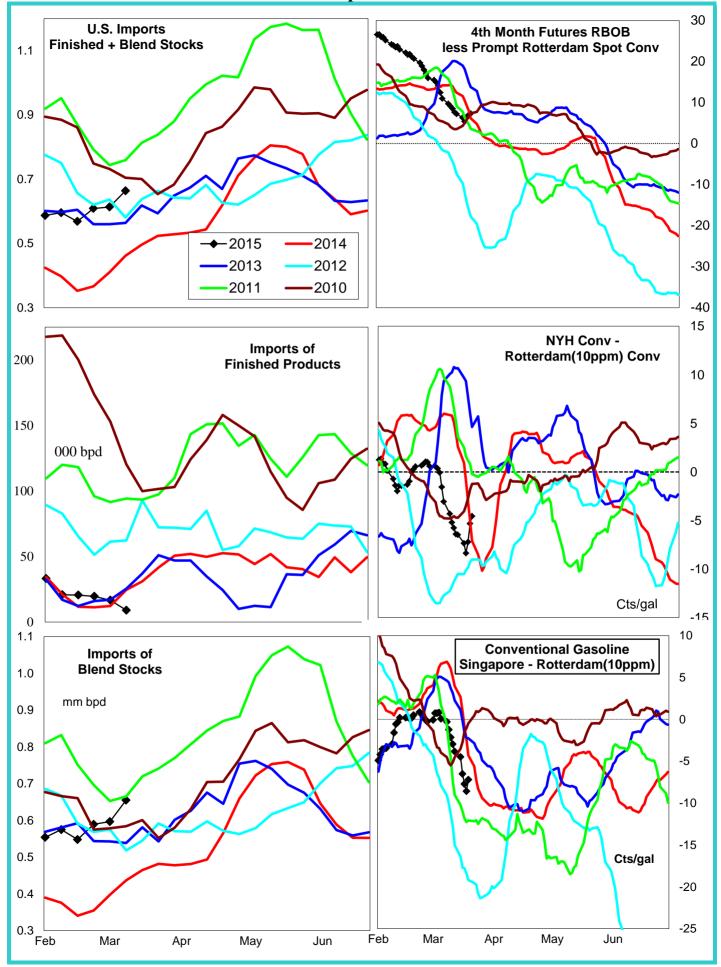
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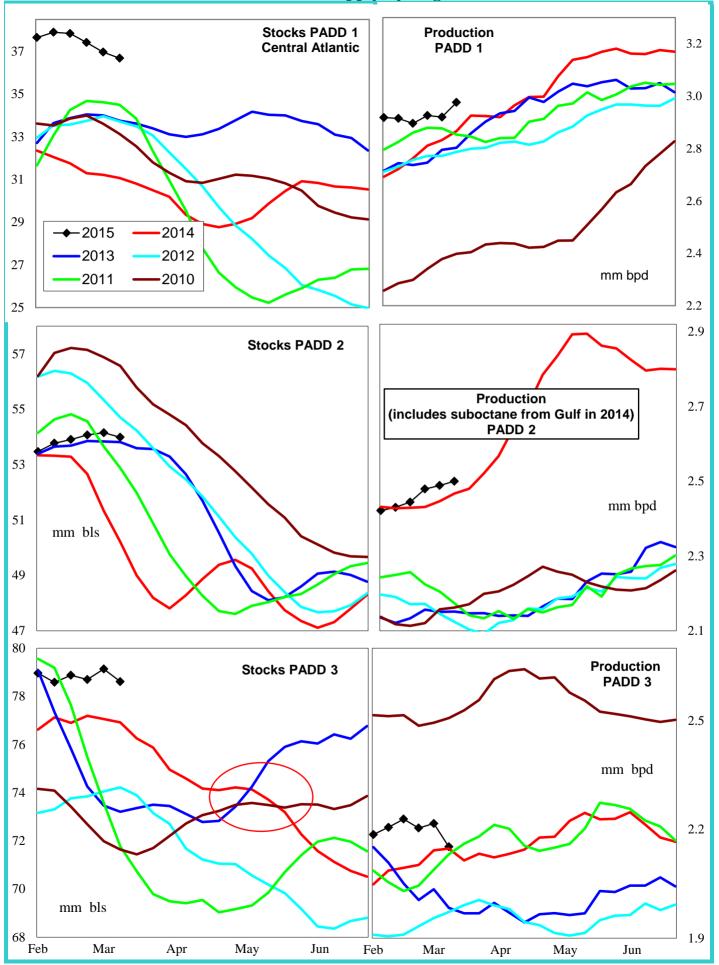
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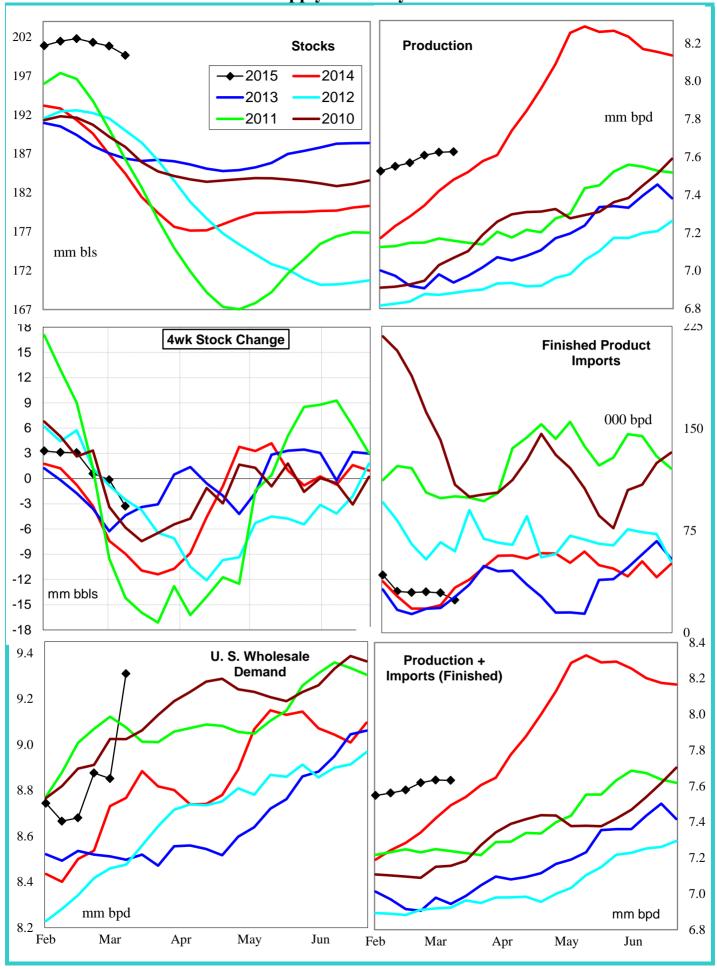
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Gasoline Supply Summary PADDs 1+2+3



**PADD 5 Gasoline Supply** 

