

## WEEKLY GASOLINE FUNDAMENTAL-PRICE-BASIS OUTLOOK

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

Wholesale demand decreased -0.3 million bpd, last week, although the level remains above the prior 3-yrs. The latest 4-wk average demand was +224,000 bpd above last year, a +2.6% increase.

Supplies fell -0.4 million bpd last week, on lower production. Supply for the most recent 4-wks was +438,000 bpd above last year. Stocks increased +1.7 million barrels on the week, with builds in all regions except the west coast. Stock levels ended the week above the 5-yr range in all markets East of the Rockies. Extended maintenance on the ExxonMobil FCCU and lower imports has led to a spike in cash basis in west coast markets, offset by a spike in imports.

Cash basis remains near 5-yr lows in Midwest and Gulf markets on very high stock levels.

Look for basis to trend modestly higher in Midwest markets on a seasonal increase in demand. West coast basis should collapse on arrival of import cargos. **New York Harbor basis** to trade sideways following the conversion to summer grade product, high stock levels and production above the historic range.

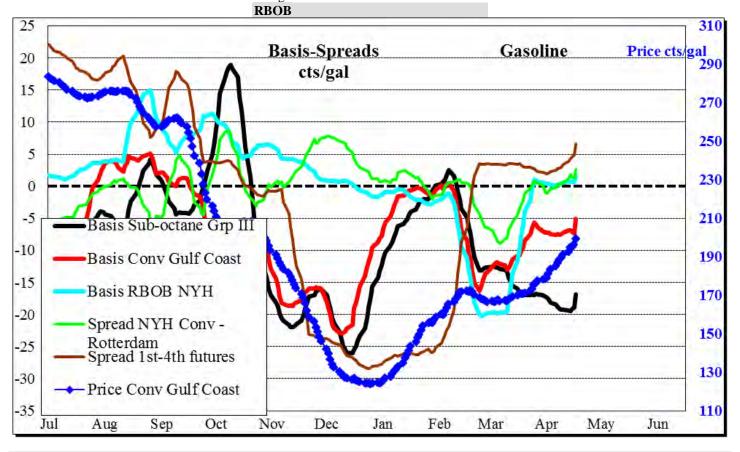
*Chicago* basis to trend higher from current lows on higher seasonal demand.

*Group III* basis to trend higher from current depressed levels on increased seasonal demand.

**Gulf Basis** to trade sideways on high stock levels.

West Coast (Los Angeles) basis to collapse on arrival of import cargos. Basis should trade at elevated levels on extended maintenance on the ExxonMobil FCCU.

**Gulf Coast Price** Look for wholesale prices to trend higher on a rebound in year-on-year growth and Middle East tension driving global crude oil prices. Very high stock levels risk a price pull back in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the spring quarter as refiners reach maximum output.



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www.fundamentalpetroleumtrends.com 05/03/2015 **Gasoline Cash Basis and Related Price Spreads** 40 60 **Conventional Group III Conventional Chicago** 35 (sub-octane 2014) Cash Basis 50 **Cash Basis** 30 2015 2014 40 25 2012 2013 30 20 2011 2010 15 20 10 10 5 0 0 -5 -10 -20 -15 -30 -20 -25 8 -40 10 **Conventional Gulf Coast RBOB NYH Cash Basis Cash Basis** 4 5 0 -5 -8 -10 -12 -15 -16 -20 -20 Cts/gal -24 12 -25 **Conventional Gulf Coast RBOB Gulf Coast** 9 1:1 Crack WTI Crude Oil **Cash Basis** 35 6 Cts/gal 3 0 25 -3 -6 -9 15 -12 \$/bl -15

