

Crude Oil Weekly

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Market Commentary

Highlights:

- OPEC+ Maintains Output Cuts to Support Oil Prices
- Geopolitical Tensions Heighten Risks to Global Oil Supply
- Caspian Pipeline Disruption Underscores Supply Vulnerabilities

Oil Market Summary

WTI and Brent remain above \$60 as markets navigate shifting supply dynamics and heightened geopolitical risks. Traders are showing caution ahead of the FOMC decision and any potential policy adjustments. Meanwhile, renewed tensions in the Black Sea—after a sanctioned Chinese-owned tanker was hit by Ukrainian naval drones—have revived concerns over supply-chain disruptions.

On Friday, the NYMEX light sweet crude oil was closed at \$60.08 a barrel by close of trade and Brent crude up \$1.37 to \$63.75 a barrel. During the week, NYMEX crude oil was up \$1.53 or 2.613%.

U.S. commercial crude oil inventories, excluding the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR)—increased by 0574 million barrels from the week ending November 28, 2025.

According to Baker Hughes, the number of weekly active rigs drilling for oil increased by 5 to 549 from 544

Oil prices hovered near two-week highs on Monday as markets awaited a widely expected Fed rate cut that could boost economic activity and energy demand. Brent traded at \$63.79 and WTI at \$60.15, both at their strongest since November 18. Traders now see an 84% chance of a quarter-point cut, with this week's meeting set to be one of the most contentious in years. Investors are also looking for clues on the Fed's longer-term policy path.

Beyond monetary policy, geopolitical developments continued to shape market sentiment. In Europe, negotiations aimed at advancing Ukraine peace efforts have shown little progress, with disagreements over security guarantees and the status of Russian-held territory still unresolved. Analysts at ANZ noted that the outcome of these talks, particularly under the renewed push from former President Donald Trump which could shift global oil supply by more than 2 million barrels per day depending on how the conflict evolves. At the same time, the G7 and European Union are weighing whether to replace the current price cap on Russian oil with a full maritime services ban, a move that could further constrain exports from one of the world's largest producers.

Additional supply risks surfaced from developments in Venezuela and Iran. The United States has increased pressure on the Maduro government, including strikes on vessels accused of drug smuggling and warnings of potential military action, raising concerns about disruptions to Venezuelan output. Meanwhile, China's independent refiners have accelerated purchases of discounted Iranian crude from onshore storage tanks after receiving fresh import quotas. While these flows have helped absorb excess supply in the market, they also highlight growing complexity in global trade patterns as sanctions, political tensions, and shifting alliances reshape oil movements worldwide.

WTI Crude Oil is expected to range within a \$70 to \$55 range in the week ahead. The current setup offers an attractive risk-reward profile for accumulation, especially for traders positioning ahead of anticipated OPEC+ tightening and potential Fed easing. Although inventories remain elevated, the mix of geopolitical tensions, softer refining margins, and resilient Asian demand keeps the market tilted toward a measured bullish outlook as we move into Q1 2026.

Other Market News

U.S. stock futures were little changed on Monday as investors looked ahead to the Federal Reserve's policy meeting this week. Markets now assign about an 88% probability to a 25 bp rate cut on Wednesday, up from roughly 67% a month earlier.

Attention is also turning to a busy earnings slate, with results expected from AutoZone, Oracle, Adobe, Broadcom, Costco, Lululemon and others. The major indexes booked a second consecutive week of gains, with the Dow up 0.5%, the S&P 500 rising 0.31%, and the Nasdaq advancing 0.91%.

Call of The Week:

Slightly Bullish

8 December, 2025

Weekly Market Price as at 05/12/2025

Commodity	Close	Chg	% Chg	High	Low	RSI(14)
NYMEX Crude Oil	60.08	1.53	2.613	70.29	58.28	54.02
IPE Brent Oil	63.75	1.37	2.196	73.52	62.17	53.55
TOCOM Crude Oil	60,220.00	-1980.00	-3.183	67450.00	59700.00	47.62
Mini Dow Jones	48,001.00	258.00	0.540	44706.00	47269.00	59.71
U.S. Dollar Index	98.99	-0.47	-0.470	106.96	98.77	41.74
COMEX Gold	4,243.00	-11.90	-0.280	2756.70	4194.00	60.08

Significant Events to Watch (Malaysian Time)

- 09/12/2025 (2300hrs)- JOLTS Job Openings (Sep)
- 10/12/2025 (2330hrs)- Crude Oil Inventories
- 11/12/2025 (0300hrs)- FOMC Economic Projections
- 11/12/2025 (0300hrs)- FOMC Statement
- 11/12/2025 (0300hrs)- Fed Interest Rate Decision
- 11/12/2025 (0330hrs)- FOMC Press Conference
- 11/12/2025 (2130hrs)- Initial Jobless Claims

U.S. Oil Rig Count vs. U.S. NYMEX Crude Oil



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Chart of the Day - Crude Oil Daily Chart



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From the daily chart above, prices is likely to be continue forming lower low, however, investor should be mindful of next support level will be at \$65/barrel

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