

### Henry Hub Natural Gas Spot Prices 2012

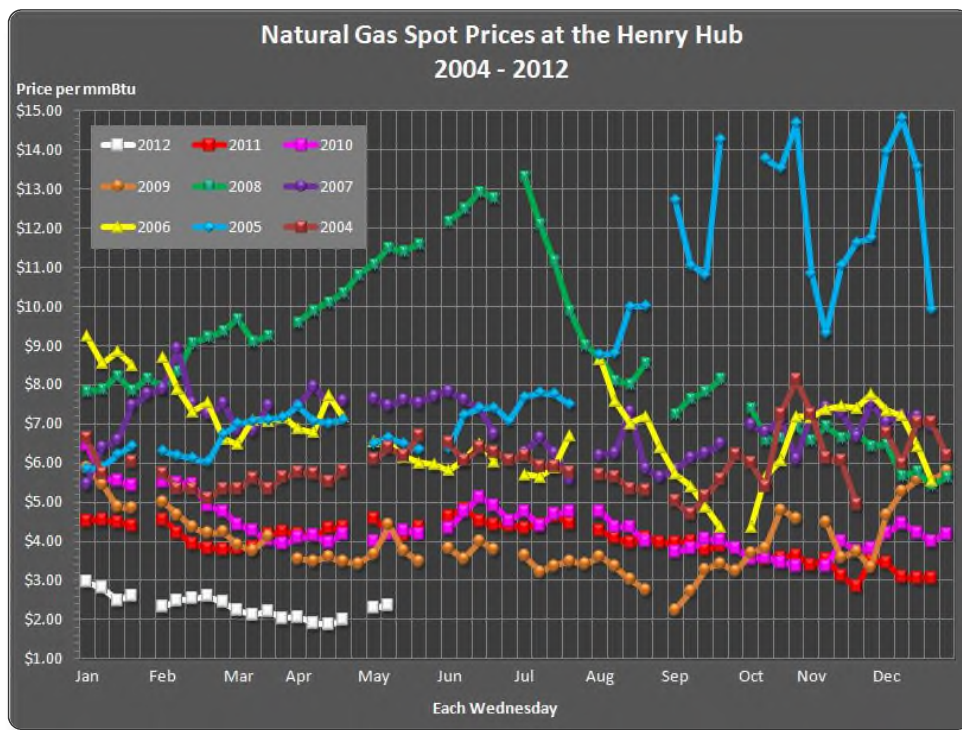
On May 9, 2012, the Henry Hub natural gas [spot price](#) was \$2.36 per million [British thermal units](#) (mmBtu), which was 5 cents, or 2 percent, higher than the price of \$2.31 last Wednesday. This Wednesday's price of \$2.36 was 44 percent lower than the price of \$4.23 per mmBtu on the second Wednesday in May 2011.

The amount of natural gas in storage in the East Region had increased 2.1 percent to 1,189 billion cubic feet for the week ending May 4, which was 400 billion cubic feet above the five-year average. Note that last week's inventory was revised from 1,105 to 1,103 billion cubic feet. 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 2035 is available in the Total Energy Supply, Disposition, and Price Summary. To obtain the price per hundred cubic feet ([ccf](#)) or the approximate price per [therm](#), divide 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 2012 [Price per Million [British Thermal Units](#) (mmBtu)]

