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NEW YORK, July 13 (Reuters) - New York Mercantile Exchange August natural gas futures broke key support this week, leading some chart watchers to look for more downside near-term, particularly with bearish fundamentals in the background.

Daniel Chesler, an independent market analyst in Florida, said last week's action formed a Hikkake sale pattern, a bearish candlestick chart formation. "Breaking below \$6 was certainly negative, so short-term, I'm not friendly to the market here. But long-term, I still like it," Chesler said.

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