SEPTEMBER 23 - 27, 2024 MARKET

MARKET SUMMARY



SPOTLIGHT | U.S. Commerce Department to Announce Solar Tariff Decision Tomorrow, October 1st

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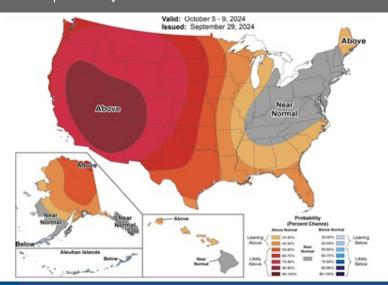
The U.S. Commerce Department trade officials are expected to announce a final decision tomorrow, October 1st, on their countervailing duty investigation of solar cells produced in Malaysia, Vietnam, Thailand, and Cambodia. This decision could impose new tariffs on solar cells produced by Chinese manufacturers operating in these countries. The investigation was initiated this past May following a petition by The American Alliance for Solar Manufacturing Trade Committee. The group of solar producers claims that the solar cells produced in these countries are subsidized unfairly by Chinese companies and render their domestic product uncompetitive. Additionally, the group asserts that the import of these subsidized solar cells poses a threat towards the Biden administration's goal to bolster domestic manufacturing of clean energy technology. If the Commerce Department issues an affirmative determination of the petition tomorrow, then the petition will be considered by the International Trade Commission (ITC) and their determination will be due on November 15th. If the petition receives a second affirmative determination by the ITC, then a Final Order will be issued on November 22nd.

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	NEW ENGLAND ELECTRICITY TE	RMS CRUDE OIL TERMS	
	12 MONTH: 27	12 MONTH: 64	12 MONTH: 87	
	18 MONTH: 28	18 MONTH: 38	18 MONTH: 86	
	24 MONTH: 44	24 MONTH: 59	24 MONTH: 85	
	36 MONTH: 55	36 MONTH: 55	36 MONTH: 83	

WEATHER | 6-10 Day Forecast



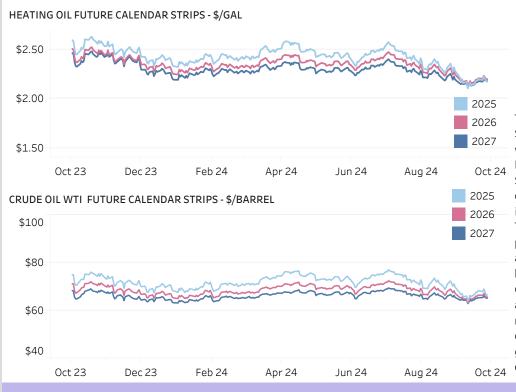
Most of the U.S. will see hotter-than-average weather, particularly the Southwest, while the Northeast and some of the Midwest will experience temperatures near normal.

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

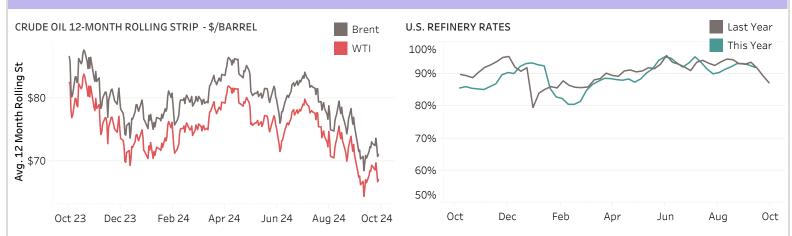


Prompt Month Price For Oct 24



This week WTI was down 5.20% to land at \$68.18/barrel, and Brent declined 3.37% week-over-week to \$71.98/barrel. New York Harbor Heating Oil fell 1.41% week-over-week to \$2.13/gallon. Saudi Arabia plans to raise oil output to gain back market share, shifting from its unofficial target of \$100/barrel for crude oil. This follows a recent agreement to delay a planned oil output increase after crude prices hit a nine-month low. Hurricane Helene, expected to hit Texas and Louisiana, shifted course from the oil-producing regions to make landfall in Florida and Georgia. China's central bank unveiled its most substantial stimulus effort since the height of the COVID-19 pandemic to meets the government's targeted economic growth, but experts expect more fiscal help will be necessary.

