

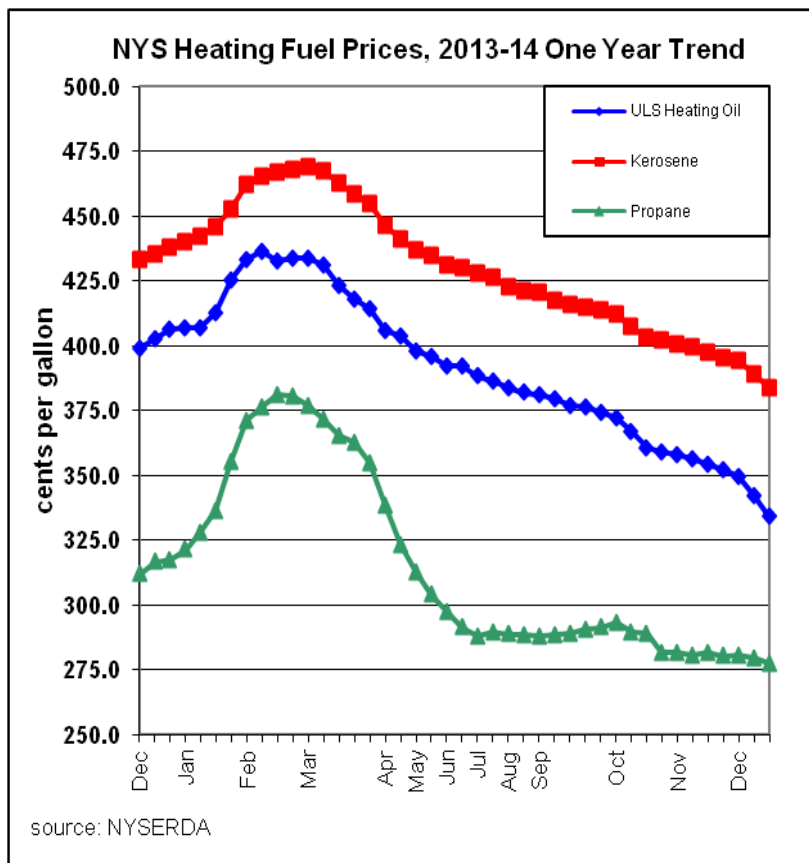
Highlights

- Weekly average U.S. WTI crude oil spot prices decreased by \$6.04/barrel to \$61.14/barrel, 37.1% lower than last year and 43.0% lower than the 2014 peak price of \$107.23/barrel.
- Mid-Atlantic ultra-low sulfur distillate stocks decreased 5.0% since last week and have decreased by over 7.5 million barrels or 39% over the previous two months and are now 6.9% below last year's levels.
- New York statewide average retail prices for ultra-low sulfur (ULS) heating oil, kerosene, and propane all decreased since the last survey period.

Retail Petroleum Prices—On a statewide basis since the last survey on December 8th, prices decreased 8.1¢/gallon (2.4%) to 334.1¢/gallon for ULS heating oil, 5.1¢/gallon (1.3%) to 384.0¢/gallon for kerosene, and 1.9¢/gallon (0.7%) to 277.6¢/gallon for propane. Compared to a year earlier, prices decreased 65.2¢/gallon (16.3%) for heating oil, 49.2¢/gallon (11.4%) for kerosene and 34.4¢/gallon (11.0%) for propane.

Crude Oil Prices—For the week ending 12/12/14, WTI crude oil spot prices averaged \$61.14/bbl, a decrease of \$6.04/bbl (9.0%) from the week-ago average of \$67.18/bbl. WTI prices are now \$36.09/bbl (37.1%) below the year-ago weekly average of \$97.23/bbl. The all-time weekly average high of \$142.52/bbl occurred on 7/04/08.

Spot Natural Gas Prices—For the week ending 12/12/14, Henry Hub natural gas spot prices averaged \$3.574 per million Btu (mmBtu), a decrease of \$0.072/mmBtu (2.0%) from the prior week level of \$3.646/mmBtu. Prices are currently \$0.732/mmBtu (17.0%) below the year-earlier weekly average of \$4.306/mmBtu.



