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COMMENTARY: PETROLEUM COMPLEX (WTI | BRENT | ULSD | RBOB)

The complex saw gains of over one percent today amid gains in global shares, weakness in the US dollar, and news of Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro being captured by US forces over the weekend. Bloomberg reported that President Donald Trump has said that American oil companies will spend billions of dollars to rebuild Venezuela's energy infrastructure and restore the nation's oil sector. Venezuela has the largest oil reserves in the world, even though its oil production fell to just 1mb/d last year due to sanctions and underinvestment over the years. In US news, the ISM Manufacturing Index for December came in at 47.9, below the 48.4 consensus. Nevertheless, US shares were trading higher with the Nasdaq up 0.7%, the S&P 500 having added 0.8%, and the Dow having jumped 1.6% higher. European stock market indexes closed higher as the CAC 40 edged up 0.20%, the FTSE 100 gaining 0.54%, and the DAX jumping 1.34% higher. Also supportive for crude oil prices, the US dollar index was down 0.2% as of this writing.

TECHNICAL LEVELS: ULSD (HO)		Price
RESISTANCE	3	\$2.2741
	2	\$2.2000
	1	\$2.1634
SETTLEMENT PRICE		\$2.1428
SUPPORT	1	\$2.1427
	2	\$2.1093
	3	\$2.0500

COMMODITY	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHANGE \$	CHANGE %
WTI Crude	\$57.47	\$58.51	\$56.31	\$58.32	+\$1.00	+1.7%
BRENT Crude	\$60.99	\$61.89	\$59.75	\$61.76	+\$1.01	+1.7%
ULSD (HO)	\$2.1216	\$2.1510	\$2.0893	\$2.1428	+\$0.0277	+1.3%
RBOB Gasoline	\$1.7034	\$1.7267	\$1.6656	\$1.7200	+\$0.0218	+1.3%
Natural Gas	\$3.507	\$3.530	\$3.355	\$3.523	-\$0.095	-2.6%

VOLUME	123,306	LOW
RSI	40.8	BULLISH
SLOW STOCHASTICS		BULLISH
MACD		NEUTRAL
CANDLE STICKS		NEUTRAL
MOVING AVERAGES		BEARISH
ADX	21.0	FLAT
TECHNICAL DIRECTION		→

COMMENTARY: NATURAL GAS | WEATHER | INVENTORIES

NYMEX natural gas futures fell for a fourth consecutive session today amid a sell-off in international gas prices and a looser US market balance expectation for today. Bloomberg analysts expect total US demand to fall by 3.0bcf/d to 110.7bcf/d today, while total US supply is seen steady at 97.2bcf/d, implying a smaller storage injection of 13.5bcf/d. In more unsupportive news today, Dutch TTF prices dropped 52.6 cents lower to \$9.450/mmBtu today and Japan Korea Marker prices lost 52.8 cents to hit \$9.468/mmBtu. The 1-5 and 6-10 day outlooks call for above-normal temperatures in both the Northeast and the Midwest. In the supportive column, the GFS increased its two-week heating degree day forecast for the Lower 48 states by 8 to 327 HDDs, but this is still well below the 30-year average of 409.

ULTRA LOW SULFUR DIESEL (HO)

ULSD (\$/gallon)	1/5/2026	1/2/2026	Change (△)
FEB 26	\$2.1428	\$2.1151	↑ \$0.0277 +1.3%
MAR 26	\$2.1290	\$2.0993	↑ \$0.0297 +1.4%
APR 26	\$2.1023	\$2.0702	↑ \$0.0321 +1.6%
Strip: 12-Months Ratable	\$2.0884	\$2.0609	↑ \$0.0275 +1.3%
Strip: 9-Months Ratable	\$2.0898	\$2.0615	↑ \$0.0283 +1.4%
Strip: Winter (Feb-Apr)	\$2.1087	\$2.0796	↑ \$0.0290 +1.4%



RBOB GASOLINE and PROPANE

RBOB (\$/gallon)	1/5/2026	1/2/2026	Change (△)
FEB 26	\$1.7200	\$1.6982	↑ \$0.0218 +1.3%
MAR 26	\$1.7465	\$1.7264	↑ \$0.0201 +1.2%
APR 26	\$1.9778	\$1.9534	↑ \$0.0244 +1.2%
PROPANE (\$/gallon)	1/2/2026	12/31/2025	Change (△)
Mt. Belvieu	\$0.6171	\$0.6713	↓ -\$0.054 -8.1%
Conway	\$0.5790	\$0.6173	↓ -\$0.038 -6.2%



COMMENTARY: ENERGY TECHNICALS (WTI | ULSD | RBOB | NG)

