

## Newstracker:

-Natural gas spot price movements were mixed for the Report Week of Wednesday, August 26 to Wednesday, September 2. The Henry Hub spot price fell from \$2.51 per million British thermal units (MMBtu) to \$2.19/MMBtu during the Report Week.

-At the New York Mercantile Exchange (Nymex), the September 2020 natural gas futures contract expired Thursday, August 27 at \$2.579/MMBtu. The October 2020 contract price decreased to \$2.486/MMBtu, down 9¢/MMBtu. The price of the 12-month strip averaging October 2020 through September 2021 futures contracts climbed 10¢/MMBtu to \$2.973/MMBtu.

-Net natural gas injections into storage totaled 35 Bcf for the week ending August 28, compared with the five-year (2015-19) average net injections of 66 Bcf and last year's net injections of 77 Bcf during the same week. Working natural gas stocks totaled 3,455 Bcf, which is 407 Bcf (13%) more than the five-year average and 538 Bcf (18%) more than last year at this time.

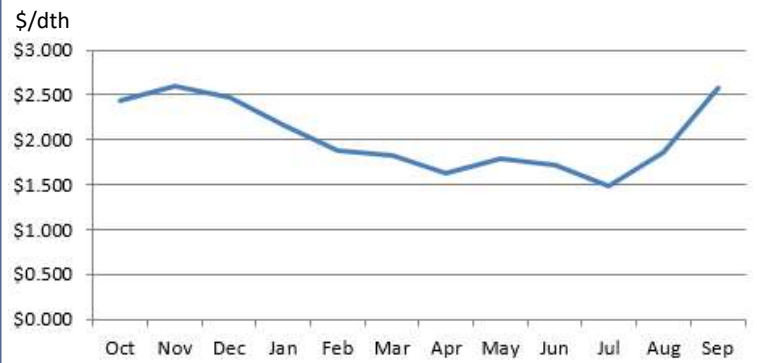
-Total US consumption of natural gas fell by 5.4% compared with the previous report week, according to data from IHS Markit. Natural gas consumed for power generation declined by 7.8% week over week. In the residential and commercial sectors, consumption declined by 5.4%. Industrial sector consumption decreased by 0.5% week over week. Natural gas exports to Mexico decreased 1.4%. Natural gas deliveries to U.S. LNG export facilities (LNG pipeline receipts) averaged 2.8 Bcf/d, which is down by half, or 1.4 Bcf/d lower following Hurricane Laura.

-US LNG exports decreased week over week, as six liquefied LNG vessels with a combined LNG-carrying capacity of 21 Bcf departed the US between August 27 and September 2, 2020, according to shipping data provided by Marine Traffic.

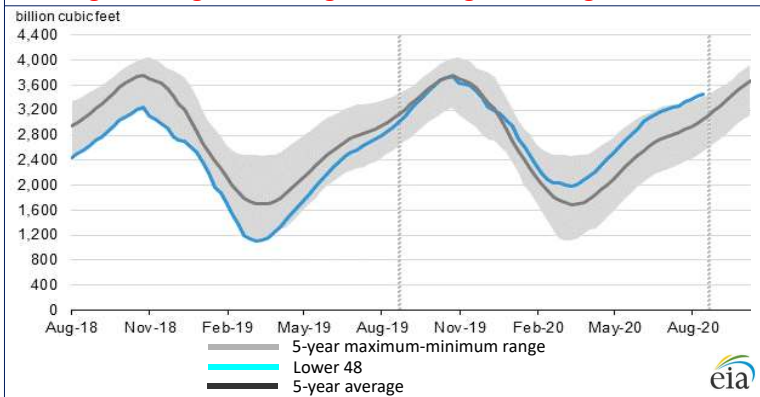
The natural gas plant liquids composite price at Mont Belvieu, Texas, fell by 8¢/MMBtu, averaging \$5.11/MMBtu for the week ending September 2. The price of ethane fell by 9%. The prices of propane, butane, and isobutane rose by 1%, 3%, and 4%, respectively. The price of natural gasoline remained flat week over week.

According to Baker Hughes, for the week ending Tuesday, August 25, the natural gas rig count increased by 3 to 72. The number of oil-directed rigs fell by 3 to 180. The total rig count stayed at 254. Excerpted from eia

## Monthly NYMEX Natural Gas Settle Price: Oct 2019 - Sep 2020:



## Working natural gas in underground storage as of August 28, 2020



## Forward 12-month NYMEX natural gas strip price - Sep20-Aug21:

Process Load-weighted \$2.973/dth - w/o/w = ▲\$0.095  
 Typical Heat Load-weighted \$3.101/dth - w/o/w = ▲\$0.110

## US energy imports and exports were nearly equal in May:

The US exported and imported nearly equal amounts of energy in May 2020. The US had been a net exporter of energy in several months of the past year. Changes in domestic production and declines in global demand for energy since mid-March shifted energy trade balances back in the direction of net imports, especially for US crude oil and petroleum products. Total US energy exports decreased 15% and imports decreased 19% compared with May 2019. Generally, US imports more crude oil than it exports, but it exports more petroleum products, natural gas, and coal than it imports. Trade volumes for other fuels such as biofuels, biomass, electricity, nuclear fuel, and coal coke are relatively small. In 2019, the



US exported more total energy on an annual basis than it imported for the first time in 67 years. US net exports reached a record-high monthly value of 480 trillion Btu in March 2020, but they fell to just 2 trillion Btu in May. US gross exports of crude oil declined to 2.9 million b/d in May 2020, the lowest monthly amount since August 2018. US gross exports of petroleum products in May 2020 decreased 28% from the previous month to 3.9 million b/d, and US gross imports of petroleum products decreased 3% from the previous month to 1.7 million b/d. US natural gas exports by pipeline and as liquefied natural gas (LNG) fell 6% and imports of natural gas decreased 2% from April 2020. US gross coal exports fell 14%, and coal imports, which are proportionately small, increased 36% from April 2020. Excerpted from eia

“Surround yourself with the best people you can find, delegate authority, and don't interfere as long as the policy you've decided upon is being carried out.” -Ronald Reagan<sup>1</sup>