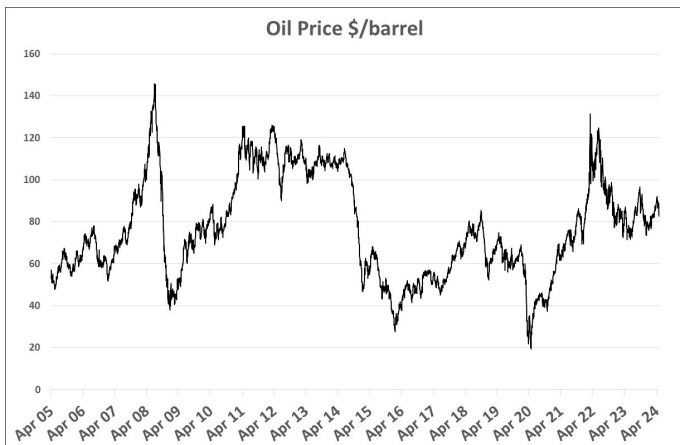


Energy Market Snapshot

17th May 2024

Oil:



Prices were mixed throughout Monday's session with improving demand in China and the US along with more attacks on energy infrastructure in Russia providing upward pressure.

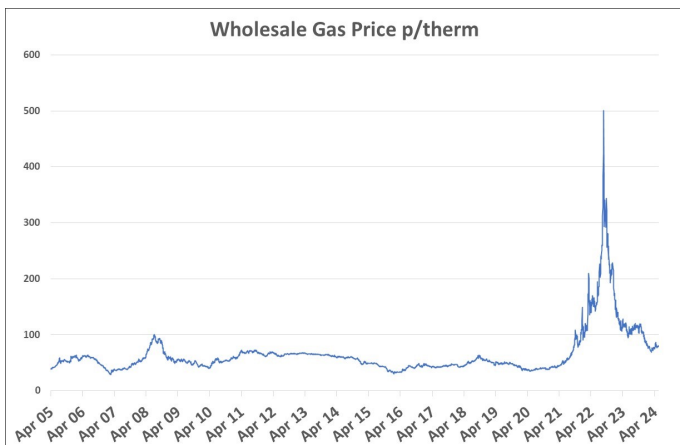
Front month Brent fell just over \$1/barrel on Tuesday following bearish economic data from the US as US producer inflation rose by 2.2% which is likely to reduce demand.

Oil continued to fall on Wednesday despite the weekly EIA report showing a reduction in US Commercial Crude stocks of 2.5M barrels.

Brent rose on Thursday following the EIA report and US economic data raising the expectation of rate cuts.

Last night, front month Brent closed at \$83.07/barrel, down \$0.87/barrel compared to last Friday.

Gas:



Gas prices eased on Monday with an oversupplied system thanks to an increase in Norwegian supplies which were up 11% compared to the previous week.

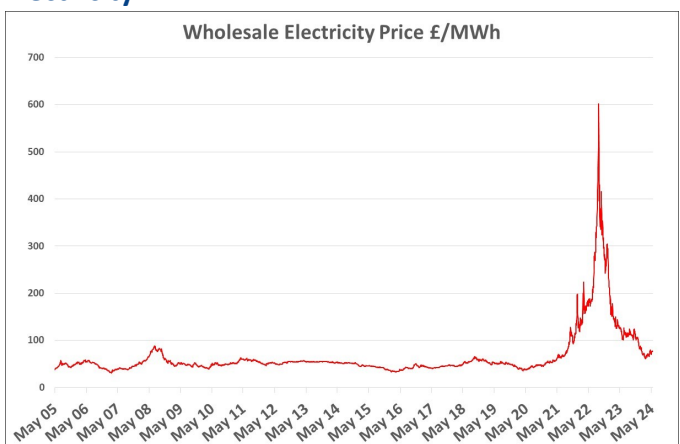
Most contracts rose on Tuesday with lower Wind output providing support. Market participants were also cautious ahead of the first summer period of Norwegian maintenance.

Wednesday's session was bearish overall with Norwegian supplies contributing healthy supply levels.

Prices were bullish on Thursday and contracts rose between 2 – 2.5p/therm. Increases came from temperature forecasts being revised downwards, ongoing tension in the Middle East and concerns around the planned maintenance schedule.

Last night, all contracts closed higher compared to last Friday due to the bullish movement seen on Thursday. Winter 24 gained 2.3p/therm and Summer 25 gained 1.78p/therm.

Electricity:



Power tracked Gas lower on Monday with an increase in Wind generation back to the seasonal norm adding further downward pressure.

Near-term contracts settled lower on Tuesday, however all curve contracts rose taking direction from Gas.

Contracts were mixed on Wednesday before the bulls took charge on Thursday. Prices rose on Thursday in line with rising Gas and Carbon.

Last night, front month June closed flat whilst all other curve contracts closed higher than last Friday. Winter 24 gained £1.3/MWh and Summer 25 gained £1.65/MWh.