

- U.S. stocks closed little changed on Friday, but Wall Street wrapped up its best week in a year after the earnings season rounded the final turn with a group of strong results that offset the impact of poor economic data. The major indexes each posted 7% gains for the month, although it came during low volume and followed a combined decline of nearly 14% for May and June. The Dow Jones Industrial average shed 1.22 points to close at 10,465.94, and the NASDAQ Composite index gained 3.01 points to close the month at 2,254.70.
- Canadian stock markets ended lower on Friday as weaker-than-expected gross domestic product data fueled investor fears about a slow recovery. On the downside were the energy and financial sectors, down 0.4% and 0.5% respectively, but gold miners rose as bullion prices rallied. The S&P/TSX Composite index finished the day down 15.21 points at 11,713.43.
- Canadian natural gas prices rose on Friday for a fourth straight session as futures gained 2% amid hot temperatures in some big markets and concerns about tropical weather activity. The gain came a day after data showed smaller-than-expected injections into storage facilities across the continent. The AECO spot price gained \$0.03 to settle at \$3.81 per Mcf.
- U.S. natural gas prices gained for a fifth-straight day, reaching a six-week high on speculation that hotter-than-normal weather will boost demand for the power-plant fuel. Gas also rose as the number of U.S. gas drilling rigs declined this week for the first time since the week ended June 18. NYMEX natural gas for September delivery rose \$0.096 to settle at \$4.923 per Mmbtu.
- Crude oil prices increased, capping the biggest monthly gain since March, as rallies in commodities led by wheat and aluminum took the S&P GSCI Commodity Index to a 12-week high. Oil also increased after Syncrude Canada Ltd announced maintenance turnaround plans at its upgrader. Crude oil for September delivery increased \$0.59 to settle at \$78.95 per barrel.

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	Jul. 30 Close	Change
Dow Jones Industrial Average	10,465.94	-1.22
NASDAQ	2,254.70	+3.01
S&P 500	1,101.60	+0.07
Amex Oil Index	978.64	+0.86
S&P/TSX Composite Index	11,713.43	-15.21
S&P/TSX Cdn. Energy Index	282.22	-1.14
S&P/TSX Oil & Gas Producers	2,996.86	-23.94
S&P/TSX Oil & Gas Services	1,164.11	-1.47
S&P/TSX Energy Trusts	141.87	-1.78
Can-US Exchange Rate (US ¢)	97.18	+0.75
10Yr Gov't Canada Bond	3.12%	-0.06

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Natural Gas	(\$C/Mcf)	Jul. 30 Close	Change
Aeco Spot		\$3.81	+3¢
Differential (H. Hub/Aeco)		\$1.14	-5¢
Aeco 12 Month Strip (NGX)		\$4.49	+7¢
Aeco Calendar Strip 2011 (NGX)		\$4.75	+7¢
Huntingdon		\$3.99	+3¢
Dawn		\$5.20	-6¢
	(\$US/Mmbtu)		
Henry Hub Spot		\$4.81	+2¢
New York Citygate		\$5.07	-6¢
Chicago Citygate		\$4.77	+1¢
Rockies Average		\$4.00	+1¢
California Border Average		\$4.35	+2¢
NYMEX Sep10		\$4.923	+9.6¢
NYMEX 12 Month Strip		\$5.146	+6.8¢
NYMEX 2011 Strip		\$5.268	+6.7¢
UK NBP (Day Ahead)		\$6.67	+9¢
Netherlands TTF (Day Ahead)		\$6.60	-7¢
Zeebrugge (Day Ahead)		\$6.56	-8¢
	(\$C/Bbl)		
Synthetic Crude		\$80.88	-2¢
Western Canada Select		\$66.16	+10¢
Differential (Synthetic/WCS)		\$14.71	-11¢
Differential (WTI/Synthetic)		\$0.36	0¢
	(\$US/Bbl)		
WTI Cushing Spot		\$78.95	+59¢
NYMEX Sep10		\$78.95	+59¢
NYMEX 12 Month Strip		\$81.61	+49¢
NYMEX 2011 Strip		\$83.11	+44¢
Brent (ICE) Sep10		\$78.18	+59¢
	(\$C/MWh)		
Alberta Power Pool (Peak) <sup>1</sup>		\$40.41	-\$2.22
Alberta Power Pool (24 Hr.)		\$35.80	-83¢
Ontario Power Market (Peak) <sup>1</sup>		\$40.83	+84¢
Ontario Power Market (24 Hr.)		\$36.15	+\$1.88

U.S. Gas Storage BCF	Current Jul-23-10	Change Bcf	Change Bcf/d	Last Year Jul-24-09	3-Year Average	5-Year Average
Producing Region	987	(5)	(0.7)	1,059	910	862
Consuming East	1,459	34	4.9	1,523	1,442	1,431
Consuming West	473	(1)	(0.1)	441	393	385
<b>U.S. Total</b>	<b>2,919</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>3,023</b>	<b>2,745</b>	<b>2,677</b>

Source: United States Energy Information Administration

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