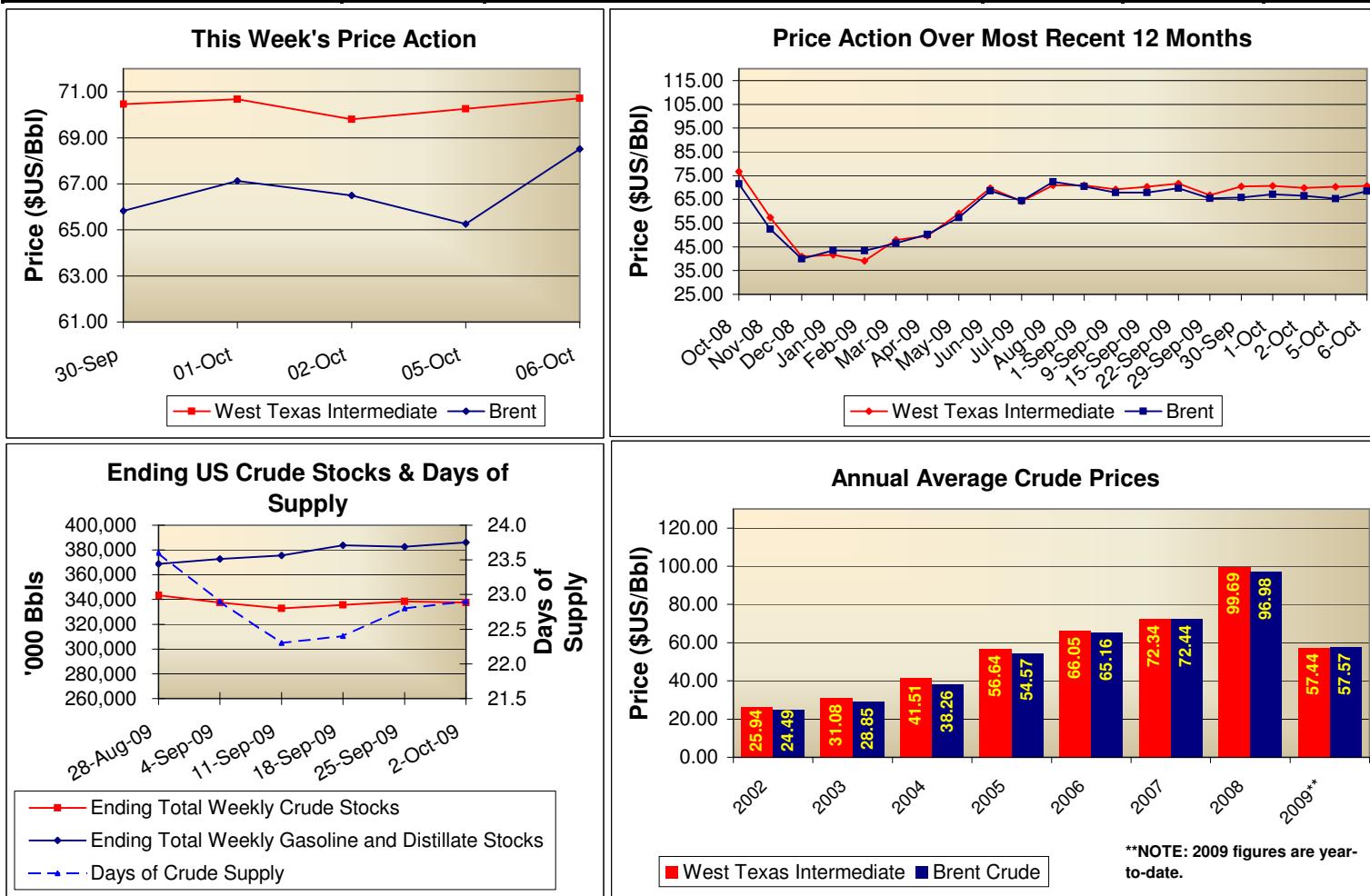


Weekly Crude Price Report - For the Week Ending October 6, 2009

Benchmark Crudes (US\$/bbl)	September 23 - September 29 Average	Current Week					September 30 - October 6 Average	October Month-to-Date	2009 Year-to-Date
		30-Sep	1-Oct	2-Oct	5-Oct	6-Oct			
- West Texas Intermediate	66.73	70.46	70.67	69.80	70.26	70.71	70.38	70.36	57.44
- Brent Crude	65.42	65.82	67.12	66.50	65.26	68.51	66.64	66.85	57.57



COMMENTARY:

- For the September 30 - October 6 period, the average price for West Texas Intermediate was higher by \$3.65 week-over-week, at \$70.38. Brent prices were higher by \$1.23 week-over-week, averaging \$66.64.
- US crude stocks decreased by 0.978 million bbls this week. At the same time, days of crude supply increased from the previous week by 0.1 to 22.9 days of supply. US gasoline and distillate stocks increased by 3.616 million bbls.
- Two primary factors are driving crude markets currently - financial/economic factors and supply/demand issues. On the financial side, US dollar weakness and a recovering economy are leading to increased financial investment in crude. On the supply/demand side, there is increasing demand as the economy recovers and worries about supply constraint in the medium to long term as a result of project deferrals during the recent economic downturn. In addition, geopolitical concerns, particularly over Iran's nuclear aspirations, are adding an added layer of uncertainty to markets.

Sources/Notes:

1. West Texas Intermediate and Brent Crude prices are spot prices as reported weekly by the Energy Information Administration (EIA) of the Department of Energy (DOE) in the United States.
2. Inventory stocks are reported weekly by the EIA and include all inventories held with "primary" enterprises such as refiners and wholesalers of crude. Secondary and tertiary inventories held by retailers or end users are not included. Crude stocks include all unrefined crude; gasoline stocks include all grades of gasoline; and distillate stocks include all grades of distillates (including home heating fuel and diesel fuel).
3. Annual and monthly average prices for spot WTI and Brent crude from 2002 to 2009 are simple averages calculated from daily prices as reported by EIA.

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