

Newstracker:

-US natural gas spot prices were mixed at most major pricing locations from Wednesday, August 12, to Wednesday, August 19 (the Report Week), during which the Henry Hub spot price rose 12 cents to \$2.94/MMBtu.

-The price of the September 2026 NYMEX natural gas futures contract decreased 1 cent to \$2.814/MMBtu for the Report Week. The price of the 12-month strip averaging September 2026 through August 2027 futures fell 6 cents to \$3.144/MMBtu. International natural gas futures prices increased this Report Week. LNG prices at TTF for Europe rose \$1.36 to \$21.11. This week's average TTF price was the highest since the week ending January 11, 2023 (\$22.02/MMBtu). LNG prices at JKM for East Asia increased \$0.41 to \$21.60/MMBtu.

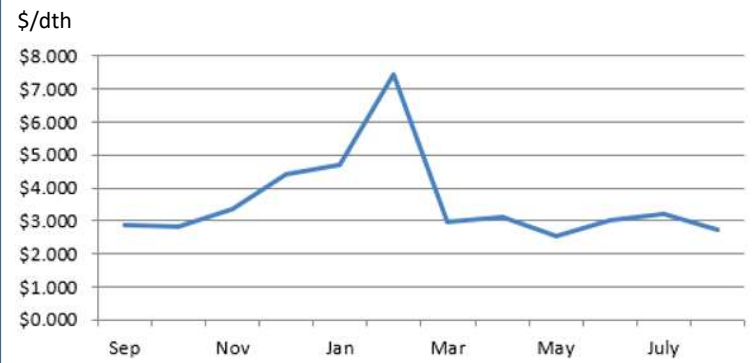
-Temperatures remained well above average across the Southeast. The region averaged 85 more cooling degree days (CDD) than the previous week and 149 CDD above normal. Consequently, natural gas prices surged, with Florida Gas Zone 3 reaching \$5.11/MMBtu yesterday. Several hubs across South Louisiana and the Southeast traded above \$4.00/MMBtu and \$5.00/MMBtu. Driven by the extreme heat, electric power sector consumption of natural gas in the Atlantic Coast region grew by 9.2% (0.7 Bcf/d). To meet this increased demand, net natural gas flows into the region rose by 8.2% (0.9 Bcf/d) for the week.

-The LNG-carrying capacity of vessels departing US ports was 129 Bcf, down 5 Bcf from the previous week. Thirty-four LNG vessels left U.S. ports, down two vessels from the previous week.

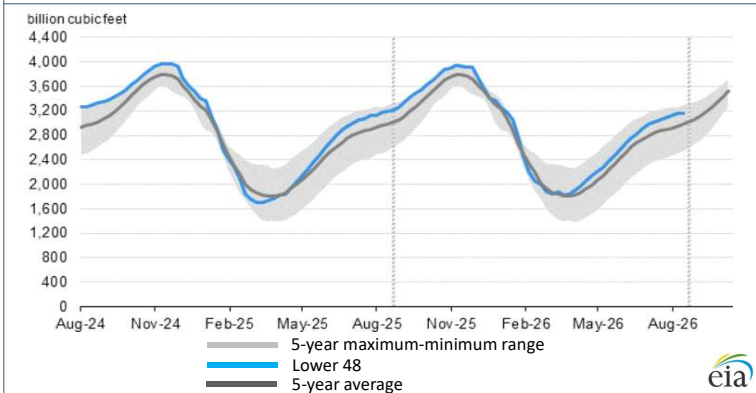
-Net natural gas injections into storage totaled 16 Bcf for the week ending August 14, compared with the five-year (2021–2025) average net injections of 29 Bcf and last year's net injections of 19 Bcf during the same week.

Working natural gas stocks totaled 3,169 Bcf as of Friday, August 14, 2026. Stocks were 185 Bcf (6%) more than the five-year average and 28 Bcf (1%) lower than last year at this time. The average rate of injections into storage is 11% higher than the five-year average so far in the refill season (April through October). If the rate of injections into storage matched the five-year average of 9.9 Bcf/d for the remainder of the refill season, the total inventory would be 3,938 Bcf on October 31, which is 185 Bcf higher than the five-year average of 3,753 Bcf for that time of year. Excerpted from eia

Monthly NYMEX Natural Gas Settle Price: Sep 2025 - Aug 2026:



Working natural gas in underground storage as of Aug 14, 2026

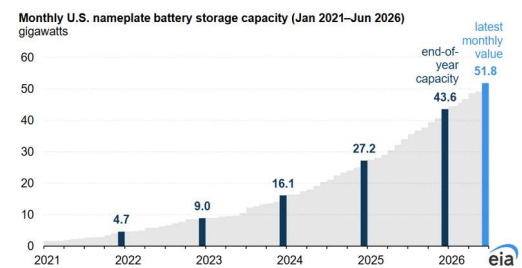


Forward 12-month NYMEX natural gas strip price - Sep26-Aug27:

Process Load-weighted \$3.140/dth - w/o/w = ▼\$0.059
Typical Heat Load-weighted \$3.292/dth - w/o/w = ▼\$0.084

Battery storage capacity averaged 70% growth over the last three years:

Utility-scale battery storage capacity in the United States increased significantly during the last three years, with an annual average growth rate of 70%. By the end of 2025, the U.S. power system had operational battery storage capacity of 43.6 gigawatts (GW). During the first six months of 2026, operators added another 8.3 GW of battery storage capacity, reaching nearly 52 GW of nameplate battery storage capacity. Operators anticipate bringing an additional 54 GW of battery storage capacity online over the next two and half years, according to plans they report to us. Plans for additional capacity coming online in the second half of this year total 14 GW. Operators currently plan to add 26 GW in 2027 and 14 GW in 2028. Solar photovoltaic (PV) plants host the largest battery storage capacity units. The Bellefield Solar and Energy Storage Farm, which began operations in December 2025, couples 500 megawatts (MW) of photovoltaic capacity with 500 MW of nameplate power storage for the California Independent System Operator (CAISO). Plans for the Bellefield facility call for a doubling of the PV and storage capacity of the facility and for the new capacity to be operational by November this year. If those plans materialize, the facility will become the largest power storage facility in the United States. The Manatee Solar Energy Center in Florida, operational since 2021, has 75 MW of solar capacity and 409 MW of battery storage capacity; it is the second-largest battery storage project. The Gemini Solar Hybrid in the state of Nevada has 690 MW of photovoltaic capacity along with power storage capacity of 380 MW, which became operational in 2024. Solar photovoltaic and storage facilities enable operators to store power when wholesale electricity prices are low and discharge electricity when prices are high, allowing power producers to capture larger profits.



“Having children is like having a bowling alley installed in your brain.” -Martin Mull¹

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