

Henry Hub Natural Gas Spot Prices 2006

Warmer-than-normal weather and higher-than-average inventory levels of natural gas contributed to lower prices this week. On December 13, the Henry Hub natural gas [spot price](#) was \$7.21 per million [British thermal units](#) (mmBtu), which was 13 cents, or 1.8 percent, lower than the price of \$7.34 last Wednesday. This Wednesday's price of \$7.21 was 51 percent lower than the price of \$14.80 per mmBtu on the second Wednesday in December, 2005.

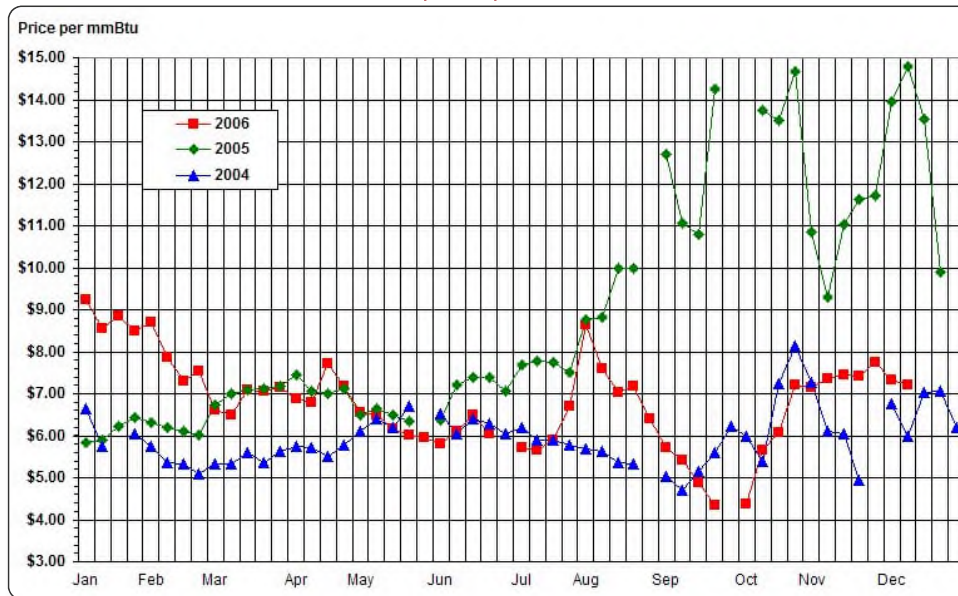
The amount of natural gas in storage in the East Region decreased 4.8 percent to 1,853 billion cubic feet for the week ending December 8, which was 84 billion cubic feet above the five-year average. Nebraska is a part of the [East Region](#) (see [map](#)) which is a major natural gas consumer, particularly 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	\$7.60
8		\$7.88	\$6.48		\$6.54	\$5.85		\$7.06	\$5.32		\$7.37	\$7.43
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		\$6.79
12	\$8.70			\$6.79	\$6.35	\$6.02	\$5.65		\$5.57	\$5.16		\$6.94
13	\$8.53	\$7.36	\$6.76	\$6.67		\$5.95	\$5.93		\$5.41	\$4.30	\$7.26	\$7.21
14		\$7.03	\$7.14	Holiday		\$6.09	\$6.28	\$6.89	\$5.08		\$7.42	NA

Note: NA = Not available.

Day	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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		

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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.