Henry Hub Natural Gas Spot Prices 2009

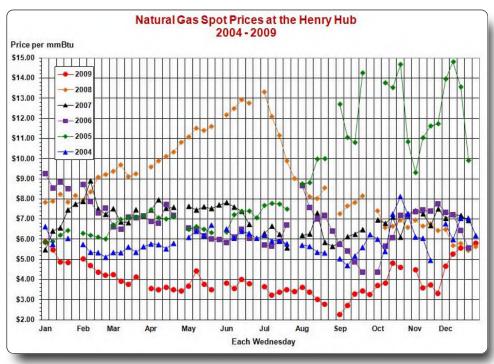
On December 30, the Henry Hub natural gas spot price was \$5.79 per million British thermal units (mmBtu), which was 24 cents, or 4.3 percent, higher than the price of \$5.55 last Wednesday. This Wednesday's price of \$5.79 was 2.8 percent higher than the price of \$5.63 per mmBtu on the fifth Wednesday in December 2008.

The amount of natural gas in storage in the East Region decreased 4.8 percent to 1,779 billion cubic feet for the week ending December 25, which was 150 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 <u>archive</u> 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 (<u>ccf</u>) or the approximate price per <u>therm</u>, 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)]

Dec	Nov	Oct	Sep	Aug	Jul	Jun	May	Apr	Mar	Feb	Jan	Day
\$4.30		\$2.91	\$2.36		\$3.63	\$3.86	\$3.30	\$3.56			Holiday	1
\$4.67	\$4 <u>.</u> 32	\$2,32	\$2,25		\$3 <u>.</u> 49	\$4,05		\$3,69	\$4.36	\$4.48	\$5,41	2
\$4.57	\$4.33		\$2.06	\$3,43	Holiday	\$3,81		\$3,66	\$4.43	\$5.04		3
\$4.53	\$4.49		\$1.84	\$3.53		\$3.58	\$3.47		\$4.23	\$5.01		4
	\$4.30	\$2.89		\$3.61		\$3.51	\$3.62		\$4.21	\$4.84	\$5.83	5
	\$3.94	\$3.23		\$3.78	\$3.24		\$3.67	\$3.74	\$3.93	\$4.67	\$6.10	6
\$4.78		\$3.70	Holiday	\$3.57	\$3,30		\$3.95	\$3.60			\$5,89	7
\$5.10		\$4.24	\$2.43		\$3.22	\$3.53	\$4.16	\$3.50			\$5.96	8
\$5.27	\$3.78	\$3.92	\$2.72		\$3.36	\$3.53		\$3.59	\$3.86	\$4.76	\$5.60	9
\$5.02	\$3,76		\$2,68	\$3,55	\$3,24	\$3,56		Holiday	\$3,88	\$4.83		10
\$5.21	\$3.59		\$2.94	\$3.54		\$3.51	\$4.24		\$3.92	\$4.68		11
	\$3.24	\$3.96		\$3.36		\$3.54	\$4.41		\$3.87	\$4.73	\$5.59	12
	\$2,51	\$4.03		\$3,34	\$3.17		\$4,42	\$3,46	\$3,90	\$4,60	\$5,70	13

Dec	Nov	Oct	Sep	Aug	Jul	Jun	May	Apr	Mar	Feb	Jan	Day
\$5.41		\$3.82	\$2.84	\$3.18	\$3.29		\$4.10	\$3.59			\$5.47	14
\$5,53		\$3.88	\$3,21		\$3,37	\$3,80	\$4.05	\$3,60			\$5,26	15
\$5.57	\$2,65	\$3.94	\$3,28		\$3,21	\$4.16		\$3.54	\$3.78	Holiday	\$5.09	16
\$5.65	\$3,47		\$3,50	\$3.11	\$3,39	\$3.99		\$3,47	\$3.78	\$4.35		17
\$5.87	\$3.74		\$3,21	\$3.12		\$4.19	\$4.02		\$3.75	\$4.35		18
	\$3.57	\$4.22		\$3.02		\$4.04	\$3.99		\$3.68	\$4.45	Holiday	19
	\$3,09	\$4,60		\$3,03	\$3,49		\$3,75	\$3,55	\$3,99	\$4 <u>.</u> 21	\$4,86	20
\$5.79		\$4.80	\$3,35	\$2.78	\$3,48		\$3.77	\$3,43			\$4.87	21
\$5.56		\$4.98	\$3.37		\$3.49	\$4.01	\$3.41	\$3.48			\$4.72	22
\$5.55	\$3,79	\$4,88	\$3,43		\$3,66	\$3,91		\$3,46	\$4.17	\$4.23	\$4.75	23
\$5.76	\$3.62		\$3.56	\$2.69	\$3.37	\$3.80		\$3.31	\$4.13	\$4 <u>.</u> 21		24
Holiday	\$3.32		\$3.61	\$2.85		\$3.82	Holiday		\$4.13	\$4.20		25
	Holiday	\$4,52		\$2,76		\$3,81	\$3,35		\$4.16	\$4.08	\$4,62	26
	Closed	\$4.52		\$2.76	\$3.46		\$3.49	\$3.19	\$3.73	\$4.04	\$4.75	27
\$5.91		\$4.59	\$3.54	\$2.52	\$3.49		\$3.55	\$3.29			\$4.84	28
\$6.01		\$4,11	\$3,30		\$3,41	\$3,88	\$3,92	\$3,43			\$4,71	29
\$5.79	\$4.41	\$4.11	\$3.24		\$3.34	\$3.72		\$3.25	\$3.63		\$4.77	30
\$5.82				\$2.42	\$3.34				\$3.58			31

 $\textbf{Sources: } \textit{Natural Gas Weekly Update.} \ \texttt{Energy Information Administration, Washington, DC. Nebraska Energy Office, Lincoln, NE. \\ \textbf{Nebraska Energy Office, Lincoln, NE. } \textbf{Sources: Natural Gas Weekly Update.} \ \textbf{Energy Information Administration, Washington, DC. Nebraska Energy Office, Lincoln, NE. } \textbf{Sources: Natural Gas Weekly Update.} \ \textbf{Energy Information Administration, Washington, DC. Nebraska Energy Office, Lincoln, NE. } \textbf{Sources: Natural Gas Weekly Update.} \ \textbf{Sources: Natural Gas Weekly Update.} \ \textbf{Energy Information Administration, Washington, DC. } \textbf{Nebraska Energy Office, Lincoln, NE. } \textbf{Sources: Natural Gas Weekly Update.} \ \textbf{Sources: Natural Gas Weekly Update.} \ \textbf{Nebraska Energy Office, Lincoln, NE. } \textbf{Sources: Natural Gas Weekly Update.} \ \textbf{Natural Gas Weekly Update.} \ \textbf{Sources: Natural Gas Weekly Update.} \ \textbf{Natural Gas Weekly Update.} \ \textbf{Natur$

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