

Crude Oil Weekly

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Market Commentary

Highlights:

- US-Russia Dialogue in Spotlight as Washington Eyes Oil Trade
- China Inflation Disappoints, Markets Eye US CPI

Oil Market Summary

WTI Crude Oil futures closed the week near 62.530, marking a notable move into the lower price range. The commodity began last week around 66.250 but continued to face strong selling pressure leading up to August 1. Growing worries over expanded US tariffs and fading geopolitical tensions outweighed the bullish influence from falling inventories and hopes for a Federal Reserve rate cut.

On Friday, the NYMEX light sweet crude oil was closed at \$63.97 a barrel by close of trade and Brent crude down \$2.08 to \$66.68 a barrel. During the week, NYMEX crude oil was down \$2.32 or 3.50%.

U.S. commercial crude oil inventories, excluding the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR)—fell by three million barrels between the weeks ending July 25 and August 1.

According to Baker Hughes, the number of weekly active rigs drilling for oil decreased to 539, from 540, decreased 1.

The U.S. and Russia will hold a summit on August 15, with President Donald Trump meeting Russian President Vladimir Putin to discuss ending the war in Ukraine. The talks come as Washington steps up pressure on Russia’s oil exports, targeting top buyers China and India. Trump has imposed tariffs of up to 50% on India to discourage purchases of Russian oil and has threatened similar measures against China. However, these moves offered only limited support to oil prices last week, as broader reciprocal tariffs on major trading partners took effect, fueling market concerns over potential demand headwinds from U.S. trade policies.

China’s July CPI was flat while PPI fell more than expected, underscoring persistent deflationary pressures in the world’s largest oil importer despite limited impact from Beijing’s stimulus and eased U.S. trade tensions, with extreme weather further weighing on activity. Attention now turns to Tuesday’s U.S. CPI data, which could influence September Fed rate cut bets and oil demand outlook amid potential price pressures from Trump’s tariffs.

In the week ahead, NYMEX crude oil prices are likely to trade in a range between \$59 and \$65. Oil prices started the week higher after eight OPEC+ members — Saudi Arabia, Russia, Iraq, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Kazakhstan, Algeria, and Oman — agreed to increase production by 547,000 barrels per day in September compared to August, as part of a gradual rollback of the 2.2 million bpd voluntary cuts implemented since April.

Other Market News

US stock futures inched higher on Monday as investors awaited key inflation data this week that could shape the interest rate outlook. The consumer price index will be released Tuesday, followed by the producer price index on Thursday, ahead of the Federal Reserve’s Jackson Hole symposium in Wyoming on Aug. 21-23, which is expected to influence the September policy decision.

Last week, the Dow rose 1.35%, the S&P 500 gained 2.43%, and the Nasdaq Composite advanced 3.87%, supported by strong corporate earnings and investor resilience to President Donald Trump’s sweeping retaliatory tariffs. Optimism over a potential Fed rate cut in September, with another possible move in December, further boosted market sentiment.

Call of The Week:

Slightly Bearish

11 August, 2025

Weekly Market Price as at 11/08/2025

Commodity	Close	Chg	% Chg	High	Low	RSI(14)
NYMEX Crude Oil	63.97	-2.32	-3.500	70.29	62.77	42.19
IPE Brent Oil	66.68	-2.08	-3.025	73.52	65.53	42.91
TOCOM Crude Oil	58,900.00	-2060.00	-3.379	67450.00	58690.00	55.61
Mini Dow Jones	44,179.00	-124.00	-0.280	44706.00	43900.00	48.56
U.S. Dollar Index	98.55	-0.23	-0.233	106.96	97.95	51.62
COMEX Gold	3,415.00	-11.40	-0.333	2756.70	3397.30	49.79

Significant Events to Watch (Malaysian Time)

- 12/8/2025 (1900hrs)- OPEC Monthly Report
- 12/8/2025 (2030hrs)- Core CPI (MoM) (Jul)
- 12/8/2025 (2030hrs)- CPI (MoM) (Jul)
- 13/8/2025 (2230hrs)- Crude Oil Inventories
- 14/8/2025 (2230hrs)- Initial Jobless Claims
- 14/8/2025 (2030hrs)- PPI (MoM) (Jul)
- 15/8/2025 (2030hrs)- Core Retail Sales (MoM) (Jul)
- 15/8/2025 (2030hrs)- Retail Sales (MoM) (Jul)

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



Source: Bloomberg / Phillip Capital

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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