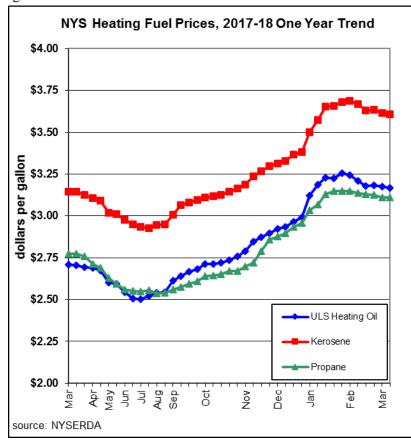
## **Highlights**

- Cumulative New York statewide heating degree-days since October 1<sup>st</sup> (4,463) are ahead of last year (4,076) by 9.5% but behind the 30-year normal (4,670) by 4.4%.
- Mid-Atlantic ultra-low sulfur (ULS) distillate stocks increased by 0.3 million barrels (1.5%) since last week and are now 23.7% below last year's level but 32.4% above the 5-year average.
- Mid-Atlantic propane stocks increased by 308,000 barrels (17.6%) since last week and are now 4.1% below last year's level but 65.5% above the 5-year average.

**Retail Petroleum Prices**—On a statewide basis since the last survey on March 5<sup>th</sup>, prices decreased \$0.008/gallon (0.3%) to \$3.167/gallon for ULS heating oil, \$0.009/gallon (0.2%) to \$3.607/gallon for kerosene, and \$0.003/gallon (0.1%) to \$3.109/gallon for propane. Compared to a year earlier, prices increased \$0.459/gallon (16.9%) for heating oil, \$0.461/gallon (14.7%) for kerosene and \$0.335/gallon (12.1%) for propane.

**Crude Oil Prices**—For the week ending 3/9/18, WTI crude oil spot prices averaged \$61.65/bbl, a decrease of \$0.42/bbl (0.7%) from the week-ago average of \$62.07/bbl. WTI prices are now \$11.15/bbl (22.1%) above the year-ago weekly average of \$50.50/bbl. The all-time weekly average high of \$142.52/bbl occurred on 7/04/08.

**Spot Natural Gas Prices**—For the week ending 3/9/18, Henry Hub natural gas spot prices averaged \$2.712 per million Btu (mmBtu), an increase of \$0.102/mmBtu (3.9%) from the prior week level of \$2.610/mmBtu. Prices are currently \$0.042/mmBtu (1.5%) below the year-earlier weekly average of \$2.754/mmBtu.



**Residential Natural Gas Prices**—The NYS average price in December 2017 was \$1.010/therm, a decrease of \$0.247/therm (19.6%) from the November 2017 price of \$1.257/therm, and was \$0.080/therm (8.5%) higher than the year earlier average of \$0.930/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  | 3/9/2018 | 3/2/2018 | % Change vs.<br>Last Week | Year Ago | % Change vs.<br>Last Year | 5-Year<br>Average | % Change vs. 5-<br>Year Avg |
| ULS Distillate (0-15 ppm)                                    | 23.9     | 23.6     | 1.5%                      | 31.4     | -23.7%                    | 18.1              | 32.4%                       |
| Non-road Diesel (15-500 ppm)                                 | 1.2      | 0.9      | 34.2%                     | 1.1      | 10.9%                     | 1.1               | 12.0%                       |
| High Sulfur Distillate (>500 ppm)                            | 3.0      | 3.1      | -5.2%                     | 3.7      | -18.7%                    | 4.6               | -35.1%                      |
| Total Distillate Oil   | 28.1     | 27.6     | 1.8%                      | 36.1     | -22.2%                    | 23.7              | 18.5%                       |
| Propane  | 2.057    | 1.749    | 17.6%                     | 2.146    | -4.1%                     | 1.243             | 65.5%                       |
| #6 Residual Oil  | 4.8      | 4.3      | 9.9%                      | 6.9      | -31.3%                    | 6.5               | -27.0%                      |
| US Natural Gas   | 1,532    | 1,625    | -5.7%                     | 2,250    | -31.9%                    | 1,828             | -16.2%                      |
| US Crude Oil   | 430.9    | 425.9    | 1.2%                      | 528.2    | -18.4%                    | 428.7             | 0.5%                        |

