

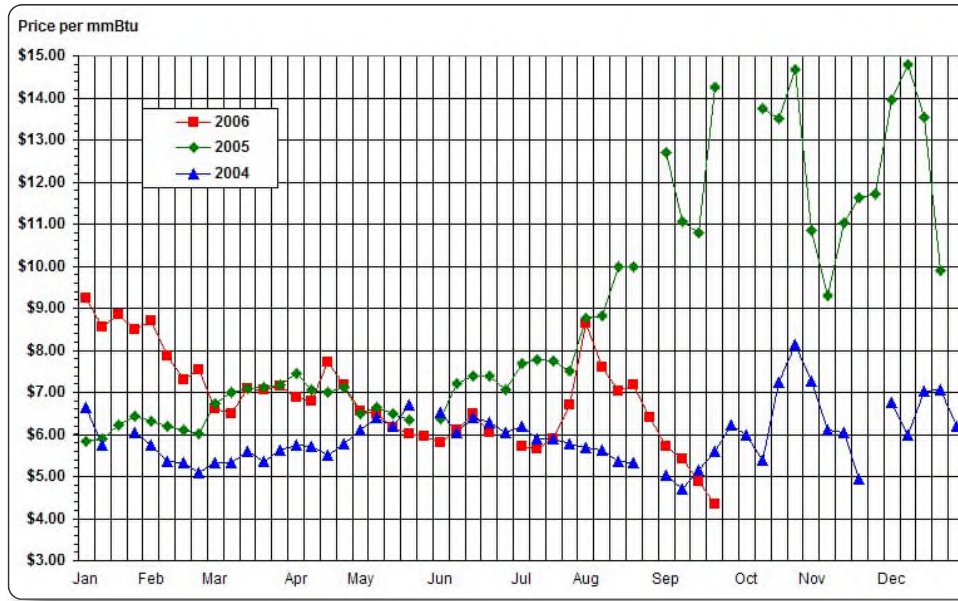
Henry Hub Natural Gas Spot Prices 2006

Moderate temperatures, high storage levels, and a lack of hurricane activity contributed to lower spot prices this week. On September 27, the Henry Hub natural gas [spot price](#) was \$4.35 per million [British thermal units](#) (mmBtu), which was 52 cents or 10.7 percent less than the price of \$4.87 last Wednesday.

The amount of natural gas in storage in the East Region increased 2.1 percent to 1,874 billion cubic feet for the week ending September 22, which was 176 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	\$6.24		\$8.67	\$5.25		NA	NA
2	Holiday	\$8.00	\$6.69		\$6.68	\$6.23		\$8.65		NA	NA	
3	\$9.91	\$8.01	\$6.59	\$7.05	\$6.56		Holiday	\$7.61		NA	NA	
4	\$9.25			\$7.02	\$6.46		Holiday	\$7.44	Holiday	NA		NA
5	\$9.23			\$6.88	\$6.80	\$6.41	\$5.71		\$5.46	NA		NA
6	\$9.28	\$8.26	\$6.49	\$7.05		\$6.16	\$5.28		\$5.73	NA	NA	NA
7		\$7.73	\$6.53	\$6.80		\$5.82	\$5.18	\$6.98	\$5.64		NA	NA
8		\$7.88	\$6.48		\$6.54	\$5.85		\$7.06	\$5.32		NA	NA
9	\$8.80	\$7.56	\$6.31		\$6.56	\$6.10		\$7.59		NA	NA	NA
10	\$8.60	\$7.56	\$6.40	\$6.83	\$6.50		\$5.32	\$7.95		NA	NA	NA
11	\$8.55			\$6.99	\$6.81		\$5.52	\$7.54	\$5.29	NA		NA
12	\$8.70			\$6.79	\$6.35	\$6.02	\$5.65		\$5.57	NA		NA
13	\$8.53	\$7.36	\$6.76	\$6.67		\$5.95	\$5.93		\$5.41	NA	NA	NA
14		\$7.03	\$7.14	Holiday		\$6.09	\$6.28	\$6.89	\$5.08		NA	NA
15		\$7.31	\$7.10		\$5.92	\$6.43		\$6.90	\$4.40		NA	NA
16	Holiday	\$7.16	\$7.12		\$5.99	\$7.04		\$7.02		NA	NA	
17	\$8.81	\$7.38	\$7.17	\$7.22	\$6.16		\$6.27	\$6.73		NA	NA	
18	\$8.85			\$7.61	\$5.78		\$6.02	\$6.67	\$5.03	NA		NA
19	\$8.21			\$7.72	\$5.77	\$6.71	\$5.89		\$4.98	NA		NA
20	\$8.78	Holiday	\$7.00	\$7.96		\$6.62	\$6.15		\$4.87	NA	NA	NA

Note: NA = Not available.

Day	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
21		\$7.40	\$6.83	\$7.64		\$6.50	\$5.90	\$6.71	\$4.65		NA	NA
22		\$7.54	\$7.07		\$5.90	\$6.51		\$6.86	\$4.47		NA	NA
23	\$8.29	\$7.23	\$7.16		\$6.27	\$6.14		\$7.19		NA	NA	
24	\$8.25	\$7.40	\$7.43	\$7.73	\$6.01		\$6.33	\$7.21		NA	NA	
25	\$8.50			\$7.37	\$5.86		\$6.78	\$7.49	\$4.31	NA		NA
26	\$7.85			\$7.18	\$5.78	\$5.89	\$6.71		\$4.36	NA		NA
27	\$8.18	\$6.97	\$7.06	\$6.93		\$5.97	\$7.03		\$4.35	NA	NA	NA
28		\$6.68	\$7.15	\$6.65		\$6.04	\$7.25	\$6.50	NA		NA	NA
29			\$7.16		Holiday	\$6.09		\$6.24	NA		NA	NA
30	\$8.35		\$7.18		\$6.21	\$5.83		\$6.40		NA	NA	
31	\$8.73		\$6.98		\$5.97		\$8.05	\$5.82		NA		

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Sources: *Natural Gas Weekly Update*. Energy Information Administration, Washington, DC. Nebraska Energy Office, Lincoln, NE.

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Typically, there is one week between updates.