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MCX UPDATE

Commodity	Expiry	Open	High	Low	Close	% Change
CRUDEOIL	19-Aug-26	7871.00	8114.00	7799.00	8063.00	2.45
CRUDEOIL	21-Sep-26	7817.00	8063.00	7748.00	8020.00	2.69
CRUDEOILMINI	19-Aug-26	7872.00	8115.00	7797.00	8061.00	2.44
CRUDEOILMINI	21-Sep-26	7831.00	8063.00	7744.00	8016.00	2.66
NATURALGAS	26-Aug-26	261.50	261.50	253.20	257.90	-2.20
NATURALGAS	25-Sep-26	263.00	264.20	259.40	263.00	-2.45
NATURALGAS MINI	26-Aug-26	260.30	260.30	253.50	258.00	4.96
NATURALGAS MINI	25-Sep-26	267.30	267.30	259.60	263.00	34.33

INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

Commodity	Open	High	Low	Close	% Change
Crudeoil $	84.06	84.31	83.80	84.21	0.17
Natural Gas $	2.7000	2.7200	2.6900	2.7000	0.00
Lme Copper	14158.10	14174.00	14092.13	14104.58	-0.28
Lme Zinc	3759.25	3764.25	3737.70	3741.95	-0.50
Lme Aluminium	3258.00	3286.00	3245.15	3259.45	0.36
Lme Lead	1889.95	1892.70	1886.30	1886.35	-0.23
Lme Nickel	16756.75	16811.50	16736.25	16763.50	0.14

OPEN INTEREST SNAPSHOT

Commodity	Expiry	% Change	% Oi Change	Oi Status
CRUDEOIL	19-Aug-26	2.45	85.28	Fresh Buying
CRUDEOIL	21-Sep-26	2.69	26.51	Fresh Buying
CRUDEOILMINI	19-Aug-26	2.44	13.40	Fresh Buying
CRUDEOILMINI	21-Sep-26	2.66	28.60	Fresh Buying
NATURALGAS	26-Aug-26	-2.20	7.92	Fresh Selling
NATURALGAS	25-Sep-26	-2.45	42.46	Fresh Selling
NATURALGAS MINI	26-Aug-26	-2.20	4.96	Fresh Selling
NATURALGAS MINI	25-Sep-26	-2.48	34.33	Fresh Selling

Crudeoil

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Technical Snapshot

SELL CRUDEOIL AUG @ 8100 SL 8200 TGT 8000-7900. MCX

Observations

Crudeoil trading range for the day is 7677-8307.

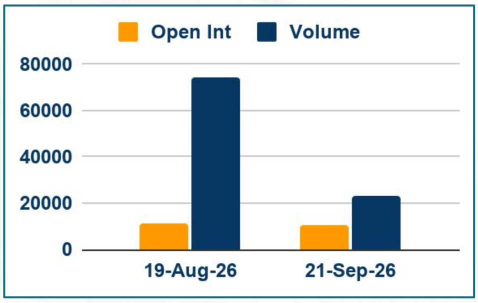
Crude oil gains as investors assessed the uncertain outlook for the US-Iran conflict and potential supply disruptions.

Renewed fighting in Lebanon and attacks on vessels in the Strait of Hormuz added to concerns that tensions could persist.

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi said Tehran had not decided whether to resume talks with the US.

Crude oil speculators increased their net long positions in WTI crude oil by 4,034 contracts to 105,860 contracts.

OI & Volume



Spread

Commodity	Spread
CRUDEOIL SEP-AUG	-43.00
CRUDEOILMINI SEP-AUG	-45.00

Trading Levels

Commodity	Expiry	Close	R2	R1	PP	S1	S2
CRUDEOIL	19-Aug-26	8063.00	8307.00	8185.00	7992.00	7870.00	7677.00
CRUDEOIL	21-Sep-26	8020.00	8259.00	8140.00	7944.00	7825.00	7629.00
CRUDEOILMINI	19-Aug-26	8061.00	8309.00	8185.00	7991.00	7867.00	7673.00
CRUDEOILMINI	21-Sep-26	8016.00	8260.00	8138.00	7941.00	7819.00	7622.00
Crudeoil $		84.21	84.62	84.42	84.11	83.91	83.60

Natural Gas

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Technical Snapshot

BUY NATURALGAS AUG @ 255 SL 252 TGT 259-262. MCX

Observations

Naturalgas trading range for the day is 249.2-265.8.

