

### **WEEKLY MARKET SUMMARY**

June 14 - 18, 2021



SPOTLIGHT | Reduced Hydropower Capacity Impacting Energy Markets



Persistent drought conditions across the West have caused a reduction in total U.S. hydropower capacity. Persistent drought conditions across the West have caused a reduction in total U.S. hydropower capacity. In California, total hydropower is down 40% compared to last June, while the Hoover Dam's power capacity has fallen 25% year-over-year. The drop in hydropower production poses significant challenges for electric grids in the West confronted with unseasonably high electricity demand following an early summer heatwave. Grid operators have relied on increased natural gas generation to meet power needs, conflicting with the ambitious goals of several western states to transition towards grids powered by renewable resources. Additionally, increasing natural gas demand in the West adds pressure to national natural gas prices already elevated by high LNG and dry gas exports. With forecasts for the West to see continued high temperatures and below-average hydropower production, injections into natural gas storage inventories could remain below-average for most of the summer.

### **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**

<b>12 MONTH:</b> 23
<b>18 MONTH:</b> 28
<b>24 MONTH:</b> 28
<b>36 MONTH:</b> 31

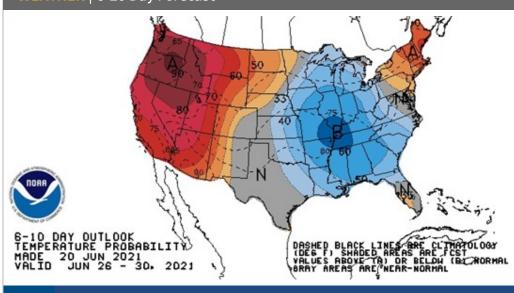
### NEW ENGLAND ELECTRICITY TERMS

12 MONTH:	52
18 MONTH:	57
24 MONTH:	57
36 MONTH:	59

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<b>12 MONTH</b> : 3
<b>18 MONTH:</b> 3
<b>24 MONTH:</b> 3
36 MONTH: 4

### WEATHER | 6-10 Day Forecast



## Above average temperatures dominate the West & Northeast!

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, grey 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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PROMPT MONTH PRICE FOR JUL 21

This Week:

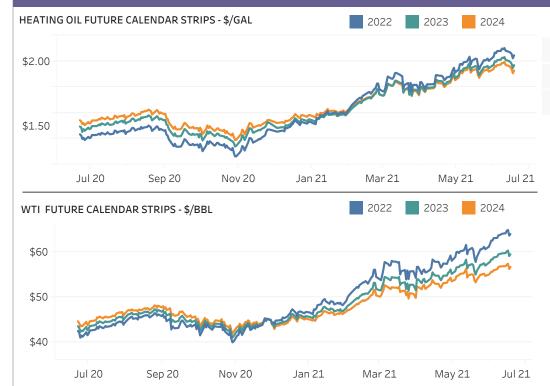
Prior Week: CHANGE:

\$71.64/Barrel

\$70.91/Barrel

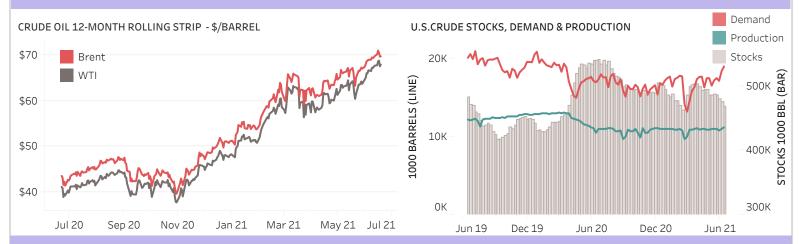
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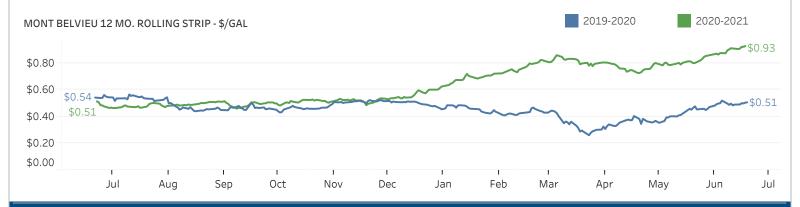


Crude oil prices ended at \$71.64/barrel on Friday, a 1.0% increase from the week prior. Post-pandemic recovery in India and evidence of higher demand in China continues to push oil prices higher while global supply mostly remains stagnant. The latest talks to revive the Iran nuclear deal are putting downward pressure on the market but face new challenges as the newly elected Iranian president expects 2018 U.S. sanctions to be removed before boosting exports of crude. Conversely, OPEC+ members are waiting to see oil prices approach the \$80/barrel range before ramping up their crude oil supply.

