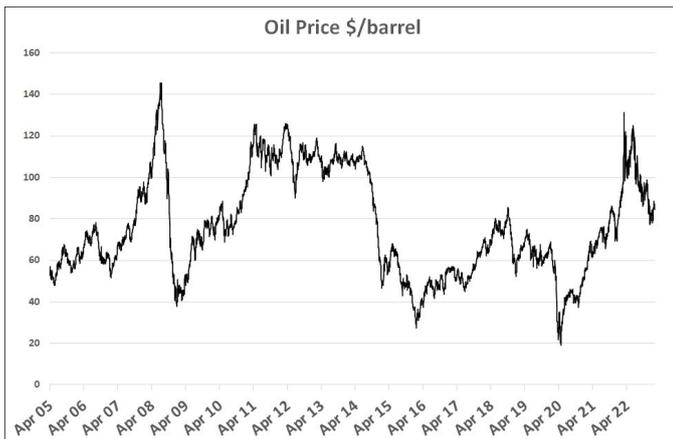


Energy Market Snapshot

3rd February 2023

Oil:



Front month Brent lost \$0.56/barrel on Monday due to uncertainty around whether the US Federal Reserve would increase interest rates.

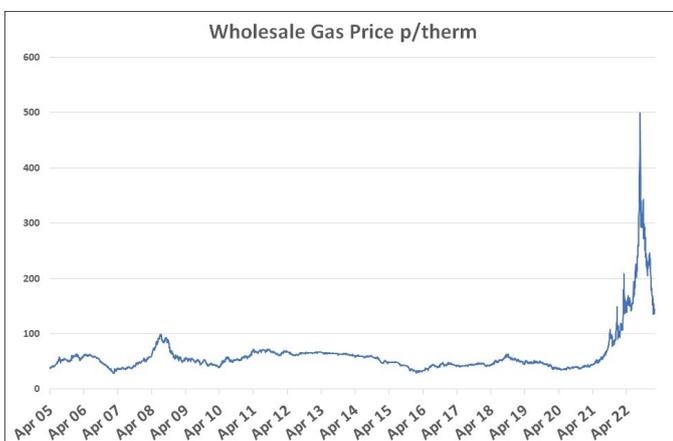
Prices were mixed within day on Tuesday as increased supply was countered by a fall in the US Dollar.

Brent closed down on Wednesday with increased supply driving prices lower. The weekly EIA reported an increase of US Crude stocks of 4.1M barrels.

Thursday was a bearish day, US interest rates rose but as the rise was in line with expectations there was no significant effect on prices.

Last night, front month Brent closed at \$82.43/barrel, down \$4.22/barrel compared to last Friday.

Gas:



Curve Gas contracts rose on Monday as outages started to affect supplies into the UK.

The bulls took charge on Tuesday as temperature forecasts were revised downwards to close to the seasonal norm for the next couple of weeks. Contracts out to and including Summer 24 rose on average 9p/therm.

Most contracts rose again on Wednesday with a rise in demand forecasts due to the revised temperature forecasts.

The bears took hold on Thursday and most contracts settled lower day on day, despite the system being short for most of the day and temperatures set to reduce next week.

Last night, contracts were mixed at their close. Contracts out to and including Winter 24 closed higher compared to last Friday whilst longer dated contracts closed lower.

Electricity:



Power prices rose on Monday taking direction from Gas. Stronger Carbon prices also provided upward pressure to longer-dated contracts.

Prices continued to rise on Tuesday supported by bullish Gas and Carbon. Gains were limited though, as Wind generation remained high.

In line with Gas, prices rose on Wednesday. Contracts gaining £5/MWh on average.

Prices tracked Gas lower on Thursday with nearly all contracts losing value. Front month March 23 lost £9.1/MWh.

Last night, all power contracts closed higher compared to last Friday. Summer 23 gained 6% and Winter 23 gained 3%.