

Henry Hub Natural Gas Spot Prices 2006

Prices were up and down during the week as cold temperatures contributed to increased heating demand for natural gas. On December 6, the Henry Hub natural gas [spot price](#) was \$7.34 per million [British thermal units](#) (mmBtu), which was 41 cents, or 5.3 percent, lower than the price of \$7.75 last Wednesday. This Wednesday's price of \$7.34 was 47 percent lower than the price of \$13.95 per mmBtu on the first Wednesday in December, 2005.

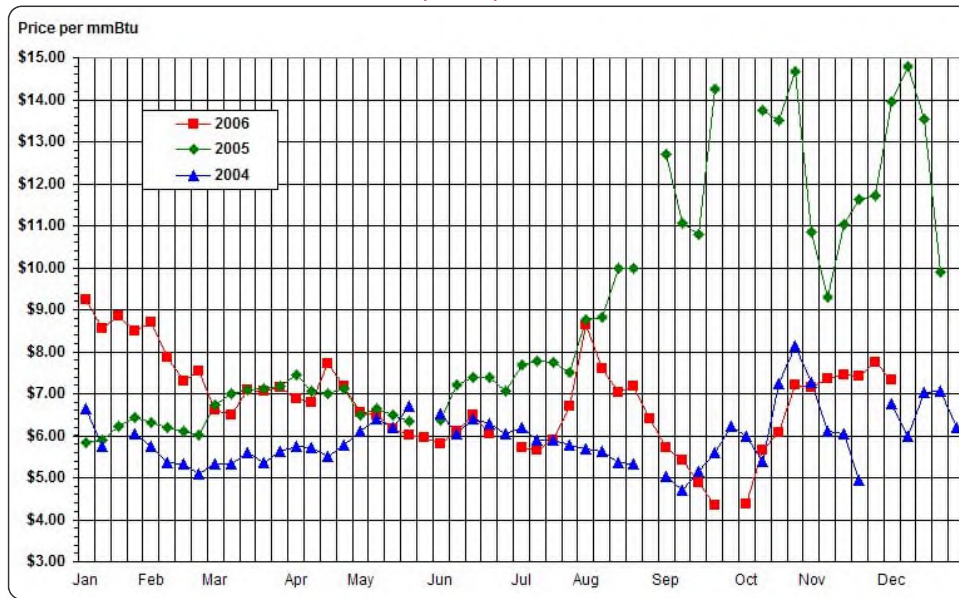
The amount of natural gas in storage in the East Region increased 0.5 percent to 1,946 billion cubic feet for the week ending December 1, which was 109 billion cubic feet above the five-year average. Nebraska is a part of the [East Region](#) (see [map](#)) which is a major natural gas consumer, particularly 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](#).



A general rule of thumb: Add three dollars to the Henry Hub spot price to estimate the residential natural gas price. Likewise, add 30 cents if you have already converted the price from British thermal units to ccf or therms.