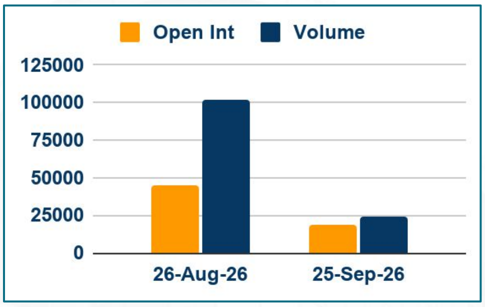
Natural gas prices fell weighed down by robust production and comfortable inventory levels.

An EIA report showed energy firms injected 36 bcf of gas into storage, larger than market expectations of a 31 bcf build.

Natural gas speculators on the four major NYMEX and ICE markets reduced their net short positions by 18,848 contracts.

Production in the Lower 48 states averaged a record 111.3 bcfd in August so far, up from 110.7 bcfd in July

OI & Volume

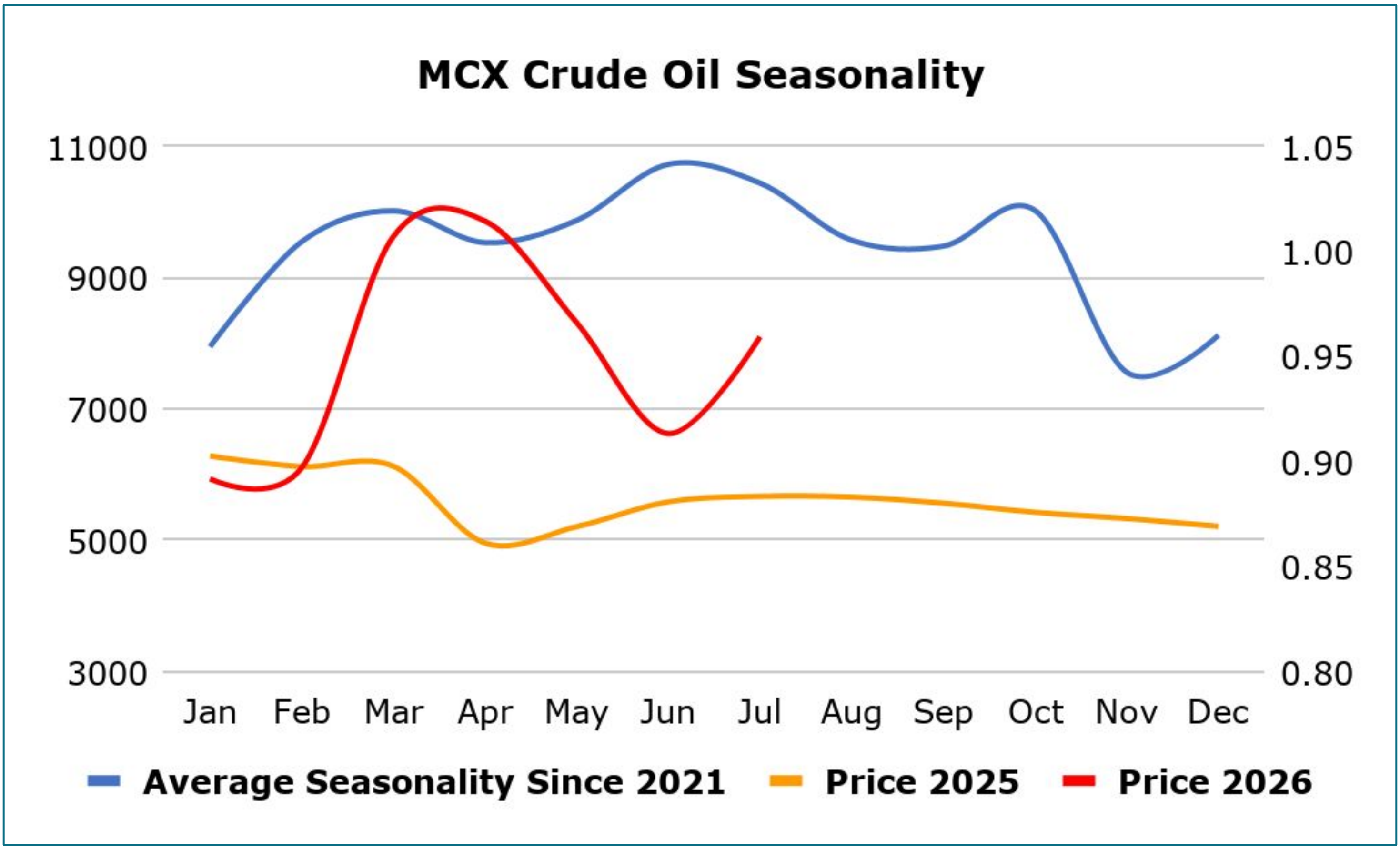


Spread

Commodity	Spread
NATURALGAS SEP-AUG	5.10
NATURALGAS MINI SEP-AUG	5.00

Trading Levels

