

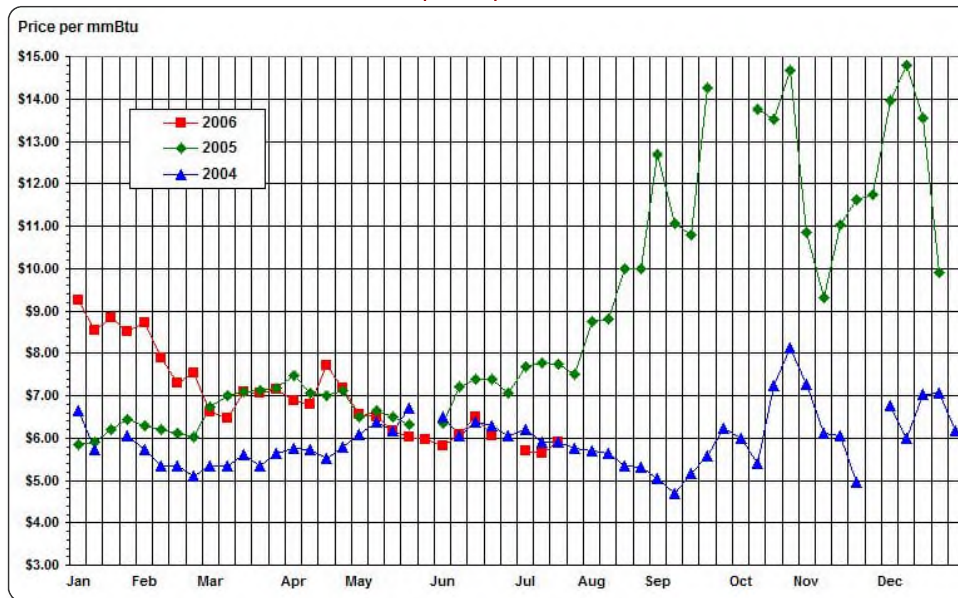
Henry Hub Natural Gas Spot Prices 2006

This week, hot temperatures pushed cooling load upward which contributed to a price hike. On July 19, the Henry Hub natural gas [spot price](#) was \$5.89 per million [British thermal units](#) (mmBtu), which was 24 cents or 4.3 percent more than the price of \$5.65 last Wednesday. This Wednesday's price of \$5.89 was \$1.86 lower than the price of \$7.75 per mmBtu on the third Wednesday in July, 2005. This year's lower price level reflects an improved natural gas supply situation compared to last year owing in part to the level of working gas in storage and also to the absence of hurricane activity in the Gulf of Mexico this year.

The amount of natural gas in storage in the East Region increased 3.1 percent to 1,509 billion cubic feet for the week ending July 14, which was 313 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		NA	NA		NA	NA
2	Holiday	\$8.00	\$6.69		\$6.68	\$6.23		NA		NA	NA	
3	\$9.91	\$8.01	\$6.59	\$7.05	\$6.56		Holiday	NA		NA	NA	
4	\$9.25			\$7.02	\$6.46		Holiday	NA	NA	NA		NA
5	\$9.23			\$6.88	\$6.80	\$6.41	\$5.71		NA	NA		NA
6	\$9.28	\$8.26	\$6.49	\$7.05		\$6.16	\$5.28		NA	NA	NA	NA
7		\$7.73	\$6.53	\$6.80		\$5.82	\$5.18	NA	NA		NA	NA
8		\$7.88	\$6.48		\$6.54	\$5.85		NA	NA		NA	NA
9	\$8.80	\$7.56	\$6.31		\$6.56	\$6.10		NA		NA	NA	
10	\$8.60	\$7.56	\$6.40	\$6.83	\$6.50		\$5.32	NA		NA	NA	
11	\$8.55			\$6.99	\$6.81		\$5.52	NA	NA	NA		NA
12	\$8.70			\$6.79	\$6.35	\$6.02	\$5.65		NA	NA		NA
13	\$8.53	\$7.36	\$6.76	\$6.67		\$5.95	\$5.93		NA	NA	NA	NA
14		\$7.03	\$7.14	Holiday		\$6.09	\$6.28	NA	NA		NA	NA
15		\$7.31	\$7.10		\$5.92	\$6.43		NA	NA		NA	NA
16	Holiday	\$7.16	\$7.12		\$5.99	\$7.04		NA		NA	NA	
17	\$8.81	\$7.38	\$7.17	\$7.22	\$6.16		\$6.27	NA		NA	NA	
18	\$8.85			\$7.61	\$5.78		\$6.02	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	\$6.71	\$5.89		NA	NA		NA
20	\$8.78	Holiday	\$7.00	\$7.96		\$6.62	NA		NA	NA	NA	NA
21		\$7.40	\$6.83	\$7.64		\$6.50	NA	NA	NA		NA	NA
22		\$7.54	\$7.07		\$5.90	\$6.51		NA	NA		NA	NA
23	\$8.29	\$7.23	\$7.16		\$6.27	\$6.14		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	\$5.89	NA		NA	NA		NA
27	\$8.18	\$6.97	\$7.06	\$6.93		\$5.97	NA		NA	NA	NA	NA
28		\$6.68	\$7.15	\$6.65		\$6.04	NA	NA	NA		NA	NA
29			\$7.16		Holiday	\$6.09		NA	NA		NA	NA
30	\$8.35		\$7.18		\$6.21	\$5.83		NA		NA	NA	
31	\$8.73		\$6.98		\$5.97		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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