ULSD futures rose by 1.3% in an outside session (higher high, lower low). Slow stochastics and the RSI point higher now, while the MACD and candlesticks are neutral and moving averages are bearish. We remain neutral for now, seeing nearby resistance at the 18-day ma (\$2.1634) followed by the \$2.2000 mark, while \$2.1427 (taken out today) and \$2.1093 are our nearby support levels. RBOB futures added 1.3% but in a downside session (lower high, lower low), which is not too inconsistent with our flat-to-lower price view. Similar to HO, slow stochastics and the RSI are bullish, while the MACD and candlesticks are neutral. Meanwhile, moving averages and the ADX (36.3) are bearish. We continue to see nearby resistance at the 9-day ma (\$1.7210 - tested today) and then at the 18-day ma (\$1.7272), whereas the bottom of the downward price channel (\$1.6078) and then \$1.5000 are seen offering support. WTI gained 1.7% in an outside session with bulls taking out the 18-day ma (\$57.40) and the 9-day ma (\$57.84). Similar to products, slow stochastics and the RSI are bullish, whereas moving averages are bearish and candlesticks are more neutral. We remain neutral/bearish for now, seeing nearby support at the aforementioned 9-day ma and then at \$55.00, with the 50-day ma (\$58.91) and the 100-day ma (\$60.61) seen offering resistance. Lastly, NYMEX natural gas futures gapped lower and went on to lose 2.6% in a downside session - consistent with our bearish bias which we maintain. We continue to see nearby support at \$3.500 and then at \$3.467, while the 100-day ma (3.658) and then \$3.869 are expected to offer resistance.

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CRUDE OIL: WTI

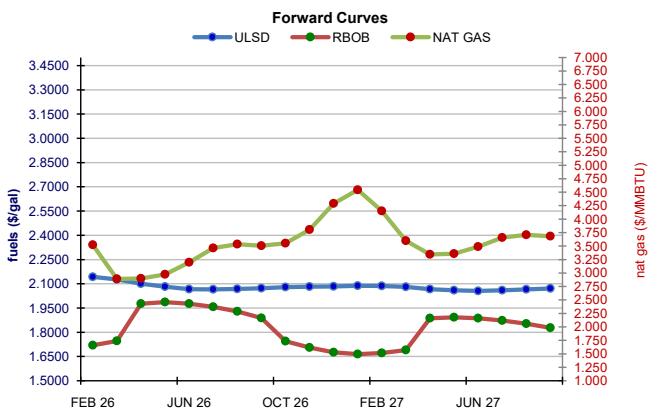
WTI (\$/barrel)	1/5/2026	1/2/2026	Change (△)	
FEB 26	\$58.32	\$57.32	↑	\$1.00 +1.7%
MAR 26	\$58.08	\$57.12	↑	\$0.96 +1.7%
APR 26	\$57.91	\$56.98	↑	\$0.93 +1.6%


ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	5-Jan	2-Jan	Change (△)	
DJI	49,100	48,382	↑	717.36 +1.5%
Dollar Index (DXY)	98.27	98.42	↓	-0.16 -0.2%
EUR/USD	\$1.1727	\$1.1715	↑	\$0.0012 +0.1%
Gold	\$4,451.0	\$4,329.6	↑	\$121.4 +2.8%

NYMEX FORWARD CURVES

MONTH	ULSD	RBOB	WTI	NAT GAS
Feb26	\$2.1428	\$1.7200	\$58.32	-\$0.110
Mar26	\$2.1290	\$1.7465	\$58.08	-\$0.153
Apr26	\$2.1023	\$1.9778	\$57.91	-\$0.153
May26	\$2.0815	\$1.9863	\$57.83	-\$0.150
Jun26	\$2.0666	\$1.9777	\$57.82	-\$0.140
Jul26	\$2.0656	\$1.9575	\$57.80	-\$0.123
Aug26	\$2.0676	\$1.9294	\$57.78	-\$0.125


NATURAL GAS: HH

NG (\$/MMBTU)	1/5/2026	1/2/2026	Change (△)	
FEB 26	\$3.5230	\$3.6180	↓	\$0.0950 -2.6%
MAR 26	\$2.8930	\$3.0430	↓	\$0.1500 -4.9%
APR 26	\$2.9000	\$3.0520	↓	\$0.1520 -5.0%


EIA Inventories

COMMODITY	Current	Previous	Change (△)	
Crude Oil (mbbl)	422,888	424,822	↓	-1,934 -0.5%
Cushing (mbbl)	22,112	21,569	↑	0.543 2.5%
Distillates (mbbl)	123,679	118,702	↑	4,977 4.2%
East Coast	31,087	28,478	↑	2,609 9.2%
Heating Oil	6,783	6,649	↑	0.134 2.0%
East Coast	0.612	0.526	↑	0.086 16.3%
ULSD	113,132	108,209	↑	4,923 4.5%
East Coast	29,877	27,326	↑	2,551 9.3%
New England	4,808	4,075	↑	0.733 18.0%
Mid Atlantic	13,851	13,665	↑	0.186 1.4%
Propane (mbbl)	100,324	99,539	↑	0.785 0.8%
East Coast	7,733	8,011	↓	-0.278 -3.5%
Refinery Utilization (%)	94.70	94.60	↑	0.100 0.1%
Natural Gas (bcf)	3,375	3,413	↓	-38 -1.1%

U.S. Distillate Stocks (Thousands Barrels)
