



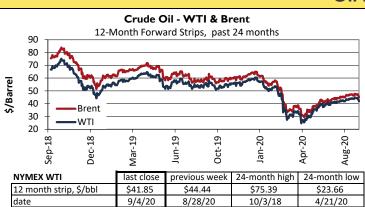
# Competitive Energy Services Weekly Market Summary

August 31 - September 4, 2020

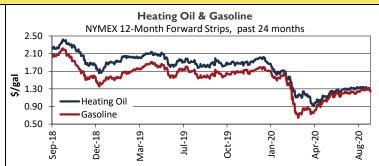
Synopsis of Last Week's Energy Markets

Crude oil prices ended Friday \$39.77/barrel, a 7.5% decrease from the week prior. Prices fell as OPEC supply increases, both scheduled and unexpected, and demand remains subdued. Natural gas futures ended the week at \$2.59/MMBtu on Friday, down 3% from the previous week. Forecasts for cooler temperatures through early September are expected to decrease power plant fuel demand across the US. EIA storage data estimates gas inventories are 13% above the 5-year average.

#### Oil Market



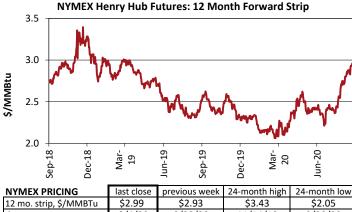
change from last close		-5.8%	
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US STORAGE (in million b	bls)	crude oil	
domestic stocks as of	508		
gain / loss from previous	-4.7		
comparison to historic rai	nge	outside	



NYMEX Heating Oil	last close	previous week	24-month high	24-month low
12 month strip, \$/gal	\$1.24	\$1.32	\$2.43	\$0.90
date	9/4/20	8/28/20	10/3/18	4/28/20
change from last close		-5.5%	-49%	38%

US STORAGE (in million bbls)	distillate	propane	gasoline
domestic stocks as of 8/21/20	179	0	239
gain / loss from previous week	1.4	0.0	-4.6
comparison to historic range	within	within	within

#### **Natural Gas Market**



NYMEX PRICING	last close	previous week	24-month high	24-month low
12 mo. strip, \$/MMBTu	\$2.99	\$2.93	\$3.43	\$2.05
date	9/4/20	8/28/20	11/14/18	2/28/20
change from last close		2.0%	-13%	46%

CES SCORE							
12 month	1						
18 month	1						
24 month	3						
36 month	11						

The Score provides a measure of how current prices compare to their 52-week range. A score close to 0 indicates that current prices are close to their 52week highs; a score close to 100 indicates that current prices are close to their 52-week lows.

#### NYMEX Natural Gas Forwards vs. 1 Year Range 3.2 2.6 \$/MMBtu 2.0 Min 1.4 Jan-22 Apr-23 Jan-25 Apr-≒ Forwards Contract

FORWARDS	12 month	18 month	24 month	36 month				
strip (\$/MMBTu)	\$2.99	\$3.00	\$2.86	\$2.75				

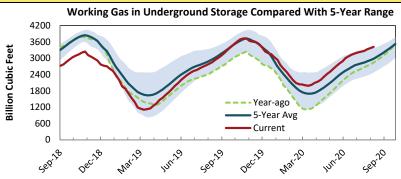
Natural gas futures are useful for both natural gas and electricity consumers because they drive electricity pricing in many U.S. markets. This chart compares the current natural gas price for each forward month on the NYMEX exchange to the highest and lowest prices for the same month over the past 12 months.



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### **Natural Gas Storage**



This chart shows the amount of natural gas in storage at each point in time (red line) compared to the highest, lowest, and average amounts in the past 5 calendar years.

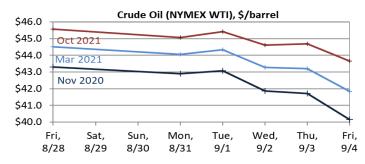
EIA Storage Data	date	Bcf	+/ -
Previous Stock Level	8/14/20	3,375	
Most Recent Stock Level	8/21/20	3,420	
Year-ago Stock Level		2,840	20.4%
5-Year Average Stock Level		2,982	
Most Recent Net Change	8/21/20	45	
Year-Ago Net Change		60	
5-Year Average Net Change		49	

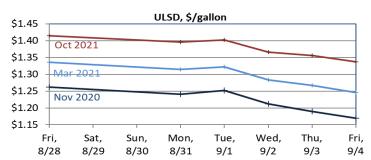
Data Source: EIA http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/oog/info/ngs/ngs.html

