

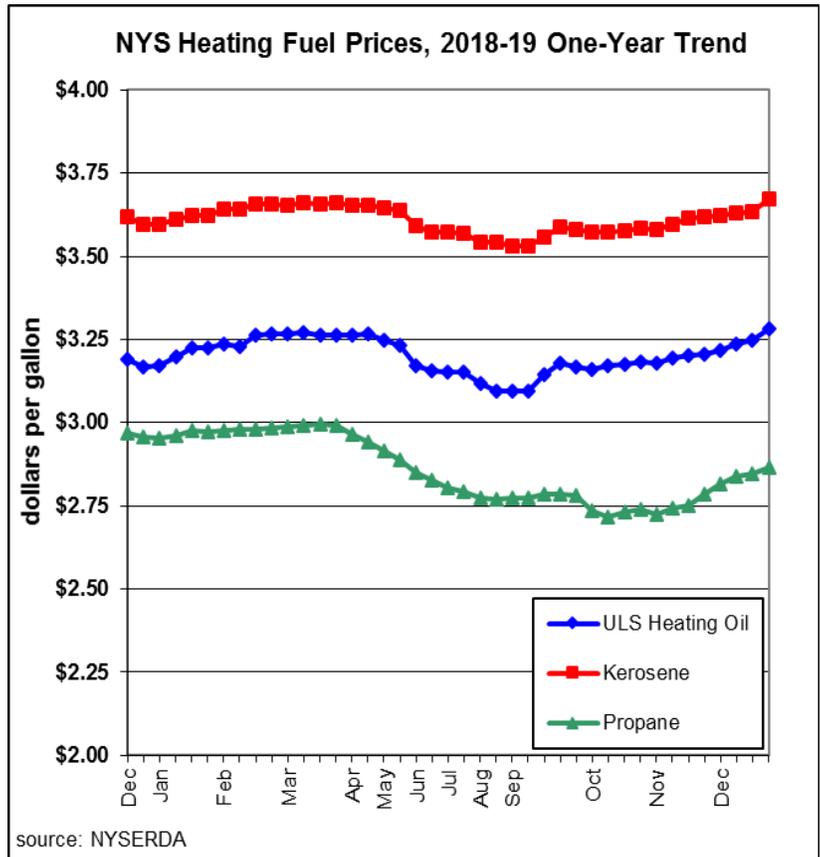
Highlights

- Mid-Atlantic ultra-low sulfur (ULS) distillate inventories decreased 1.7 million barrels (9.0%) since last week to 17.1 million barrels. Current inventories are 0.9% below last year’s level and 29.1% below the 5-year average.
- For the week ending December 21st, New York statewide heating degree-days (271) were more than last year (201) by 34.8% and more than the 30-year normal (242) by 12.0%.
- New York Statewide average retail prices of ultra-low sulfur (ULS) heating oil, kerosene, and propane all increased since the last survey.

Retail Petroleum Prices—On a statewide basis since the last survey on December 16th, prices increased \$0.031/gallon (1.0%) to \$3.281/gallon for ULS heating oil, \$0.040/gallon (1.1%) to \$3.673/gallon for kerosene, and \$0.018/gallon (0.6%) to \$2.865/gallon for propane. Compared to a year earlier, prices increased \$0.091/gallon (2.9%) for heating oil, \$0.054/gallon (1.5%) for kerosene, and the price decreased \$0.104/gallon (3.5%) for propane.

Crude Oil Prices—For the week ending 12/20/19, WTI crude oil spot prices averaged \$60.75/bbl, an increase of \$1.50/bbl (2.5%) from the week-ago average of \$59.25/bbl. WTI prices are now \$13.77/bbl (29.3%) above the year-ago weekly average of \$46.98/bbl. The all-time weekly average high of \$142.52/bbl occurred on 7/04/08.

Spot Natural Gas Prices—For the week ending 12/20/19, Henry Hub natural gas spot prices averaged \$2.268 per million Btu (mmBtu), an increase of \$0.052/mmBtu (2.3%) from the prior week level of \$2.216/mmBtu. Prices are currently \$1.350/mmBtu (37.3%) below the year-earlier weekly average of \$3.618/mmBtu.



