### **December 6 - 10, 2021**

## MARKET SUMMARY



**SPOTLIGHT** | ISO-NE Issues Warning About Winter Fuel Security

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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:** 30

18 MONTH: 27

**24 MONTH:** 24

**36 MONTH:** 22

#### **NEW ENGLAND ELECTRICITY TERMS**

**12 MONTH:** 22

18 MONTH: 30

**24 MONTH:** 28

**36 MONTH: 27** 

#### **CRUDE OIL TERMS**

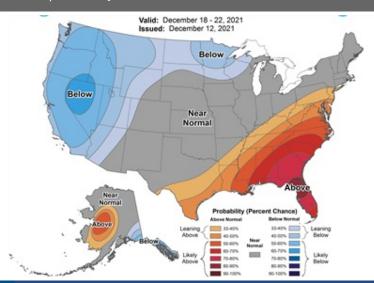
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**36 MONTH:** 7

#### WEATHER | 6-10 Day Forecast



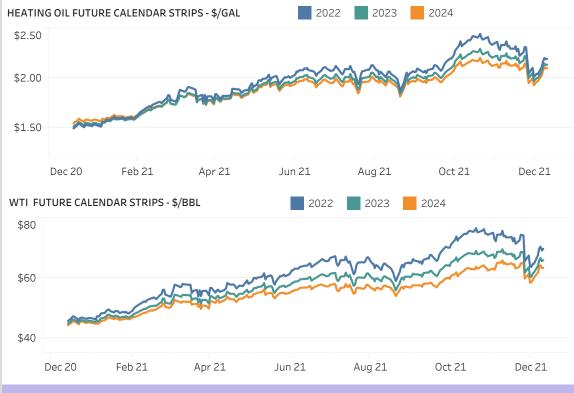
### Above average temperatures expected for all of the East and Midwest, with below average temperatures expected in the West

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

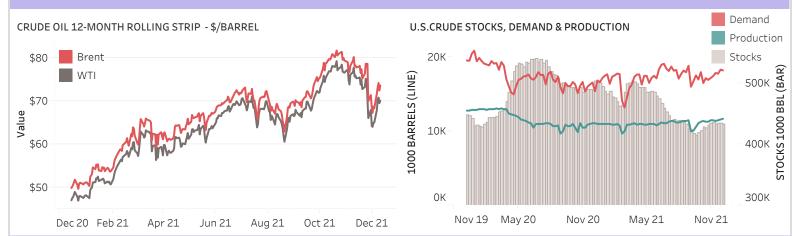


#### PROMPT MONTH PRICE FOR JAN 22

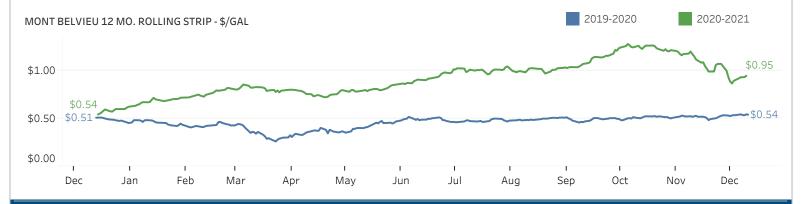


WTI prices closed at \$71.23 per barrel on Friday, up 8.2% from the week prior. At the end of last week, oil futures recorded their first weekly gain in seven weeks, and the largest since August. Due to mild reactions of the Omicron variant, OPEC increased its expected demand for the first quarter of 2022 by 1.1 million barrels a day. The U.S. EIA also revised their oil demand projection for Q1 2022, lowering their forecast and demonstrating the ability for a new variant to cause significant uncertainty in the market.

#### **FUNDAMENTALS**



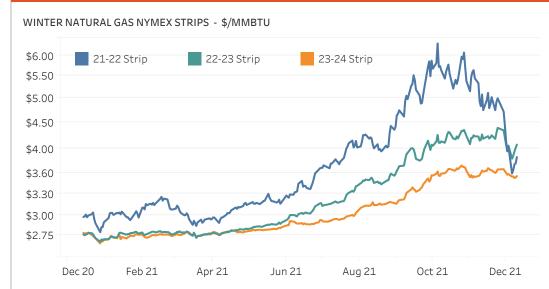
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#### **NATURAL GAS OVERVIEW**



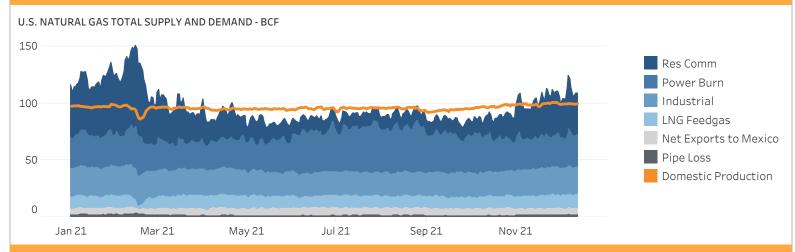
Winter natural gas NYMEX strips are an average of commodity prices for the months of December - March of each winter. Prices are presented in this format to highlight what consumers will pay during the typical heating season in the U.S.

