

Newstracker:

-Natural gas spot prices rose at most locations in the US from Wednesday, November 29, to Wednesday, December 6 (the Report Week), during which the Henry Hub spot price rose 3 cents to \$2.73/MMBtu.


-For the Report Week, the January 2023 NYMEX contract price decreased 23.5 cents to \$2.569/MMBtu. The price of the 12-month strip averaging January 2024 through December 2024 futures contracts fell 23.8 cents to \$2.746/MMBtu. International natural gas futures prices decreased this Report Week, with LNG cargoes in East Asia falling 47 cents to a weekly average of \$16.10/MMBtu, and prices at TTF in the Netherlands decreasing \$1.06 to a weekly average of \$12.91/MMBtu. In the same week last year, prices were \$32.98/MMBtu in East Asia and \$42.95/MMBtu at TTF.

-Total US consumption of natural gas fell by 9.4% (9.3 Bcf/d) compared with the previous Report Week, as warmer temperatures across most of the Lower 48 states reduced demand for space heating. Natural gas consumed for power generation declined by 2.4% (0.8 Bcf/d) week over week, and industrial sector consumption decreased by 2.8% (0.7 Bcf/d). Residential and commercial sector consumption declined by 19.2% (7.8 Bcf/d). Natural gas exports to Mexico increased 5.6% (0.3 Bcf/d). Natural gas deliveries to US LNG export facilities averaged 14.1 Bcf/d, or 0.2 Bcf/d lower than last week.

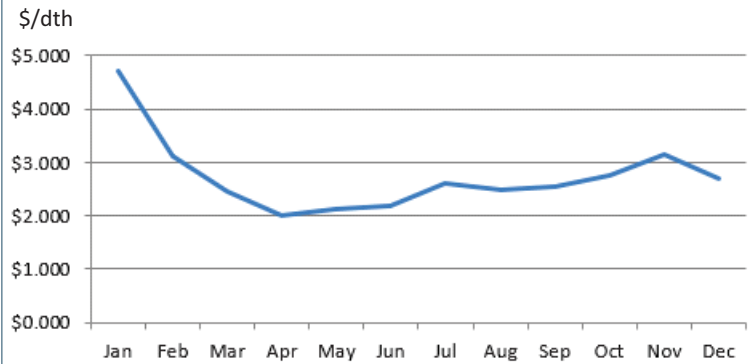
-The natural gas plant liquids composite price at Mont Belvieu, Texas, rose by 19 cents/MMBtu, averaging \$6.92/MMBtu for the week ending December 6. The average weekly propane price rose 9%, while the Brent crude oil price fell 4%, with the propane discount relative to crude oil decreasing 17%.

-For the week ending Tuesday, November 28, the natural gas rig count decreased by 1 rig to 116 rigs. The number of oil-directed rigs rose by 5 rigs to 505 rigs. The total rig count, which includes 4 miscellaneous rigs, increased by 3 and now stands at 625 rigs, 159 rigs fewer than last year at this time.

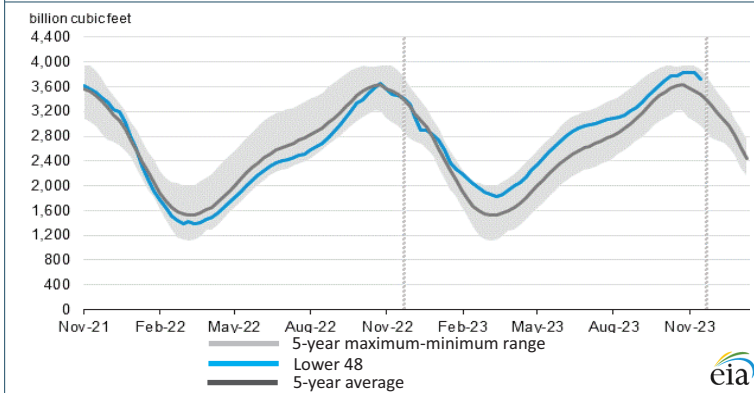
-Net natural gas withdrawals from storage totaled 117 Bcf for the week ending December 1, compared with the five-year average net withdrawals of 48 Bcf and last year's net withdrawals of 30 Bcf during the same week. Working natural gas stocks totaled 3,719 Bcf, which is 234 Bcf (7%) more than the five-year average and 254 Bcf (7%) more than last year at this time.

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Monthly NYMEX Natural Gas Settle Price: Jan 2023 - Dec 2023:



Working natural gas in underground storage as of Dec. 1, 2023



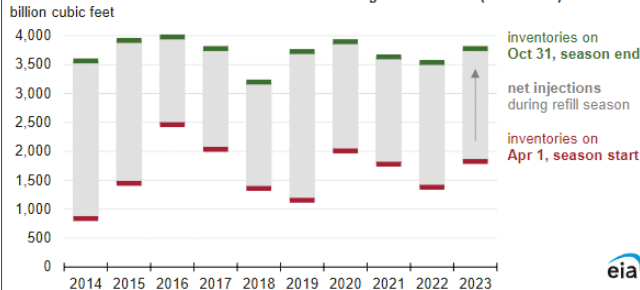
Forward 12-month NYMEX natural gas strip price - Jan24-Dec24:

Process Load-weighted \$2.746/dth - w/o/w = ▼\$0.238
 Typical Heat Load-weighted \$2.774/dth - w/o/w = ▼\$0.249


The US begins the winter with the most natural gas in storage since 2020:

Working natural gas in storage in the Lower 48 United States ended the natural gas injection season at 3,776 billion cubic feet (Bcf). The Lower 48 states will enter the winter heating season, which runs from November 1–March 30, with the most natural gas in storage since 2020. In addition, the US now has 5% more natural gas in inventories entering the winter heating season than the previous five-year (2018–22) average, and 7% more than last October 31. The large volume of gas in storage today is partially the result of a mild 2022–23 heating season. Working natural gas inventories totaled 1,823 Bcf on April 1, 2023, or 19% more than the average US April 1 total for the previous five years. Relatively full inventories at the start of the summer injection season means that storage operators can reach their end-of-season targets with smaller natural gas injections. Net additions to working US natural gas inventories totaled 1,953 Bcf during the injection season, about 5% less than the five-year average and 9% less than in 2022. US natural gas inventories climbed quickly in the spring and early summer. During that time, net injections of natural gas into storage exceeded the five-year average as the storage surplus grew from 298 Bcf on March 31 and peaked at 370 Bcf during the week ending June 30. For the next 11 consecutive weeks, net injections were below the five-year average, reaching a low of 163 Bcf during the week ending October 6. Although the end of the US natural gas storage injection season is traditionally defined as October 31, net injections often occur in November. Working natural gas storage peaked at 3,836 Bcf in 2023, during the week ending November 24—303 Bcf above the five-year average.

Annual Lower 48 states end-of-refill season natural gas inventories (2014–2023)





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"If anything goes bad, I did it. If anything goes semi-good, we did it. If anything goes really good, then you did it.

That's all it takes to get people to win football games for you." - Bear Bryant¹

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