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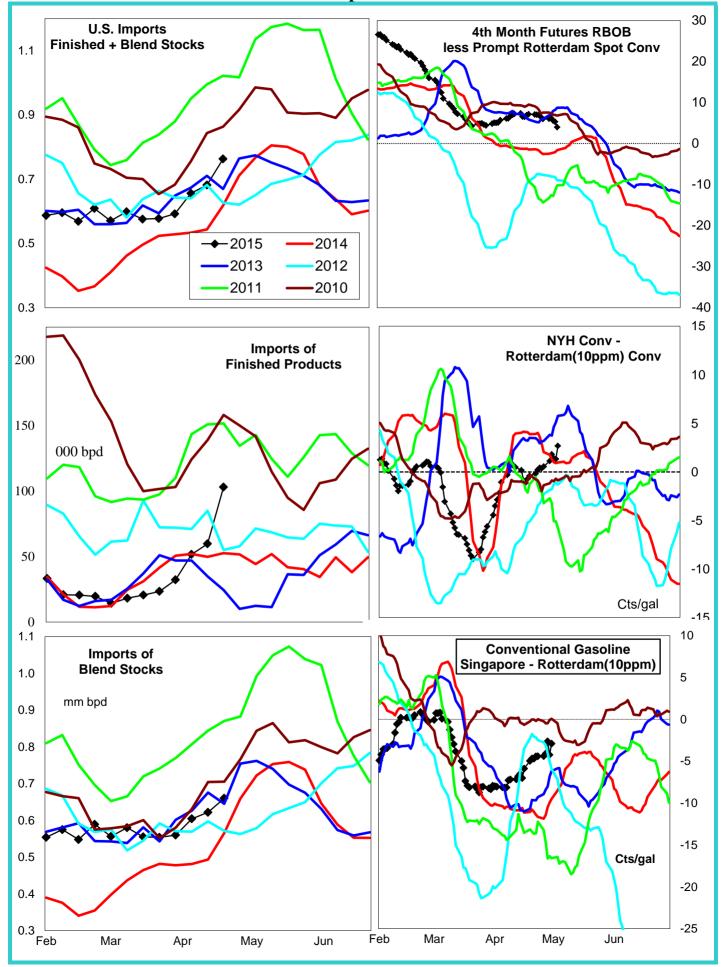
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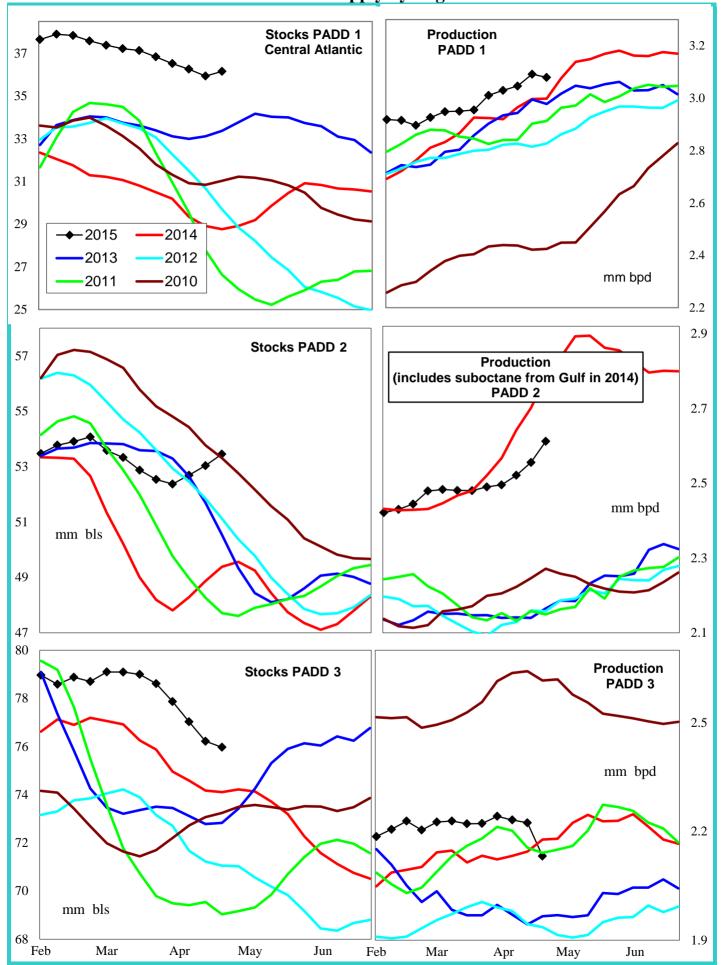
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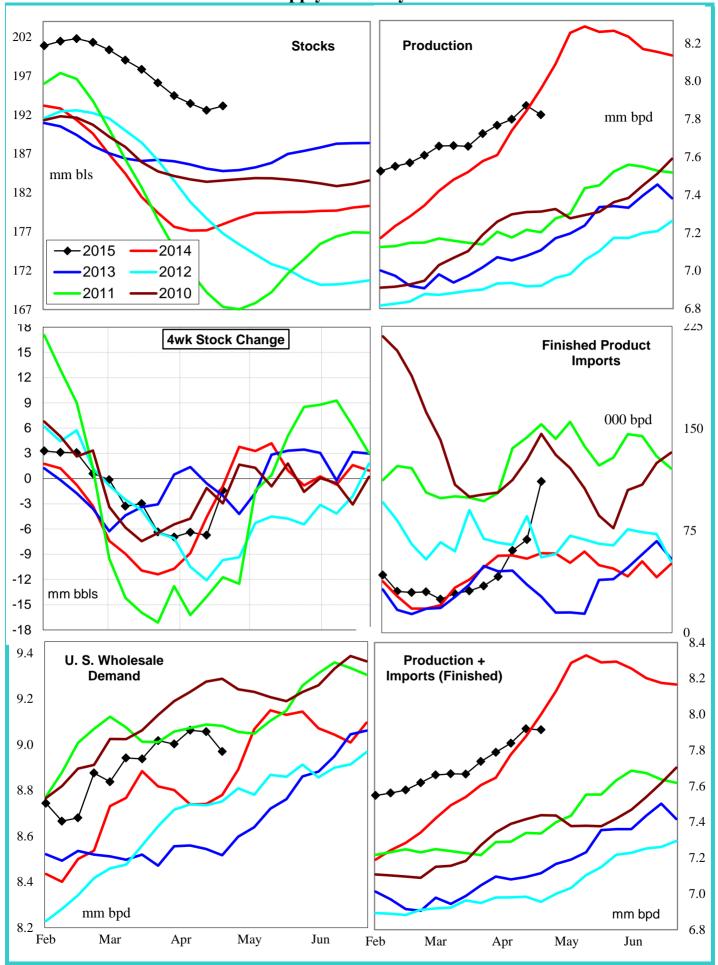
