

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

range. The latest 4-wk average demand was +265,000 bpd above last year, a +3% increase.

Supplies increased +0.7 million bpd last week, on higher production and imports. Supply for the most recent 4wks was +0.5 million bpd above last year. Stocks decreased -1.1 million barrels on the week, with the draw concentrated on the East Coast and Midwest. Stock levels ended the week equal to or higher than the 5-yr range in all markets East of the Rockies. Extended maintenance on ExxonMobil FCCU and lower imports has supported record cash basis in California.

Cash basis trended higher last week in all regional markets, other than NYH, on higher seasonal demand, and a very well supplied Central Atlantic Region.

Look for basis to trend modestly higher in Midwest and Gulf markets on a seasonal increase in demand. West coast basis should collapse on arrival of import cargos. *New York Harbor basis* to trade sideways on high stock levels and production.

*Chicago* basis to trend higher on increased seasonal demand.

*Group III* basis to trend higher on increased seasonal demand.

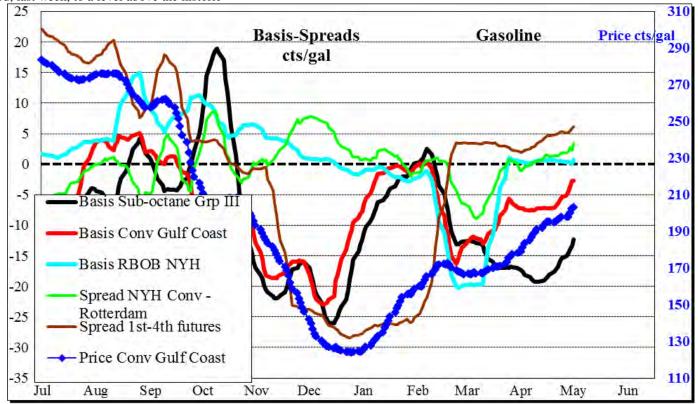
**Gulf Basis** to trend higher on increased seasonal demand and a well supplied Central Atlantic Region.

West Coast (Los Angeles) basis to pull back 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 in wholesale demand 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 operate at maximum output.

Wholesale demand increased +416,000 bpd, last week, to a level above the historic

**RBOB** 



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05/18/2015 **Gasoline Cash Basis and Related Price Spreads** 60 **Conventional Group III Conventional Chicago** (sub-octane 2014) Cash Basis 50 **Cash Basis** 2015 2014 40 2012 2013 30 2011 2010 20 10 0 -10 -20 -30 -40 10 **Conventional Gulf Coast RBOB NYH Cash Basis Cash Basis** 5 -5 -10 -15 -20 Cts/gal -25 **Conventional Gulf Coast RBOB Gulf Coast** 1:1 Crack WTI Crude Oil **Cash Basis** 35 Cts/gal 25 15 \$/bl

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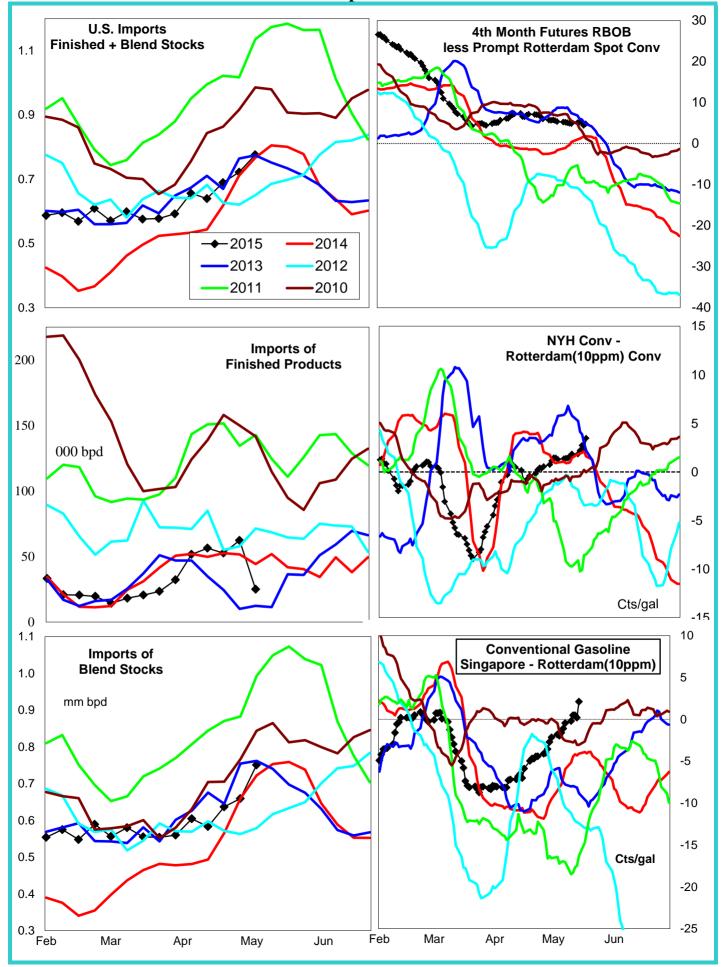
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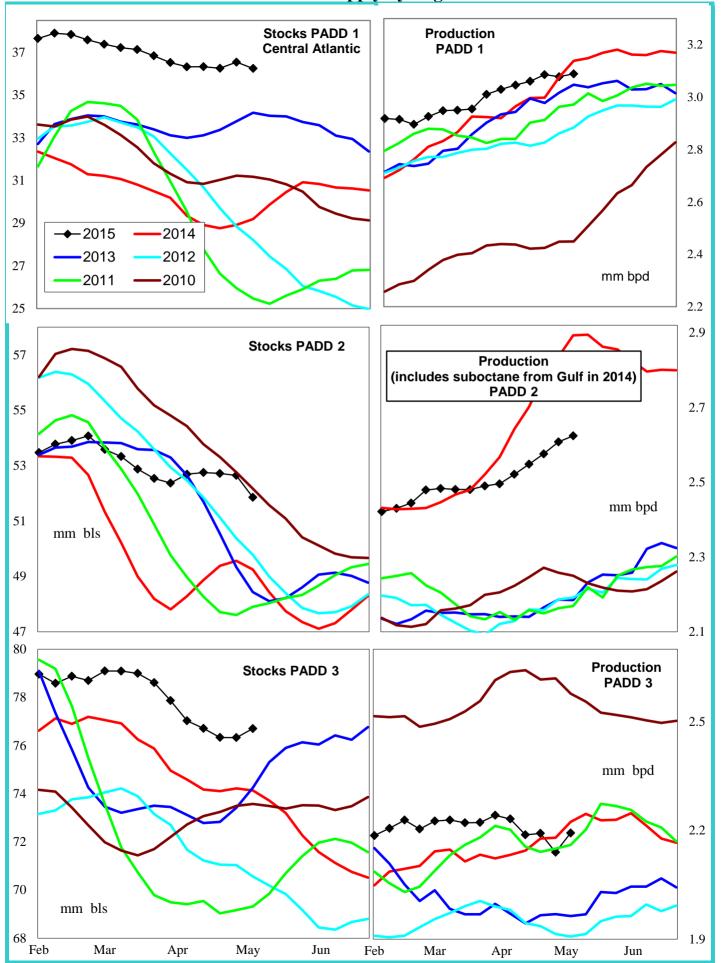
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## **Gasoline Import Economics**



**Gasoline Supply by Region** 



Gasoline Supply Summary PADDs 1+2+3

