

Nebraska Gasoline and Diesel Prices

Motor Gasoline

For the week of March 9, Nebraska's average gasoline price had risen three cents from last week to \$1.94, which was \$1.31 lower than the price at this time last year. Weekly averages in the surveyed cities ranged from \$1.85 in Grand Island to \$2.05 in North Platte. As of March 6, the Midwest gasoline stock level was at the upper boundary of the normal range with 55 million barrels.

Diesel Fuel

The average price of diesel fuel in the Midwest Region not only remained the lowest in the country, dropping 4.2 cents to \$1.988 per gallon, but marked the first time any region has slipped below \$2 per gallon since February 21, 2005.

The average price of diesel fuel in the state had decreased four cents to \$2.03. According to the [weekly price report](#), this week's state average was \$1.78 lower than the price at this time last year. Weekly averages in the surveyed cities ranged from \$1.96 in Lincoln to \$2.04 in Kearney and Omaha. On the supply side, the Midwest distillate fuel inventory level was above the normal range with 29.2 million barrels of ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel and 3.8 million barrels of low sulfur diesel fuel as of March 6.

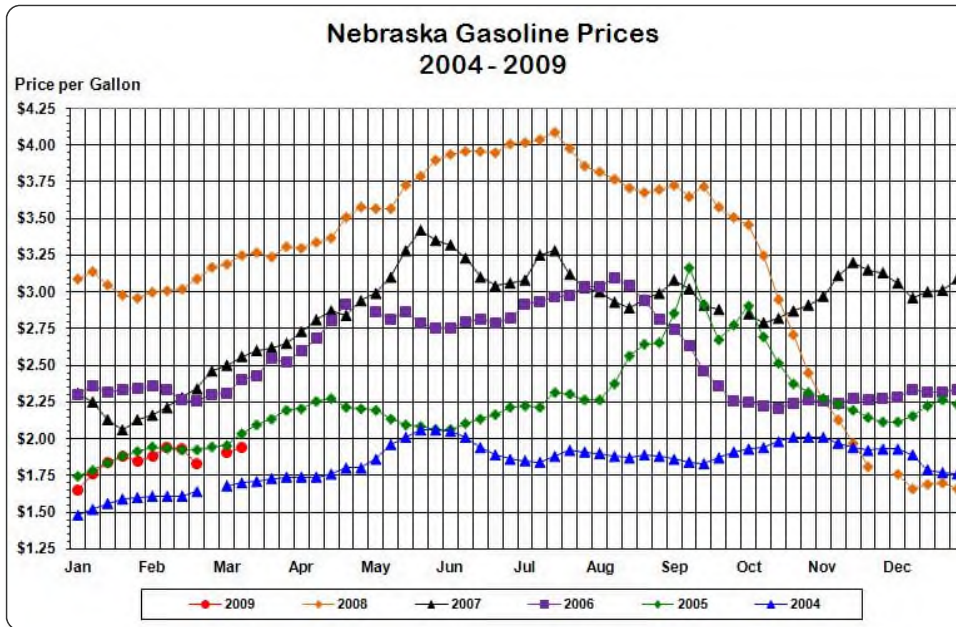
Notes

Regular unleaded gasoline is regular unleaded motor gasoline with an 87 to 88 octane. Diesel fuel is fuel used for internal combustion in diesel engines. Ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel has sulfur levels of 15 ppm and less while low sulfur diesel fuel ranges from more-than-15 ppm to 500 ppm sulfur.

An [archive](#) of this report, [average gasoline prices for each month](#), [average diesel prices for each month](#), and [historical weekly prices](#) are available for diesel and three grades of motor gasoline.



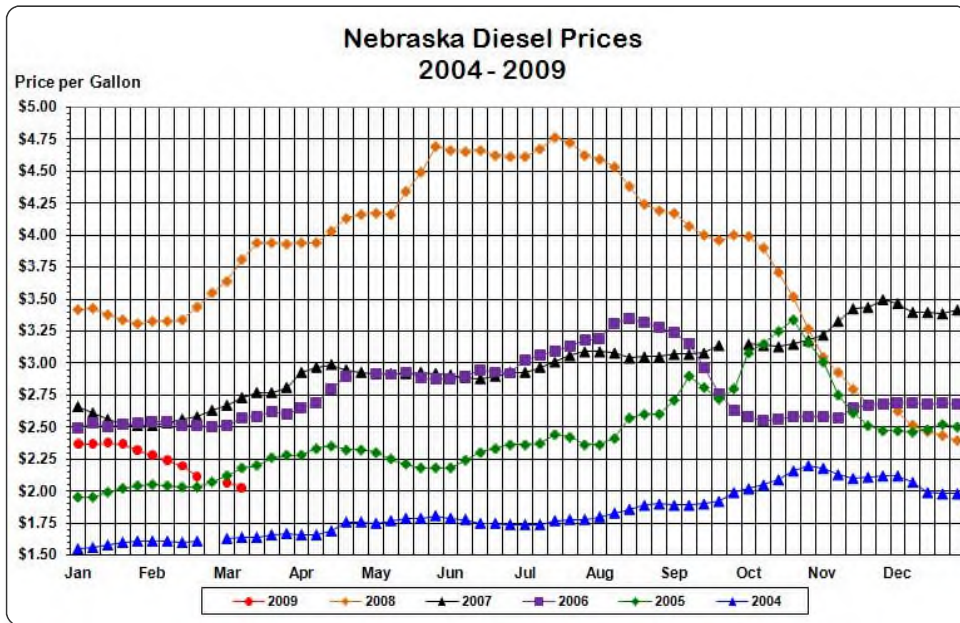
..... A general rule of thumb: A dollar increase in the [West Texas Intermediate](#) (WTI) crude oil price per barrel will result in a 2.5-cent increase in the gasoline price per gallon and the diesel fuel price per gallon. Likewise, a dollar decrease in the WTI crude oil price per barrel will result in a 2.5-cent decrease in the gasoline price per gallon and the diesel fuel price per gallon.



Regular Unleaded Gasoline Prices for the Week of March 9, 2009 (Price per Gallon)

	Columbus	Grand Island	Kearney	Lincoln	Norfolk	North Platte	Omaha	State
Weekly Average	\$1.91	\$1.85	\$1.95	\$2.00	\$1.93	\$2.04	\$1.95	\$1.94

Notes: The average may not equal the average of the components due to independent rounding. NA = Not Available.



Diesel Prices for the Week of March 9, 2009 (Price per Gallon)

	Columbus	Grand Island	Kearney	Lincoln	Norfolk	North Platte	Omaha	State
Weekly Average	\$2.03	\$2.00	\$2.04	\$1.96	\$1.98	\$2.01	\$2.04	\$2.03

Notes: The average may not equal the average of the components due to independent rounding. NA = Not Available.

Source: Nebraska Energy Office, Lincoln, NE.

*This report was updated on March 20, 2009.
Typically, there is one week between updates.*