Residential Natural Gas Prices—The NYS average price in August 2014 was \$1.842/therm, an increase of \$0.032/therm (1.7%) from the prior month of \$1.810/therm, and was \$0.014/therm (0.8%) lower than the year earlier average of \$1.856/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	12/12/2014	12/5/2014	% Change vs. Last Week	Year Ago	% Change vs. Last Year	5-Year Average	% Change vs. 5-Year Avg
Highway Diesel (ULS) (0-15 ppm)	11.8	12.4	-5.0%	12.7	-6.9%	11.5	2.7%
Non-road Diesel (15-500 ppm)	1.3	1.4	-4.2%	0.8	68.5%	2.3	-43.8%
Home Heating Oil (>500 ppm)	6.4	6.5	-0.9%	5.6	15.5%	18.7	-65.6%
Total Distillate Oil	19.5	20.3	-3.6%	19.0	2.7%	32.5	-39.9%
Propane	3,338	3,408	-2.1%	2,611	27.8%	2,540	31.4%
#6 Residual Oil	5.7	5.3	6.7%	5.8	-1.2%	8.5	-33.3%
US Natural Gas	3,295	3,359	-1.9%	3,289	0.2%	3,553	-7.3%
US Crude Oil	379.9	380.8	-0.2%	372.3	2.1%	351.3	8.2%

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 (cents per gallon)					
REGION	12/15/2014	12/8/2014	% Change vs. Prior Survey	Year Ago	% Change vs. Last Year
Long Island	341.1	349.2	-2.3%	409.8	-16.8%
New York City	338.2	350.0	-3.4%	411.7	-17.9%
Lower Hudson	330.1	340.4	-3.0%	408.9	-19.3%
Upper Hudson*	330.8	337.4	-2.0%	391.9	-15.6%
Capital District	326.4	333.0	-2.0%	386.7	-15.6%
North Country	329.8	340.4	-3.1%	386.8	-14.7%
Central	332.2	336.1	-1.2%	393.4	-15.6%
Western	340.3	343.8	-1.0%	389.1	-12.5%
Statewide*	334.1	342.2	-2.4%	399.3	-16.3%
New York State Retail Propane Posted Credit Prices - 1,100 gallon usage category (cents per gallon)					
Long Island	329.6	329.6	0.0%	380.8	-13.4%
Mid-Hudson	289.4	291.7	-0.8%	311.6	-7.1%
Capital District	321.5	315.2	2.0%	356.8	-9.9%
North Country	281.8	290.2	-2.9%	354.8	-20.6%
Central	255.9	258.5	-1.0%	287.0	-10.8%
Western	241.5	243.0	-0.6%	259.5	-6.9%
Statewide	277.6	279.5	-0.7%	312.0	-11.0%
New York State Retail Kerosene Posted Credit Prices (cents per gallon)					
Mid-Hudson*	396.3	403.0	-1.7%	447.0	-11.3%
Capital District	374.0	378.8	-1.3%	427.0	-12.4%
North Country	375.0	384.2	-2.4%	416.6	-10.0%
Central	380.2	381.8	-0.4%	434.1	-12.4%
Western	381.8	382.6	-0.2%	425.9	-10.4%
Statewide*	384.0	389.1	-1.3%	433.2	-11.4%
New York State Average Residential Natural Gas Prices (\$/therm)					
REGION	August 2014	July 2014	% Change vs. Prior Month	August 2013	% Change vs. Last Year
Statewide	1.838	1.807	1.7%	1.853	-0.8%

* Revision

Historic Retail Prices—Statewide average high and low prices since Sept. 1997 for #2 & propane & Sept. 2000 for kerosene.