Commodity	Expiry	Close	R2	R1	PP	S1	S2
NATURALGAS	26-Aug-26	257.90	265.80	261.80	257.50	253.50	249.20
NATURALGAS	25-Sep-26	263.00	267.00	265.00	262.20	260.20	257.40
NATGAS MINI	26-Aug-26	258.00	264.00	261.00	257.00	254.00	250.00
NATGAS MINI	25-Sep-26	263.00	270.00	266.00	263.00	259.00	256.00
Natural Gas $		2.7000	2.7330	2.7160	2.7030	2.6860	2.6730


MCX Crude Oil Seasonality
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9000
7000
5000
3000
1.05
1.00
0.95
0.90
0.85
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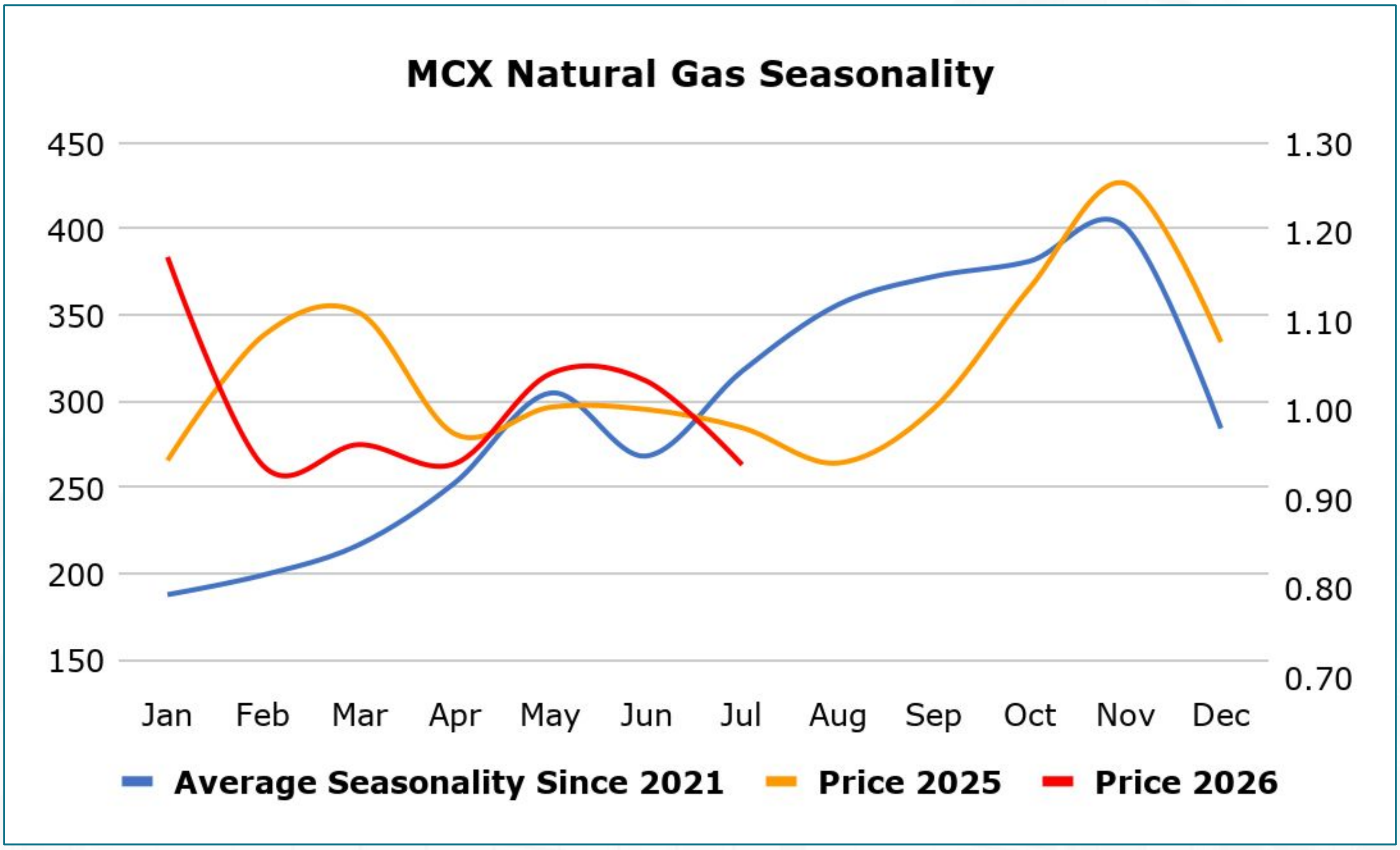
Average Seasonality Since 2021
Price 2025
Price 2026


