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Energy Wire

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- **Good morning. Energy prices are mixed overnight. Crude is trading within the upper third of yesterday's range.**
- **We alluded to the fact in yesterday's wire that energies would take direction from yesterday's DOE report. We were wrong. A 4 million barrel build in crude was bearish, above expectations. The market chose to focus on a report from the Institute of Supply Management indicating that manufacturing activity for August was above expectations. A report that China's manufacturing activity for August was also above expectations added fuel to the fire. Wall Street posted strong triple digit gains and energies followed. Once again economic news trumped supply and demand. A weaker dollar also supported prices.**
- **Today we have weekly initial jobless claims. The four week moving average has been moving higher. Tomorrow we have August non farm payrolls. Both will be watched closely.**
- **We are headed for a three day weekend and traders will be squaring up books. Look for volume to decrease as traders head out for the holiday. Trade will be choppy and volataile.**
- **Outlook: Risk avoidance or risk tolerance. What will it be? The market liked the economic reports yesterday and jumped on the risk bandwagon. Today's unemployment data will help give direction. Expect choppy trade between \$70 and \$76.**

October Globex Crude Daily:



NYMEX

Commodity	Month	Close	Change	High	Low	Open
Crude	October	\$73.91	\$1.99	---	---	---
Unleaded RBOB	October	\$1.8891	\$0.0317	---	---	---
Heating Oil	October	\$2.0411	\$0.0494	\$2.0562	\$2.0334	\$2.0334
Natural Gas	October	\$3.7620	(\$0.0540)	\$3.8550	\$3.7650	\$3.8550

Wednesday Close

Globex- Overnight

Commodity	Month	Current	Change	High	Low
Crude	October	\$74.08	\$0.17	\$74.11	\$73.60
Unleaded RBOB	October	\$1.8963	\$0.0072	\$1.8965	\$1.8800
Heating Oil	October	\$2.0411	(\$0.0050)	\$2.0419	\$2.0317

U.S. Spot Markets Prompt

Unleaded	Cash Price	Basis	#2 ULSD	Cash Price	Basis
NY Harbor	\$1.9141	\$0.0250	NY Harbor	\$2.1211	\$0.0800
Group III	\$1.9541	\$0.0650	Gulf	\$2.0661	\$0.0250
Gulf	\$1.9841	\$0.0950	Group 3	\$2.1186	\$0.0775
Chicago	\$2.0041	\$0.1150	Chicago	\$2.1161	\$0.0750

S&P 500



It was a big day for the S&P yesterday, pushing up through moving average resistance.