Residential Natural Gas Prices—The NYS average price in September 2019 was \$1.942/therm, a decrease of \$0.015/therm (0.8%) from the August 2019 price of \$1.957/therm, and was \$0.011/therm (0.6%) lower than the year earlier average of \$1.953/therm.

Middle Atlantic Stocks—Current and historic heating fuel inventory data is presented in the table below.

Middle Atlantic Region, Weekly Inventories (million barrels)							
Fuel Type	12/20/2019	12/13/2019	% Change vs. Last Week	Year Ago	% Change vs. Last Year	5-Year Average	% Change vs. 5-Year Avg
ULSDistillate (0-15 ppm)	17.1	18.8	-9.0%	17.3	-0.9%	24.2	-29.1%
Non-road Diesel (15-500 ppm)	1.0	1.1	-6.3%	0.8	25.5%	1.2	-19.0%
High Sulfur Distillate (>500 ppm)	2.7	2.7	-1.0%	3.0	-10.6%	4.1	-35.3%
Total Distillate Oil	20.8	22.6	-7.9%	21.1	-1.3%	29.6	-29.6%
Propane	4.232	4.173	1.4%	4.279	-1.1%	3.741	13.1%
#6 Residual Oil	6.5	6.7	-3.1%	4.8	33.8%	6.0	7.4%
US Natural Gas	3,250	3,411	-4.7%	2,732	19.0%	3,319	-2.1%
US Crude Oil	441.4	446.8	-1.2%	441.4	0.0%	433.2	1.9%

Notes: Natural Gas in billion cubic feet (Bcf); Middle Atlantic is DE, DC, MD, NJ, NY, and PA

ppm = parts per million sulfur content

Source: US DOE/EIA



New York State Retail ULS #2 Heating Oil Posted Credit Prices (dollars per gallon)					
REGION	12/23/2019	12/16/2019	% Change vs. Prior Survey	Year Ago	% Change vs. Last Year
Long Island	3.477	3.462	0.4%	3.313	5.0%
New York City	3.390	3.370	0.6%	3.200	5.9%
Lower Hudson	3.365	3.307	1.8%	3.211	4.8%
Upper Hudson	3.142	3.099	1.4%	3.133	0.3%
Capital District	2.984	2.954	1.0%	2.902	2.8%
North Country	3.253	3.241	0.4%	3.266	-0.4%
Central	3.060	2.997	2.1%	3.046	0.5%
Western	3.419	3.417	0.1%	3.418	0.0%
Statewide	3.281	3.250	1.0%	3.190	2.9%
New York State Retail Propane Posted Credit Prices - 1,100 gallon usage category (dollars per gallon)					
Long Island	3.191	3.128	2.0%	3.247	-1.7%
Mid-Hudson*	2.801	2.793	0.3%	2.880	-2.7%
Capital District*	2.736	2.691	1.7%	2.881	-5.0%
North Country*	3.689	3.671	0.5%	3.759	-1.9%
Central	2.584	2.566	0.7%	2.746	-5.9%
Western	2.570	2.576	-0.2%	2.654	-3.2%
Statewide*	2.865	2.847	0.6%	2.969	-3.5%
New York State Retail Kerosene Posted Credit Prices (dollars per gallon)					
Mid-Hudson	3.793	3.753	1.1%	3.693	2.7%
Capital District	3.411	3.379	0.9%	3.323	2.6%
North Country	3.722	3.716	0.2%	3.750	-0.7%
Central	3.527	3.449	2.3%	3.520	0.2%
Western	3.812	3.835	-0.6%	3.810	0.1%
Statewide	3.673	3.633	1.1%	3.619	1.5%
New York State Average Residential Natural Gas Prices (\$/therm)					
REGION	September 2019	August 2019	% Change vs. Prior Month	September 2018	% Change vs. Last Year
Statewide	1.942	1.957	-0.8%	1.953	-0.6%

* Revision

Historic Retail Prices—Statewide average high and low prices since Sept. 1997 for heating oil & propane & Sept. 2000 for kerosene.

