
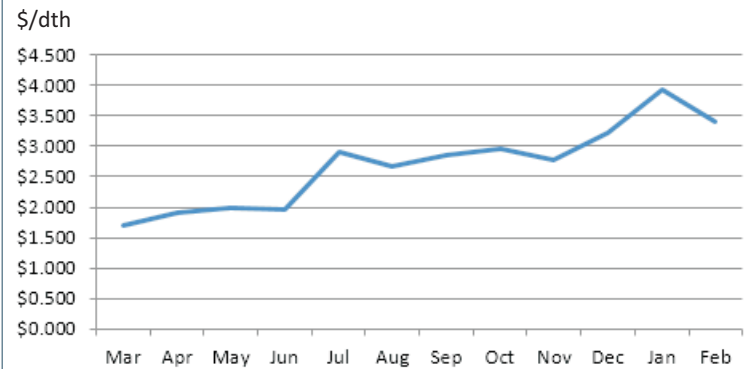


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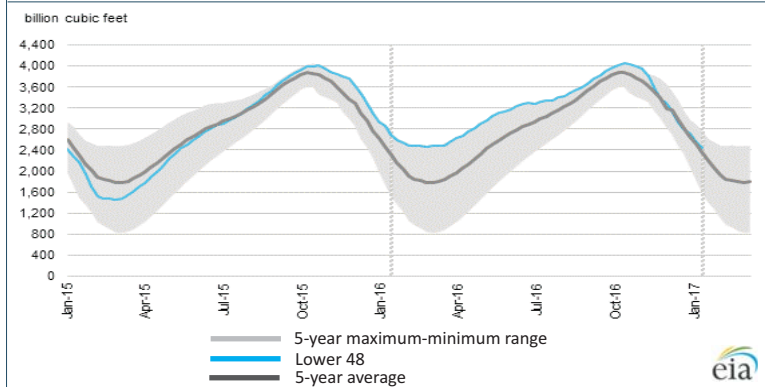
- Natural gas spot prices fell across the country this Report Week (Wednesday, February 8 to Wednesday, February 15). The Henry Hub spot price fell from \$3.05 per million British thermal units (MMBtu) to \$2.92/MMBtu from the start to end of the Report Week.
- At the New York Mercantile Exchange (Nymex), the March 2017 natural gas futures contract fell 20¢ from \$3.126/MMBtu at the start of the Report Week to \$2.925/MMBtu to end the Report Week.
- Net natural gas withdrawals from storage totaled 114 Bcf for the week ending February 10, compared with the five-year (2012-16) average net withdrawal of 156 Bcf and last year's net withdrawals of 136 Bcf during the same week. Warmer temperatures throughout the week for most of the Lower 48 states contributed to decreased heating demand for natural gas and lower withdrawals from storage. Working gas stocks total 2,445 Bcf, which is 87 Bcf (4%) more than the five-year average and 303 Bcf (11%) less than last year at this time. If working gas stocks follow the five-year average for the remainder of the heating season, they will total 1,885 Bcf on March 31. So far in 2017, net withdrawals are 11% below the five-average. Following this slower-than-normal pace, working gas stocks will total 1,948 Bcf by the end of the heating season, which would mark the third time since 2011 that working gas stocks ended the heating season above 1,900 Bcf.
- U.S. LNG exports. Natural gas pipeline deliveries to the Sabine Pass liquefaction terminal averaged 2.0 Bcf/d for the report week, 6% lower than in the previous week. Four vessels (combined LNG-carrying capacity of 14.0 Bcf) departed Sabine Pass last week.
- The natural gas plant liquids composite price at Mont Belvieu, Texas, rose by 1¢, closing at \$7.70/MMBtu for the week ending February 10. Spot prices for propane, butane, and isobutane fell by 3%, 2%, and 10%, respectively. Spot prices for natural gasoline and ethane rose by 9% and 11%, respectively.
- According to Baker Hughes, for the week ending Friday, February 10, the natural gas rig count increased by 4 to 149. The number of oil-directed rigs rose by 8 to 591. The total rig count increased by 12, and it now stands at 741.

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Monthly NYMEX Natural Gas Settle Price: Mar2016 - Feb 2017:



Working nat. gas in underground storage as of February 10, 2017




Forward 12-month NYMEX natural gas strip price - Mar17-Feb18:

Process Load-weighted \$3.248/dth - w/o/w = ▼\$0.135
 Typical Heat Load-weighted \$3.261/dth - w/o/w = ▼\$0.144

New West Texas-Mexico natural gas pipelines leading to increased export demand:

The San Elizario Border Crossing Project, which will provide 1.1 billion cubic feet per day (Bcf/d) of natural gas pipeline capacity from San Elizario, Texas, across the border to San Isidro, Chihuahua, Mexico, was granted in-service approval by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on January 27. The crossing consists of 1,086 feet of 42-inch pipe and was installed under the Rio Grande River using horizontal directional drilling. The project is part of the Comanche Trail Pipeline Project, a 195-mile intrastate pipeline connecting the Waha hub in northern Pecos County, Texas, to the Mexican border. This intrastate pipeline, with some delivery points in Texas, is regulated by the Texas Railroad Commission, which is expected to grant in-service approval in early-2017. From San Isidro, natural gas will be used to meet rising electric power and industrial demand in northern Mexico. In addition to the Comanche Trail Pipeline, there are several other projects currently under construction that will connect Permian natural gas to emerging demand centers in Mexico. Energy Transfer Partners is also constructing the Trans-Pecos Pipeline Project, a 1.4 Bcf/d pipeline connecting the Waha hub to the United States-Mexico border at Presidio, Texas. ONEOK Partners is also building the Roadrunner Gas Transmission Pipeline Project, a 200-mile pipeline connecting the West Texas natural gas system in Coynosa, Texas to Mexico near San Elizario, Texas. The 0.640 Bcf/d pipeline is being constructed in stages. The first stage, providing 0.170 Bcf/d of capacity, was completed in March 2016. The second stage is expected to be completed in early-2017, and the third is projected to be in service in 2019.



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