

**Newstracker:**

-Natural gas spot prices rose at most locations from Wednesday, February 16 to Wednesday, February 23 (the Report Week), during which time the Henry Hub spot price rose from \$4.39/MMBtu to \$4.57/MMBtu. Bloomberg Finance, L.P. reports that swap prices for LNG cargos in East Asia for the balance of February fell \$0.43 to a weekly average of \$24.39/MMBtu. At the Title Transfer Facility (TTF) in the Netherlands, the day-ahead prices rose \$1.26 to a weekly average of \$25.72/MMBtu.

-The price of the March 2022 NYMEX natural gas futures contract decreased 9.4 cents to \$4.623/MMBtu for the Report Week. The price of the 12-month strip averaging March 2022 through February 2023 futures contracts climbed 1.6 cents to \$4.742/MMBtu.

-Net natural gas withdrawals from storage totaled 129 Bcf for the week ending February 18, compared with the five-year average net withdrawals of 166 Bcf and last year's net withdrawals of 324 Bcf during the same week.

Working natural gas stocks totaled 1,782 Bcf, which is 214 Bcf (1%) lower than the 5-year average and 209 Bcf (10%) lower than last year at this time.

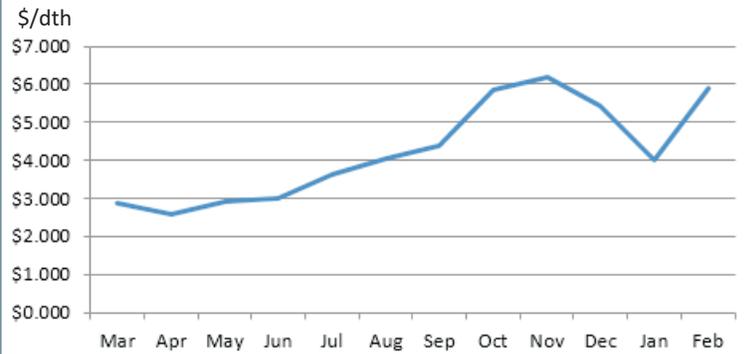
-Total US consumption of natural gas fell by 1.6% (1.4 Bcf/d) to 90.5 Bcf/d compared with the previous Report Week, according to data from IHS Markit. Consumption in the residential and commercial sectors declined the most, decreasing 4.6% (1.9 Bcf/d). Temperatures across the US were mixed this Report Week, with above-average daytime highs in the eastern parts of the country and lower-than-average temperatures in the western and northern parts, according to NOAA. Industrial sector consumption decreased by 1.1% (0.3 Bcf/d), and power generation use climbed by 2.7% (0.7 Bcf/d). Natural gas exports to Mexico increased 1.6% (0.1 Bcf/d), and natural gas deliveries to US LNG export facilities averaged 11.9 Bcf/d, or 0.9 Bcf/d.

-The natural gas plant liquids composite price at Mont Belvieu, Texas, rose by 55 cents/MMBtu, averaging \$11.73/MMBtu for the week ending February 23, with propane prices rising 9%.

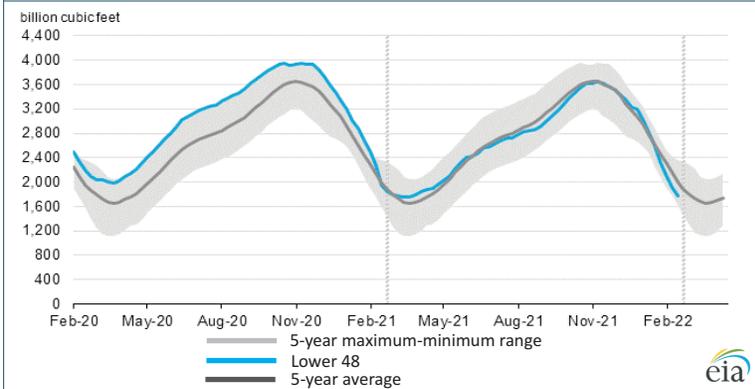
According to Baker Hughes, for the week ending Tuesday, February 15, the natural gas rig count increased by 6 to 124 rigs. The number of oil-directed rigs increased by 4 to 520 rigs. The total rig count now stands at 645, the highest level since April 3, 2020, and 248 rigs more than last year at this time.

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**Monthly NYMEX Natural Gas Settle Price: Mar 2021 - Feb 2022:**



**Working natural gas in underground storage as of Feb 18, 2022**

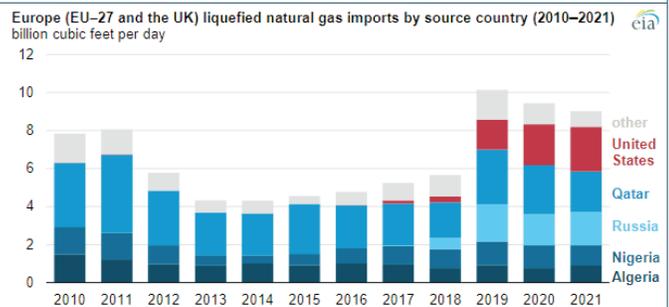


**Forward 12-month NYMEX natural gas strip price - Mar22-Feb23:**

Process Load-weighted \$4.742/dth - w/o/w = ▲ \$0.016  
 Typical Heat Load-weighted \$4.800/dth - w/o/w = ▲ \$0.009

**Three countries provided almost 70% of LNG received in Europe in 2021:**

In 2021, the US, Qatar, and Russia accounted for almost 70% of Europe's total LNG imports. The US became Europe's largest source of LNG in 2021, accounting for 26% of all LNG imported by European Union member countries (EU-27) and the United Kingdom (UK), followed by Qatar with 24%, and Russia with 20%. In January 2022, the US supplied more than half of all LNG imports into Europe for the month. Exports of LNG from the US to EU-27 and the UK increased from 3.4 Bcf/d in November 2021 to 6.5 Bcf/d in January 2022, the most LNG ever shipped to Europe from the US on a monthly basis. LNG exports are the result of both natural gas supply challenges in Europe and the sizable price differences between natural gas produced in the US and current prices at European trading hubs. To meet demand, Europe's natural gas imports, particularly from Russia, have increased in recent years. Pipeline flows of natural gas from Russia decreased during 2021, with EU-27 and UK pipeline receipts falling from 11.8 Bcf/d in 2020, to 10.7 Bcf/d in 2021. More natural gas delivered by pipeline from Norway, which increased from 10.4 Bcf/d in 2019 and in 2020 to 11.1 Bcf/d in 2021, was not enough to offset reduced pipeline receipts from Russia. Supply challenges in the European market have led to rising regional prices for natural gas. The natural gas spot price at the Title Transfer Facility (TTF) in the Netherlands, the most liquid virtual natural gas hub in Europe, has been trading at all-time high levels. The TTF price averaged \$28.52/MMBtu from September 2021 through the first week of February 2022. The TTF price peaked at \$60.20/MMBtu on December 21, 2021. Prior to this sharp price increase, the TTF price had averaged \$9.28/MMBtu from January through August 2021, \$3.28/MMBtu during 2020, \$4.45/MMBtu during 2019, and \$6.45/MMBtu from 2014 through 2018.



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