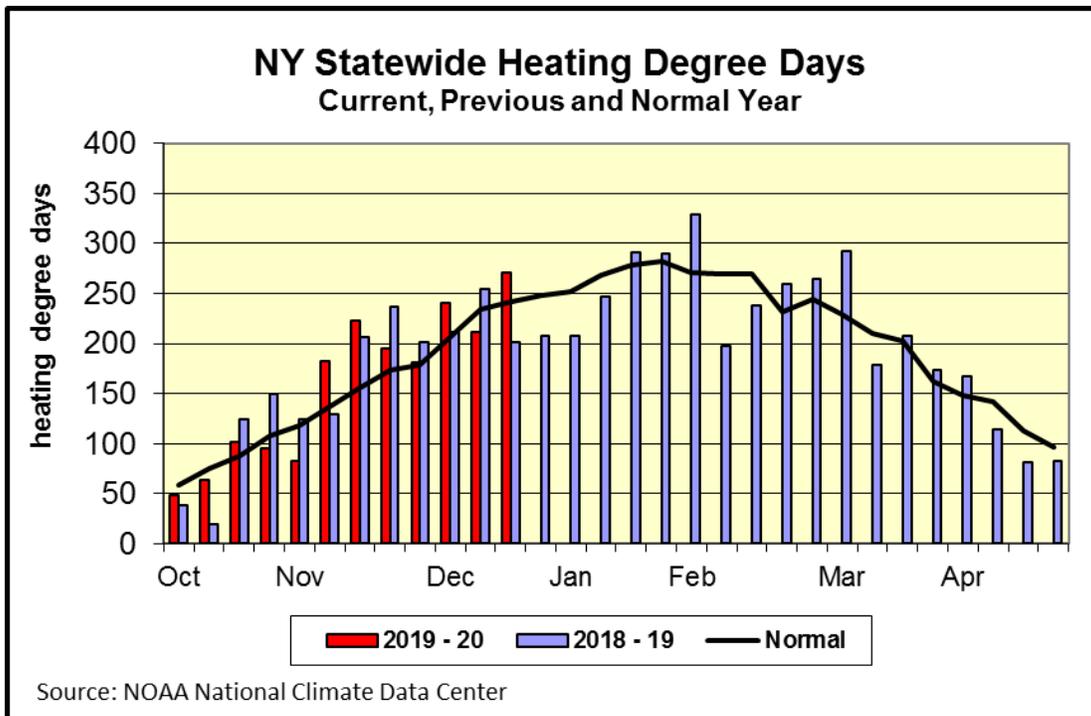
- Heating oil—highest price \$4.778/gallon on 7/14/08, lowest price \$0.876/gallon on 9/08/98.
- Propane—highest price \$3.811/gallon on 2/17/14, lowest price \$1.072/gallon on 9/20/99.
- Kerosene—highest price \$5.068/gallon on 7/14/08, lowest price \$1.309/gallon on 9/09/02.

Residential Natural Gas Prices: Statewide average prices are derived from US EIA most currently available data. NYS gas utility specific prices can be found on the NYS DPS website at <http://www.dps.ny.gov/TypicalBills.htm#GasRes>.

