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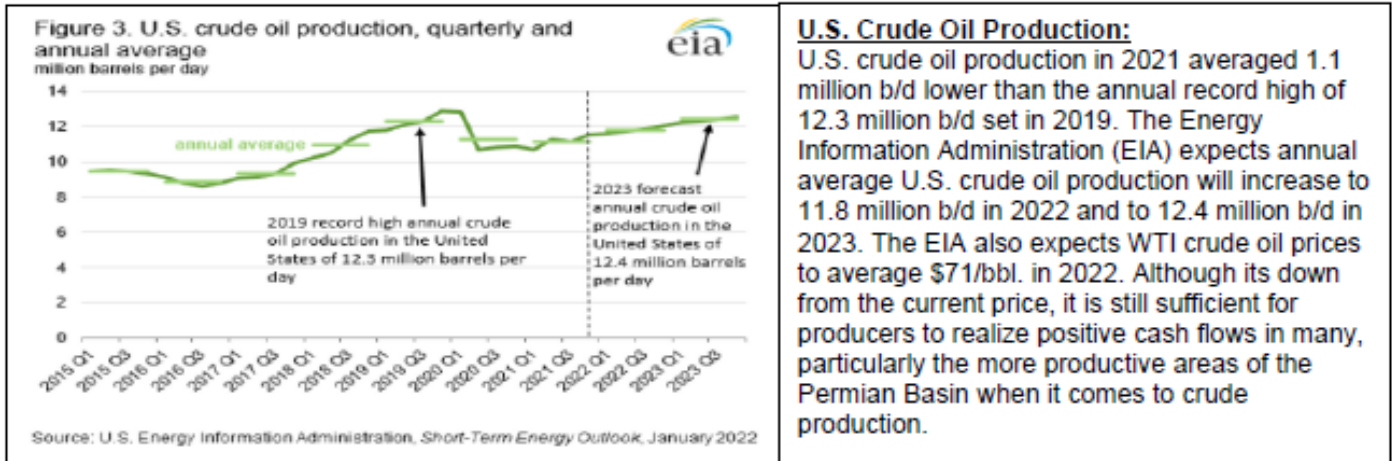
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## Today's Market News

- U.S. Oil Fracking:** As oil prices have surged past \$80 a barrel, U.S. oil and gas producers are paving the way for faster production by expanding new well completions in the Permian Basin of west Texas and New Mexico, the country's top shale oil field, according to Thomson Reuters. The Permian will account for vast majority of this year's projected boost in U.S. output of up to 900,000 barrels per day.
- 2022 Ethanol Blending Mandate:** The Biden administration is considering lowering the 2022 ethanol blending mandate below the proposed 15 million gallons amid backlash from the refining lobby and unions arguing the nation's shrinking ethanol industry can no longer support the target, according to Thomson Reuters. U.S. President Joe Biden vowed to bring some normalcy back to laws requiring refiners to blend biofuels like ethanol into the nation's gasoline pool after his predecessor, Donald Trump, took unprecedented steps to relieve refiners from the requirement. But recently Biden is finding it difficult to live up to his promise.
- Saudi Arabia:** The transition away from fossil fuels towards clean energy is complicated and the world needs to be flexible to avoid sacrificing energy security, Saudi Arabia's energy minister said on Wednesday. The minister said he was still worried about the energy transition and that it needed to be thought through carefully.
- Market Opinion:** Worldwide oil demand recovered to pre-pandemic levels at roughly 99 million bpd, but supply is at least a million-bpd short of that, according to the International Energy Association. Economists say the combination of strong demand, weak investment and a lack of spare capacity has caused prices to rise.

## Energy Highlights - Please call your account manager for larger chart.



| Contract  |   | NYMEX as of 7:55 AM |        | Support | Resistance |
|-----------|---|---------------------|--------|---------|------------|
| FEB RBOB  | ↓ | 0.0040 @            | 2.3868 | 2.2436  | 2.40       |
| FEB HO    | ↑ | 0.0016 @            | 2.5953 | 2.5280  | 2.70       |
| FEB Crude | ↓ | 0.37 @              | 82.27  | 74.27   | 84.97      |

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