

## Henry Hub Natural Gas Spot Prices 2006

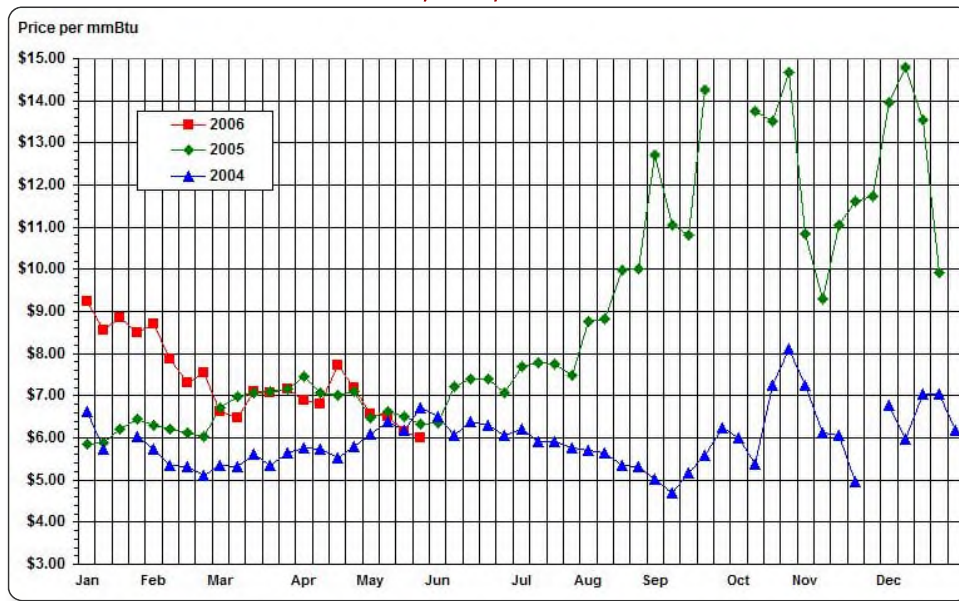
Mild temperatures and adequate supplies of natural gas in storage pushed prices down this week. The Henry Hub natural gas [spot price](#) decreased 15 cents per million [British thermal units](#) (mmBtu), or over two percent, since last Wednesday to \$6.01 on May 24. This Wednesday's price of \$6.01 was 32 cents lower than the price of \$6.33 per mmBtu on the fourth Wednesday of May 2005.

The Minerals Management Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior issued their final report on [shut-in](#) natural gas production in the Gulf of Mexico. As of Wednesday, May 3, shut-in production was 1.295 billion cubic feet per day.

The amount of natural gas in storage in the East Region increased 4.8 percent to 1,119 billion cubic feet for the week ending May 19, which was 406 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	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	NA
17	\$8.81	\$7.38	\$7.17	\$7.22	\$6.16		NA	NA		NA	NA	

Note: NA = Not available.

Day	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
18	\$8.85			\$7.61	\$5.78		NA	NA	NA	NA		NA
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	NA		NA	NA	NA	NA		NA
26	\$7.85			\$7.18	NA	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		NA	NA		NA	NA		NA	NA
30	\$8.35		\$7.18		NA	NA		NA		NA	NA	
31	\$8.73		\$6.98		NA		NA	NA		NA		

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

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