| Day | Jan     | Feb    | Mar    | Apr     | May    | Jun | Jul     | Aug | Sep     | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|-----|---------|--------|--------|---------|--------|-----|---------|-----|---------|-----|-----|-----|
| 1   |         | \$2.32 | \$2.45 |         | \$2.29 | NA  |         | NA  |         | NA  | NA  |     |
| 2   | Holiday | \$2.30 | \$2.38 | \$1.89  | \$2.31 |     | NA      | NA  |         | NA  | NA  |     |
| 3   | \$2.96  | \$2.40 |        | \$1.95  | \$2.29 |     | NA      | NA  | NA      | NA  |     | NA  |
| 4   | \$2.96  |        |        | \$2.06  | \$2.30 | NA  | Holiday |     | NA      | NA  |     | NA  |
| 5   | \$2.91  |        | \$2.31 | \$1.98  |        | NA  | NA      |     | Holiday | NA  | NA  | NA  |
| 6   | \$2.85  | \$2.47 | \$2.30 | Holiday |        | NA  | NA      | NA  | NA      |     | NA  | NA  |
| 7   |         | \$2.60 | \$2.24 |         | \$2.30 | NA  |         | NA  | NA      |     | NA  | NA  |
| 8   |         | \$2.49 | \$2.24 |         | \$2.27 | NA  |         | NA  |         | NA  | NA  |     |
| 9   | \$2.89  | \$2.50 | \$2.21 | \$1.99  | \$2.36 |     | NA      | NA  |         | NA  | NA  |     |
| 10  | \$2.97  | \$2.51 |        | \$1.99  | NA     |     | NA      | NA  | NA      | NA  |     | NA  |
| 11  | \$2.81  |        |        | \$1.91  | NA     | NA  | NA      |     | NA      | NA  |     | NA  |
| 12  | \$2.70  |        | \$2.17 | \$1.87  |        | NA  | NA      |     | NA      | NA  | NA  | NA  |

Note: NA = Not available.

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| 13  | \$2.67  | \$2.42  | \$2.15 | \$1.87 |         | NA  | NA  | NA  | NA  |     | NA  | NA  |
| 14  |         | \$2.48  | \$2.13 |        | NA      | NA  |     | NA  | NA  |     | NA  | NA  |
| 15  |         | \$2.54  | \$2.07 |        | NA      | NA  |     | NA  |     | NA  | NA  |     |
| 16  | Holiday | \$2.47  | \$2.01 | \$1.88 | NA      |     | NA  | NA  |     | NA  | NA  |     |
| 17  | \$2.51  | \$2.67  |        | \$1.89 | NA      |     | NA  | NA  | NA  | NA  |     | NA  |
| 18  | \$2.49  |         |        | \$1.87 | NA      | NA  | NA  |     | NA  | NA  |     | NA  |
| 19  | \$2.36  |         | \$2.14 | \$1.85 |         | NA  | NA  |     | NA  | NA  | NA  | NA  |
| 20  | \$2.23  | Holiday | \$2.19 | \$1.82 |         | NA  | NA  | NA  | NA  |     | NA  | NA  |
| 21  |         | \$2.63  | \$2.21 |        | NA      | NA  |     | NA  | NA  |     | NA  | NA  |
| 22  |         | \$2.60  | \$2.19 |        | NA      | NA  |     | NA  |     | NA  | NA  |     |
| 23  | \$2.38  | \$2.68  | \$2.07 | \$1.89 | NA      |     | NA  | NA  |     | NA  | NA  |     |
| 24  | \$2.60  | \$2.60  |        | \$1.97 | NA      |     | NA  | NA  | NA  | NA  |     | NA  |
| 25  | \$2.61  |         |        | \$1.99 | NA      | NA  | NA  |     | NA  | NA  |     | NA  |
| 26  | \$2.68  |         | \$2.17 | \$2.10 |         | NA  | NA  |     | NA  | NA  | NA  | NA  |
| 27  | \$2.59  | \$2.55  | \$2.09 | \$2.05 |         | NA  | NA  | NA  | NA  |     | NA  | NA  |
| 28  |         | \$2.43  | \$2.04 |        | NA      | NA  |     | NA  | NA  |     | NA  | NA  |
| 29  |         | \$2.44  | \$2.02 |        | NA      | NA  |     | NA  |     | NA  | NA  |     |
| 30  | \$2.71  |         | \$2.00 | \$2.09 | Holiday |     | NA  | NA  |     | NA  | NA  |     |
| 31  | \$2.51  |         |        |        | NA      |     | NA  | NA  |     | NA  |     | NA  |

Note: NA = Not available.

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.*