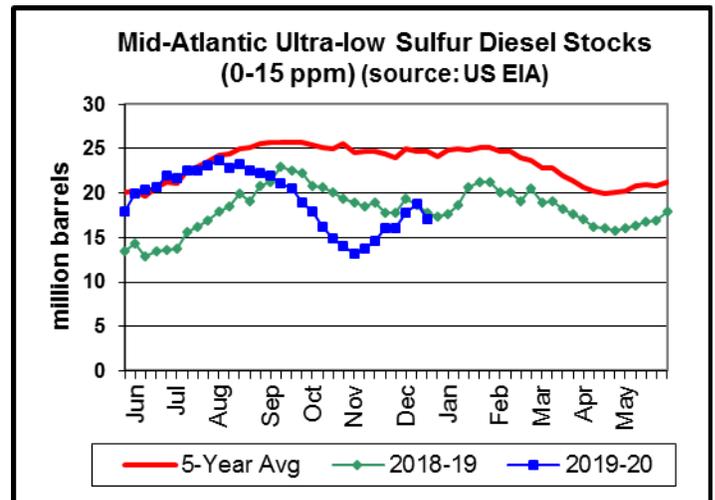
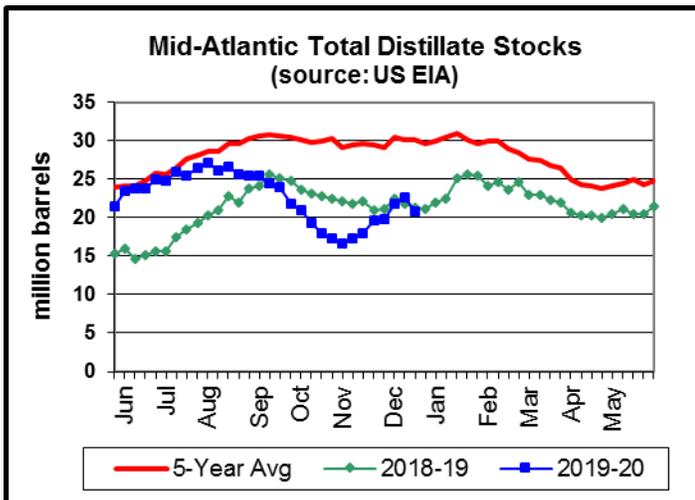
New York State Regions: *Long Island:* Nassau and Suffolk *New York City:* Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, and Richmond *Lower Hudson:* Dutchess, Putnam, Rockland, and Westchester *Upper Hudson:* Columbia, Greene, Orange, Sullivan, and Ulster *Capital District:* Albany, Fulton, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, and Washington *North Country:* Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lewis, St. Lawrence, and Warren *Central:* Broome, Cayuga, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Herkimer, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, Otsego, Tioga, and Tompkins *Western:* Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Chemung, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Ontario, Orleans, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates counties. **Propane & Kerosene:** *Mid-Hudson:* Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester counties. B5 heating oil is required for Downstate New York including Nassau, Suffolk, NYC, and Westchester counties.

Heating Degree Days— On a statewide basis during the past week, the number of heating degree-days (271) was 34.8% above the year-ago level (201) and 12.0% above the normal trend (242). On a cumulative basis since October 1st, current year heating degree-days (1,895) are the same as the year-ago level (1,895) and ahead of the normal trend (1,775) by 6.8%.

