

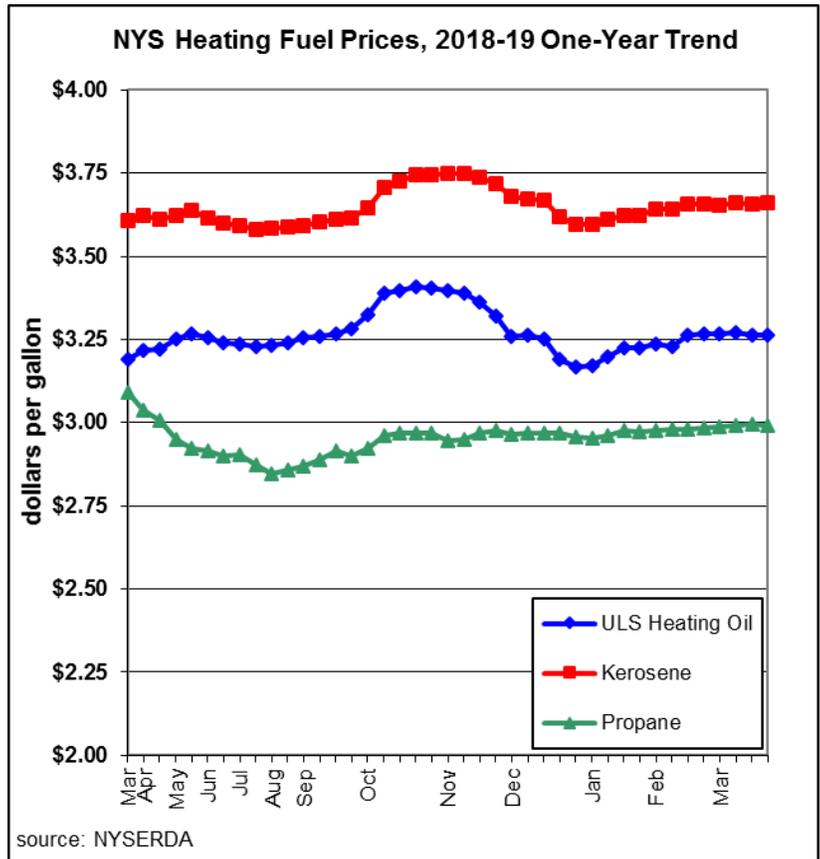
**Highlights**

- Mid-Atlantic ultra-low sulfur (ULS) distillate inventories decreased 0.5 million barrels (3.1%) since last week to 17.7 million barrels. Current inventories are 20.4% below last year’s level and 10.8% below the 5-year average.
- For the week ending March 23<sup>rd</sup>, New York statewide heating degree-days (208) were less than last year (221) by 5.9% but greater than the 30-year normal (203) by 2.5%.
- New York Statewide average retail prices of ultra-low sulfur (ULS) heating oil and kerosene increased while the average retail price of propane decreased since the last survey.

**Retail Petroleum Prices**—On a statewide basis since the last survey on March 18<sup>th</sup>, prices increased \$0.002/gallon (0.1%) to \$3.264/gallon for ULS heating oil, \$0.004/gallon (0.1%) to \$3.660/gallon for kerosene, and the price decreased \$0.003/gallon (0.1%) to \$2.991/gallon for propane. Compared to a year earlier, prices increased \$0.074/gallon (2.3%) for heating oil, \$0.052/gallon (1.4%) for kerosene, and the price decreased \$0.102/gallon (3.3%) for propane.

**Crude Oil Prices**—For the week ending 3/22/19, WTI crude oil spot prices averaged \$59.44/bbl, an increase of \$1.63/bbl (2.8%) from the week-ago average of \$57.81/bbl. WTI prices are now \$4.67/bbl (7.3%) below the year-ago weekly average of \$64.11/bbl. The all-time weekly average high of \$142.52/bbl occurred on 7/04/08.

