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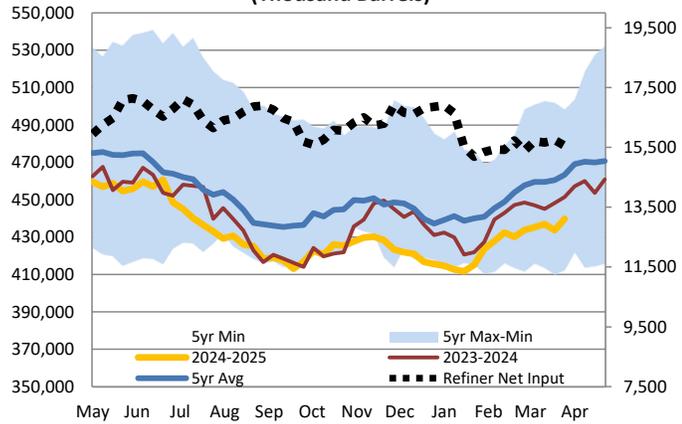
Inventory Snapshot

	Est.	API	EIA	vs. 1yr	vs. 5yr
Crude	-0.46	+6.04	+6.17	-2.6%	-5.1%
Distillates	-0.59	-0.01	+0.26	-1.2%	-6.3%
Gasoline	-1.44	-1.60	-1.55	+4.3%	+0.7%
Propane	-0.24	-	+0.98	-14.8%	-8.2%
Cushing, OK	-	-	+2.37	-24.4%	-33.6%
Ref. Util.	+0.39	-	-1.00	-2.9%	-0.1%

Crude Oil

	3/28/2025	w/w	y/y
Stocks (mb)	439.79	+6.16	-11.63
Cushing, OK	25.08	+2.37	-8.09
Days Supply (days)	28.27	+0.74	-0.13
Production (mb/d)	13.58	+0.01	+0.48
Imports (exc. SPR, mb/d)	6.47	+0.27	-0.15
Refinery Runs (mb/d)	15.56	-0.19	-0.34
Refinery Utilization (%)	86.00	-1.00	-2.60
Exports	3.88	-0.73	-0.14

U.S. Crude Inventories Excluding SPR (Thousand Barrels)



US petroleum stock data released this morning for the week ended last Friday were bearish for crude oil and propane and unsupportive for distillates, but neutral for gasoline. The EIA reported a large, surprise (but seasonal) build in crude stocks and small, surprise builds in both distillates and propane/propylene, but an as-expected draw from gasoline stockpiles. Petroleum futures were trading flat to higher as of this writing, featuring a slight widening of refinery crack spreads as gains in products outpaced those in crude.

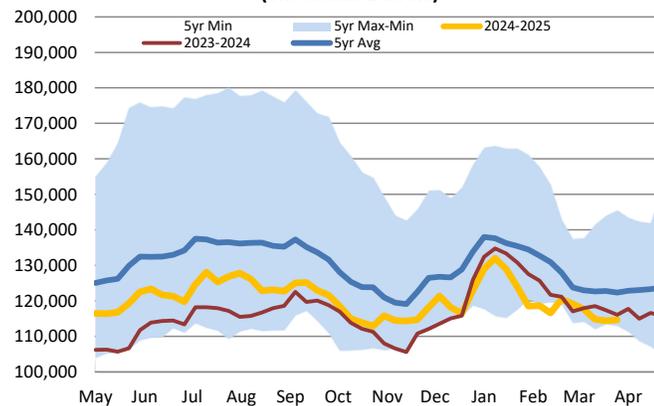
Commercial crude stocks shot up by 6.17mb last week, surprising against expectations calling for a 0.46mb dip, but this was a perfectly seasonal rise. Inventories tend to climb through the second half of this month amid refinery maintenance and retooling operations. Indeed, refinery utilization saw a surprise 1.00 percentage point (pp) drop to 86% of total installed capacity, which is 2.60pp lower than last year. Runs fell by 0.19 to 15.56mb/d, which is 0.34mb/d lower than last year - but still elevated compared to the 15.23mb/d five-year average for the reporting week. The five-year average trend is for runs to trend lower through the end of April. Also helping towards the build was a sharp increase in net imports. Imports increased by 0.27 to 6.47mb/d, but the main driver was a 0.73mb/d tumble in export activity to 3.88mb/d. Meanwhile, production rose only marginally to 13.58mb/d, which is 0.48mb/d higher than last year and just under the EIA's 2025 projection of 13.60mb/d.

Despite the strong build last week, US inventory levels are still 2.6% weaker than last year and at a 5.1% deficit to historical norms. Cushing, OK inventories saw a welcome build of 2.37mb, but are still 24.4% weaker than last year and 33.6% below normal, sitting at 25.08mb. The NYMEX WTI futures forward curve remains backwardated with the front-month May contract last going for \$71.48/bbl while the April 2026 contract last moved to \$65.95/bbl. The monthly Brent-WTI spread, often positively correlated with Cushing, OK stocks, has been narrowing from \$6.87 in November of 2023 to \$4.94 in November of 2024, and now at around \$3.21.