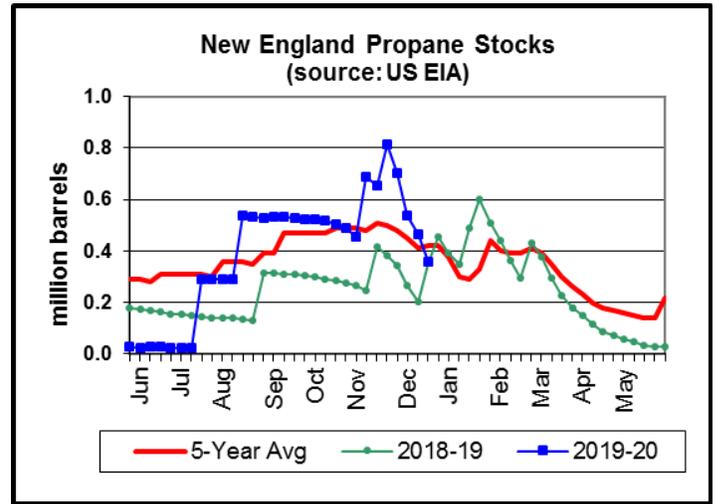
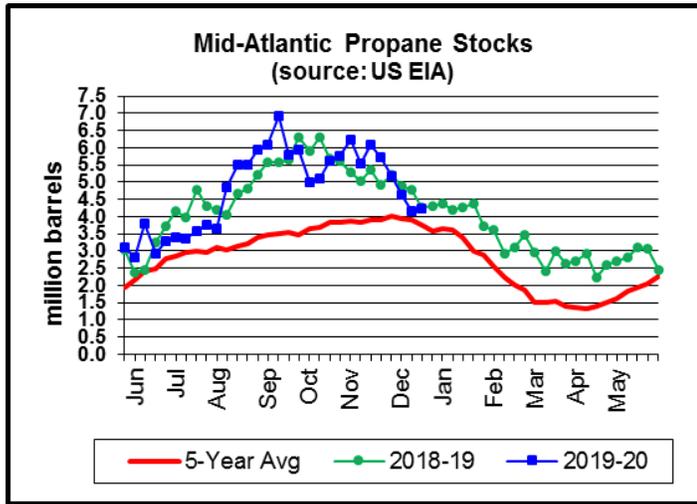
New York State Heating Degree Day Information, Weekly & Cumulative						
Region	Week Ending December 21			Cumulative From October 1		
	2019	2018	Normal	2019-20	2018-19	Normal
Albany	293	216	251	1,991	2,018	1,927
Binghamton	319	226	268	2,259	2,274	2,106
Buffalo	277	208	249	2,004	2,048	1,901
Glens Falls	336	236	285	2,315	2,282	2,208
Massena	358	255	312	2,487	2,478	2,344
NYC	229	156	193	1,341	1,334	1,320
Rochester	291	207	251	2,045	1,991	1,916
Syracuse	302	219	257	2,017	2,141	1,950
Watertown	352	231	285	2,344	2,313	2,190
Statewide	271	201	242	1,895	1,895	1,775



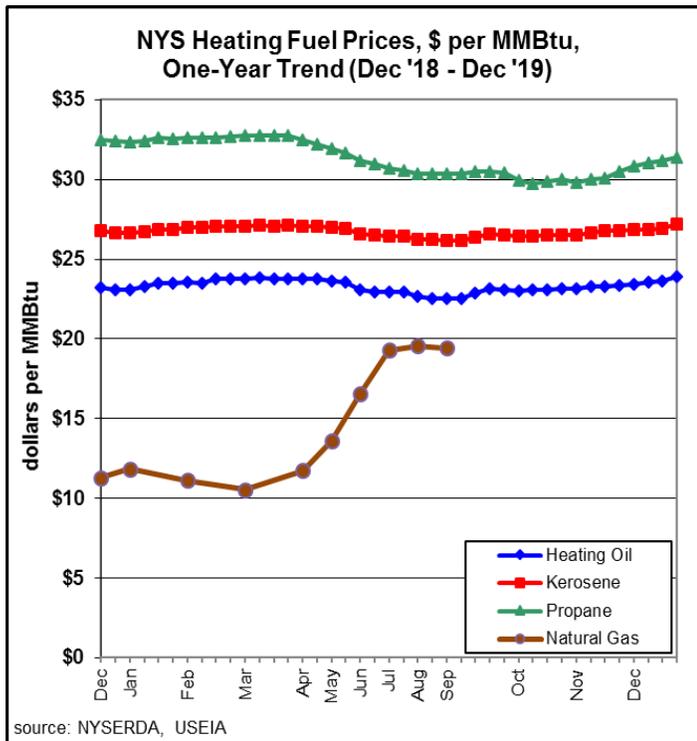
Distillate Stocks—Current and historic heating fuel inventory data is presented in the graphs below.



Propane Stocks—Current and historic heating fuel inventory data is presented in the graphs below.

