

Average Wholesale Heating Oil Prices in Nebraska

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Analysis

The average wholesale [heating oil](#) price on December 12, 2011, had dropped 12 cents from the last report to \$2.97 per gallon (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 previous years. This week's average price was 40 cents (or 16 percent) higher than the price a year ago.

The other [states](#) surveyed in the Midwest Region had comparable wholesale prices ranging from \$2.85 to \$3.07 per gallon resulting in a regional average of \$2.91. States near in proximity to Nebraska, such as Missouri and Minnesota, had prices of \$2.95 and \$3.01, respectively.

For the week ending December 9, the Midwest distillate inventory level was in the normal range for this time of year with the heating oil inventory level at 0.9 million (900,000) barrels.

Notes: The [annual report](#) for the 2010-2011 winter season is available. An [archive](#) houses annual reports from previous years.

Heating Season

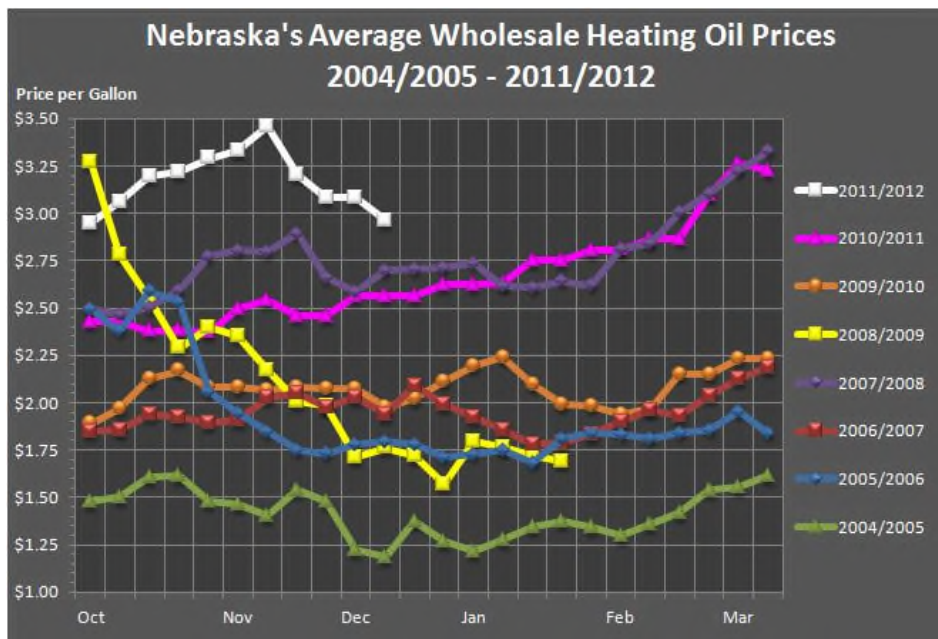
The Oil Price Information Service collects wholesale [heating oil](#) prices each week for Nebraska and twelve (12) other states in the Midwest Region during the heating season (October to March). The [Energy Information Administration](#), the independent statistical and analytical agency within the 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 — 2011/2012

	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	

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Fifth Monday	\$2.596		\$2.712			
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	\$3.331	\$3.081	NA	NA	NA
Second Monday	\$3.061	\$3.459	\$2.965	NA	NA	NA
Third Monday	\$3.196	\$3.203	NA	NA	NA	
Fourth Monday	\$3.220	\$3.086	NA	NA	NA	
Fifth Monday	\$3.290			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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