#### **FUNDAMENTALS**



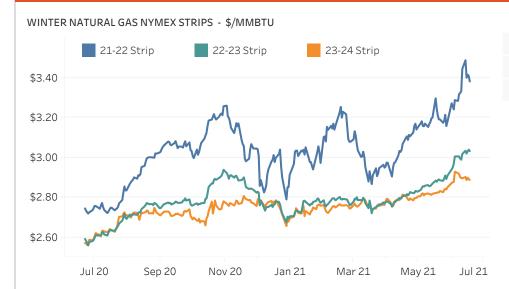
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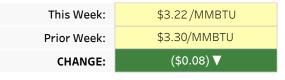


#### NATURAL GAS OVERVIEW



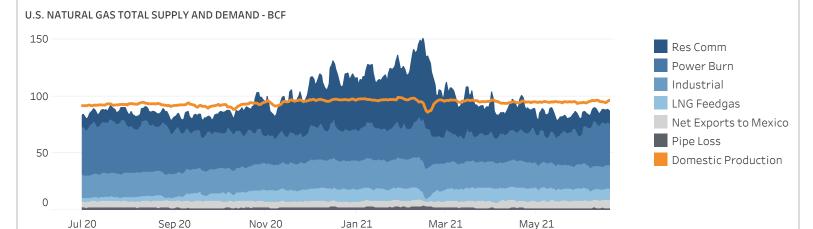
Winter natural gas NYMEX strips are an average of commodity prices for the months of December - March of each winter. Prices are presented in this format to highlight what consumers will pay during the typical heating season in the US.

#### PROMPT MONTH PRICE FOR JUL 21

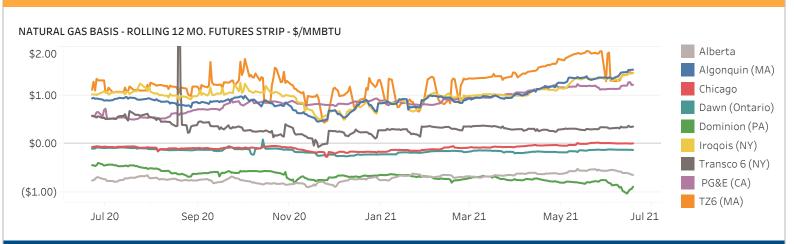


July front-month natural gas futures settled at \$3.215/MMBtu last Friday. Prices reached a seven-month high on Monday after forecasts for record seasonal temperatures in the West and South signaled increased demand for air conditioning. However, prices declined as the week progressed after weather reports for the eastern U.S. projected below-average temperatures. The EIA revealed an injection into storage inventories of just 16 Bcf for the week ending June 11, well below the 78 Bcf predicted by analysts. Continued low dry gas production levels and below-average weekly storage injections have led to growing supply concerns in the market.

### **NATURAL GAS FUNDAMENTALS**



#### **NATURAL GAS BASIS**

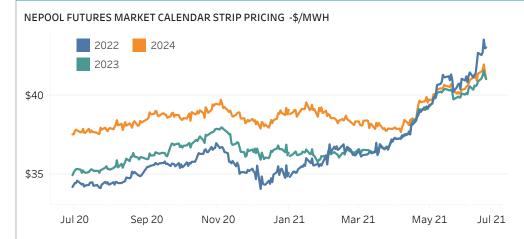


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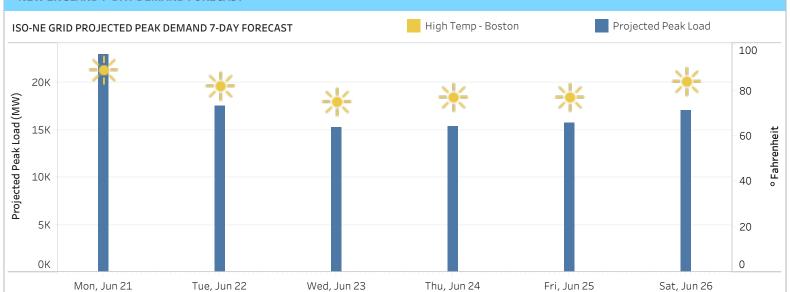


### **NEW ENGLAND ELECTRICITY OVERVIEW**

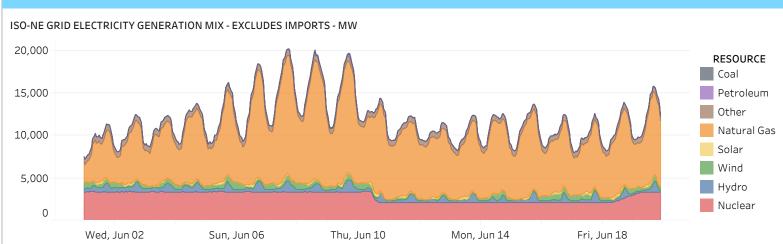


The NEPOOL 12-mo. strip rose 0.8% week-over-week to \$42.69/MWh on Friday. Prices spiked mid-week exceeding \$43/MWh. New England nuclear generation fell more than 1,200 MW for the duration of last week as Connecticut's Millstone Unit 3 was offline. New England demand is projected to peak on Monday at 23,000 MW as temperatures climb into the high eighties. System operators asked customers in Texas and California to conserve energy during regional heatwaves as their girds were strained by high air conditioning loads. Texas was also faced with 12,000 MW of generation outages.

#### **NEW ENGLAND 7-DAY DEMAND FORECAST**



#### **NEW ENGLAND GENERATION MIX**



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