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WEEKLY NATURAL GAS MARKET UPDATE

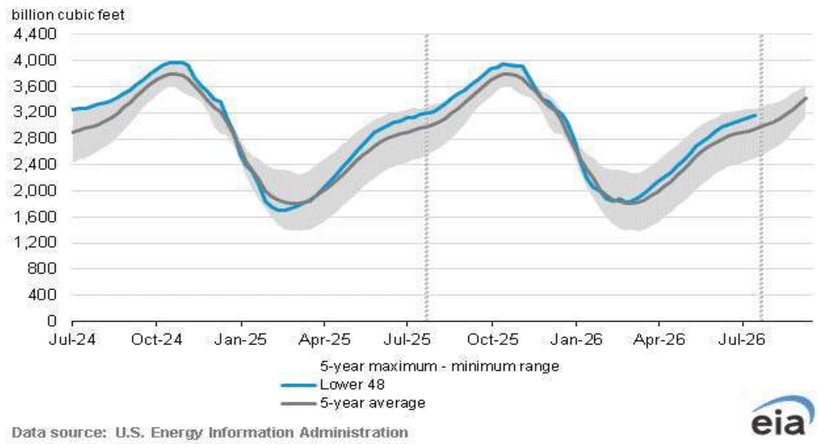
AUGUST 17, 2026

The Sep-2026 NYMEX natural gas contract closed Friday at $2.733, up $0.071 for the week. The 12-month strip average price of natural gas rose by $0.003 over the same period. The Sep-2026 NYMEX crude oil contract closed Friday at $82.40, up $4.22 for the week. Updated NOAA weather forecasts suggest that above normal tempratures are likely to prevail over a majority of the US in the weeks ahead. Later this week the NOAA will release its monthly update to the longer term weather outlook. The Tropical Atlantic is currently quiet with no threat of storm activity in the Gulf of America this week. Baker Hughes reported on Friday that the US natural gas rig count was up 4 to 128 while total rigs (gas/oil combined) were up 5 at 593. In its most recent natural gas storage data, the EIA reported an injection of 36 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 15 to 25 Bcf vs. an injection of 49 Bcf for the same week last year and a 5-yr avg. injection of 33 Bcf.

EIA NATURAL GAS STORAGE REPORT
Week Ending August 7, 2026

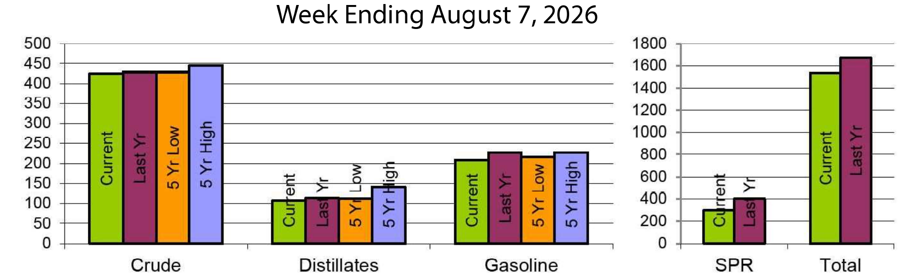
Region	Inv. Level	Week Δ	Year Ago	5yr Avg.
East	693	+15	674	660
Midwest	829	+20	793	774
Mountain	239	+2	252	209
Pacific	300	-4	305	264
S. Central	1093	+3	1153	1048
Total	3153	+36	3178	2955

WORKING GAS IN UNDERGROUND STORAGE COMPARED WITH 5-YEAR RANGE



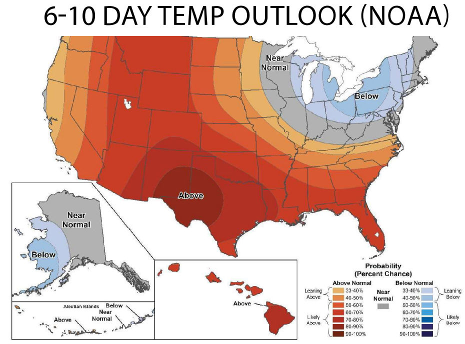
Storage Highlights: Working gas in storage was 3,153 Bcf as of Friday, August 7, 2026, according to EIA estimates. This represents a net increase of 36 Bcf from the previous week. Stocks were 25 Bcf less than last year at this time and 198 Bcf above the five-year average of 2,955 Bcf. At 3,153 Bcf, total 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 August 7, 2026

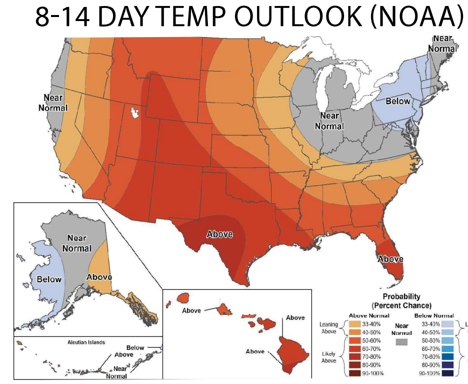


U.S. commercial crude oil inventories (excluding those in the Strategic Petroleum Reserve) increased by 17.4 million barrels from the previous week. At 424.4 million barrels, U.S. crude oil inventories are about 2% below the five-year average for this time of year. Total motor gasoline inventories decreased by 1.0 million barrels last week and are 6% below the five-year average for this time of year. Both finished gasoline and blending component inventories decreased last week. Distillate fuel inventories decreased by 0.1 million barrels last week and are about 12% below the five-year average for this time of year. Propane/propylene inventories increased by 1.9 million barrels from last week and are 31% above the five-year average for this time of year. Total commercial petroleum inventories increased by 15.7 million barrels last week.

6-10 DAY TEMP OUTLOOK (NOAA)



8-14 DAY TEMP OUTLOOK (NOAA)



BAKER HUGHES US NATURAL GAS RIG COUNT, 8/13/2026

	This Week	+/-	Last Week	+/-	Year Ago
Gas Rigs	128	+4	124	+6	122