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Crude oil prices surged on Friday due to escalating geopolitical tensions in the Strait of Hormuz following new tanker attacks, pushing Brent above \$88/bbl. Meanwhile, major equity markets experienced a slight downturn as investors reacted to weaker-than-expected retail sales data. Natural gas prices held relatively steady, while Atlantic LNG spot rates continued to soften.

SHIPPING RATES & BUNKERS

DIRTY TANKER (\$/DAY)			
Vessel	Route	Spot TCE	Avg YTD
VLCC, 270	AG-FE	40,300	39,700
Suezmax, 130	WAF-UKC	25,000	24,500
Aframax, 80	Cross-Med	18,000	17,500

CLEAN TANKER (\$/DAY)			
Vessel	Route	Spot TCE	Avg YTD
LR2, 75	AG-FE	20,500	26,400
LR1, 55	ME-Japan	15,000	18,000
MR, 37	TC2	12,000	14,500

TIME CHARTER (KDWT)			
Vessel	1yr	Newbuild	5yr
VLCC, 200+	49,000	127.0	112.0

LNG (\$/DAY)			
Type	Spot	Sent.	52wk
160M3 Tri-fuel diesel electric (East)	40,000	Weakening	60,000

LPG (\$/DAY)			
VLGC, 44 (AG-Japan)			34,643

BUNKERS (\$/MT)			
Port	VLSFO	HSFO	MGO
Singapore	831.0	627.5	1,226.0

COMMODITIES & MARKETS

EQUITIES			
Index	Last	Chg	
S&P 500 United States	7,782.84	-13.23	
Dow Jones Industrial Average United States	53,732.41	-107.58	

DEVELOPMENTS

Oil Prices Rise as Tanker Attacks Return to Hormuz

Crude oil futures rebounded Friday as fresh tanker attacks in the Strait of Hormuz and intensifying rhetoric between Washington and Tehran reignited geopolitica...
DTN Progressive Farmer · Aug 14, 2026

S&P 500 ends lower as investors weigh data, Middle East tensions

The S&P 500 closed lower on Friday, dipping from a record high and weighed down by Applied Materials, while investors digested weaker-than-expected retail sales...
Investing.com (Reuters) · Aug 14, 2026

\$51 billion LNG megaproject takes 'important' step on path to FID by year-end

A giant multibillion-dollar liquefied natural gas (LNG) export project in South America is laying the groundwork for a final investment decision (FID) by the en...
LNGPrime · Aug 14, 2026

ENERGY PRICES

CRUDE			
Instrument	Unit	Last	Chg
Brent ICE	\$/bbl	88.52	+1.45
WTI NYMEX	\$/bbl	82.40	+1.15

PRODUCTS			
Instrument	Unit	Last	Chg
RBOB Gasoline NYMEX	c/gal	318.41	+5.61
ULSD NYMEX	c/gal	428.29	+3.23

NATURAL GAS			
Instrument	Unit	Last	Chg
US Henry Hub NYMEX	\$/MMBtu	2.81	+0.02

NGL			
Instrument	Unit	Last	Chg
US Mont Belvieu Propane NYMEX	\$/mt	378.14	+1.25

PRICE SPREADS			
Instrument	Unit	Last	Chg
RBOB Gasoline/Brent Crack Spread	\$/bbl	23.19	-0.15

CARBON MARKET DAILY

Instrument	Unit	Bid	Offer
European Union Allowances (Spot)	EUR/ton	69.34	69.36

CURRENCIES

Pair	Last	Chg
EUR/\$	1.16	+0.00