# August 8 - 12, 2022 MARKET SUMMARY

SPOTLIGHT | New Law to Restrict Natural Gas Use in Massachusetts

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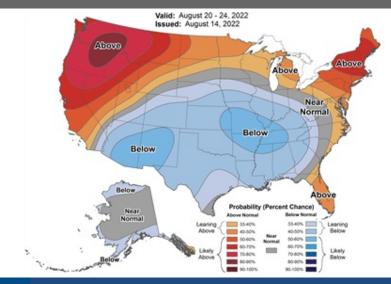
### CES SCORE | Is it Time for Action?

The CES SCORE shows how current <u>wholesale commodity</u> 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.





# WEATHER | 6-10 Day Forecast



### Above average temperatures are expected for the Northeast, upper Midwest and West regions of the U.S. Near normal and below average temperatures for the lower Midwest, Southwest, and Southeast regions.

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**

#### HEATING OIL FUTURE CALENDAR STRIPS - \$/GAL



#### CRUDE OIL WTI FUTURE CALENDAR STRIPS - \$/BARREL

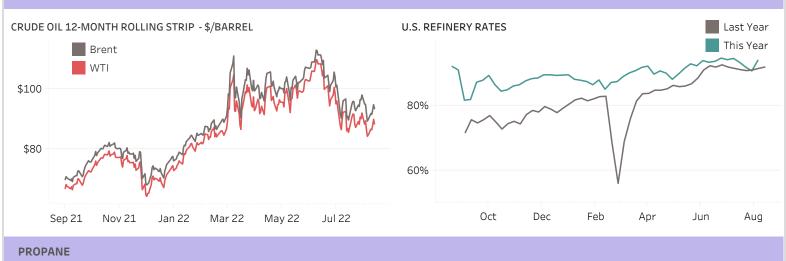


### Prompt Month Price For Sep 22

This Week:	\$92.09/Bbl
Prior Week:	\$88.54/Bbl
CHANGE:	\$3.55/Bbl

WTI closed at \$92.09 on Friday, up 3.5% from the week prior. Crude prices rebounded from the lowest point since before Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The International Energy Agency raised its oil demand growth forecast for 2022 by 380,000 barrels per day (bpd), as high natural gas prices incentivize gas-to-oil fuel switching. Production at several deepwater platforms in the Gulf of Mexico was halted due to a damaged pipeline, but operations were set to resume by the end of the week; three of the platforms, run by Shell, can produce a total of 410,000 barrels of oil per day.

#### FUNDAMENTALS







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# NATURAL GAS OVERVIEW

### WINTER NATURAL GAS NYMEX STRIPS - \$/MMBTU



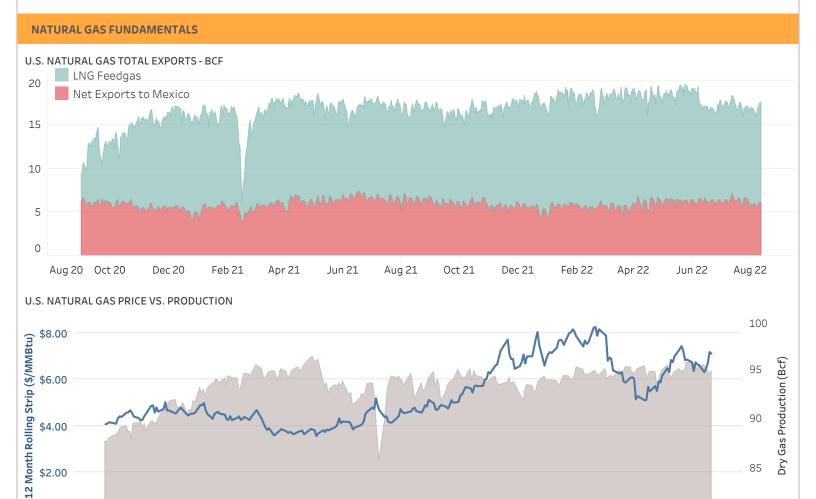
Winter natural gas NYMEX strips are an average of commodity prices for the months of December - March of each winter. Prices are presented in this format to highlight what consumers will pay during the typical heating season in the U.S.

Nov 21

# Prompt Month Price For Sep 22

This Week:	\$8.77/MMBTU
Prior Week:	\$8.12/MMBTU
CHANGE:	\$0.65/MMBtu

September natural gas futures increased 8% week-over-week, settling at \$8.77/MMBtu on Friday. A larger-than-expected storage injection with reduced cooling demand and increased production helped improve the overall weekly supply outlook. However, the expectation that the end to the Freeport LNG facility's force majeure will push U.S. LNG exports back to maximum capacity in the coming months still caused NYMEX prices to increase overall. With U.S. national storage inventories currently 12% below the five-year average, the expected return of near-record export levels has worsened the long-term supply outlook for natural gas heading into the upcoming winter.



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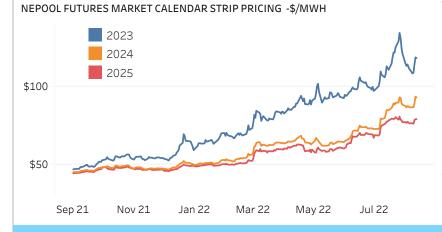
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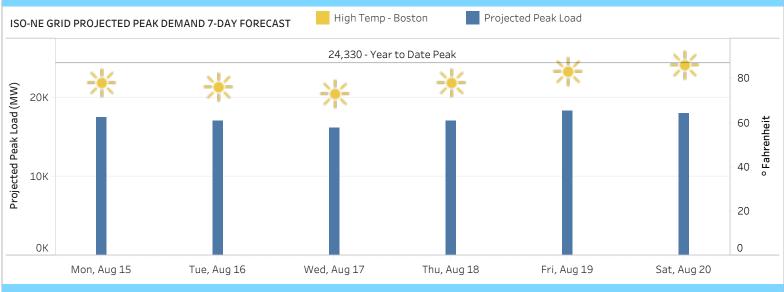


## NEW ENGLAND ELECTRICITY OVERVIEW

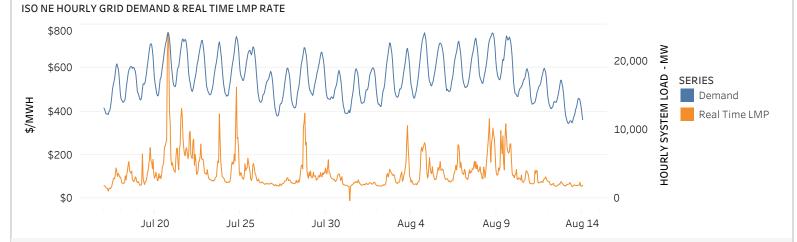


The 12-month NEPOOL strip rose 5.4% week-over-week, despite some relief from high regional temperatures and high grid demand by Wednesday of last week. Calendar strips also saw week-over-week increases, largely influenced by elevated natural gas prices. Notably, the 2024 calendar strip reached a new decade high of \$93.86/MWh, accounting for a 7.9% week-over-week increase. Similarly, the 2023 strip rose 6.8%, settling at \$119.18/MWh and the 2025 strip rose 3.5%, settling at \$79.34/MWh. While the region is forecasted to see continued relief from the recent heat wave in the coming weeks, forward pricing is likely to remain driven by trends in the elevated and volatile natural gas market.

### NEW ENGLAND 7-DAY DEMAND FORECAST



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



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