Distillates

	3/28/2025	w/w	y/y
Stocks (mb)	114.63	+0.26	-1.44
East Coast	25.88	-2.39	-3.32
New England	4.20	+0.21	-0.03
Mid-Atlantic	12.99	-0.99	-1.42
Production (mb/d)	4.68	+0.16	+0.07
Imports (mb/d)	0.15	+0.03	+0.05
Product Supplied (mb/d)	3.68	+0.04	+0.18
Exports (mb/d)	1.11	+0.05	-0.29

U.S. Distillate Stocks (Thousand Barrels)



Ultra-Low Sulfur Diesel

	3/28/2025	w/w	y/y
Stocks (mb)	105.88	-0.21	-1.61
East Coast	24.61	-2.40	-3.31
Production (mb/d)	4.46	+0.08	+0.02
Imports (mb/d)	0.14	+0.02	+0.04
Product Supplied (mb/d)	4.63	+0.10	+0.02

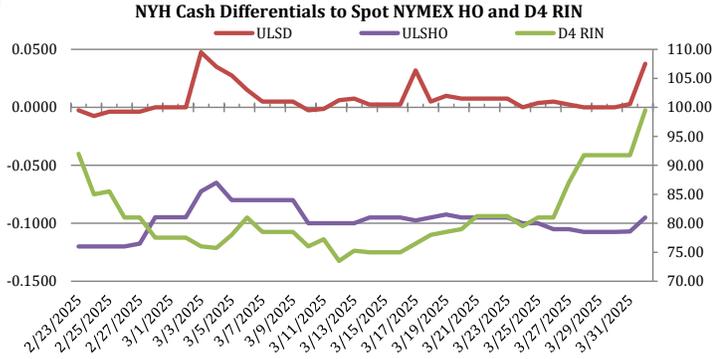


Gasoline

	3/28/2025	w/w	y/y
Stocks (mb)	237.58	-1.55	+9.76
East Coast	60.38	-1.29	+5.57
Production (mb/d)	9.28	+0.06	-0.70
Imports (exc. SPR, mb/d)	0.75	+0.16	+0.26
Product Supplied (mb/d)	8.50	-0.15	-0.74
Exports (mb/d)	0.85	+0.19	-0.01

Propane

	3/28/2025	w/w	y/y
Stocks (mb)	44.14	+0.98	-7.67
Fractionated	19.33	-0.00	
Production (mb/d)	2.79	+0.04	+0.12
Imports (exc. SPR, mb/d)	0.13	-0.01	0.00
Product Supplied (mb/d)	1.19	+0.10	-0.24
Exports (mb/d)	1.59	-0.24	+0.17

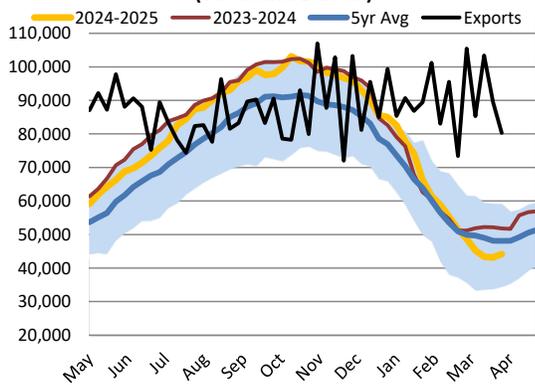


Distillate inventories saw a small, surprise, but seasonal build. The rise was helped along by stronger production, which rose by 0.16 to 4.68mb/d - this is 0.07mb/d higher than last year at this time. Meanwhile, exports rose by 0.05 to 1.11mb/d, but this was partially offset by a 0.03mb/d uptick in imports, averaging 0.15mb/d last week. Implied demand saw a similar rise of 0.04mb/d, averaging 3.68mb/d. This is 0.18mb/d higher than last year but flat to the five-year norm. A bullish detail in today's report is that the East Coast, home to the New York Harbor delivery point for the NYMEX HO (ULSD) futures contract, saw a 2.39mb draw. Inventories fell to 25.88mb, which is 11.4% lower than last year and 22.2% weaker than normal. New York Harbor ULSD and ULSHO barge price differentials to NYMEX picked up yesterday with the move to a new calendar month. The 2025 biomass-based diesel (D4) RIN price has been climbing since the middle of last month, an interesting development given the new administration. The ULSD-ULSHO spread should widen as the D4 RIN price rises, and this has been evident to some degree as can be seen in the chart above.

Gasoline stockpiles fell by 1.55mb, closely in-line with expectations calling for a 1.44mb decline. The draw was somewhat seasonal, but did cut the surplus over the weekly five-year average down to 0.8%. US inventories are still 4.3% higher than last year. Exports jumped 0.19mb/d higher last week to average 0.85mb/d, but this is flat to last year and was largely offset by a 0.16mb/d increase in imports, which averaged 0.75mb/d. Implied demand fell by 0.15 to 8.50mb/d, which is 0.74mb/d lower, year-on-year - but also well above the five-year average for the reporting week of 8.19mb/d. The East Coast saw most of last week's draw, with PADD 1 inventories falling by 1.29 to 60.38mb. This is now 0.1% higher than normal but still a 10.2% increase from the same week last year.

We saw a 0.98mb build in combined propane and propylene stocks, against forecasts calling for a 0.24mb dip. The surprise build came as net exports fell and production increased, even as implied demand strengthened. As measured by product supplied, implied demand rose by 9.4% (0.10mb/d) to average 1.19mb/d last week. This was well below last year's 1.43mb/d but in-line with the five-year average for this time of year. Net exports fell by 0.23 to 1.46mb/d, still elevated compared to the 1.29mb/d seen during the same period in 2024. Production rose marginally, averaging 2.79mb/d, well above last year's 2.67mb/d. The Gulf coast saw the bulk of the build, with inventories rising by 0.81 to 28.68mb. The Midwest saw a 0.39mb build, putting stock levels at 9.43mb, but the East Coast saw a 0.26mb draw, leaving 3.58mb. Whereas propane/propylene stocks rose by 2.3%, fractionated and ready for sale propane inventories were virtually flat at 19.33mb.

Total U.S. Propane/Propylene Stocks (Thousand Barrels)



Total U.S. Gasoline Stocks (Thousand Barrels)

