

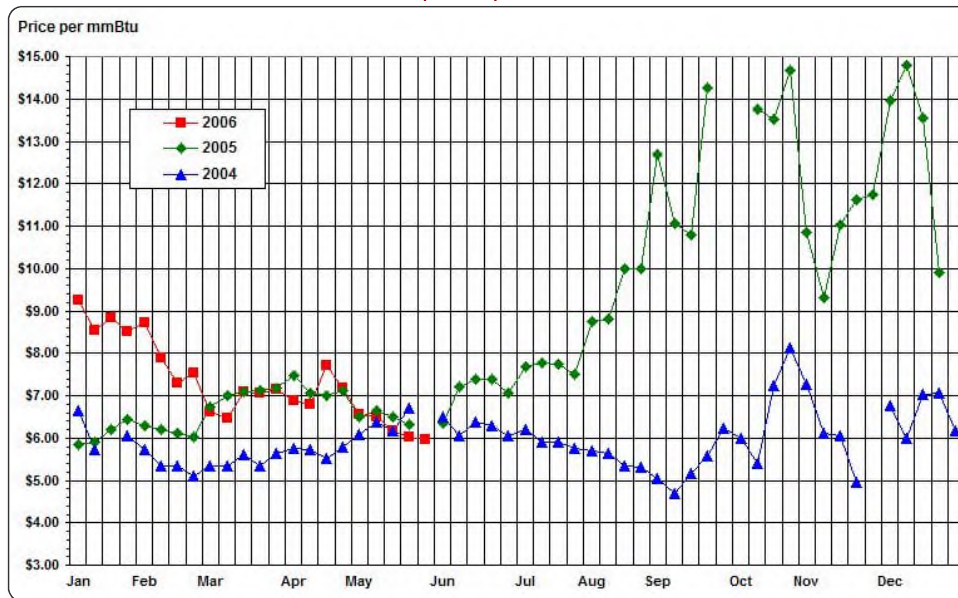
Henry Hub Natural Gas Spot Prices 2006

Prices fell on Thursday and Friday (May 25 and 26) due to mild weather and the anticipation of a decrease in industrial load over the Memorial Day holiday weekend. The return of industrial demand to more normal levels after the holiday weekend and higher temperatures put upward pressure on prices on Tuesday (May 30). On May 31, the Henry Hub natural gas [spot price](#) had fallen four cents per million [British thermal units](#) (mmBtu), or less than one percent, since last Wednesday to \$5.97. This Wednesday's price of \$5.97 was 34 cents lower than the price of \$6.31 per mmBtu on May 31, 2005.

The amount of natural gas in storage in the East Region increased 4.5 percent to 1,169 billion cubic feet for the week ending May 26, which was 400 billion cubic feet above the five-year average. Nebraska is a part of the [East Region](#) (see [map](#)) which is a major natural gas consumer, particularly in the [residential](#) and [commercial](#) sectors. The [industrial](#) sector, which includes agriculture, is also a major consumer in this state. Most of the gas is supplied from the [Producing Region](#) with a fair amount imported from Canada. The Henry Hub in southern Louisiana is a major market center with interconnections for many of the pipelines that transport U.S.-produced gas to the East Region. Furthermore, the Henry Hub is the preferred reference point for prices for most of the domestic gas destined for the East. Therefore, market conditions and developments in the East Region and price movements and trends at the Henry Hub are usually highly correlated.

Notes: An [archive](#) is available. Divide the price by ten (10) to obtain the price per hundred cubic feet ([ccf](#)) or the approximate price per [therm](#).

**Natural Gas Spot Prices at the Henry Hub
2004, 2005, and 2006**



**Natural Gas Spot Prices at the Henry Hub 2006
[Price per Million [British Thermal Units](#) (mmBtu)]**

Day	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1		\$8.71	\$6.62		\$6.54	NA		NA	NA		NA	NA
2	Holiday	\$8.00	\$6.69		\$6.68	NA		NA		NA	NA	
3	\$9.91	\$8.01	\$6.59	\$7.05	\$6.56		NA	NA		NA	NA	
4	\$9.25			\$7.02	\$6.46		NA	NA	NA	NA		NA
5	\$9.23			\$6.88	\$6.80	NA	NA		NA	NA		NA
6	\$9.28	\$8.26	\$6.49	\$7.05		NA	NA		NA	NA	NA	NA
7		\$7.73	\$6.53	\$6.80		NA	NA	NA	NA		NA	NA
8		\$7.88	\$6.48		\$6.54	NA		NA	NA		NA	NA
9	\$8.80	\$7.56	\$6.31		\$6.56	NA		NA		NA	NA	
10	\$8.60	\$7.56	\$6.40	\$6.83	\$6.50		NA	NA		NA	NA	
11	\$8.55			\$6.99	\$6.81		NA	NA	NA	NA		NA
12	\$8.70			\$6.79	\$6.35	NA	NA		NA	NA		NA
13	\$8.53	\$7.36	\$6.76	\$6.67		NA	NA		NA	NA	NA	NA
14		\$7.03	\$7.14	Holiday		NA	NA	NA	NA		NA	NA
15		\$7.31	\$7.10		\$5.92	NA		NA	NA		NA	NA
16	Holiday	\$7.16	\$7.12		\$5.99	NA		NA		NA	NA	
17	\$8.81	\$7.38	\$7.17	\$7.22	\$6.16		NA	NA		NA	NA	
18	\$8.85			\$7.61	\$5.78		NA	NA	NA	NA		NA

Note: NA = Not available.

Day	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
19	\$8.21			\$7.72	\$5.77	NA	NA		NA	NA		NA
20	\$8.78	Holiday	\$7.00	\$7.96		NA	NA		NA	NA	NA	NA
21		\$7.40	\$6.83	\$7.64		NA	NA	NA	NA		NA	NA
22		\$7.54	\$7.07		\$5.90	NA		NA	NA		NA	NA
23	\$8.29	\$7.23	\$7.16		\$6.27	NA		NA		NA	NA	
24	\$8.25	\$7.40	\$7.43	\$7.73	\$6.01		NA	NA		NA	NA	
25	\$8.50			\$7.37	\$5.86		NA	NA	NA	NA		NA
26	\$7.85			\$7.18	\$5.78	NA	NA		NA	NA		NA
27	\$8.18	\$6.97	\$7.06	\$6.93		NA	NA		NA	NA	NA	NA
28		\$6.68	\$7.15	\$6.65		NA	NA	NA	NA		NA	NA
29			\$7.16		Holiday	NA		NA	NA		NA	NA
30	\$8.35		\$7.18		\$6.21	NA		NA		NA	NA	
31	\$8.73		\$6.98		\$5.97		NA	NA		NA		

Note: NA = Not available.

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