#### **Market Assessment**

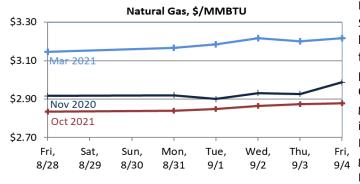
NYMEX Futures Summary Statistics											
	Last Expired Prompt Most Expensive Least Expensive Winter Avg										
Contract Exp. Date Price Month Price				Next 12 Months	Price	Next 12 Months	Price	(Nov20-Mar21)			
Crude oil	Sep-20	8/20/20	\$42.58	Oct-20	\$40.15	Sep-21	\$43.49	Oct-20	\$39.77	\$41.42	
Heating oil	Sep-20	8/31/20	\$1.20	Oct-20	\$1.15	Sep-21	\$1.32	Oct-20	\$1.15	\$1.23	
Natural gas	Sep-20	8/27/20	\$2.58	Oct-20	\$2.59	Jan-21	\$3.39	Oct-20	\$2.59	\$3.22	

#### **NYMEX End-of-Day Settlements**





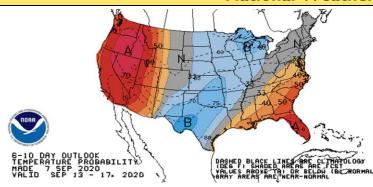
Crude oil prices ended Friday \$39.77/barrel, a 7.5% decrease from the week prior. Prices have fallen sharply, as Iraq is set to ask for an extension to their retaliatory export cuts. They have not yet been able to make the reductions necessary to comply with the OPEC schedule. In August, Saudi Arabia and the UAE increased exports slightly, in line with the schedule proposed the last time OPEC met. Though stockpiles fell sharply last week (almost 10 million bbls), this looks to be due to supply disruption, and not true demand recovery. Hurricane Laura caused major shutdowns in the Gulf Coast, slashing domestic production, refinery inputs, and imports. Gasoline and global jet fuel consumption have yet to make a significant comeback. Despite domestic flights ramping up with fewer restrictions, jet fuel consumption is still down 43% from this time last year.



Natural gas front-month futures fell 3% week-over-week to \$2.59/MMBtu on Friday after rising 46% through August, capping the largest monthly increase since September of 2009. September futures expired at \$2.63/MMBtu last Monday. Last week's falling prices can be linked to cooler temperatures forecasted for the Central and Eastern US. This drop follows significant disruptions to gas production and exports by Hurricane Laura which made landfall in late August. Gas flows to LNG export plants recovered to 4 Bcf/d Friday, up 40% from the previous week. EIA data showed a 35 Bcf gain to US stocks which remain 13% above average levels as of Friday, August 28.

The National Weather Service near-term forecast calls for above average temperatures along the West Coasts and in the South and below average temperatures throughout central U.S. The CES Market Score on page 1 decreased from the previous week. Clients with electricity or natural gas contracts expiring in 2020 should consult with a CES representative for customized guidance.

#### **National Weather Service Forecast**



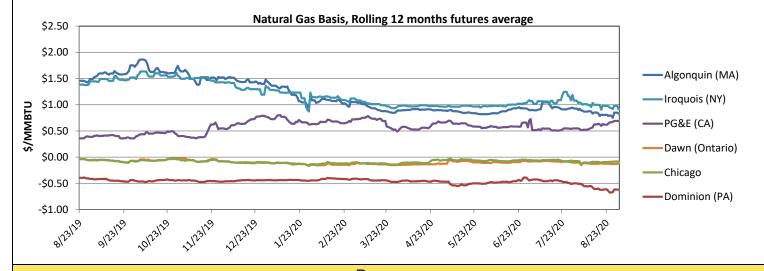
#### 6 - 10 Day Forecast for Sep 13 - 17

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, white 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.

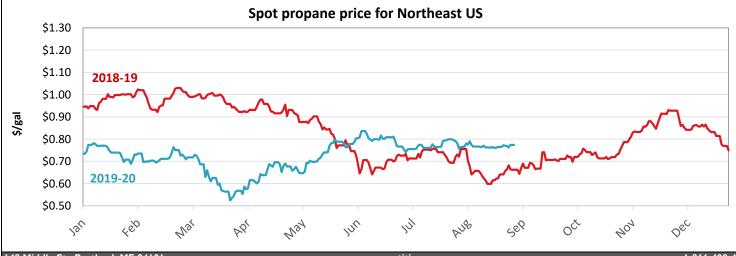
Source: Chart from the National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov

#### **Natural Gas Basis Futures**

Basis is the price differential between Henry Hub, located in Erath, Louisiana, and the liquidity point closest to the end-user. Because Henry Hub is used as the delivery point for NYMEX natural gas futures contracts, the cost of using natural gas in any geographic region of the country can be approximated by adding the basis price for the appropriate liquidity point to the NYMEX futures contract. Basis prices can be negative (indicating that natural gas at a liquidity point is cheaper than at the Henry Hub) or positive (indicating that natural gas at a different liquidity point is more expensive than at the Henry Hub). Basis prices are a key component of regional electricity and natural gas costs.



