

- U.S. stock markets lifted on Monday as an upbeat outlook from FedEx, coupled with encouraging home sales, suggested that the rally could last. FedEx Corp (up 5.6%) raised its earnings outlook, validating the optimism of those who believe the economic recovery is less fragile than recently thought. The Dow Jones Industrial average gained 100.81 points to 10,525.43, and the NASDAQ Composite index advanced 26.96 points to close at 2,296.43.
- Canadian markets ended higher on Monday as strong U.S. corporate earnings and home-sales boosted investor optimism about economic recovery. In addition to the positive outlook from FedEx, markets were boosted by U.S. data showing sales of new single-family homes rebounded strongly in June from the previous month's record low. The S&P/TSX Composite index finished the session up 31.86 points at 11,746.07.
- Canadian natural gas prices fell on Monday as forecasters called for cooler weather in some big markets and storm fears for the Gulf of Mexico faded. Southern Alberta temperatures are expected to be above seasonal averages for the next six days, but Toronto highs will be below seasonal norms after Wednesday. The AECO spot price dropped \$0.06 to close at \$3.60 per Mcf.
- U.S. natural gas prices gained ground on Monday on signs that the U.S. economy is recovering, raising demand for the factory and power-plant fuel. Gas fell earlier in the session as forecasts called for milder weather in the eastern U.S. and as Tropical Storm Bonnie fizzled out over the week-end. The storm never strengthened enough to seriously damage production facilities. NYMEX natural gas for August delivery rose \$0.032 to settle at \$4.612 per Mmbtu.
- Crude oil prices settled unchanged after seesawing as strong U.S. new home sales data and positive corporate guidance lifted equities and supported oil, while restarted offshore production after a fizzled tropical storm kept prices in check. More than a quarter of daily crude production in the Gulf remained shut on Monday, although energy companies had brought back online about half the production as Tropical Storm Bonnie approached. Crude oil for September delivery settle unchanged at \$78.98 per barrel.

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	Jul. 26 Close	Change
Dow Jones Industrial Average	10,525.43	+100.81
NASDAQ	2,296.43	+26.96
S&P 500	1,115.01	+12.35
Amex Oil Index	984.91	+15.05
S&P/TSX Composite Index	11,746.07	+31.86
S&P/TSX Cdn. Energy Index	288.68	+2.12
S&P/TSX Oil & Gas Producers	3,076.32	+17.69
S&P/TSX Oil & Gas Services	1,162.64	+0.83
S&P/TSX Energy Trusts	147.75	+0.92
Can-US Exchange Rate (US ¢)	96.97	+0.57
10Yr Gov't Canada Bond	3.23%	-0.00

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Natural Gas	(\$C/Mcf)	Jul. 26 Close	Change
Aeco Spot		\$3.60	-6¢
Differential (H. Hub/Aeco)		\$1.20	-2¢
Aeco 12 Month Strip (NGX)		\$4.43	-3¢
Aeco Calendar Strip 2011 (NGX)		\$4.77	-4¢
Huntingdon		\$3.95	-6¢
Dawn		\$5.06	-2¢
	(\$US/Mmbtu)		
Henry Hub Spot		\$4.65	-5¢
New York Citygate		\$5.04	-11¢
Chicago Citygate		\$4.63	0¢
Rockies Average		\$4.00	+1¢
California Border Average		\$4.35	+4¢
NYMEX Aug10		\$4.612	+3.2¢
NYMEX 12 Month Strip		\$4.952	-0.2¢
NYMEX 2011 Strip		\$5.203	-1.7¢
UK NBP (Day Ahead)		\$6.48	-17¢
Netherlands TTF (Day Ahead)		\$6.72	-32¢
Zeebrugge (Day Ahead)		\$6.69	-11¢
	(\$C/Bbl)		
Synthetic Crude		\$81.08	-22¢
Western Canada Select		\$66.34	-18¢
Differential (Synthetic/WCS)		\$14.75	-4¢
Differential (WTI/Synthetic)		\$0.36	0¢
	(\$US/Bbl)		
WTI Cushing Spot		\$78.98	+25¢
NYMEX Sep10		\$78.98	0¢
NYMEX 12 Month Strip		\$81.29	+10¢
NYMEX 2011 Strip		\$82.61	+12¢
Brent (ICE) Sep10		\$77.50	+5¢
	(\$C/MWh)		
Alberta Power Pool (Peak) ¹		\$43.58	+\$9.60
Alberta Power Pool (24 Hr.)		\$36.43	+\$5.53
Ontario Power Market (Peak) ¹		\$40.83	+84¢
Ontario Power Market (24 Hr.)		\$36.15	+\$1.88

Western Canada Drilling Rig Activity	Week of July 20, 2010					Year to Date Averages						
	# Active		# Available		% Active		# Active		# Available		% Active	
	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009
Alberta	217	103	545	588	40%	18%	205	142	551	587	37%	24%
British Columbia	52	31	106	117	49%	26%	63	47	111	120	57%	39%
Saskatchewan	91	43	134	123	68%	35%	61	42	125	126	49%	34%
Manitoba	13	10	16	12	81%	83%	8	5	14	10	54%	51%
Other	0	1	1	3	0%	33%	0	0	2	2	20%	17%
Western Canada*	373	188	802	843	47%	22%	337	237	802	845	42%	28%

Note: Averages may not reflect exact values due to rounding. *Includes Northern Canada

Source: CAODC

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