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 | | \$7.16 | \$8.43 |
| 2 | Holiday | \$8.00 | \$6.69 | | \$6.68 | \$6.23 | | \$8.65 | | \$4.11 | \$7.30 | |
| 3 | \$9.91 | \$8.01 | \$6.59 | \$7.05 | \$6.56 | | Holiday | \$7.61 | | \$4.01 | \$7.41 | |
| 4 | \$9.25 | | | \$7.02 | \$6.46 | | Holiday | \$7.44 | Holiday | \$4.37 | | \$7.84 |
| 5 | \$9.23 | | | \$6.88 | \$6.80 | \$6.41 | \$5.71 | | \$5.46 | \$4.68 | | \$7.32 |
| 6 | \$9.28 | \$8.26 | \$6.49 | \$7.05 | | \$6.16 | \$5.28 | | \$5.73 | \$4.40 | \$6.72 | \$7.34 |
| 7 | | \$7.73 | \$6.53 | \$6.80 | | \$5.82 | \$5.18 | \$6.98 | \$5.64 | | \$6.61 | NA |
| 8 | | \$7.88 | \$6.48 | | \$6.54 | \$5.85 | | \$7.06 | \$5.32 | | \$7.37 | NA |
| 9 | \$8.80 | \$7.56 | \$6.31 | | \$6.56 | \$6.10 | | \$7.59 | | \$5.06 | \$7.35 | |
| 10 | \$8.60 | \$7.56 | \$6.40 | \$6.83 | \$6.50 | | \$5.32 | \$7.95 | | \$5.16 | \$7.17 | |
| 11 | \$8.55 | | | \$6.99 | \$6.81 | | \$5.52 | \$7.54 | \$5.29 | \$5.65 | | NA |
| 12 | \$8.70 | | | \$6.79 | \$6.35 | \$6.02 | \$5.65 | | \$5.57 | \$5.16 | | NA |
| 13 | \$8.53 | \$7.36 | \$6.76 | \$6.67 | | \$5.95 | \$5.93 | | \$5.41 | \$4.30 | \$7.26 | NA |
| 14 | | \$7.03 | \$7.14 | Holiday | | \$6.09 | \$6.28 | \$6.89 | \$5.08 | | \$7.42 | NA |

Note: NA = Not available.

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| 15 | | \$7.31 | \$7.10 | | \$5.92 | \$6.43 | | \$6.90 | \$4.40 | | \$7.45 | NA |
| 16 | Holiday | \$7.16 | \$7.12 | | \$5.99 | \$7.04 | | \$7.02 | | \$5.13 | \$7.59 | |
| 17 | \$8.81 | \$7.38 | \$7.17 | \$7.22 | \$6.16 | | \$6.27 | \$6.73 | | \$6.26 | \$7.23 | |
| 18 | \$8.85 | | | \$7.61 | \$5.78 | | \$6.02 | \$6.67 | \$5.03 | \$6.07 | | NA |
| 19 | \$8.21 | | | \$7.72 | \$5.77 | \$6.71 | \$5.89 | | \$4.98 | \$6.76 | | NA |
| 20 | \$8.78 | Holiday | \$7.00 | \$7.96 | | \$6.62 | \$6.15 | | \$4.87 | \$6.88 | \$7.79 | NA |
| 21 | | \$7.40 | \$6.83 | \$7.64 | | \$6.50 | \$5.90 | \$6.71 | \$4.65 | | \$7.57 | NA |
| 22 | | \$7.54 | \$7.07 | | \$5.90 | \$6.51 | | \$6.86 | \$4.47 | | \$7.41 | NA |
| 23 | \$8.29 | \$7.23 | \$7.16 | | \$6.27 | \$6.14 | | \$7.19 | | \$7.29 | Holiday | |
| 24 | \$8.25 | \$7.40 | \$7.43 | \$7.73 | \$6.01 | | \$6.33 | \$7.21 | | \$7.13 | Closed | |
| 25 | \$8.50 | | | \$7.37 | \$5.86 | | \$6.78 | \$7.49 | \$4.31 | \$7.20 | | NA |
| 26 | \$7.85 | | | \$7.18 | \$5.78 | \$5.89 | \$6.71 | | \$4.36 | \$7.91 | | NA |
| 27 | \$8.18 | \$6.97 | \$7.06 | \$6.93 | | \$5.97 | \$7.03 | | \$4.35 | \$7.41 | \$7.54 | NA |
| 28 | | \$6.68 | \$7.15 | \$6.65 | | \$6.04 | \$7.25 | \$6.50 | \$4.16 | | \$7.61 | NA |
| 29 | | | \$7.16 | | Holiday | \$6.09 | | \$6.24 | \$3.66 | | \$7.75 | NA |
| 30 | \$8.35 | | \$7.18 | | \$6.21 | \$5.83 | | \$6.40 | | \$6.99 | \$8.33 | |
| 31 | \$8.73 | | \$6.98 | | \$5.97 | | \$8.05 | \$5.82 | | \$6.65 | | |

Note: NA = Not available.

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.