## January 16 - 20, 2023 MARKET SUMMARY



**SPOTLIGHT** | Corporate Renewable Purchases Set Record High in 2022

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## CES SCORE | Is it Time for Action?

The CES SCORE shows how current wholesale commodity prices compare to their 52-week range. A score close to 0 indicates that current prices are close to their 52-week HIGH; a score close to 100 indicates that current prices are close to their 52-week LOW. Many factors influence how wholesale prices are translated into retail prices paid by consumers and when it is time to consider a price lock. Please contact your CES Energy Services Advisor for customized strategic procurement advice.

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#### NATURAL GAS NYMEX TERMS

12 MONTH: 100
18 MONTH: 100
24 MONTH: 99
36 MONTH: 86

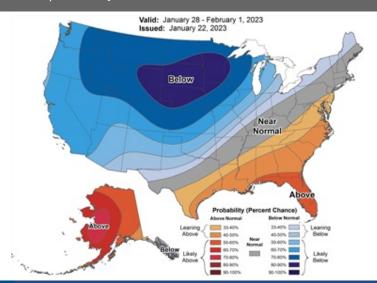
## **NEW ENGLAND ELECTRICITY TERMS**

<b>12 MONTH:</b> 76
18 MONTH: 72
<b>24 MONTH:</b> 68
<b>36 MONTH:</b> 65

### **CRUDE OIL TERMS**

<b>12 MONTH:</b> 55
<b>18 MONTH:</b> 53
24 MONTH: 51
<b>36 MONTH:</b> 48

## WEATHER | 6-10 Day Forecast



Below average temperatures are expected for much of the Western U.S. Near normal and above average temperatures are expected for the East Coast.

This map depicts forecasted temperatures for next week compared to the long-term average. The **blue/purple** areas are forecast to be colder than normal, gray areas are normal, and **yellow/orange/red** areas are warmer than normal. Abnormally hot weather in the summer and cold weather in the winter can increase the price for natural gas, oil, and electricity.

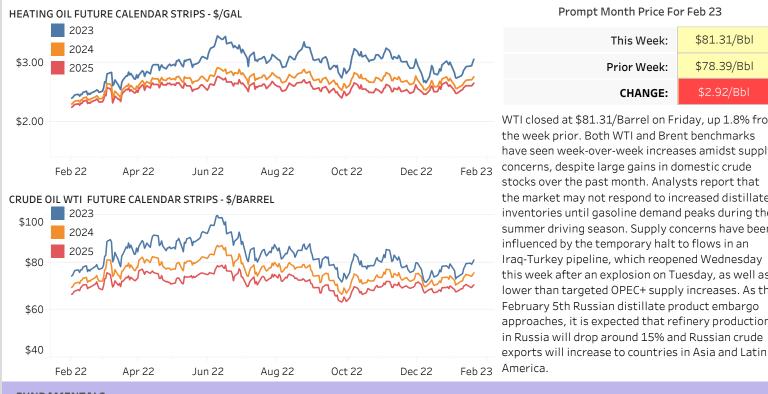
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## OIL & DISTILLATES OVERVIEW

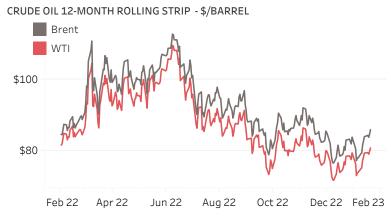


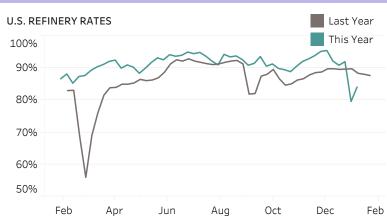


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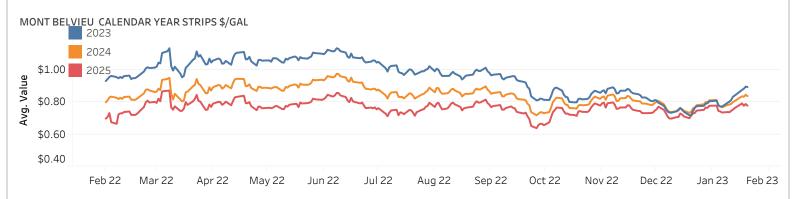
WTI closed at \$81.31/Barrel on Friday, up 1.8% from the week prior. Both WTI and Brent benchmarks have seen week-over-week increases amidst supply concerns, despite large gains in domestic crude stocks over the past month. Analysts report that the market may not respond to increased distillate inventories until gasoline demand peaks during the summer driving season. Supply concerns have been influenced by the temporary halt to flows in an Iraq-Turkey pipeline, which reopened Wednesday this week after an explosion on Tuesday, as well as lower than targeted OPEC+ supply increases. As the February 5th Russian distillate product embargo approaches, it is expected that refinery production in Russia will drop around 15% and Russian crude

#### **FUNDAMENTALS**





## **PROPANE**

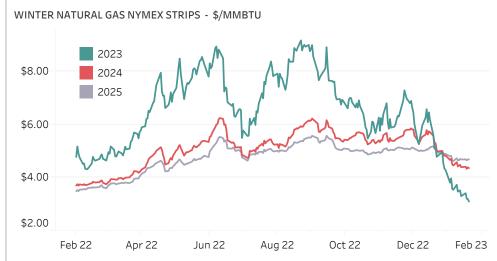


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### **NATURAL GAS OVERVIEW**



Winter natural gas NYMEX strips are an average of commodity prices for the months of December - March of each winter. Prices are presented in this format to highlight what consumers will pay during the typical heating season in the U.S.

