

Average Wholesale Heating Oil Prices in Nebraska

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Analysis

The average wholesale [heating oil](#) price fell almost two cents from last week to \$1.78 per gallon on December 19, 2005 (see the [table](#) at the end of this report). The [graph](#) below shows the spread in Nebraska prices from month to month and from this year compared to last year. This week's average price was 40 cents (or 29 percent) higher than the price at this time last year.

Other [states](#) in the Midwest Region had comparable prices ranging from \$1.74 to \$1.85 per gallon resulting in a regional average of \$1.77. States adjacent to Nebraska, such as Kansas, South Dakota, Iowa, and Missouri, had prices of \$1.75, \$1.79, \$1.78, and \$1.78, respectively.

For the week ending December 16, the Midwest distillate inventory level was below the normal range for this time of year at 6.8 million barrels.

Notes: The [annual report](#) for the 2004-2005 winter season is available. An [archive](#) houses annual reports from previous years.

Heating Season

The Oil Price Information Service collects wholesale [heating oil](#) prices each week for Nebraska and twelve (12) other states in the Midwest Region during the heating season (October to March). The [Energy Information Administration](#), the independent statistical and analytical agency within the U.S. Department of Energy, uses the prices collected by the Oil Price Information Service to calculate a state average price, a regional average price, and a national average price which can be seen in the report [Wholesale Heating Oil Prices by Region and State](#).

Off Season

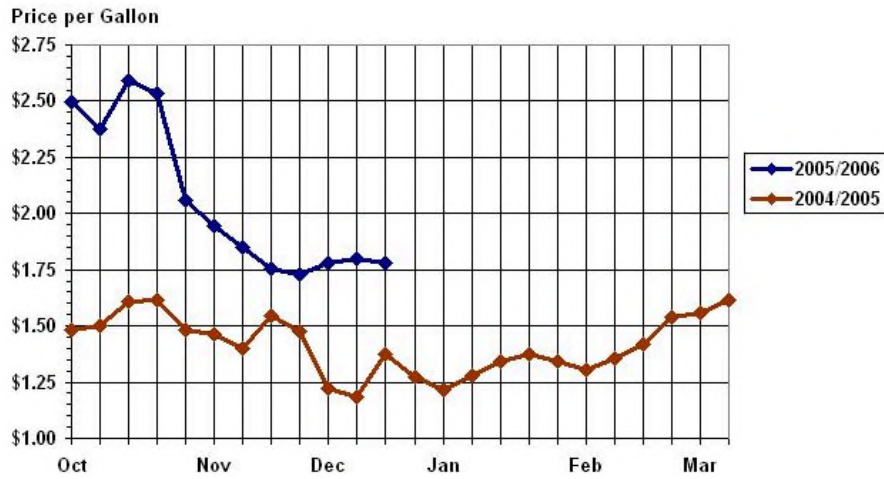
Prices are not collected during the off season (April through September).

Midwest Region

For statistical purposes, the Energy Information Administration defines the [Midwest region](#) to include the states of Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, and Wisconsin.

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Nebraska's Average Wholesale Heating Oil Prices 2004/2005 — 2005/2006

	Heating Season					
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
2004/2005						
First Monday	\$1.479	\$1.480	\$1.225	\$1.215	\$1.302	\$1.556
Second Monday	\$1.499	\$1.464	\$1.183	\$1.277	\$1.358	\$1.618
Third Monday	\$1.606	\$1.402	\$1.376	\$1.344	\$1.420	
Fourth Monday	\$1.617	\$1.543	\$1.272	\$1.371	\$1.537	
Fifth Monday		\$1.478		\$1.341		
2005/2006						
First Monday	\$2.495	\$1.944	\$1.782	NA	NA	NA
Second Monday	\$2.379	\$1.851	\$1.796	NA	NA	NA
Third Monday	\$2.590	\$1.752	\$1.779	NA	NA	
Fourth Monday	\$2.532	\$1.732	NA	NA	NA	
Fifth Monday	\$2.060			NA		

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Sources: *Weekly Petroleum Status Report*. Energy Information Administration, Office of Oil and Gas, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC. Nebraska Energy Office, Lincoln, NE.

Note: NA = Not Available.

*This report was updated on December 22, 2005.
Typically, there is one week between updates during the heating season.*

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