

## Energy

|                  | Last Price | CMP   | % Change |
|------------------|------------|-------|----------|
| NYMEX WTI        | 42.89      | 42.8  | -0.21    |
| NYMEX NG         | 2.339      | 2.338 | -0.04    |
| MCX Crude Oil    | 3194       | 3197  | 0.09     |
| MCX Natural Gas  | 175.2      | 175.3 | 0.06     |
| Brent Oil        | 45.37      | 45.33 | -0.09    |
| Brent-WTI Spread | 2.48       | 2.53  | 2.02     |

## Energy Related News

Oil edged higher after the OPEC+ producer grouping said members were almost fully complying with agreed output cuts to support prices amid a drop in demand for fuels due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Compliance with OPEC+ oil output cuts was seen at around 97% in July, two OPEC+ sources told Reuters.

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and allies known as OPEC+ in August cut their agreed output to 7.7 million barrels per day (bpd) from 9.7 million bpd previously.

Russian Energy Minister Alexander Novak will join the video meeting despite testing positive for COVID-19, the country's energy ministry said on Tuesday.

The U.S. Energy Information Administration last week reduced its global oil demand forecast, suggesting the drawdown on global inventories had been less than expected

## Inventory Data

|               | Actual | Expected | Previous Week | Total |
|---------------|--------|----------|---------------|-------|
| Crude oil     |        | -2.900   | -4.500        | 514.1 |
| Distillate    |        | -1.300   | -2.300        | 177.7 |
| Gasoline      |        | -1.200   | -0.700        | 247.1 |
| Natural Gas   |        | 43B      | 58            | 3332  |
| Oil Rigs data |        |          | -4            | 172   |

## Energy Outlook

Crude oil prices are trading flat for the day. We expect oil prices to trade rangebound as OPEC+ is slowly adding some supply back to the market and is expected to hold a committee meeting on 19th Aug. The end of summer driving season and gradually rising OPEC oil supply are keeping the prices resisted at higher levels.

## Events For Today

| Time   | Cur | Events           | Forecast | Previous |
|--------|-----|------------------|----------|----------|
| 6:00pm | USD | Building Permits | 1.33M    | 1.26M    |
|        | USD | Housing Starts   | 1.23M    | 1.19M    |

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