



## WEEKLY NATURAL GAS MARKET UPDATE

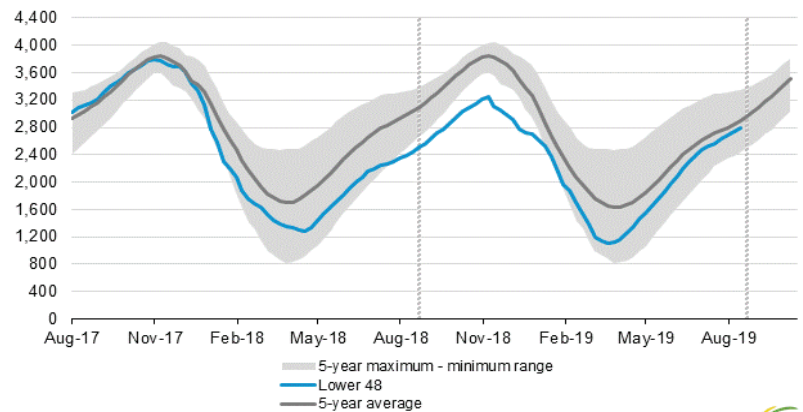
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The Sep-2019 NYMEX natural gas contract closed Friday at \$2.152, down \$0.048 for the week. The 12-month strip average price of natural gas fell by \$0.031 over the same period. The Sep-2019 natural gas contract expires this Wed, 8/28. The Oct-2019 NYMEX crude oil contract closed Friday at \$54.17, down \$0.64 for the week. NOAA forecasts suggest that the Central/Midwest US will cool off in the weeks ahead. Tropical Storm Dorian is expected to weaken some as it makes its way through the Caribbean this week. Baker Hughes reported on Friday that the US natural gas rig count was down by 3 to 162 while total rigs (gas/oil combined) were down by 19 to 916. In its most recent natural gas storage data, the EIA reported an injection of 59 Bcf into national inventories, a number at the low end of consensus market expectations. Early estimates for this week's report indicate an expected injection in the range of 55 to 65 Bcf vs. an injection of 66 Bcf for the same week last year and a 5-yr avg. injection of 57 Bcf.

EIA NATURAL GAS STORAGE REPORT  
Week Ending August 16, 2019

Region	Inv. Level	Week Δ	Year Ago	5yr Avg.
East	660	+26	608	689
Midwest	760	+31	629	753
Mountain	168	+4	153	182
Pacific	274	+2	238	295
S. Central	935	-4	799	980
Total	2797	+59	2428	2900

WORKING GAS IN UNDERGROUND STORAGE  
COMPARED WITH 5-YEAR RANGE

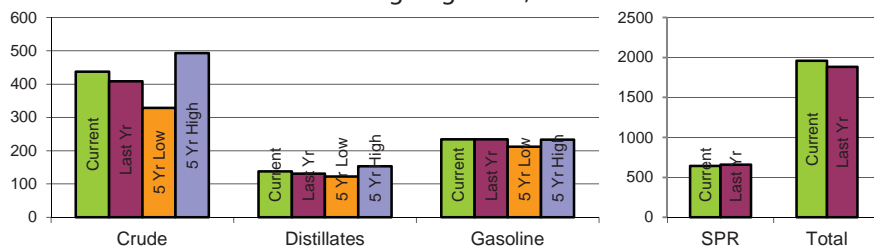


Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration



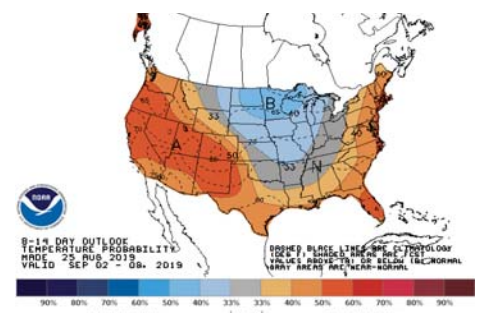
Storage Highlights: Working gas in storage was 2,797 Bcf as of Friday, August 16, 2019, according to EIA estimates. This represents a net increase of 59 Bcf from the previous week. Stocks were 369 Bcf higher than last year at this time and 103 Bcf below the five-year average of 2,900 Bcf. At 2,797 Bcf, total working gas is within the five-year historical range.

EIA PETROLEUM INVENTORY (BARRELS X 1000)  
Week Ending August 16, 2019



U.S. commercial crude oil inventories (excluding those in the Strategic Petroleum Reserve) decreased by 2.7 million barrels from the previous week. At 437.8 million barrels, U.S. crude oil inventories are about 2% above the five year average for this time of year. Total motor gasoline inventories increased by 0.3 million barrels last week and are about 4% above the five year average for this time of year. Finished gasoline inventories decreased while blending components inventories increased last week. Distillate fuel inventories increased by 2.6 million barrels last week and are about 2% below the five year average for this time of year. Propane/propylene inventories increased by 4.0 million barrels last week and are about 12% above the five year average for this time of year. Total commercial petroleum inventories increased last week by 4.0 million barrels last week.

8-14 DAY TEMP OUTLOOK (NOAA)



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BAKER HUGHES US NATURAL GAS RIG COUNT, 08/23/2019

	This Week	+/-	Last Week	+/-	Year Ago
Gas Rigs	162	-3	165	-20	182