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



| REGION           | 3/12/2018                   | 3/5/2018               | % Change vs. Prior<br>Survey | Year Ago                | % Change vs. Last<br>Year |
|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Long Island      | 3.283                       | 3.287                  | -0.1%                        | 2.860                   | 14.8%                     |
| New York City*   | 3.206                       | 3.222                  | -0.5%                        | 2.773                   | 15.6%                     |
| Lower Hudson     | 3.312                       | 3.300                  | 0.4%                         | 2.793                   | 18.6%                     |
| Upper Hudson     | 3.136                       | 3.146                  | -0.3%                        | 2.624                   | 19.5%                     |
| Capital District | 2.964                       | 2.974                  | -0.3%                        | 2.540                   | 16.7%                     |
| North Country    | 3.062                       | 3.063                  | 0.0%                         | 2.609                   | 17.4%                     |
| Central          | 2.928                       | 2.946                  | -0.6%                        | 2.526                   | 15.9%                     |
| Western          | 3.355                       | 3.365                  | -0.3%                        | 2.825                   | 18.8%                     |
| Statewide*       | 3.167                       | 3.175                  | -0.3%                        | 2.708                   | 16.9%                     |
| Nev              | w York State Retail Propane | Posted Credit Prices - | 1,100 gallon usage categor   | ry (dollars per gallon) |                           |
| Long Island      | 3.388                       | 3.388                  | 0.0%                         | 3.087                   | 9.8%                      |
| Mid-Hudson       | 2.988                       | 2.964                  | 0.8%                         | 2.579                   | 15.9%                     |
| Capital District | 3.148                       | 3.166                  | -0.6%                        | 3.106                   | 1.4%                      |
| North Country    | 3.859                       | 3.939                  | -2.0%                        | 3.587                   | 7.6%                      |
| Central          | 2.903                       | 2.882                  | 0.7%                         | 2.495                   | 16.4%                     |
| Western          | 2.762                       | 2.751                  | 0.4%                         | 2.377                   | 16.2%                     |
| Statewide        | 3.109                       | 3.112                  | -0.1%                        | 2.774                   | 12.1%                     |
|                  | New York State              | Retail Kerosene Posted | Credit Prices (dollars per   | gallon)                 |                           |
| Mid-Hudson       | 3.737                       | 3.735                  | 0.1%                         | 3.205                   | 16.6%                     |
| Capital District | 3.442                       | 3.448                  | -0.2%                        | 3.044                   | 13.1%                     |
| North Country    | 3.611                       | 3.610                  | 0.0%                         | 3.219                   | 12.2%                     |
| Central          | 3.427                       | 3.474                  | -1.4%                        | 3.042                   | 12.7%                     |
| Western          | 3.749                       | 3.749                  | 0.0%                         | 3.182                   | 17.8%                     |
| Statewide        | 3.607                       | 3.616                  | -0.2%                        | 3.146                   | 14.7%                     |
|                  | New York Sta                | ate Average Residentia | l Natural Gas Prices (\$/the | erm)                    |                           |
| REGION           | December 2017               | November 2017          | % Change vs. Prior Month     | December 2016           | % Change vs. Last<br>Year |
| Statewide        | 1.010                       | 1.257                  | -19.6%                       | 0.930                   | 8.5%                      |

<sup>\*</sup> Revision

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

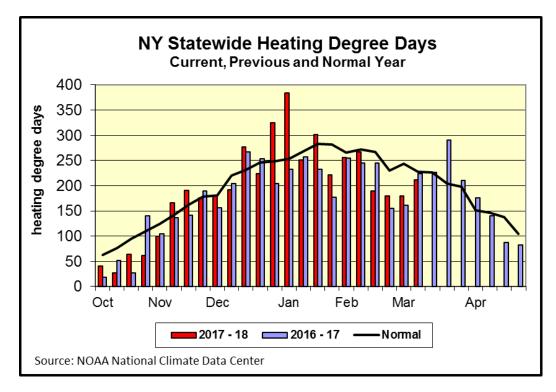
- Heating oil—highest price \$4.778/gallon on 7/14/08, lowest price \$0.876/gallon on 9/08/98.
- Propane—highest price \$3.811/gallon on 2/17/14, lowest price \$1.072/gallon on 9/20/99.
- Kerosene—highest price \$5.068/gallon on 7/14/08, lowest price \$1.309/gallon on 9/09/02.

