### February 14 - 18, 2022

### MARKET SUMMARY



SPOTLIGHT | U.S. Off-Shore Wind Targets Gaining Momentum

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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.

#### **NATURAL GAS NYMEX TERMS**

**12 MONTH:** 26 **18 MONTH:** 23

**24 MONTH:** 18 **36 MONTH:** 13

### NEW ENGLAND ELECTRICITY TERMS

12 MONTH: 25 18 MONTH: 35 24 MONTH: 19 36 MONTH: 16

#### **CRUDE OIL TERMS**

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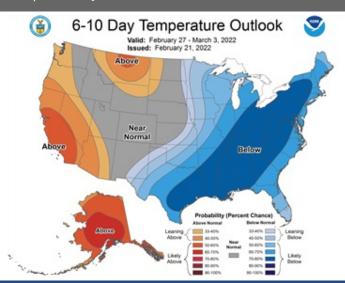
**12 MONTH**: 8

**18 MONTH:** 8

**24 MONTH:** 7

**36 MONTH:** 7

### **WEATHER** | 6-10 Day Forecast



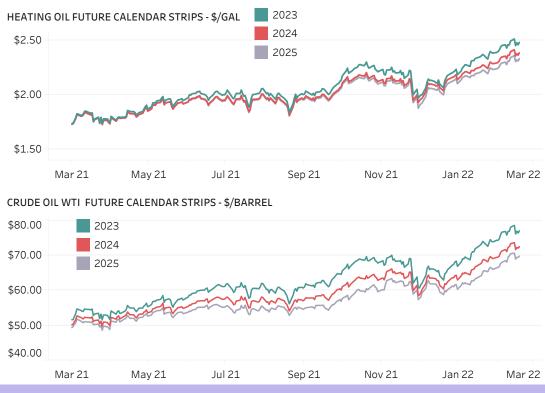
### Below average temperatures expected for the East Coast and above average temperatures expected for Southern California and South West

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 Apr 22

This Week:

\$91.07/MMBTU

Prior Week:

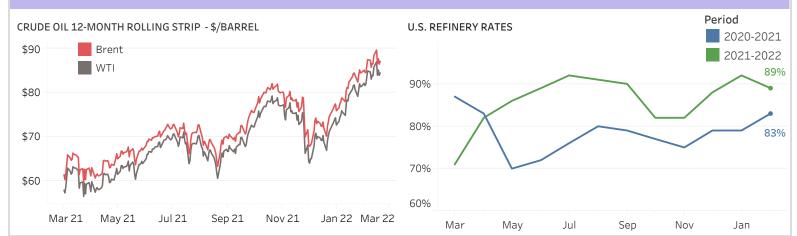
\$93.10/MMBTU

**CHANGE:** 

(\$2.03)√

WTI prices closed at \$91.07 per barrel on Friday, representing a 2.2% decrease from last week. While WTI prices dropped last week, global market volatility has still experienced historic highs due to the increasing tensions between Russia and Ukraine. Crude oil prices are expected to reach \$100/bbl this week with the latest Russian step towards direct conflict, however OPEC+ says that they have no intention of increasing their planned output increases beyond previously agreed levels. Domestically, the EIA expects U.S. petroleum trade to shift toward net imports over the course of 2022.

### **FUNDAMENTALS**



### **PROPANE**

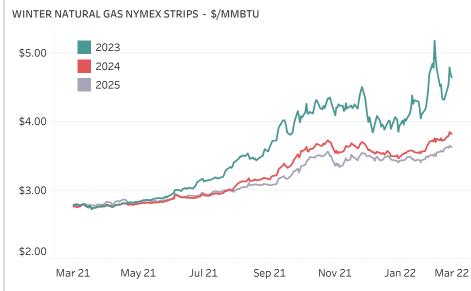




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### **NATURAL GAS OVERVIEW**



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.

