Average Wholesale Heating Oil Prices in Nebraska

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Analysis

The average wholesale <u>heating oil</u> price on October 3, 2011, had dropped 28 cents from the last report to \$2.95 per gallon (see the <u>table</u> at the end of this report). The <u>graph</u> below shows the spread in Nebraska prices from month to month and from this year compared to previous years. This week's average price was 52 cents (or 22 percent) higher than the price a year ago.

For the week ending September 30, the Midwest distillate inventory level was in the normal range for this time of year with the heating oil inventory level at 1.4 million barrels.

Notes: The <u>annual report</u> for the 2009-2010 winter season is available. An <u>archive</u> 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 <u>Midwest region</u> 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 — 2010/2011

	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	\$1.730	\$1.835	\$1,954			
Second Monday	\$2.379	\$1.851	\$1.796	\$1.752	\$1.809	\$1.844			
Third Monday	\$2.590	\$1.752	\$1.779	\$1.686	\$1.841				
Fourth Monday	\$2.532	\$1.732	\$1.713	\$1.810	\$1.857				
Fifth Monday	\$2.060			\$1.844					
2006/2007									
First Monday	\$1.849	\$1.906	\$2.032	\$1.923	\$1.900	\$2.130			
Second Monday	\$1.857	\$2.025	\$1.940	\$1.859	\$1.958	\$2.184			
Third Monday	\$1.936	\$2.055	\$2.090	\$1.780	\$1.933				
Fourth Monday	\$1.922	\$1.975	\$1.990	\$1.788	\$2.038				
Fifth Monday	\$1.895			\$1.833					
	Heating Season								
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar			
2007/2008									
First Monday		\$2.774	\$2.662	\$2.737	\$2.620	\$3.108			
Second Monday	\$2.494	\$2.804	\$2.585	\$2.616	\$2.813	\$3.228			
Third Monday	\$2.466	\$2.794	\$2.696	\$2.610	\$2.844	\$3.328			
Fourth Monday	\$2.506	\$2.896	\$2.704	\$2.643	\$3.004				
Fifth Monday	\$2.596		\$2.712						

	Heating Season									
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar				
2008/2009										
First Monday	\$3,269	\$2,399	\$1.982	\$1.794	NA	NA				
Second Monday	\$2.784	\$2.356	\$1.714	\$1.764	NA	NA				
Third Monday	\$2.546	\$2.169	\$1.762	\$1.721	NA	NA				
Fourth Monday	\$2,289	\$2.004	\$1.718	\$1.691	NA					
Fifth Monday			\$1.568							
2009/2010										
First Monday	\$1.890	\$2.085	\$2.076	\$2.195	\$1.981	\$2.148				
Second Monday	\$1.969	\$2.084	\$1.975	\$2.240	\$1.936	\$2,232				
Third Monday	\$2.125	\$2.070	\$2.023	\$2.097	\$1.970	\$2.230				
Fourth Monday	\$2.168	\$2.081	\$2.112	\$1.991	\$2.152					
Fifth Monday		\$2.076								
		Heating Season								
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar				
2010/2011										
First Monday	\$2.428	\$2.372	\$2.565	\$2.626	\$2.808	\$3.267				
Second Monday	\$2,426	\$2.497	\$2.564	\$2,632	\$2.862	\$3,225				
Third Monday	\$2.379	\$2.542	\$2.566	\$2.750	\$2.864					
Fourth Monday	\$2.385	\$2.457	\$2.627	\$2,751	\$3.099					
Fifth Monday		\$2.461		\$2.807						
2011/2012										
First Monday	\$2.950	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA				
Second Monday	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA				
Third Monday	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA					
Fourth Monday	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA					
Fifth Monday		NA		NA						

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Sources: Weekly Petroleum Status Report. Energy Information Administration, Washington, DC. Nebraska Energy Office, Lincoln, NE.

Note: NA = Not Available.

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