November 7 - 11, 2022 MARKET SUMMARY

SPOTLIGHT | New England Utilities File FERC Comments Regarding Winter Reliability

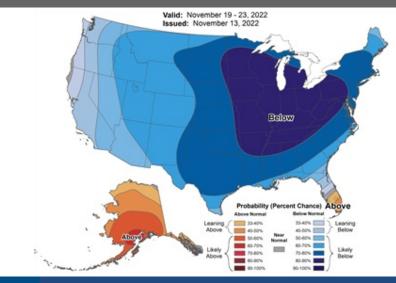
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CES SCORE | Is it Time for Action?

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 <u>retail prices</u> 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



Below average temperatures for the entire lower 48 states, with coldest temperatures in the Midwest.

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.

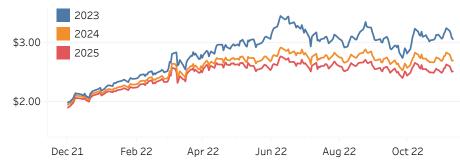
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OIL & DISTILLATES OVERVIEW

HEATING OIL FUTURE CALENDAR STRIPS - \$/GAL



CRUDE OIL WTI FUTURE CALENDAR STRIPS - \$/BARREL

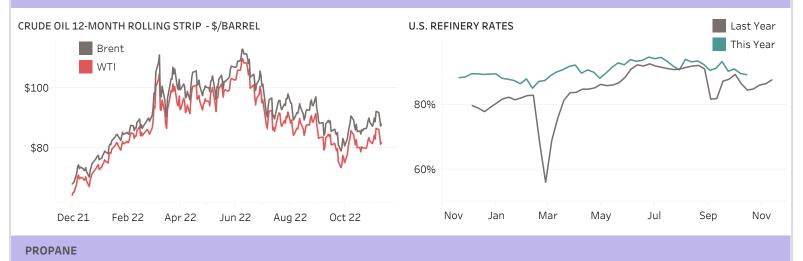


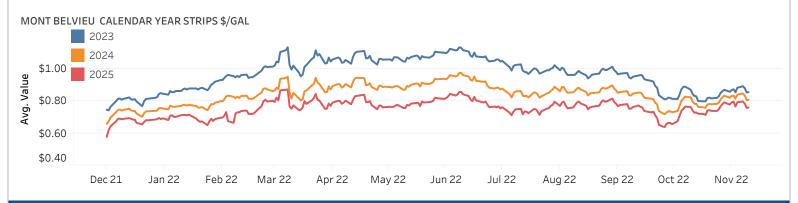
Prompt Month Price For Dec 22

This Week:	\$88.96/Bbl
Prior Week:	\$92.61/Bbl
CHANGE:	\$(3.65)/Bbl

WTI closed at \$88.96 on Friday, down 4.1% from the week prior. Crude prices dropped along with the outlook on demand amid news of larger than expected stockpile increases in the U.S. and further surges in COVID-19 cases in China. U.S. crude stockpiles rose more than anticipated over the past week, increasing by 3.9 million barrels to a total of 440.8 million barrels, offering a signal that domestic demand may be slowing. Just a week after reports had hinted at signs of COVID-19 lockdowns in China potentially easing, Chinese health officials reaffirmed existing approaches to controlling infections; COVID-19 cases also continued to rise in major cities throughout the country, leading to a drop in forecasted demand for commodities.

