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Weekly Energy Update

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This week I wanted to highlight an oil that is a full synthetic oil for your heavy duty engine needs. It is Cenex Maxtron Enviro-Edge 5W-40 and it is the right

Cenex® Maxtron® Enviro-Edge™

Introducing Cenex® Maxtron® Enviro-Edge™ SAE 5W-40 full synthetic heavy-duty diesel engine oil.

Test out our most advanced diesel engine oil ever. Maxtron Enviro-Edge SAE 5W-40 pumps and flows faster, allowing moving parts to move more freely, use less energy and create less friction than conventional lubricants. It's an unbeatable choice for premium performance in all temperatures.

- **Improves fuel economy** — boosts fuel efficiency by 1 to 3 percent in tests (compared with conventional SAE 15W-40)
- **Controls oil consumption** — overcomes a challenge often associated with lighter viscosity grades in heavy-duty diesel applications
- **Prolongs engine life** — safeguards hardworking engines and advanced emission systems through exceptional wear protection and superior soot and viscosity control
- **Protects the environment** — results in less waste carbon emitted into the environment by requiring fewer oil changes and reducing fuel consumption
- **Reduces costs** — gives you outstanding performance and outstanding payouts



Energy News & Notes

Cenex Premium Diesels- are powerful, efficient performers. They contain an exclusive additive package, formulated expressly for the rugged demands of today's heavy duty, diesel-powered equipment. They are proven to protect your engine while optimizing power and performance. Please check in next week for the introduction regarding a new feature that will be added to our additive that will be in our Premium Diesel line, Ruby Fieldmaster and Roadmaster XL.



DOE Inventory Report

A crude build nearly 3 times expectations quickly dropped the contract into negative territory after the initial numbers were released.

All Values in Bbls	CRUDE	GASOLINE	DISTILLATES
DOE	↑ 4.1 million	↑ 700,000	↓ 900,000
API	↑ 2.7 million	↑ 900,000	↓ 4.1 million
Expectations	↑ 1.4 million	↑ 600,000	↓ 900,000

<u>Refinery Utilization:</u>	Up 0.7% to 81.9% of total capacity; expectations were for a 0.1% drop		
<u>4-Week Average Demands:</u>	Gasoline:	8.81 million bpd	up 0.1% from last year
	Distillates:	3.74 million bpd	down 4.8% from last year
<u>Weekly Demands:</u>	Gasoline:	8.882 million bpd	down from 9.064 million bpd last week
	Distillates:	3.829 million bpd	up from 3.662 million bpd last week
	Total Product:	19.618 million bpd	up from 19.283 million bpd last week
<u>Imports:</u>	Gasoline:	775,000 bpd	down from 846,000 bpd last week
	Distillates:	354,000 bpd	down from 444,000 bpd last week
	Crude:	9.236 million bpd	up from 9.084 million bpd last week

Market Outlook

Expectations on the gasoline and distillate inventory changes were as close to perfect as one can get, with the big shocker coming in the way of a 4.1 million bbl crude build. Expectations had been for a slight build thanks to an expected and realized increase in imports, but it came in better than anticipated – a little surprising considering the jump in refinery utilization rates as well. The knee-jerk reaction to the report pulled crude into the red and back below the \$80 level, but the bulls are not giving up the fight and the contract is currently trading in the black.

The dollar is trying its best to offer up additional support to the complex as it is weaker against the euro. Meanwhile Wall Street is rallying after the February payroll and services reports continued to offer optimistic hope the economy is on the mend. But should technical resistance continue to hold firm, we could finally see the bulls become exhausted and begin the trek lower of the seemingly bearish crude build.

Dear Patrons,

My name is Christopher Carter and I am a Certified Energy Specialist for Midwest Cooperatives. As a CES, I work with producers like yourself, to help you establish a petroleum marketing plan. I am also here to answer any questions you may have about any of our Cenex premium products.

I am looking forward to providing newsletters weekly to help keep you informed of the energy news and the different programs we will be offering you. If there is anything you would like us to add in the newsletter please feel free to call or e-mail me at 605-280-9253 or Christopher.carter@chsinc.com. Also look us up on our web page at www.midwestcooperatives.com.

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Thank-you, Christopher Carter

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