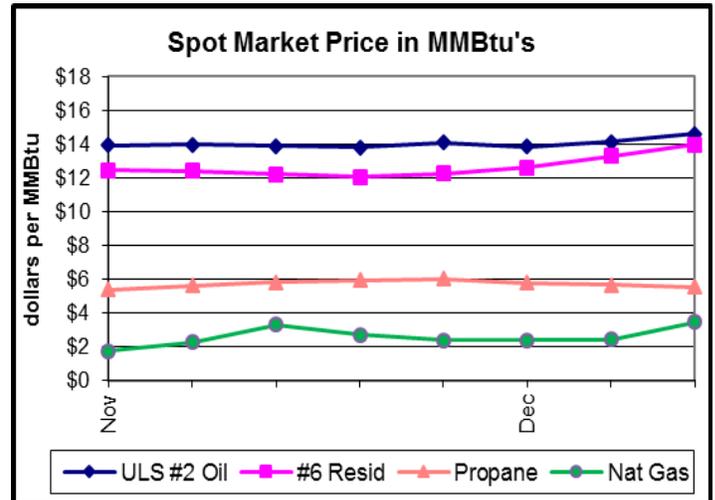


Retail Btu Price Equivalents—The New York State heating fuel prices Btu graph equates the retail price for New York Statewide average residential ultra-low sulfur heating oil, kerosene, propane, and natural gas on a dollar per million Btu (MMBtu) basis.



Note: Natural gas prices are from the U.S. EIA and provided on a monthly basis and delayed by 3 months. The monthly average price of natural gas is higher during the summer months due to low delivery volumes and fixed delivery charges and does not necessarily indicate a higher underlying supply price. Higher average natural gas prices in the summer months are not indicative of higher future prices during the winter months.

Spot Btu Price Equivalents—The Btu spot market graph equates the spot market price, in table below, for NY Harbor ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel and 0.3% sulfur high pour #6 residual fuel, Mont Belvieu propane, and the New York Citygate natural gas price on a dollar per million Btu (MMBtu) basis.



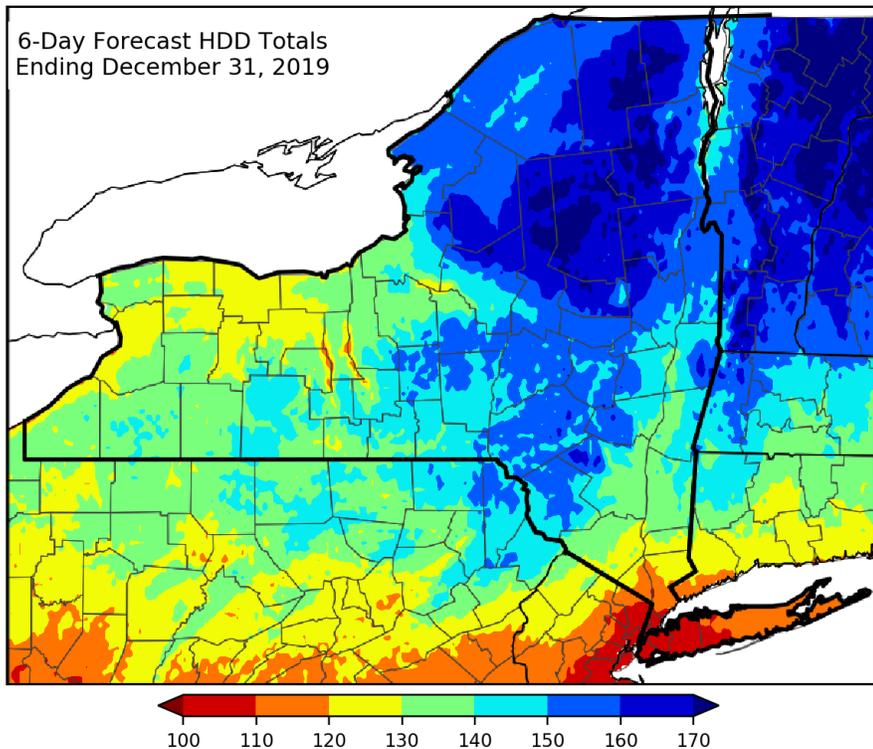
New York Spot Prices, Weekly Average			
Fuel	12/20/2019	Year Ago	% Change
Ultra LS Diesel	2.024	1.773	14.2%
#2 Fuel Oil	1.999	1.757	13.8%
#6 Residual 0.3%	2.092	1.578	32.5%
Propane	0.507	0.649	-21.9%
Natural Gas	3.458	3.807	-9.2%

Note: Fuel in \$/gallon, natural gas (\$/MMBtu)=NYCitygate

Weather Outlooks – Based on data and maps provided by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Northeast Regional Climate Center at Cornell University (NRCC).