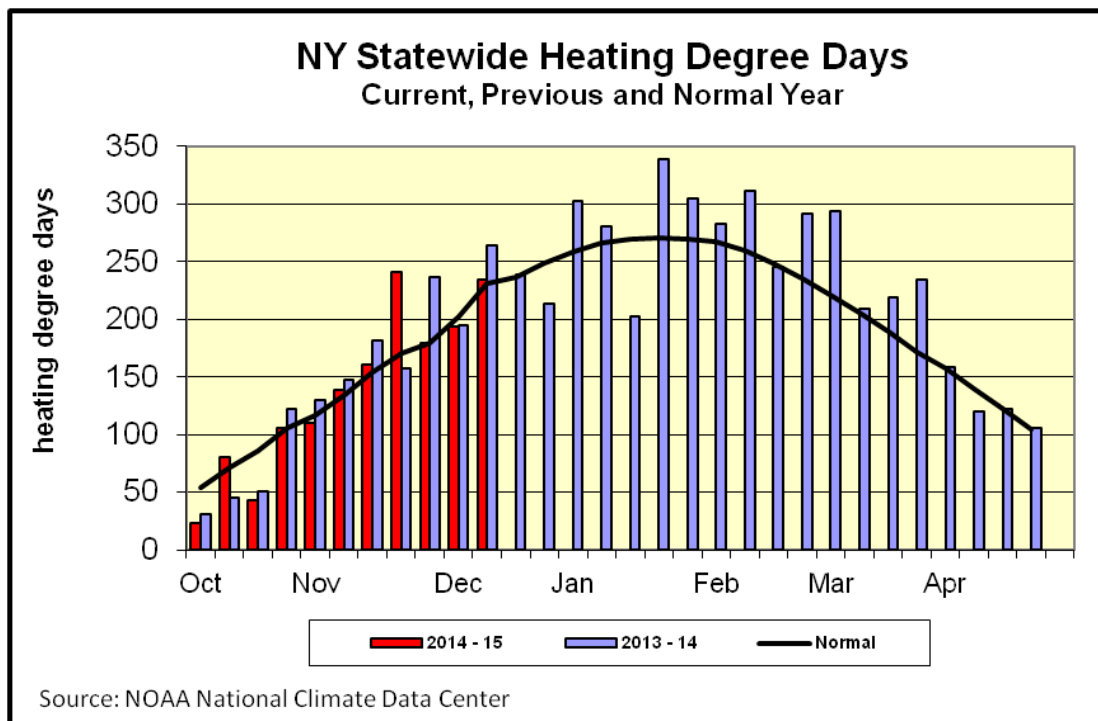
- Heating oil—highest price 477.8¢/gallon on 7/14/08, lowest price 87.6¢/gallon on 9/08/98.
- Propane—highest price 381.1¢/gallon on 2/17/14, lowest price 107.2¢/gallon on 9/20/99.
- Kerosene—highest price 506.8¢/gallon on 7/14/08, lowest price 130.9¢/gallon on 9/09/02.

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.

Heating Degree Days—On a statewide basis during the past week, the number of heating degree days (234) was 11.4% below the year-ago level of (264) and 1.3% above the normal trend (231). On a cumulative basis since October 1st, current year heating degree days (1,510) are behind the year-ago level (1,561) by 3.3% and ahead of the normal trend (1,504) by 0.4%.