FUNDAMENTALS







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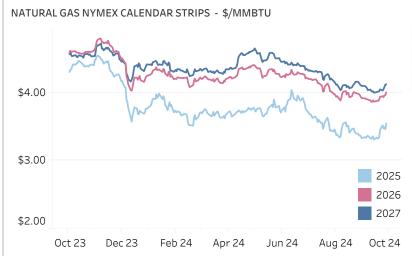
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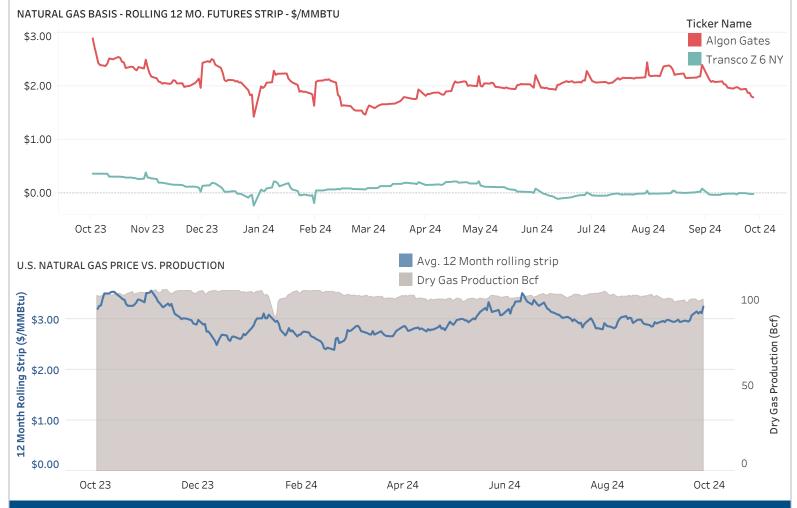
Winter natural gas NYMEX strips are an average of commodity prices for the months of December - March of each winter. Prices are presented in this format to highlight what consumers will pay during the typical heating season in the U.S.

Prompt Month Price For Oct 24



The natural gas prompt month, which switched over to November this past week, is up week-over-week by 47 cents or 19.2% to \$2.90/MMBtu, with November futures themselves having risen by only 6.7%. The rolling 12-month strip is up by 6.1% to \$3.25/MMBtu. Natural gas production from September 1st through 24th has averaged 100.7 Bcf per day, almost 2 Bcf/day lower than the same period last year, and below the levels seen over most of the summer. Milder weather has resulted in lower power demand across the northeast, with a 10% drop week-over-week in New England. The week ending September 20th saw a 47 Bcf storage injection, bringing U.S. inventory to 3,492 Bcf. Due to the anticipated impact of Hurricane Helene, gas producers in the Southeast took precautions including terminal shutdowns and port closures, with about 20% of gas output in the Gulf of Mexico shut-in as of the end of last week.

NATURAL GAS FUNDAMENTALS

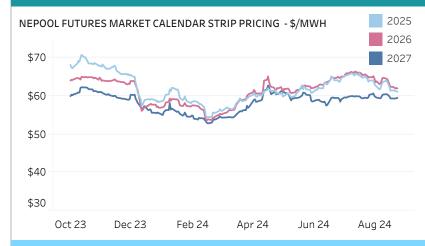


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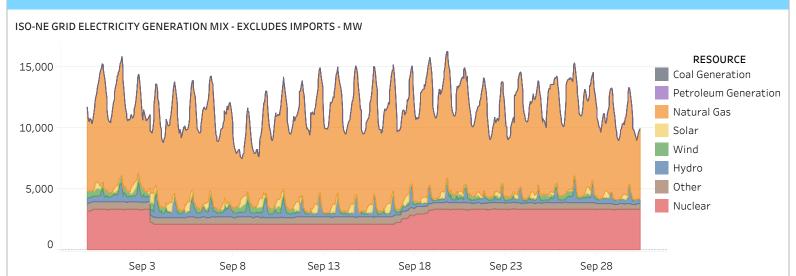


NEW ENGLAND ELECTRICITY OVERVIEW



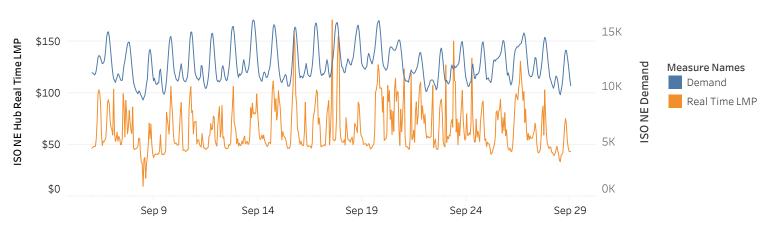
The NEPOOL 12-month electricity strip rose to \$56.40/MWh last week, which is a 0.76% increase week-over-week. Calendar year strips for electricity had mixed movements this past week. The 2025 strip was up by 1.36% to reach \$58.53/MWh, the 2026 strip was up by 0.33% to reach \$59.28/MWh, and the 2027 strip dropped by 0.7% to \$57.99. Despite an increase in natural gas spot prices at the Henry Hub, Algonquin Citygate gas prices dropped week-over-week, restraining the gain in electricity prices. Another factor working against higher Henry Hub prices was the week-over-week reduction in power burn in the New England region. In the Southeast, Hurricane Helene left over 4.7 million residents without power and caused extensive damages across 10 states, with the death toll from the disaster still rising.

NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL ELECTRICITY GRID GENERATION MIX



NEW ENGLAND GRID FUNDAMENTALS





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