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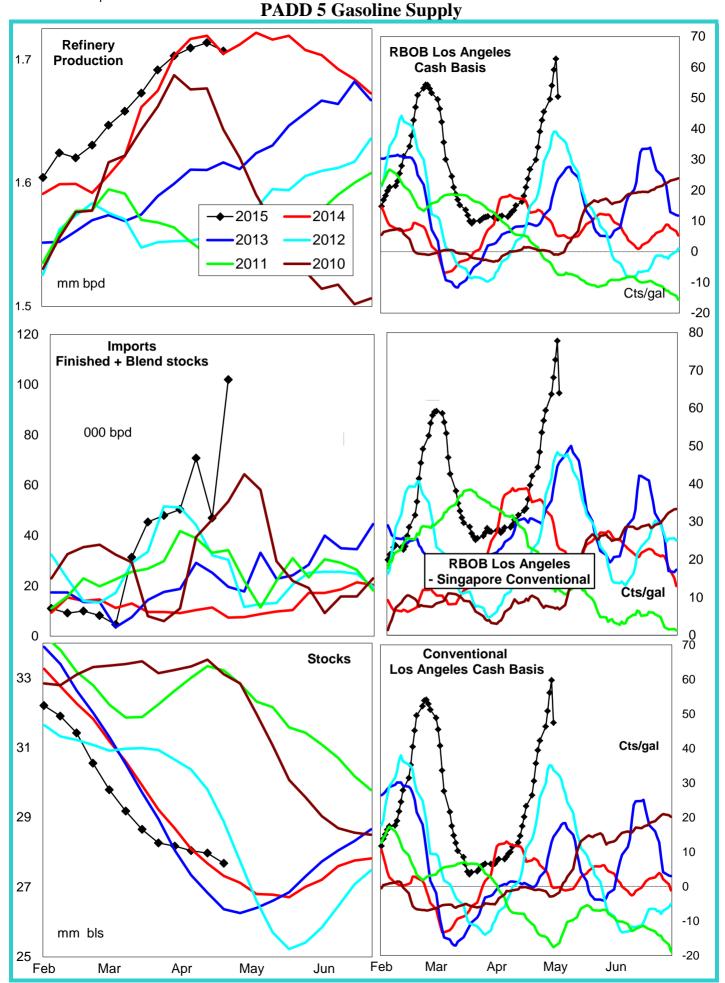


**Gasoline Supply by Region** 



Gasoline Supply Summary PADDs 1+2+3





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