

## WEEKLY NATURAL GAS MARKET UPDATE

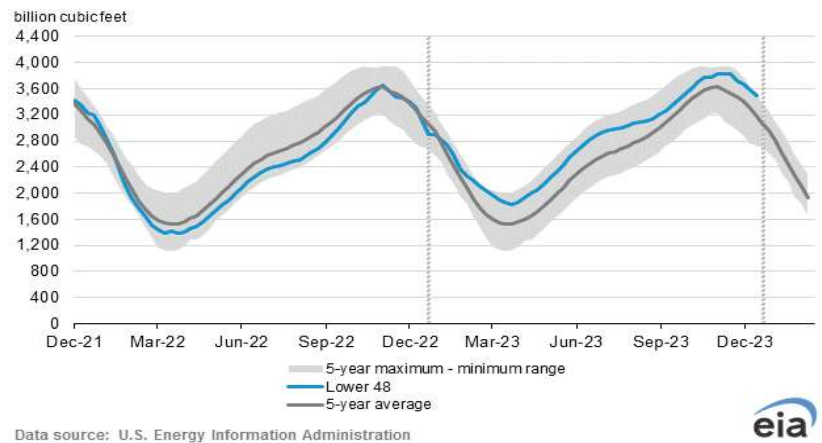
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The Feb-2024 NYMEX natural gas contract closed Friday at \$2.514, up \$0.024 for the week. The 12-month strip average price of natural gas rose by \$0.021 over the same period. The Jan-2024 natural gas contract expired last week at a final settlement price of \$2.619. The Feb-2024 NYMEX crude oil contract closed Friday at \$71.65, down \$1.91 for the week. Updated NOAA forecasts suggest a transition to below normal temperatures is in store for a significant portion of the US as we head through January. Baker Hughes reported on Friday that the US natural gas rig count was unchanged at 120 while total rigs (gas/oil combined) were up 2 to 622. In its most recent natural gas storage data, the EIA reported a withdrawal of 87 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 35 to 45 Bcf vs. a withdrawal of 219 Bcf for the same week last year and a 5-yr avg. withdrawal of 97 Bcf. As we head in to the new year, national storage levels are running ~12% ahead of normal.

EIA NATURAL GAS STORAGE REPORT  
Week Ending December 22, 2023

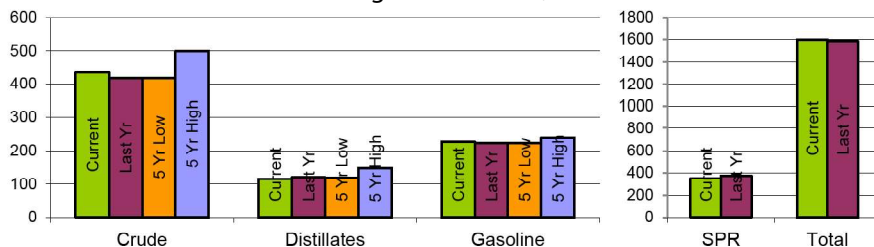
Region	Inv. Level	Week Δ	Year Ago	5yr Avg.
East	805	-29	753	765
Midwest	985	-36	910	913
Mountain	232	-4	168	177
Pacific	280	-3	168	236
S. Central	1187	-16	1145	1084
<b>Total</b>	<b>3490</b>	<b>-87</b>	<b>3142</b>	<b>3174</b>

WORKING GAS IN UNDERGROUND STORAGE  
COMPARED WITH 5-YEAR RANGE



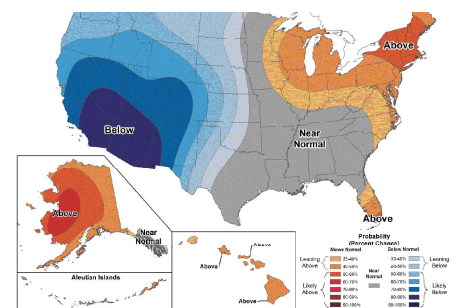
Storage Highlights: Working gas in storage was 3,490 Bcf as of Friday, December 22, 2023, according to EIA estimates. This represents a net decrease of 87 Bcf from the previous week. Stocks were 348 Bcf higher than last year at this time and 316 Bcf above the five-year average of 3,174 Bcf. At 3,490 Bcf, total working gas is within the five-year historical range. (Totals may not equal sum of components due to independent rounding)

EIA PETROLEUM INVENTORY (BARRELS X 1000)  
Week Ending December 22, 2023

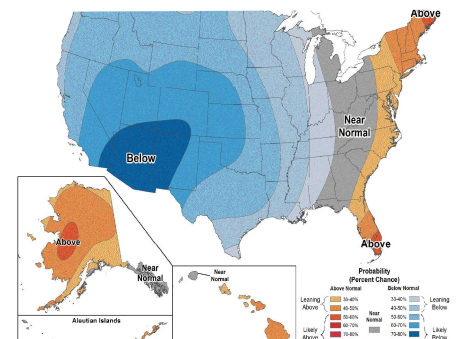


U.S. commercial crude oil inventories (excluding those in the Strategic Petroleum Reserve) decreased by 6.9 million barrels from the previous week. At 436.6 million barrels, U.S. crude oil inventories are about 1% below the five year average for this time of year. Total motor gasoline inventories decreased by 0.6 million barrels from last week and are about 2% below 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 0.8 million barrels last week and are about 9% below the five year average for this time of year. Propane/propylene inventories decreased by 3.7 million barrels from last week and are 13% above the five year average for this time of year. Total commercial petroleum inventories decreased by 17.3 million barrels last week.

6-10 DAY TEMP OUTLOOK (NOAA)



8-14 DAY TEMP OUTLOOK (NOAA)



BAKER HUGHES US NATURAL GAS RIG COUNT, 12/29/2023

	This Week	+/-	Last Week	+/-	Year Ago
Gas Rigs	120	-0-	120	-36	156