## **Propane**



## **Spot Prices**

				ot Pric					
	New England ISO Real Tim	e Power Pri	cing By Zoi	ne (\$/MWł	1)				
		8/31/20	9/1/20	9/2/20	9/3/20	9/4/20	9/5/20	9/6/20	Avg
	Maine RT On Pk	37	31	16	22	21			26
	Maine RT Off Pk	16	18	16	14	14	24	13	17
	NH RT On Pk	38	32	17	23	22			26
	NH RT Off Pk	16	18	17	15	14	24	13	17
	Vermont RT On Pk	37	31	16	23	22			26
	Vermont RT Off Pk	16	18	16	14	14	23	13	16
	Connecticut RT On Pk	37	31	17	23	22			26
	Connecticut RT Off Pk	16	18	17	14	14	23	13	17
	Rhode Island RT On Pk	37	32	16	22	21			26
	Rhode Island RT Off Pk	16	18	17	14	14	23	13	17
	NE Mass RT On Pk	38	32	17	23	22			26
	NE Mass RT Off Pk	16	18	17	15	14	24	13	17
	SE Mass RT On Pk	37	32	16	22	22			26
	SE Mass RT Off Pk	16	18	17	14	14	24	13	17
	WC Mass RT On Pk	37	32	17	23	22			26
	WC Mass RT Off Pk	16	18	17	14	14	24	13	17
	New York ISO Real Time Po	wer Pricing	By Zone (	\$/MWh)					Avg
	Capital RT On Pk	39	25	19	19	19			24
_	Capital RT Off Pk	19	22	17	16	13	24	18	19
٩	Central RT On Pk	37	22	18	15	24			23
Power (\$/MWh	Central RT Off Pk	18	21	17	15	13	19	13	16
(\$)	Hudson RT On Pk	39	26	19	30	20			27
ē	Hudson RT Off Pk	19	22	18	16	13	23	17	18
8	Mohawk RT On Pk	39	25	17	15	21			23
_	Mohawk RT Off Pk	18	21	17	16	13	19	13	16
	Milwood RT On Pk	39	39	19	35	20			30
	Milwood RT Off Pk	19	22	18	16	14	23	17	18
	NYC RT On Pk	43	38	20	42	25			34
	NYC RT Off Pk	19	22	18	17	14	23	17	19
	PJM Real Time Power Pricing By Zone (\$/MWh)								
	Eastern Hub On Pk	39	26	18	24	24			26
	Eastern Hub Off Pk	17	17	15	14	14	14	14	15
	Western Hub On Pk	51	35	22	37	37			36
	Western Hub Off Pk	17	16	15	14	14	14	14	15
	PPL Zone On Pk	38 16	26	18 15	24	24	12	12	26 14
	PPL Zone Off Pk AEP RT On Pk	46	16 27	28	13 29	13 29	13	13	32
	AEP RT Off Pk	17	17	15	15	15	15	15	15
							15	15	
	Chicago RT On Pk	44	27	34	31	31			33
	Chicago RT Off Pk	17	17	15	15	15	15	15	15
	New Jersey Hub On Pk	38	26	18	24	24			26
	New Jersey Hub Off Pk	17	17	15	13	13	13	13	15
	California ISO Real Time Po	ower Pricing	g (\$/MWh)						Avg
	SoCal Edison RT On Pk	58	38	38	66	114			63
	SoCal Edison RT Off Pk	37	31	28	25	30	27	20	28
		8/31/20	9/1/20	9/2/20	9/3/20	9/4/20	9/5/20	9/6/20	Avg
3tu	Henry Hub, LA	2.52	2.52	2.52	2.52	2.52			2.52
₫	TZ6, MA	1.80	1.45	1.45	1.32	1.32			1.47
2	Algonquin, MA	1.81	1.55	1.55	1.40	1.40			1.54
35 \$	Chicago Hub, IL	2.39	2.39	2.32	2.28	2.28			2.33
19	New York, NY	1.57	1.45	2.05	1.59	1.59			1.65
ura	Dominion South, PA	1.41	1.30	1.35	1.20	1.20			1.29
Natural Gas \$/MMBtu	Opal Hub, WY	2.48	2.48	2.48	2.48	2.48			2.48
_	PG&E Citygate, CA	3.46	3.42	3.50	3.58	3.58			3.51
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