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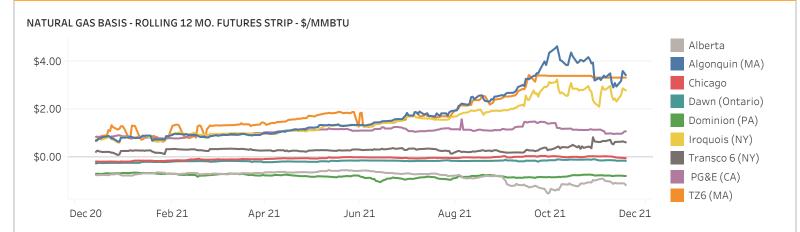
This Week:	\$3.93/MMBTU
Prior Week:	\$4.13/MMBTU
CHANGE:	(\$0.21) ▼

January natural gas futures fell by 5.0% from the previous week, settling at \$3.93/MMBtu on Friday. U.S. front-month gas futures posted their second weekly loss with forecasts for a mild winter signaling reduced demand for heating fuels. Dry gas production fell by 0.7 Bcf/d compared to the previous week, and the EIA reported a net withdrawal of 59 Bcf from storage. This withdrawal leaves total inventories at 3,505 Bcf, just 2.5% below the five-year average. Gas exports remain high, with dry gas exports to Mexico at 6.3 Bcf/d and gas flows to LNG export terminals at 11.7 Bcf/d.

#### **NATURAL GAS FUNDAMENTALS**



#### **NATURAL GAS BASIS**

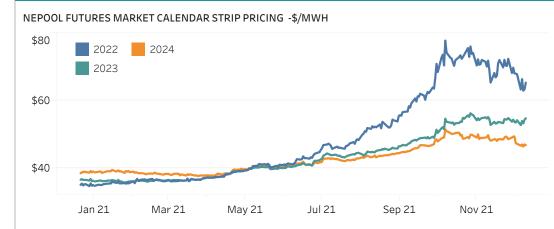


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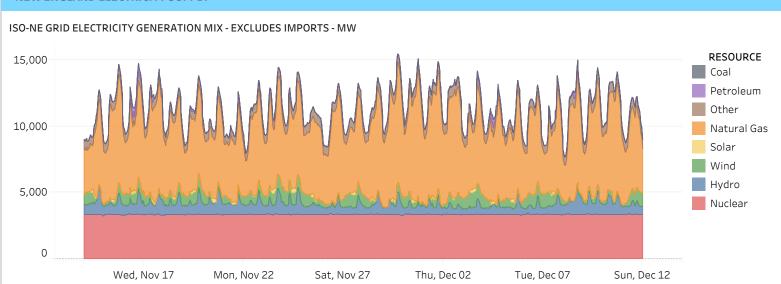


#### **NEW ENGLAND ELECTRICITY OVERVIEW**

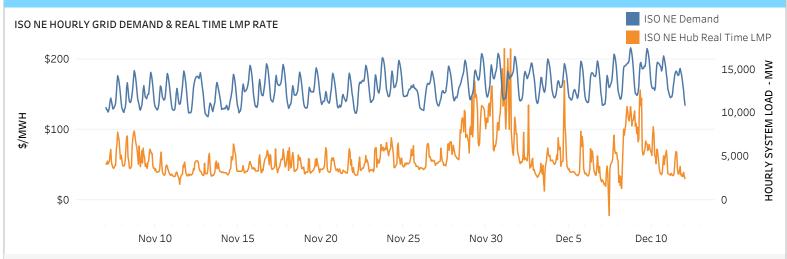


The NEPOOL 12-mo. strip fell 4% week-over-week, ending at \$65.05/MWh on Friday. Calendar strips were mixed this week, with outer years less subject to short term swings driven by weather. The 2022 strip fell 3.7%, the 2024 strip fell 1.2% week over week, and the 2023 strip rose 1.1%. Natural gas prices were down for the second week in a row, with mild winter temperature forecasts expecting to limit heating demand. If this forecast holds, electricity prices could continue to drop steadily moving into the winter months.

#### **NEW ENGLAND ELECTRICITY SUPPLY**



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



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