MCX Natural Gas Seasonality
450
400
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250
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150
1.30
1.20
1.10
1.00
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Average Seasonality Since 2021
Price 2025
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Economic Data

Date	Curr.	Data
Aug 17	USD	Empire State Manufacturing Index
Aug 17	USD	NAHB Housing Market Index
Aug 18	EUR	ZEW Economic Sentiment
Aug 18	EUR	German ZEW Economic Sentiment
Aug 18	USD	ADP Weekly Employment Change
Aug 18	USD	Building Permits
Aug 18	USD	Housing Starts
Aug 18	USD	Import Prices m/m
Aug 18	USD	Capacity Utilization Rate
Aug 18	USD	Industrial Production m/m
Aug 18	USD	Pending Home Sales m/m
Aug 19	EUR	Current Account
Aug 19	EUR	Final Core CPI y/y

Date	Curr.	Data
Aug 19	USD	FOMC Meeting Minutes
Aug 20	EUR	German PPI m/m
Aug 20	USD	Philly Fed Manufacturing Index
Aug 20	USD	Unemployment Claims
Aug 20	USD	CB Leading Index m/m
Aug 20	USD	Natural Gas Storage
Aug 21	EUR	French Flash Manufacturing PMI
Aug 21	EUR	French Flash Services PMI
Aug 21	EUR	German Flash Manufacturing PMI
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Aug 21	EUR	Flash Manufacturing PMI
Aug 21	EUR	Flash Services PMI
Aug 21	USD	Flash Manufacturing PMI

News you can Use

Japan's economy grew slower than expected in April-June, government data showed, as private consumption softened due to headwinds from higher raw material costs and supply disruptions linked to the Middle East war. The annualised 1.1% increase in gross domestic product compared with a median market estimate of 2.0% growth in a Reuters poll. It also followed an upwardly revised 1.9% expansion in the previous quarter, extending the economy's growth streak to three consecutive quarters. The reading translates into a quarterly rise of 0.3%, compared with the median estimate of a 0.5% increase. Private consumption, was flat, falling short of a market estimate of a 0.5% increase. Capital spending, a key driver of private demand, fell 1.2% in the second quarter, versus a market forecast for a 0.4% increase. Net external demand, or exports minus imports, added 0.5 percentage point to growth. Exports remained resilient thanks to solid U.S. demand for Japanese hybrid vehicles and sustained global investment in artificial intelligence that supported shipments of semiconductor-related equipment and components.

The Eurozone economy expanded by 0.4% in the second quarter of 2026, in line with flash data and accelerating from flat growth in the previous quarter, second estimates showed. It marked the bloc's strongest quarterly expansion since the first quarter of 2025, as robust AI-related investment, solid government spending, and one-off factors helped offset the impact of the conflict in Iran and higher energy costs. Year-over-year, the Eurozone economic growth accelerated to 1% in the second quarter from a revised 0.5% three months earlier, also the same as in the flash estimate. The number of employed persons in the Euro Area grew by 0.1% from the previous quarter to 176.577 million in the second quarter of 2026, the same pace as the first quarter, and aligned with market expectations, according to a first estimate. Meanwhile, employment fell for a fifth straight quarter in Germany (-0.1% vs -0.1%). From the previous year, employment growth in the Eurozone was unchanged at 0.5%.

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