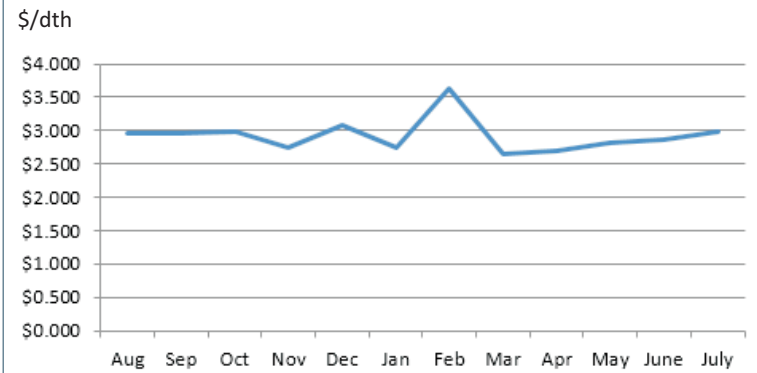


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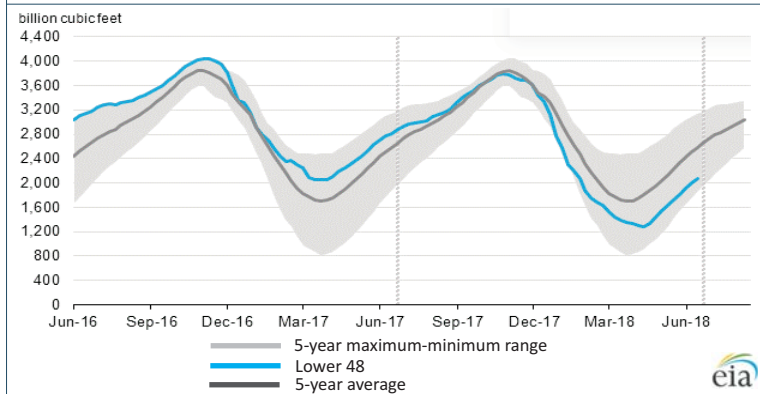
- Natural gas spot prices rose at most locations for the Report Week of Wednesday, June 20 to Wednesday, June 27. The Henry Hub spot price rose from \$2.95 per million British thermal units (MMBtu) to \$3.00/MMBtu from start to end of the Report Week.
- At the New York Mercantile Exchange (Nymex), the July 2018 natural gas futures contract expired Wednesday, June 27 at \$2.996/MMBtu. The August 2018 contract price increased to \$2.981/MMBtu, up 2¢ for the Report Week.
- Net natural gas injections into storage totaled 66 Bcf for the week ending June 22, compared with the five-year (2013-17) average net injection of 72 Bcf and last year's net injections of 48 Bcf during the same week. Net injections averaged 9.6 Bcf/d and will have to average 13.3 Bcf/d for the remainder of the refill season to match the five-year average level (3,815 Bcf) by October 31. Working gas stocks totaled 2,074 Bcf, which is 501 Bcf (19%) lower than the five-year average and 735 Bcf (26%) lower than last year at this time. Temperatures in the Lower 48 states averaged 75 degrees Fahrenheit (°F), 4°F higher than normal and the same as last year at this time. Temperatures were 3°F higher than the level reported for the previous week.
- Total U.S. consumption of natural gas rose by 1% compared with the previous report week, according to data from PointLogic Energy. Natural gas consumed for power generation declined by 3% week over week. Industrial sector consumption increased by 1% week over week. In the residential and commercial sectors, consumption increased by 22%. Natural gas exports to Mexico decreased 3%.
- The natural gas plant liquids composite price at Mont Belvieu, Texas, fell by 3¢, averaging \$8.33/MMBtu for the week ending June 27. The price of propane and isobutane fell by 2% and 7%, respectively. The price of natural gasoline, ethane, and butane rose by 1%, 5%, and 2%, respectively.
- According to Baker Hughes, for the week ending Tuesday, June 19, the natural gas rig count decreased by 6 to 188. The number of oil-directed rigs fell by 1 to 862. The total rig count decreased by 7, and it now stands at 1,052.

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## Monthly NYMEX Natural Gas Settle Price: Aug 2017 - Jun 2018:



## Working natural gas in underground storage as of June 22, 2018

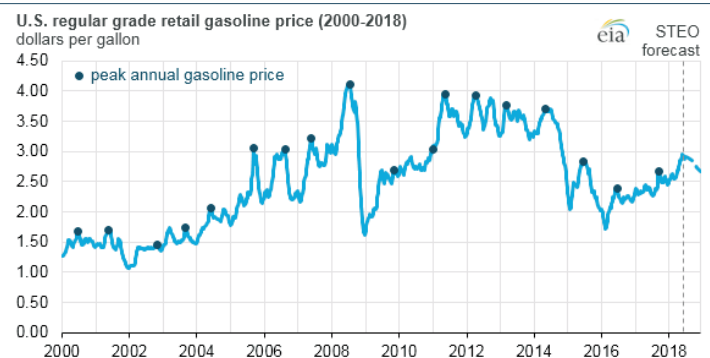



## Forward 12-month NYMEX natural gas strip price - Aug18-Jul19:

Process Load-weighted \$2.941/dth - w/o/w = ▼\$0.018  
 Typical Heat Load-weighted \$3.015/dth - w/o/w = ▼\$0.024

## US 2018 gasoline prices likely have peaked:

US regular-grade retail gasoline prices averaged \$2.89 per gallon (gal) in June, down from a high of \$2.96/gal on May 28. The US Energy Information Administration (EIA) estimates that gasoline prices will remain lower than the May 28 price for the rest of the summer, reaching \$2.84/gal in September. Gasoline prices are often higher in summer months when gasoline demand is higher and when federal and state environmental regulations require the use of summer-grade gasoline, which is more expensive to manufacture. Following the summer, EIA expects gasoline prices to decline to \$2.68/gal by December. Since 2000, gasoline prices have reached their yearly peak during or before June on 10 occasions. In some instances where gasoline prices have peaked after the summer, storms or other outages have driven the increase in prices. For example, supply disruptions and refinery outages in the wake of Hurricane Harvey resulted in gasoline prices peaking in September 2017. EIA's latest Short-Term Energy Outlook noted that the probability of the regular-grade retail price of gasoline reaching or exceeding \$3.00/gal declined from 36% on May 22 to 7% on June 7. These probabilities are calculated using price data from the July gasoline futures contract along with the implied volatility of the corresponding gasoline options contract. The US average regular-grade gasoline price as of June 25 was \$2.83/gal, but US gasoline prices in certain locations have already surpassed \$3.00/gal. In states surveyed for EIA's Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Update, prices range from an average of \$2.55/gal in Ohio to \$3.56/gal in California.



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