



## WEEKLY NATURAL GAS MARKET UPDATE

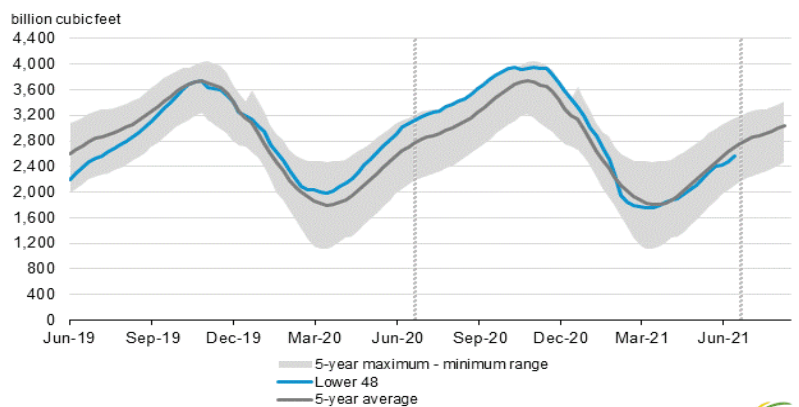
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The Aug-2021 NYMEX natural gas contract closed Friday at \$3.700, up \$0.180 for the week. The 12-month strip average price of natural gas rose by \$0.105 over the same period. The July-2021 natural gas contract expired last week at a final settlement price of \$3.617. The Aug-2021 NYMEX crude oil contract closed Friday at \$75.16, up \$1.11 for the week. Latest NOAA forecasts for July suggest above normal temps are likely for the northern ~1/2 of the US. Tropical storm Elsa is expected to make landfall along the west coast of FLA tomorrow. Baker Hughes reported on Friday that the US natural gas rig count was up 1 to 99 while total rigs (gas/oil combined) were up 5 at 475. In its most recent natural gas storage data, the EIA reported an injection of 76 Bcf into national inventories, a number higher than consensus market expectations. Early estimates for this week's report indicate an expected injection in the range of 30 to 40 Bcf vs. an injection of 57 Bcf for the same week last year and a 5-yr avg. injection of 63 Bcf.

**EIA NATURAL GAS STORAGE REPORT**  
Week Ending June 25, 2021

Region	Inv. Level	Week Δ	Year Ago	5yr Avg.
East	513	+25	636	555
Midwest	623	+28	737	631
Mountain	173	+4	172	164
Pacific	244	+5	303	281
S. Central	1005	+14	1221	1070
<b>Total</b>	<b>2558</b>	<b>+76</b>	<b>3068</b>	<b>2701</b>

**WORKING GAS IN UNDERGROUND STORAGE**  
COMPARED WITH 5-YEAR RANGE

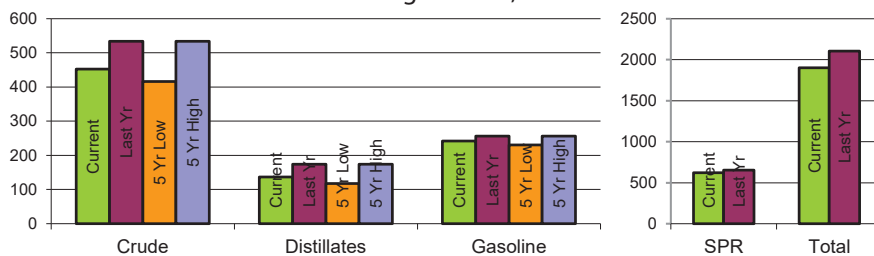


Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration



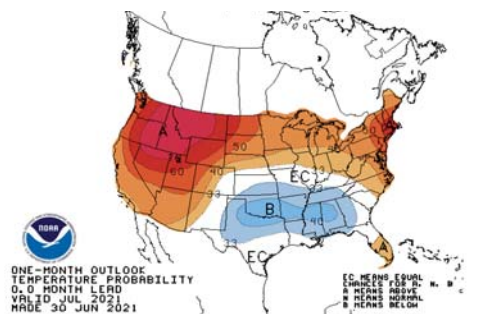
**Storage Highlights:** Working gas in storage was 2,558 Bcf as of Friday, June 25, 2021, according to EIA estimates. This represents a net increase of 76 Bcf from the previous week. Stocks were 510 Bcf less than last year at this time and 143 Bcf below the five-year average of 2,701 Bcf. At 2,558 Bcf, total working gas is within the five-year historical range. (Totals may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding)

**EIA PETROLEUM INVENTORY (BARRELS X 1000)**  
Week Ending June 25, 2021



U.S. commercial crude oil inventories (excluding those in the Strategic Petroleum Reserve) decreased by 6.7 million barrels from the previous week. At 452.3 million barrels, U.S. crude oil inventories are about 6% below the five year average for this time of year. Total motor gasoline inventories increased by 1.5 million barrels last week and are about 0% 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 0.9 million barrels last week and are about 5% below the five year average for this time of year. Propane/propylene inventories increased by 1.2 million barrels last week and are about 17% below the five year average for this time of year. Total commercial petroleum inventories decreased by 4.6 million barrels last week.

**UPDATED JULY TEMP OUTLOOK (NOAA)**



**TS ELSA 07/06 AM (NHC)**



**BAKER HUGHES US NATURAL GAS RIG COUNT, 07/02/2021**

	This Week	+/-	Last Week	+/-	Year Ago
<b>Gas Rigs</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>+1</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>+23</b>	<b>76</b>