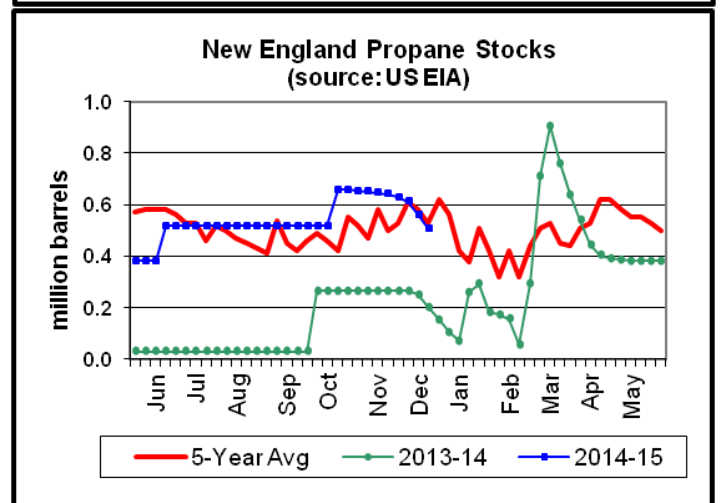
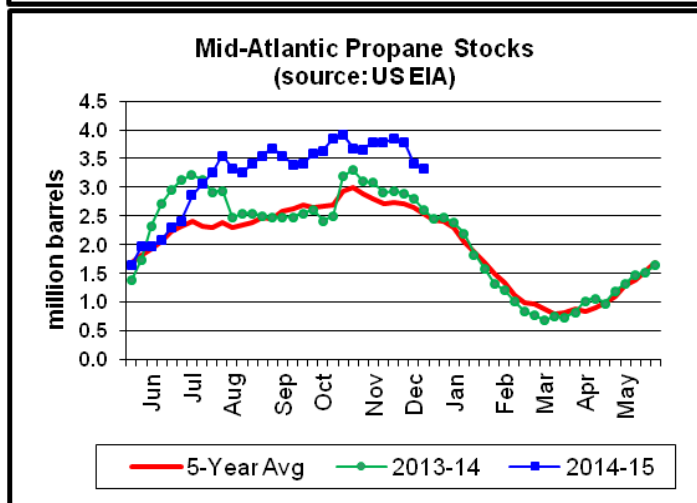
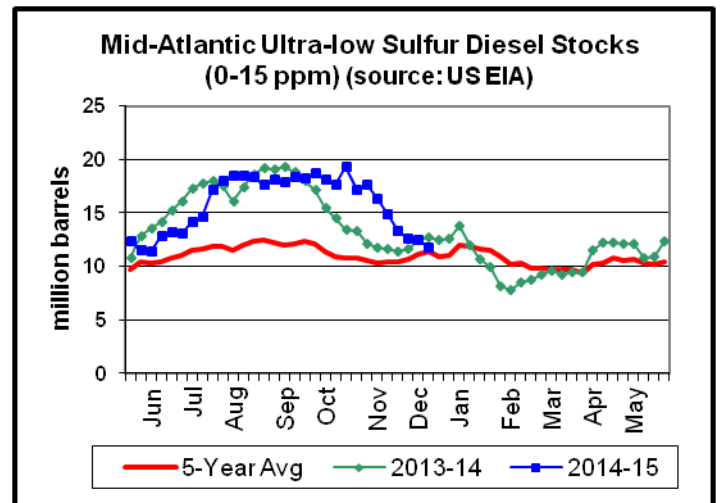
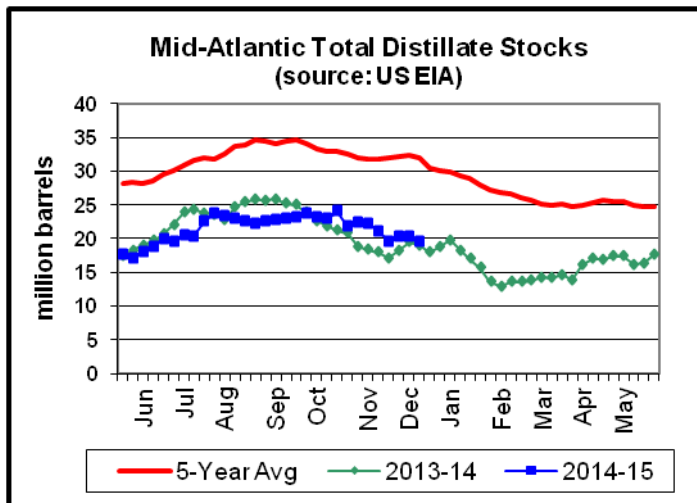
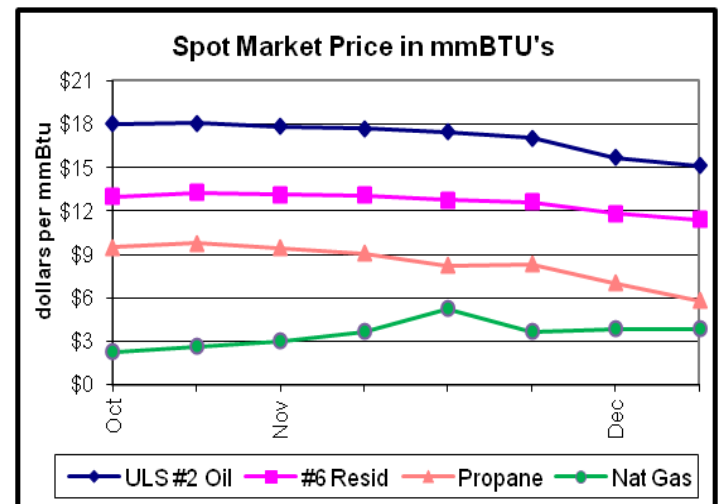
New York State Heating Degree Day Information, Weekly & Cumulative						
Week Ending December 13				Cumulative From October 1		
Region	2014	2013	Normal	2014-15	2013-14	Normal
Albany	259	275	233	1,607	1,672	1,649
Binghamton	271	306	251	1,762	1,802	1,809
Buffalo	234	290	233	1,604	1,614	1,625
Glens Falls	266	293	265	1,762	1,906	1,895
Massena	280	321	289	1,837	2,006	2,000
NYC	202	227	178	1,075	1,092	1,103
Rochester	236	291	236	1,549	1,643	1,638
Syracuse	261	274	240	1,520	1,616	1,666
Watertown	251	287	266	1,590	1,785	1,877
Statewide	234	264	231	1,510	1,561	1,504



Btu Price Equivalents—The Btu 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 City gate natural gas price on a dollar per million Btu (mmBtu) basis.

New York Spot Prices, Weekly Average			
Fuel	12/12/2014	Year Ago	% Change
Ultra LS Diesel	209.5	300.2	-30.2%
#2 Fuel Oil	189.6	298.6	-36.5%
#6 Residual 0.3%	170.1	253.3	-32.9%
Propane	52.9	130.9	-59.6%
Natural Gas	3.813	8.534	-55.3%

Note: Fuel in ¢/gallon, natural gas (\$/mmBtu)=NYcitygate



Additional historic regional specific prices and supply information is available at NYSERDA's website. For more information please contact Charlie Wesley at (518) 862-1090 ext. 3364, e-mail Charles.Wesley@nyserda.ny.gov.