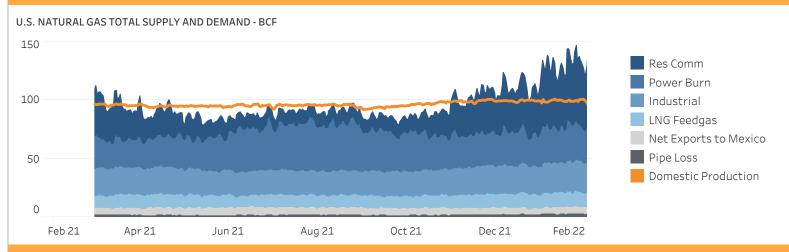
### Prompt Month Price For Apr 22

This Week: Prior Week: CHANGE: \$4.43/MMBTU \$3.94/MMBTU

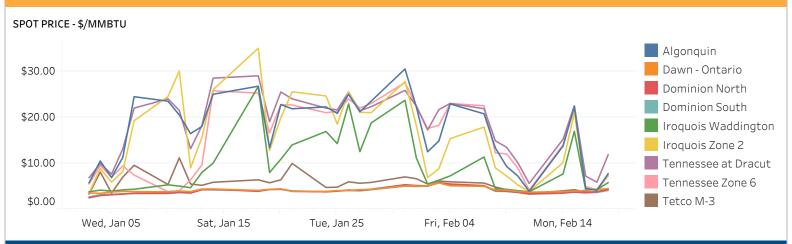
\$0.49

Natural gas futures increased 12% from the previous week, settling at \$4.43/MMBtu on Friday. A new cold pattern and building winter storm in the middle of the country shifted temperature forecasts in the eastern two thirds of the U.S. to below-average toward the end of the month, boosting the market's weekly gain. With above-average domestic demand anticipated for the rest of the winter, concerns are growing over the continued high U.S. LNG export baseline set in response to Europe's high prices and growing geopolitical risks to supply. This could place further strain on U.S. inventories, which already sit 251 Bcf below the five-year average.

#### **NATURAL GAS FUNDAMENTALS**



### **NATURAL GAS SETTLEMENT**

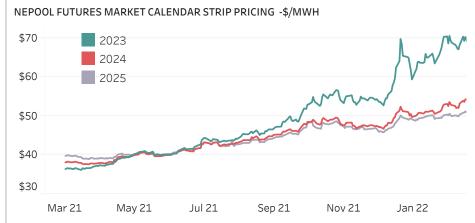


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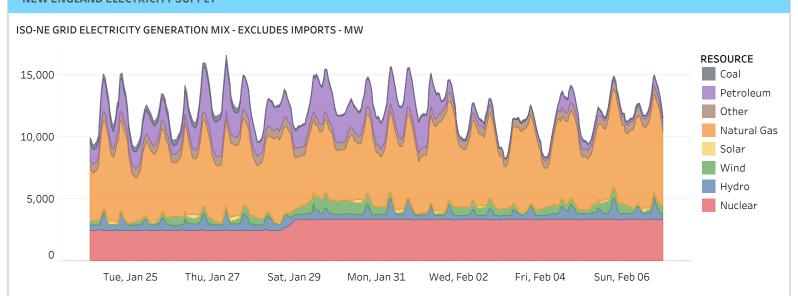


### **NEW ENGLAND ELECTRICITY OVERVIEW**

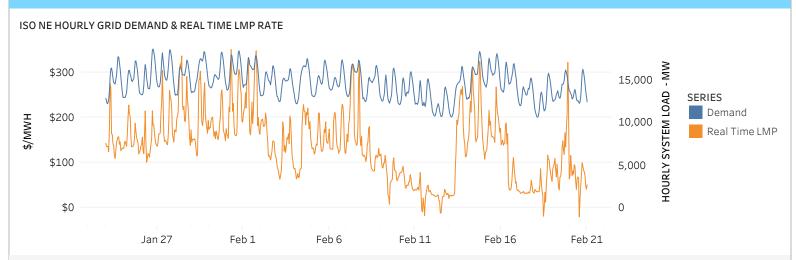


The NEPOOL 12-mo. strip rose 3.3% week-over-week, ending at \$76.81/MWh on Friday. Calendar strips were barely up this week across the board, with the 2023 strip up 0.9%, the 2024 strip up 1.5%, and the 2025 strip up 0.8%. A cold stretch at the beginning of the week drove heating demand and prices up, while unseasonably warm weather Thursday and Friday ahead of a mild weekend helped to level out prices. New England is expecting another week of mixed weather, with several mild days ending with a winter storm and the return of winter weather on Friday. This could potentially result in another week-over-week pricing increase.

### **NEW ENGLAND ELECTRICITY SUPPLY**



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



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