**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.

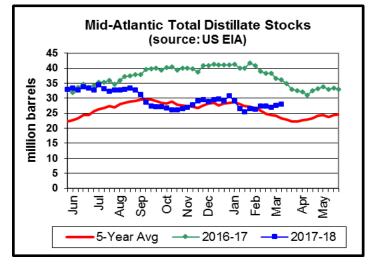
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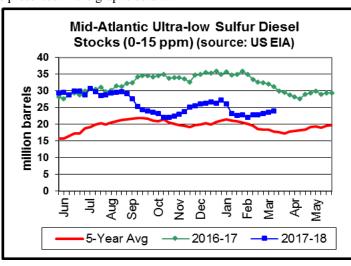
**Heating Degree Days**— The statewide number of heating degree-days (211) was 5.8% below the year-ago level of (224) and 7.5% below the normal trend (228). On a cumulative basis since October 1<sup>st</sup>, current season heating degree-days (4,463) are ahead of the year-ago level (4,076) by 9.5% and below the normal trend (4,670) by 4.4%.

| New York State Heating Degree Day Information, Weekly & Cumulative |      |      |        |                           |         |        |  |
|--|------|------|--------|---------------------------|---------|--------|--|
| Week Ending March 10   |      |      |        | Cumulative From October 1 |         |        |  |
| Region   | 2018 | 2017 | Normal | 2017-18                   | 2016-17 | Normal |  |
| Albany   | 219  | 234  | 224    | 4,748                     | 4,359   | 4,941  |  |
| Binghamton   | 265  | 255  | 248    | 5,111                     | 4,811   | 5,334  |  |
| Buffalo  | 251  | 224  | 239    | 4,767                     | 4,122   | 4,973  |  |
| Glens Falls  | 240  | 250  | 255    | 5,453                     | 4,663   | 5,661  |  |
| Massena  | 237  | 285  | 282    | 5,636                     | 5,112   | 6,092  |  |
| NYC  | 185  | 166  | 181    | 3,377                     | 2,883   | 3,741  |  |
| Rochester  | 237  | 225  | 240    | 4,616                     | 4,096   | 5,005  |  |
| Syracuse   | 237  | 248  | 240    | 4,899                     | 4,459   | 5,097  |  |
| Watertown  | 233  | 261  | 266    | 5,323                     | 4,749   | 5,665  |  |
| Statewide  | 211  | 224  | 228    | 4,463                     | 4,076   | 4,670  |  |

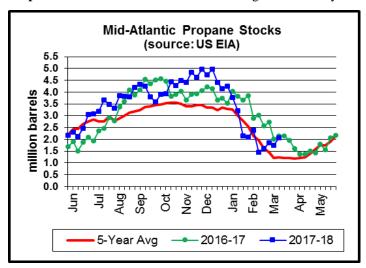


**Distillate Stocks**—Current and historic heating fuel inventory data is presented in the graphs below.

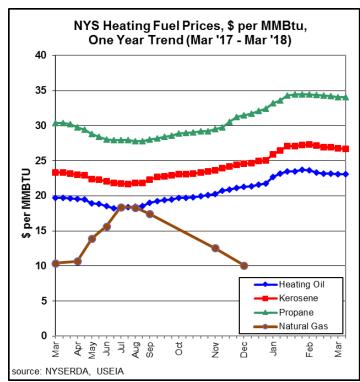




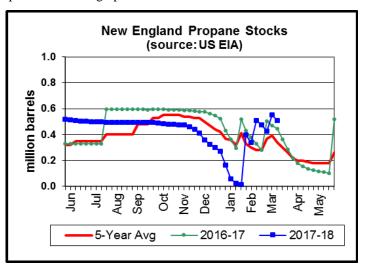
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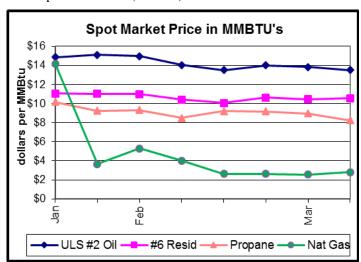
**Retail Btu Price Equivalents**—The New York State Heating Fuel Prices Btu graph equates the retail price for New York Statewide average residential ultra-low sulfur heating oil, kerosene, propane, and natural gas on a dollar per million Btu (MMBtu) basis.



Note: Natural gas prices are from the U.S. EIA and provided on a monthly basis and delayed by 3 months.



**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 City gate natural gas price on a dollar per million Btu (MMBtu) basis.



| New York Spot Prices, Weekly Average |          |          |          |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|--|--|--|
| Fuel                                 | 3/9/2018 | Year Ago | % Change |  |  |  |
| Ultra LS Diesel                      | 1.874    | 1.552    | 20.7%    |  |  |  |
| #2 Fuel Oil                          | 1.794    | 1.520    | 18.1%    |  |  |  |
| #6 Residual 0.3%                     | 1.580    | 1.225    | 28.9%    |  |  |  |
| Propane                              | 0.751    | 0.646    | 16.2%    |  |  |  |
| Natural Gas                          | 2.805    | 2.849    | -1.5%    |  |  |  |

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

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