

WEEKLY NATURAL GAS MARKET UPDATE

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The July-2023 NYMEX natural gas contract closed Friday at \$2.172, down \$0.245 for the week. The 12-month strip average price of natural gas fell by \$0.205 over the same period. The July-2023 NYMEX crude oil contract closed Friday at \$71.74, down \$0.93 for the week. Updated NOAA weather forecasts suggest that below normal temps will prevail across much of the US in the near term. For the month of June overall, however, above normal temps are still expected for the northern ~1/2 of the country. The 2023 Tropical Atlantic hurricane season is officially underway now but with no signs of storm development this week. Baker Hughes reported on Friday that the US natural gas rig count was unchanged at 137 while total rigs (gas/oil combined) were down 15 to 696. In its most recent natural gas storage data, the EIA reported an injection of 110 Bcf into national inventories, a number at the high end of consensus market expectations. Early estimates for this week's report indicate an expected injection in the range of 110 to 120 Bcf vs. an injection of 99 Bcf for the same week last year and a 5-yr avg. injection of 100 Bcf.



EIA NATURAL GAS STORAGE REPORT

Week Ending May 26, 2023

WORKING GAS IN UNDERGROUND STORAGE COMPARED WITH 5-YEAR RANGE



Storage Highlights: Working gas in storage was 2,446 Bcf as of Friday, May 26, 2023, according to EIA estimates. This represents a net increase of 110 Bcf from the previous week. Stocks were 557 Bcf higher than last year at this time and 349 Bcf above the five-year average of 2,097 Bcf. At 2,446 Bcf, total working gas is within the five-year historical range. (Totals may not equal sum of components due to independent rounding)

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U.S. commercial crude oil inventories (excluding those in the Strategic Petroleum Reserve) increased by 4.5 million barrels from the previous week. At 459.7 million barrels, U.S. crude oil inventories are 2% below the five year average for this time of year. Total motor gasoline inventories decreased by 0.2 million barrels from last week and are about 8% below the five year average for this time of year. Finished gasoline inventories increased, while blending components inventories decreased last week. Distillate fuel inventories increased by 1.0 million barrels last week and are about 18% below the five year average for this time of year. Propane/propylene inventories increased 4.0 million barrels from last week and are 33% above the five year average for this time of year. Total commercial petroleum inventories increased by 11.3 million barrels last week.

BAKER HUGHES US NATURAL GAS RIG COUNT, 06/02/2023					
	This Week	+/-	Last Week	+/-	Year

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6-10 DAY TEMP OUTLOOK (NOAA)



JUNE-2023 TEMP OUTLOOK (NOAA)



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Gas Rigs