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NATURAL GAS OVERVIEW

WINTER NATURAL GAS NYMEX STRIPS - \$/MMBTU



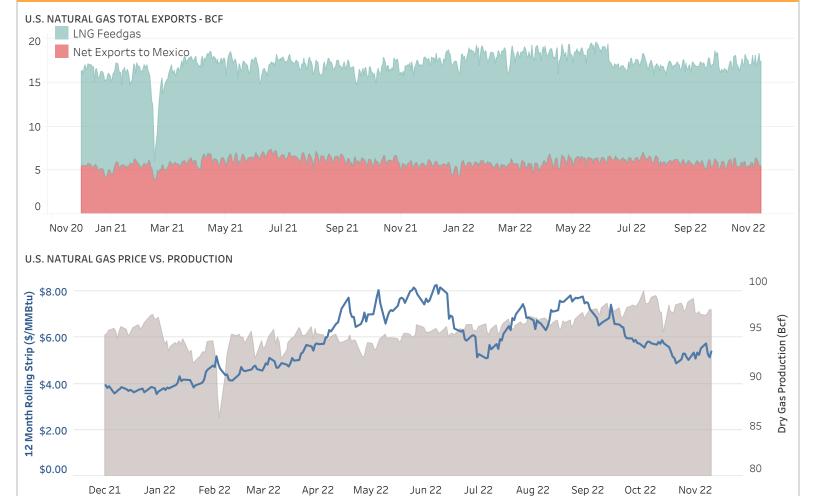
Winter natural gas NYMEX strips are an average of commodity prices for the months of December -March of each winter. Prices are presented in this format to highlight what consumers will pay during the typical heating season in the U.S.

NATURAL GAS FUNDAMENTALS

Prompt Month Price For Dec 22

This Week:	\$5.88/MMBTU
Prior Week:	\$6.40/MMBTU
CHANGE:	(\$0.52)/MMBtu

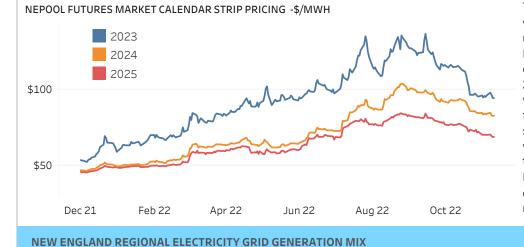
Natural gas front-month futures settled at \$5.88 on Friday, representing an 8.1% decrease week over week. Delays surrounding the re-opening of the Freeport LNG terminal have slightly tempered NYMEX pricing. The EU's Copernicus Climate Change Service released their seasonal outlook, which predicted milder weather than usual across the European continent over the next few months, easing some winter supply worries. However, in both Europe and the U.S., the short-term outlook is reporting colder than normal temperatures, driving prices up. Last week saw a storage build of 79 Bcf, putting the U.S. just shy of the five-year average by 2.1%.



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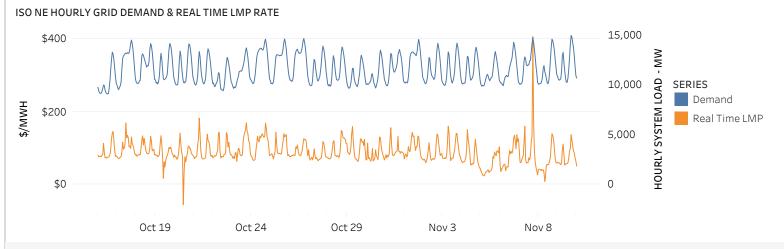
NEW ENGLAND ELECTRICITY OVERVIEW



The NEPOOL 12-month strip fell 1.6% week-over-week, to land at the second-lowest rolling strip price since March, at \$94.00/MWh. NEPOOL futures market calendar strips also declined to the lowest prices seen since June. The 2023 strip settled at \$94.51/MWh, representing a week-over-week decrease of 0.8%. The 2024 strip fell 1.1%, settling at \$82.99/MWh, and the 2025 strip fell 1.9%, settling at \$69.09/MWh. A mild winter predicted for Europe is easing concerns for the natural gas market and helping soften New England electricity pricing. A colder short-term outlook in Europe and North America will put near-term upward pressure on prices.

ISO-NE GRID ELECTRICITY GENERATION MIX - EXCLUDES IMPORTS - MW RESOURCE Coal Petroleum 10,000 Other Natural Gas Solar Wind 5,000 Hydro Nuclear 0 Oct 18 Oct 23 Oct 28 Nov 2 Nov 7 Nov 12

NEW ENGLAND GRID FUNDAMENTALS



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