



## WEEKLY NATURAL GAS MARKET UPDATE

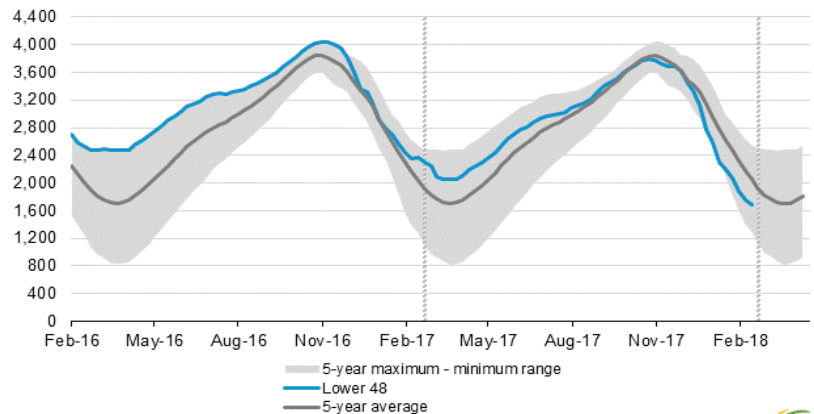
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The Apr-2018 NYMEX natural gas contract closed Friday at \$2.695, up \$0.038 for the week. The 12-month strip average price of natural gas rose by \$0.039 over the same period. The Mar-2018 NYMEX contract expired last week at a final settlement price of \$2.639. The Apr-2018 NYMEX crude oil contract closed Friday at \$61.25, down \$2.30 for the week. Updated NOAA forecasts indicate a mix of above/below normal temps across the US for the next couple of weeks and then mostly above normal temps later this month. Baker Hughes reported on Friday that the US natural gas rig count rose by 2 to 181 while total rigs (gas/oil combined) rose by 3 to 981. In its most recent natural gas storage data, the EIA reported a withdrawal of 78 Bcf from national inventories, a number at the high end of consensus market expectations. Early estimates for this week's report indicate an expected withdrawal in the range of 55 to 65 Bcf vs. a withdrawal of 57 Bcf for the same week last year and a 5-yr avg. withdrawal of 129 Bcf.

EIA NATURAL GAS STORAGE REPORT  
Week Ending February 23, 2018

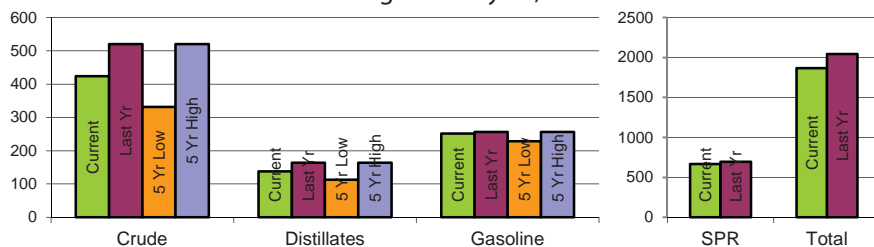
Region	Inv. Level	Week Δ	Year Ago	5yr Avg.
East	382	-21	423	413
Midwest	398	-30	609	488
Mountain	102	-9	146	133
Pacific	189	-15	205	224
S. Central	611	-3	979	795
Total	1682	-78	2362	2054

WORKING GAS IN UNDERGROUND STORAGE  
COMPARED WITH 5-YEAR RANGE



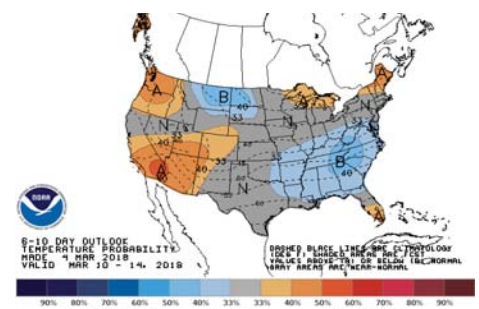
Storage Highlights: Working gas in storage was 1,682 Bcf as of Friday, February 23, 2018, according to EIA estimates. This represents a net decrease of 78 Bcf from the previous week. Stocks were 680 Bcf less than last year at this time and 372 Bcf below the five-year average of 2,054 Bcf. At 1,682 Bcf, total working gas is within the five-year historical range.

EIA PETROLEUM INVENTORY (BARRELS X 1000)  
Week Ending February 23, 2018

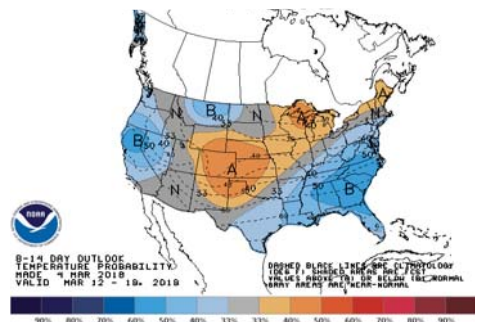


U.S. commercial crude oil inventories (excluding those in the Strategic Petroleum Reserve) increased by 3.0 million barrels from the previous week. At 423.5 million barrels, U.S. crude oil inventories are in the lower half of the average range for this time of year. Total motor gasoline inventories increased by 2.5 million barrels last week, and are in the upper half of the average range. Finished gasoline and blending components inventories both increased last week. Distillate fuel inventories decreased by 1.0 million barrels last week and are in the middle of the average range for this time of year. Propane/propylene inventories decreased by 0.4 million barrels last week, and are in the lower half of the average range. Total commercial petroleum inventories increased by 3.7 million barrels last week.

6-10 DAY TEMP OUTLOOK (NOAA)



8-14 DAY TEMP OUTLOOK (NOAA)



BAKER HUGHES US NATURAL GAS RIG COUNT, 03/02/2018

	This Week	+/-	Last Week	+/-	Year Ago
Gas Rigs	181	+2	179	+35	146