

# Average Wholesale Propane Prices in Nebraska

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## Analysis

The average wholesale [propane](#) price on December 19, 2005, increased almost four cents from last week to \$1.17 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 25 cents (or 26 percent) higher than the price at this time last year.

Other [states](#) in the Midwest Region had comparable wholesale prices ranging from \$1.15 to \$1.20 per gallon with the region averaging \$1.18. States adjacent to Nebraska, such as Kansas, South Dakota, Iowa, and Missouri, had prices of \$1.15, \$1.18, \$1.17, and \$1.16, respectively.

With 20.4 million barrels, the Midwest Region inventory level was at the bottom boundary of the normal range for this time of year. The Midwest reported the largest regional decrease in inventories this week. Inventories dropped 1.9 million barrels due to cold temperatures in the Midwest. The Energy Information Administration projects that, even if this trend of sharp declines continued each week through the end of the month, propane inventories would still maintain the modest inventory cushion that was built up during the months of October and November.

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 [propane](#) prices each week for Nebraska and eleven (11) 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 Propane Prices by Region and State](#).

## Off Season

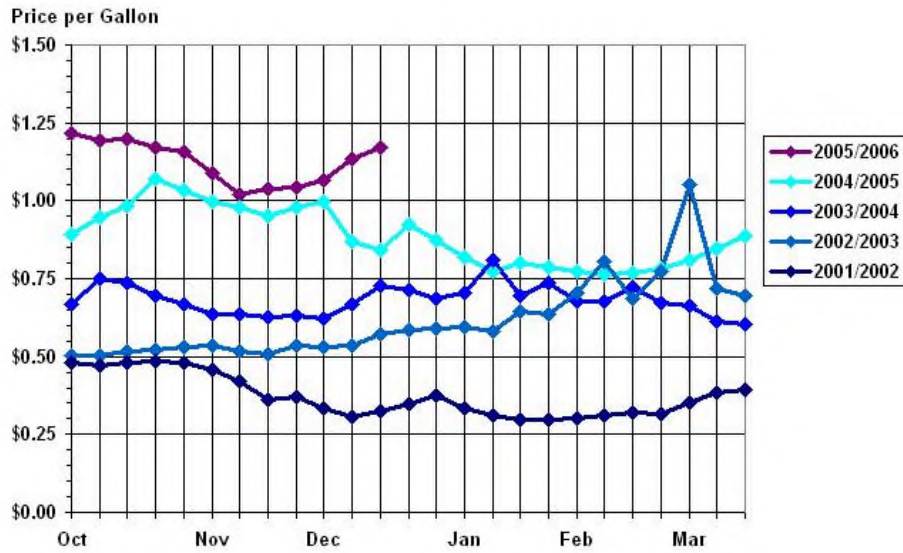
Prices are not collected during the off season (April through September).

## 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 Propane Prices 2001/2002 — 2005/2006

	Heating Season					
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
<b>2001/2002</b>						
First Monday	\$0.478	\$0.457	\$0.335	\$0.336	\$0.304	\$0.353
Second Monday	\$0.471	\$0.423	\$0.307	\$0.311	\$0.310	\$0.383
Third Monday	\$0.478	\$0.361	\$0.326	\$0.297	\$0.320	\$0.392
Fourth Monday	\$0.484	\$0.369	\$0.349	\$0.296	\$0.317	
Fifth Monday	\$0.482		\$0.375			
<b>2002/2003</b>						
First Monday	\$0.501	\$0.535	\$0.531	\$0.596	\$0.706	\$1.051
Second Monday	\$0.502	\$0.515	\$0.537	\$0.582	\$0.803	\$0.716
Third Monday	\$0.515	\$0.507	\$0.573	\$0.646	\$0.684	\$0.693
Fourth Monday	\$0.523	\$0.534	\$0.584	\$0.637	\$0.773	
Fifth Monday			\$0.591			
<b>2003/2004</b>						
First Monday	\$0.667	\$0.636	\$0.621	\$0.703	\$0.675	\$0.661
Second Monday	\$0.752	\$0.634	\$0.667	\$0.809	\$0.678	\$0.615
Third Monday	\$0.737	\$0.625	\$0.727	\$0.694	\$0.723	\$0.605
Fourth Monday	\$0.696	\$0.632	\$0.715	\$0.734	\$0.672	
Fifth Monday			\$0.688			
	Heating Season					
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
<b>2004/2005</b>						
First Monday	\$0.890	\$0.999	\$0.868	\$0.820	\$0.763	\$0.844
Second Monday	\$0.948	\$0.980	\$0.842	\$0.775	\$0.768	\$0.889
Third Monday	\$0.984	\$0.953	\$0.925	\$0.800	\$0.784	
Fourth Monday	\$1.072	\$0.977	\$0.875	\$0.788	\$0.810	
Fifth Monday		\$0.996		\$0.771		

	Heating Season					
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
<b>2005/2006</b>						
<b>First Monday</b>	\$1.217	\$1.087	\$1.066	NA	NA	NA
<b>Second Monday</b>	\$1.195	\$1.020	\$1.135	NA	NA	NA
<b>Third Monday</b>	\$1.200	\$1.037	\$1.170	NA	NA	
<b>Fourth Monday</b>	\$1.171	\$1.042	NA	NA	NA	
<b>Fifth Monday</b>	\$1.156			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.

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*Typically, there is one week between updates during the heating season.*

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