Average Wholesale Propane Prices in Nebraska

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Analysis

The average wholesale <u>propane</u> price had increased 3 cents from the last report to \$1.38 per gallon on January 17, 2011 (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 8 cents (or 6 percent) higher than a year ago.

Other <u>states</u> in the Midwest Region had comparable wholesale prices ranging from \$1.35 to \$1.49 per gallon with the region averaging \$1.40. States adjacent to Nebraska, such as Kansas, South Dakota, Iowa, and Missouri, had prices of \$1.36, \$1.35, \$1.40, and \$1.37, respectively.

With 20.1 million barrels of supply on January 14, the Midwest Region inventory level was above the normal range for this time of year.

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 <u>propane</u> prices each week for Nebraska and eleven (11) other states in the Midwest Region during the heating season (October to March). The <u>Energy Information Administration</u>, 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 <u>Wholesale Propane Prices by Region and State</u>.

Off Season

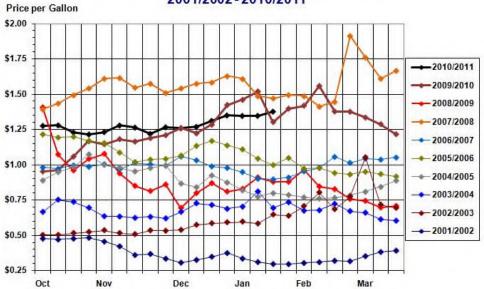
Prices are not collected during the off season (April through September).

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 Propane Prices 2001/2002 — 2010/2011

		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					

	Heating Season								
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar			
Fourth Monday	\$1.072	\$0.977	\$0.875	\$0.788	\$0.810				
Fifth Monday		\$0.996		\$0.771					
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	\$0.969	\$1.059	\$0.949	\$0.980	\$1.037			
Second Monday	\$0.972	\$1.015	\$1.032	\$0.901	\$1.056	\$1.052			
Third Monday	\$0.996	\$1.003	\$0.989	\$0.897	\$1.014				
Fourth Monday	\$0.986	\$0.994	\$0.978	\$0.910	\$1.044				
Fifth Monday	\$1.005	\$1.005 \$0.954							
		Heating Season							
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar			
2007/2008									
First Monday		\$1.612	\$1.510	\$1.609	\$1.488	\$1.762			
Second Monday	\$1.394	\$1.616	\$1.543	\$1.488	\$1.413	\$1.612			
Third Monday	\$1.436	\$1.548	\$1.576	\$1.472	\$1.447	\$1.668			
Fourth Monday	\$1,494	\$1.576	\$1.584	\$1,496	\$1.914				
Fifth Monday	\$1.543		\$1.629						
2008/2009									
First Monday	\$1.407	\$1.078	\$0.860	\$0.829	\$0.966	\$0.744			
Second Monday	\$1.073	\$0.939	\$0.694	\$0.910	\$0.846	\$0.696			
Third Monday	\$0.960	\$0.851	\$0.799	\$0.879	\$0.827	\$0.708			
Fourth Monday	\$1.042	\$0.814	\$0.870	\$0.879	\$0.757				
Fifth Monday			\$0.810						
2009/2010									
First Monday	\$0.953	\$1.146	\$1.260	\$1.460	\$1.419	\$1.335			
Second Monday	\$0.962	\$1.182	\$1.223	\$1.520	\$1.558	\$1.288			
Third Monday	\$1.059	\$1.165	\$1.284	\$1.303	\$1.378	\$1.217			
Fourth Monday	\$1.167	\$1.189	\$1.424	\$1.398	\$1.376				
Fifth Monday		\$1.210							
	Heating Season								
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar			
2010/2011									
First Monday	\$1.276	\$1.232	\$1.259	\$1.347	NA	NA			
Second Monday	\$1.280	\$1.279	\$1.269	\$1.348	NA	NA			
Third Monday	\$1.229	\$1.264	\$1.312	\$1.378	NA	NA			
Fourth Monday	\$1.215	\$1.219	\$1.351	NA	NA				
Fifth Monday		\$1.266							

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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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