



## WEEKLY NATURAL GAS MARKET UPDATE

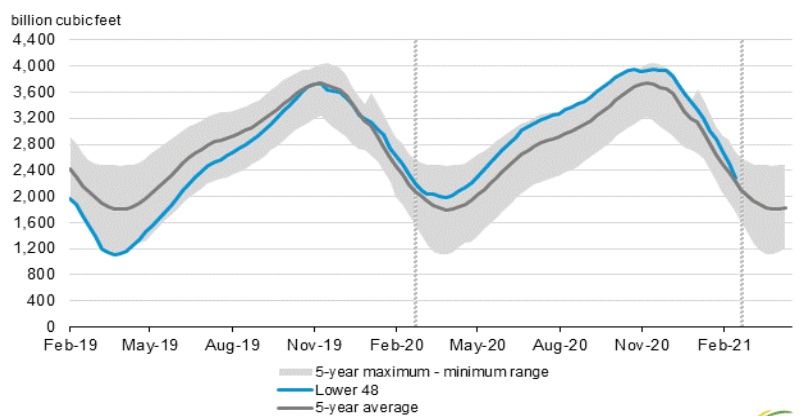
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The Mar-2021 NYMEX natural gas contract closed Friday at \$3.069, up \$0.157 for the week. The 12-month strip average price of natural gas rose by \$0.092 over the same period. The Mar-2021 natural gas contract expires this Wednesday, 2/24. The Mar-2021 NYMEX crude oil contract closed Friday at \$59.24, down \$0.23 for the week. Updated NOAA forecasts suggest that more moderate temperatures will prevail over most of the US through the balance of winter and into early spring. Baker Hughes reported on Friday that the US natural gas rig count was up by 1 to 91 while total rigs (gas/oil combined) were unchanged at 397. In its most recent natural gas storage data, the EIA reported a withdrawal of 237 Bcf from national inventories, a number slightly lower than consensus market expectations. Early estimates for this week's report indicate an expected withdrawal in the range of 325 to 345 Bcf vs. a withdrawal of 145 Bcf for the same week last year and a 5-yr avg. withdrawal of 120 Bcf.

EIA NATURAL GAS STORAGE REPORT  
Week Ending February 12, 2021

Region	Inv. Level	Week Δ	Year Ago	5yr Avg.
East	485	-44	539	482
Midwest	589	-77	655	578
Mountain	137	-13	120	125
Pacific	244	-13	199	203
S. Central	826	-89	873	837
Total	2281	-237	2386	2224

WORKING GAS IN UNDERGROUND STORAGE  
COMPARED WITH 5-YEAR RANGE

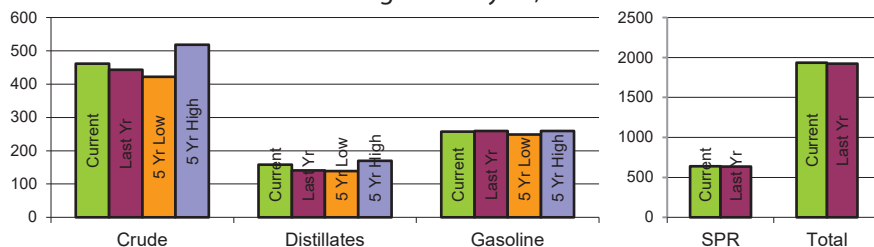


Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration



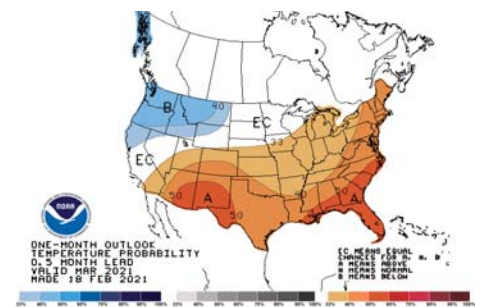
Storage Highlights: Working gas in storage was 2,281 Bcf as of Friday, February 12, 2021, according to EIA estimates. This represents a net decrease of 237 Bcf from the previous week. Stocks were 105 Bcf less than last year at this time and 57 Bcf above the five-year average of 2,224 Bcf. At 2,281 Bcf, total working gas is within the five-year historical range.

EIA PETROLEUM INVENTORY (BARRELS X 1000)  
Week Ending February 12, 2021

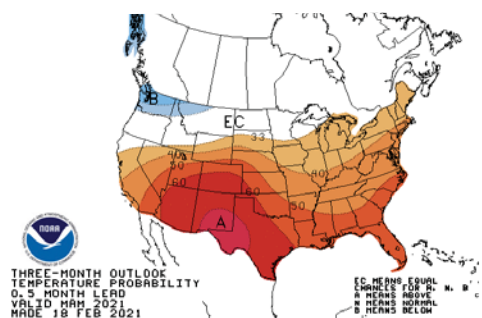


U.S. commercial crude oil inventories (excluding those in the Strategic Petroleum Reserve) decreased by 7.3 million barrels from the previous week. At 461.8 million barrels, U.S. crude oil inventories are at the five year average for this time of year. Total motor gasoline inventories increased by 0.7 million barrels last week and are about 1% above the five year average for this time of year. Finished gasoline and blending components inventories both increased last week. Distillate fuel inventories decreased by 3.4 million barrels last week and are about 6% above the five year average for this time of year. Propane/propylene inventories decreased by 2.9 million barrels last week and are about 9% below the five year average for this time of year. Total commercial petroleum inventories decreased by 15.1 million barrels last week.

MARCH TEMP OUTLOOK (NOAA)



90-DAY TEMP OUTLOOK (NOAA)



BAKER HUGHES US NATURAL GAS RIG COUNT, 02/19/2021

	This Week	+/-	Last Week	+/-	Year Ago
Gas Rigs	91	+1	90	-19	110