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Explained: WTI Crude

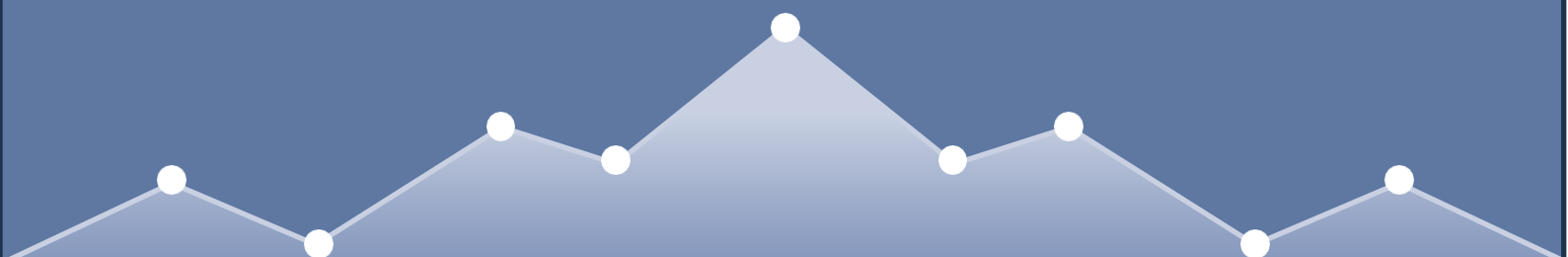
WTI Crude stands for **West Texas Intermediate**, a specific grade of crude oil that serves as one of the world's three main pricing benchmarks (alongside Brent and Dubai/Oman).

In the trading world, when you hear "oil is up," people are usually referring to either WTI or Brent. Here is a breakdown of why it matters:

The Physical Product: "Light and Sweet"

WTI is known as a "light, sweet" crude:

- **Light:** It has a low density, which makes it easier to transport and process.
- **Sweet:** It has a low sulfur content (less than 0.42%).
- **Refining Edge:** Because it is light and sweet, it is much cheaper and easier to refine into high-value products like **gasoline** and **diesel** compared to "heavy, sour" oils.



The Geographic Hub: Cushing, Oklahoma

WTI is produced primarily in the United States (Texas, North Dakota, and Louisiana). Its price is settled at a massive storage and pipeline hub in **Cushing, Oklahoma**.

- **Landlocked:** Unlike Brent (which is drilled in the North Sea and moved by ship), WTI is moved mostly by pipeline. This means its price can sometimes be affected by local issues like pipeline bottlenecks or storage levels in the U.S. Midwest.

The Financial Benchmark

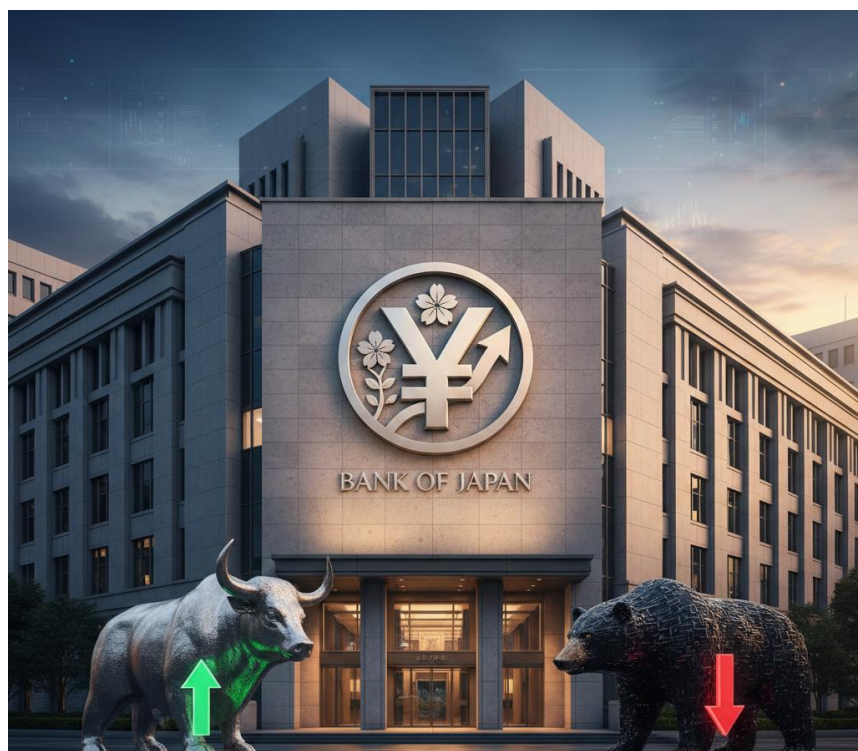
WTI is the underlying asset for the **NYMEX (New York Mercantile Exchange)** oil futures contract (ticker: **CL**).

- **Volume:** It is one of the most liquid and heavily traded commodities in the world.
- **Economic Indicator:** Because oil powers almost everything—from planes and trucks to plastic manufacturing—the price of WTI is often seen as a "pulse check" on the health of the U.S. economy.

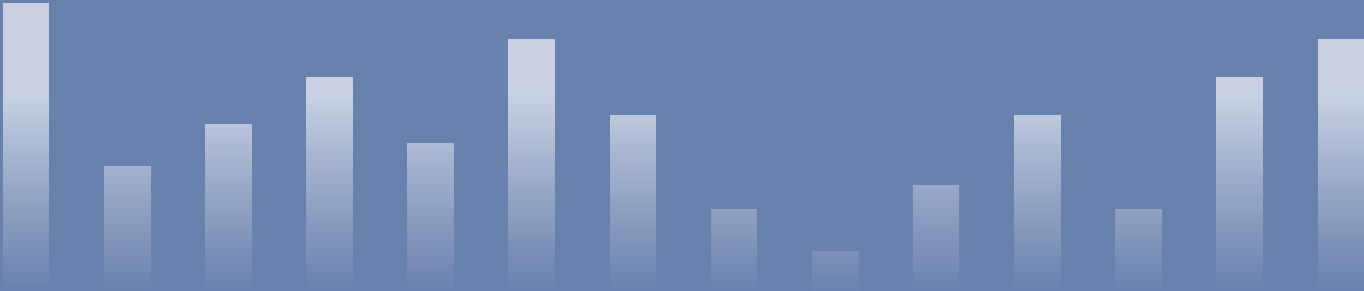
WTI vs. Brent: What's the difference?

Feature	WTI Crude	Brent Crude
Origin	US (Texas/Land-based)	North Sea (UK/Norway/Sea-based)
Market	Primarily the Americas	International / Global
Trading Exchange	NYMEX (CME Group)	ICE (Intercontinental Exchange)
Sensitivity	Highly sensitive to U.S. inventories	Highly sensitive to global geopolitics

- **In the current context (March 2026):** While WTI is a "U.S. benchmark," it is currently skyrocketing because the global supply chain is so interconnected. When the Strait of Hormuz is blocked, the world looks to U.S. oil (WTI) to fill the gap, driving its price up alongside global benchmarks.



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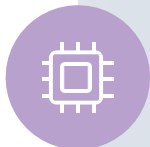
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