### Prompt Month Price For Feb 23

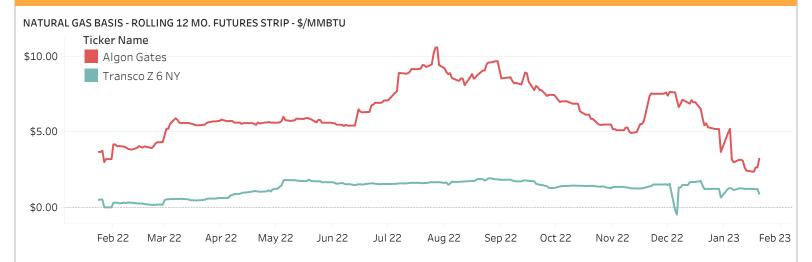
This Week: \$3.17/MMBTU

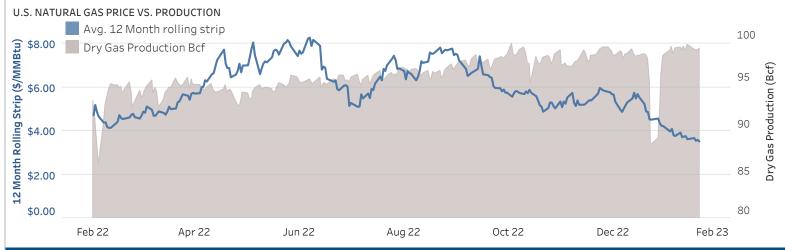
Prior Week: \$3.70/MMBTU

CHANGE: (\$0.52)/MMBtu

Natural gas front-month futures settled at \$3.17 on Friday, down 7.31% from the week prior. Mild temperatures, modest demand, and an increase in production contributed to the further decline in prices seen this past week. Warmer than normal January temperatures continued through the week, lowering heating demand, while production levels held strong at 100 bcf per day. The EIA's storage report for week ending January 13th, showed a small withdrawal and inventory levels at 8,820 bcf, an 82 bcf decrease from the week prior and 34 bcf above the 5-year average. The meager pull is consistent with the moderate weather conditions seen for the first half of January.

### **NATURAL GAS FUNDAMENTALS**



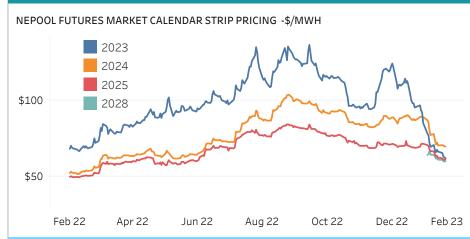


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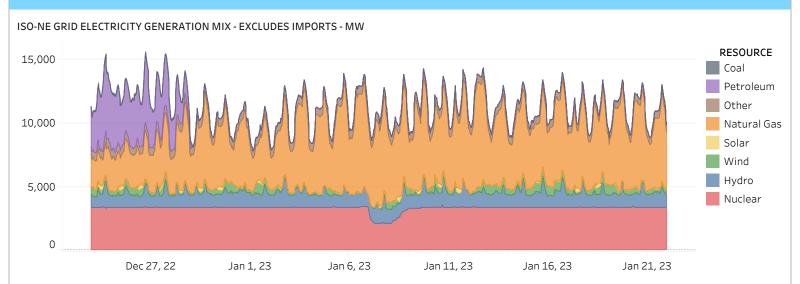


## **NEW ENGLAND ELECTRICITY OVERVIEW**

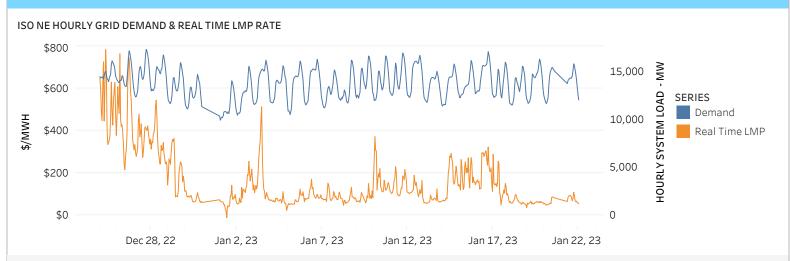


The NEPOOL 12-month strip decreased 7.40% week-over-week, to land over \$5 less than last week, at \$69.53/MWh. The 2023 strip settled at \$62.79/MWh, representing a week-over-week decrease of 7.48%. The 2024 strip decreased 3.41%, settling at \$70.04/MWh, and the 2025 strip dropped 4.26% to \$61.19/MWh. Mild temperatures continue to keep prices low, however, colder than average temperatures are likely to put upward pressure on prices in the coming weeks. Natural gas prices, which are a good indicator of New England electricity prices, have also continued to trend downward. There was a natural gas storage withdrawal last week, although it was negligible compared to previous weeks and storage inventories currently exceed the 5-year average.

#### **NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL ELECTRICITY GRID GENERATION MIX**



#### **NEW ENGLAND GRID FUNDAMENTALS**



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