Statewide Forecast HDD: On a statewide basis for the week ending December 28th, the number of forecasted heating degree-days (180) is 10.0% below last year (200) and 27.7% below the normal trend (249). Regional HDD forecasts are provided in the map and table below.

Regional Heating Degree-Day Forecast

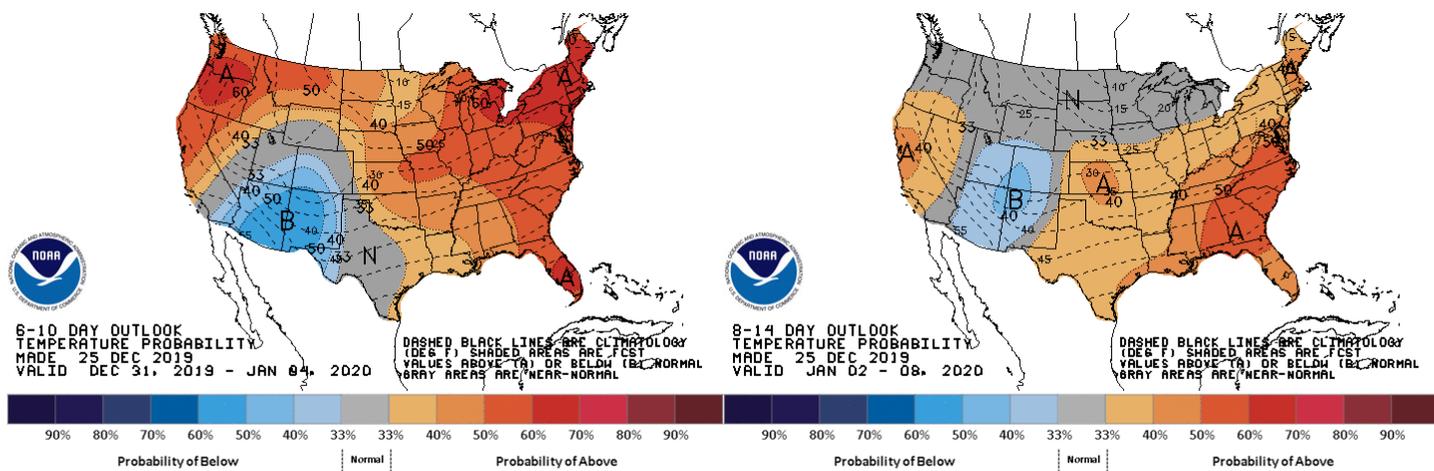


Period	Forecast Period: 12/27/19-1/1/20		
City	6-Day Forecast	Last Year	Normal
Albany	142	189	243
Binghamton	147	195	247
Buffalo	129	174	230
Glens Falls	157	219	267
Massena	158	252	287
NYC	103	134	182
Rochester	128	176	230
Syracuse	138	196	237
Watertown	152	213	256

Source: NOAA, Northeast Regional Climate Center at Cornell University (NRCC)

6-10 Day Outlook Temperature Probability from the Climate Prediction Center (NOAA). The forecasted map presents the 6-10 day temperature probability outlook for the United States for December 31, 2019 – January 4, 2020. This is in comparison to the 30-year normal (1981-2010).

8-14 Day Outlook Temperature Probability from the Climate Prediction Center (NOAA). The forecasted map presents the 8-14 day temperature probability outlook for the United States for January 2, 2020 – January 8, 2020. This is in comparison to the 30-year normal (1981-2010).



Additional historic **regional specific prices and supply information** is available at NYSERDA’s website. For more information please contact Matthew Milford at (518) 862-1090 ext. 3416, e-mail matthew.milford@nyserda.ny.gov.