

Average Wholesale Propane Prices in Nebraska

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Analysis

The average wholesale [propane](#) price on October 2, 2006, had risen nearly seven cents from last winter to 98 cents 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 nearly 24 cents (or 19 percent) lower than the price at this time last year.

Other [states](#) in the Midwest Region had comparable wholesale prices ranging from 93 cents to \$1.05 per gallon with the region averaging 99 cents. States adjacent to Nebraska, such as Kansas, South Dakota, Iowa, and Missouri, had prices of 97 cents, \$1.00, 99 cents, and 98 cents, respectively.

With 26.2 million barrels on September 29, the Midwest Region inventory level was just above the normal range for this time of year.

Notes: The [annual report](#) for the 2005-2006 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

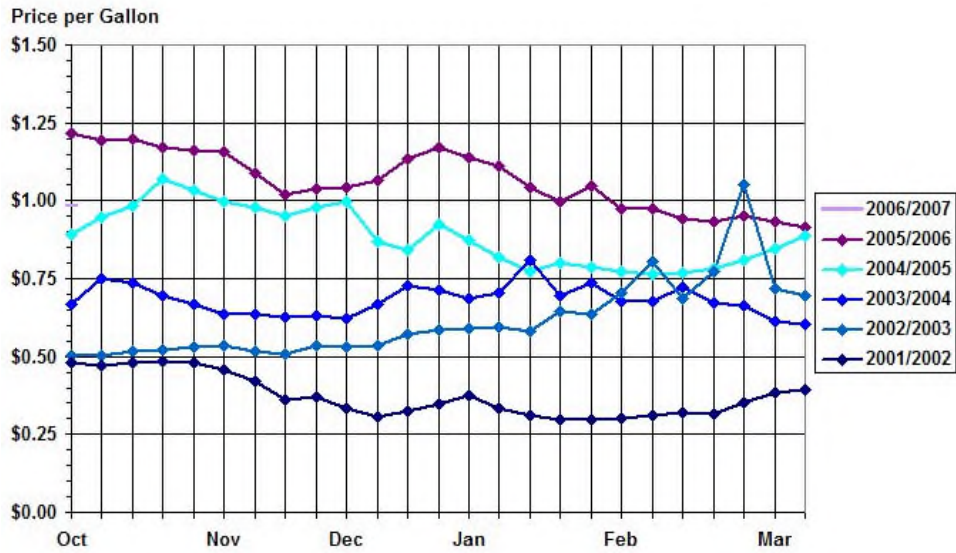
Prices are not collected during the off season (April through September).

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 — 2006/2007

| | Heating Season | | | | | |
|------------------|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar |
| 2001/2002 | | | | | | |
| 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 | | | |
| 2002/2003 | | | | | | |
| 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 | | | |
| 2003/2004 | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| 2004/2005 | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| 2005/2006 | | | | | | |
| First Monday | \$1.217 | \$1.087 | \$1.066 | \$1.110 | \$0.976 | \$0.934 |
| Second Monday | \$1.195 | \$1.020 | \$1.135 | \$1.044 | \$0.941 | \$0.916 |
| Third Monday | \$1.200 | \$1.037 | \$1.170 | \$0.998 | \$0.931 | |
| Fourth Monday | \$1.171 | \$1.042 | \$1.138 | \$1.048 | \$0.950 | |
| Fifth Monday | \$1.156 | | | \$0.972 | | |
| 2006/2007 | | | | | | |
| First Monday | \$0.981 | 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.

This report was updated on October 5, 2006.

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

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