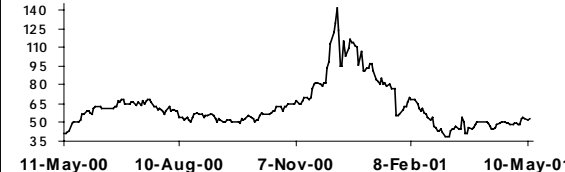




COMMODITY FUTURES, INC.

DAILY NATURAL GAS MARKETWATCH

May 14, 2001

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CONTRACT	MO.	CLOSE	Δ	HI	LOW	VOL	OPEN	INTEREST	VOLT.	Δ	VOL.	OPEN	INTEREST																														
NYMEX	JUN	4394	+ 116	4440	4270	17402	43498	- 630	50.5%	-	CALLS	5220	206995 +3550																														
NYMEX	JUL	4465	+ 115	4470	4385	4160	28378	+ 98	52.0%	-0.5	PUTS	3630	281013 +3579																														
NYMEX	AUG	4528	+ 113	4535	4431	5073	32157	+ 1844	52.5%	-	TOTAL	8850	488008 +7129																														
NYMEX	SEP	4543	+ 106	4560	4449	438	23739	- 179	<div>% Implied Volatility</div> 																																		
NYMEX	OCT	4563	+ 100	4565	4500	4206	37163	+ 922																																			
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NATURAL GAS COMMENT

When a market becomes as bearish and as short as this one, it doesn't take much to force a reversal in direction. June traded higher from the start today as weather forecasters began calling for warmer temperatures in the 6-10 day period. Indeed, the National Weather Service confirmed the warmer predictions in its afternoon update. The market is building upon the momentum that followed last week's bearish AGA number. In typical fashion, it seemed as if every last short squeezed into the game just ahead of the numbers' release. The fact that the number was bearish was of no consolation due to the lack of new shorts to drive the market lower. The weak shorts covered first, but the weather threw the market for a loop today, so more needed to cover. (It was widely believed that the sell-off would resume today given the predictions for another large AGA injection this week.) Consider that today was the first day that strong end-user buying was absent, and prices still rallied. The upside target was the gap on the daily chart to \$4.430. The market couldn't achieve this objective initially, topping out at \$4.410, but the story was different during the expanded post-close session, which provided for a move to \$4.440 (today was the first day of the newly expanded post close session, which provides for trading an expanded range of 5 cents above and below the day's high and low.) The short squeeze is on and where it stops will be difficult to tell. The 50% retracement of June's latest move is \$4.628, which coincides nicely with the 40-day moving average. Look for the potential for a move here. The market is at a crossroads because the summer has yet to kick in and if it's a warm one, the supply increases reported of late will likely not be enough to hold prices down at present levels. It hasn't happened for a while but suddenly being short is an uncomfortable position to be in. The potential antidote to the short squeeze will be this week's AGA number, but it will need to be as large as the one conjured up by the market's opinion.

