

Henry Hub Natural Gas Spot Prices 2009

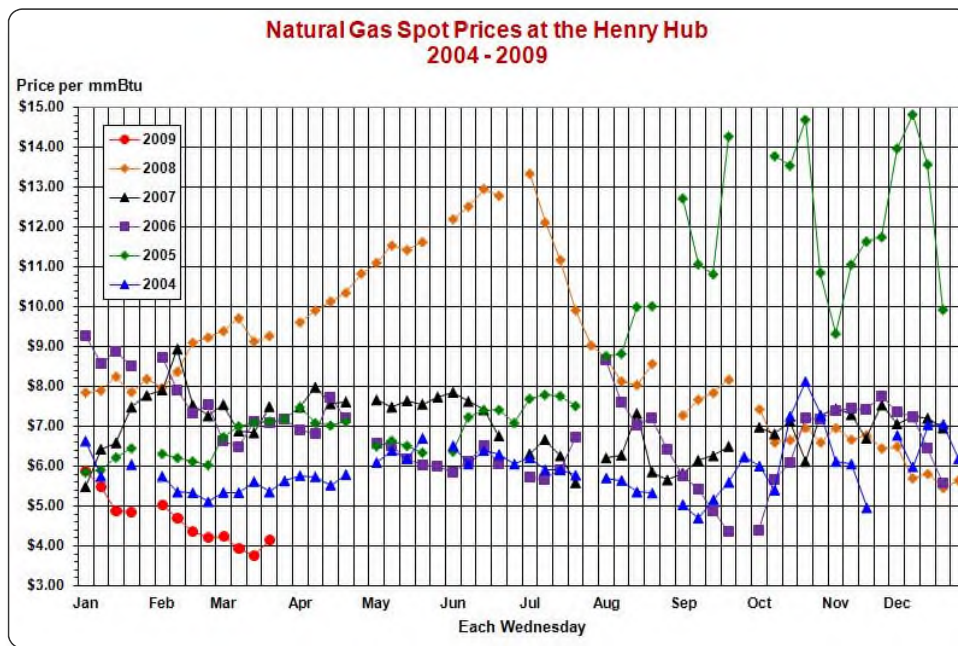
On March 25, the Henry Hub natural gas [spot price](#) was \$4.13 per million [British thermal units](#) (mmBtu), which was 38 cents, or ten percent, higher than the price of \$3.75 last Wednesday. The price increase this week was probably due to rebounding industrial use and the increasing WTI price, which closed at \$53.36 on March 24—its highest level in four months. This Wednesday's price of \$4.13 was 55 percent lower than the price of \$9.25 per mmBtu on the fourth Wednesday in March 2008.

The amount of natural gas in storage in the East Region decreased 1.9 percent to 664 billion cubic feet for the week ending March 20, which was six 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. A forecast of Henry Hub prices to the year 2030 is available in Table 104 on line 635. To obtain the price per hundred cubic feet ([ccf](#)) or the approximate price per [therm](#), or the approximate the price by ten (10).



..... 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 2009
 [Price per Million [British Thermal Units](#) (mmBtu)]

| Day | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|-----|---------|--------|--------|-----|-----|-----|---------|-----|---------|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 | Holiday | | | NA | NA | NA | NA | | NA | NA | | NA |
| 2 | \$5.41 | \$4.48 | \$4.36 | NA | | NA | NA | | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| 3 | | \$5.04 | \$4.43 | NA | | NA | Holiday | NA | NA | | NA | NA |
| 4 | | \$5.01 | \$4.23 | | NA | NA | | NA | NA | | NA | NA |
| 5 | \$5.83 | \$4.84 | \$4.21 | | NA | NA | | NA | | NA | NA | |
| 6 | \$6.10 | \$4.67 | \$3.93 | NA | NA | | NA | NA | | NA | NA | |
| 7 | \$5.89 | | | NA | NA | | NA | NA | Holiday | NA | | NA |
| 8 | \$5.96 | | | NA | NA | NA | NA | | NA | NA | | NA |
| 9 | \$5.60 | \$4.76 | \$3.86 | NA | | NA | NA | | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| 10 | | \$4.83 | \$3.88 | NA | | NA | NA | NA | NA | | NA | NA |
| 11 | | \$4.68 | \$3.92 | | NA | NA | | NA | NA | | NA | NA |
| 12 | \$5.59 | \$4.73 | \$3.87 | | NA | NA | | NA | | NA | NA | |
| 13 | \$5.70 | \$4.60 | \$3.90 | NA | NA | | NA | NA | | NA | NA | |
| 14 | \$5.47 | | | NA | NA | | NA | NA | NA | NA | | NA |

Note: NA = Not available.

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|-----|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------|---------|
| 15 | \$5.26 | | | NA | NA | NA | NA | | NA | NA | | NA |
| 16 | \$5.09 | Holiday | \$3.78 | NA | | NA | NA | | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| 17 | | \$4.35 | \$3.78 | NA | | NA | NA | NA | NA | | NA | NA |
| 18 | | \$4.35 | \$3.75 | | NA | NA | | NA | NA | | NA | NA |
| 19 | Holiday | \$4.45 | \$3.68 | | NA | NA | | NA | | NA | NA | |
| 20 | \$4.86 | \$4.21 | \$3.99 | NA | NA | | NA | NA | | NA | NA | |
| 21 | \$4.87 | | | NA | NA | | NA | NA | NA | NA | | NA |
| 22 | \$4.72 | | | NA | NA | NA | NA | | NA | NA | | NA |
| 23 | \$4.75 | \$4.23 | \$4.17 | NA | | NA | NA | | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| 24 | | \$4.21 | \$4.13 | Holiday | | NA | NA | NA | NA | | NA | NA |
| 25 | | \$4.20 | \$4.13 | | Holiday | NA | | NA | NA | | NA | Holiday |
| 26 | \$4.62 | \$4.08 | NA | | NA | NA | | NA | | NA | Holiday | |
| 27 | \$4.75 | \$4.04 | NA | NA | NA | | NA | NA | | NA | Closed | |
| 28 | \$4.84 | | | NA | NA | | NA | NA | NA | NA | | NA |
| 29 | \$4.71 | | | NA | NA | NA | NA | | NA | NA | | NA |
| 30 | \$4.77 | | NA | NA | | NA | NA | | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| 31 | | | 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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Typically, there is one week between updates.