**Spot Natural Gas Prices**—For the week ending 3/22/19, Henry Hub natural gas spot prices averaged \$2.830 per million Btu (mmBtu), an increase of \$0.006/mmBtu (0.2%) from the prior week level of \$2.824/mmBtu. Prices are currently \$0.196/mmBtu (7.4%) above the year-earlier weekly average of \$2.634/mmBtu.



**Residential Natural Gas Prices**—The NYS average price in January 2019 was \$1.186/therm, an increase of \$0.056/therm (5.0%) from the December 2018 price of \$1.130/therm, and was \$0.264/therm (28.6%) more than the year earlier average of \$0.922/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	3/22/2019	3/15/2019	% Change vs. Last Week	Year Ago	% Change vs. Last Year	5-Year Average	% Change vs. 5-Year Avg
ULS Distillate (0-15 ppm)	17.7	18.2	-3.1%	22.2	-20.4%	19.8	-10.8%
Non-road Diesel (15-500 ppm)	0.8	0.7	20.3%	0.9	-10.6%	0.9	-14.6%
High Sulfur Distillate (>500 ppm)	3.4	3.5	-0.6%	2.2	58.5%	3.4	1.1%
<b>Total Distillate Oil</b>	<b>21.9</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>-2.0%</b>	<b>25.3</b>	<b>-13.3%</b>	<b>24.1</b>	<b>-9.2%</b>
Propane	2.634	3.002	-12.3%	1.629	61.7%	1.402	87.9%
#6 Residual Oil	5.6	5.1	11.0%	4.6	22.2%	6.4	-11.4%
US Natural Gas	1,107	1,143	-3.1%	1,392	-20.5%	1,658	-33.2%
US Crude Oil	442.3	439.5	0.6%	429.9	2.9%	449.9	-1.7%

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	3/25/2019	3/18/2019	% Change vs. Prior Survey	Year Ago	% Change vs. Last Year
Long Island	3.424	3.403	0.6%	3.316	3.3%
New York City	3.348	3.353	-0.1%	3.263	2.6%
Lower Hudson	3.331	3.352	-0.6%	3.313	0.5%
Upper Hudson	3.151	3.150	0.0%	3.132	0.6%
Capital District	2.982	2.970	0.4%	2.967	0.5%
North Country	3.269	3.263	0.2%	3.066	6.6%
Central	3.079	3.079	0.0%	2.992	2.9%
Western	3.408	3.408	0.0%	3.360	1.4%
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>3.264</b>	<b>3.262</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>3.190</b>	<b>2.3%</b>
New York State Retail Propane Posted Credit Prices - 1,100 gallon usage category (dollars per gallon)					
Long Island	3.224	3.224	0.0%	3.388	-4.8%
Mid-Hudson	2.875	2.880	-0.2%	2.976	-3.4%
Capital District	2.936	2.931	0.2%	3.098	-5.2%
North Country	3.815	3.824	-0.2%	3.843	-0.7%
Central	2.750	2.752	-0.1%	2.884	-4.6%
Western	2.695	2.703	-0.3%	2.760	-2.4%
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>2.991</b>	<b>2.994</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	<b>3.093</b>	<b>-3.3%</b>
New York State Retail Kerosene Posted Credit Prices (dollars per gallon)					
Mid-Hudson	3.751	3.754	-0.1%	3.729	0.6%
Capital District	3.430	3.414	0.5%	3.436	-0.2%
North Country	3.763	3.763	0.0%	3.592	4.8%
Central	3.541	3.531	0.3%	3.479	1.8%
Western	3.777	3.777	0.0%	3.738	1.0%
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>3.660</b>	<b>3.656</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>3.608</b>	<b>1.4%</b>
New York State Average Residential Natural Gas Prices (\$/therm)					
REGION	January 2019	December 2018	% Change vs. Prior Month	January 2018	% Change vs. Last Year
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>1.186</b>	<b>1.130</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>0.922</b>	<b>28.6%</b>

\* Revision

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

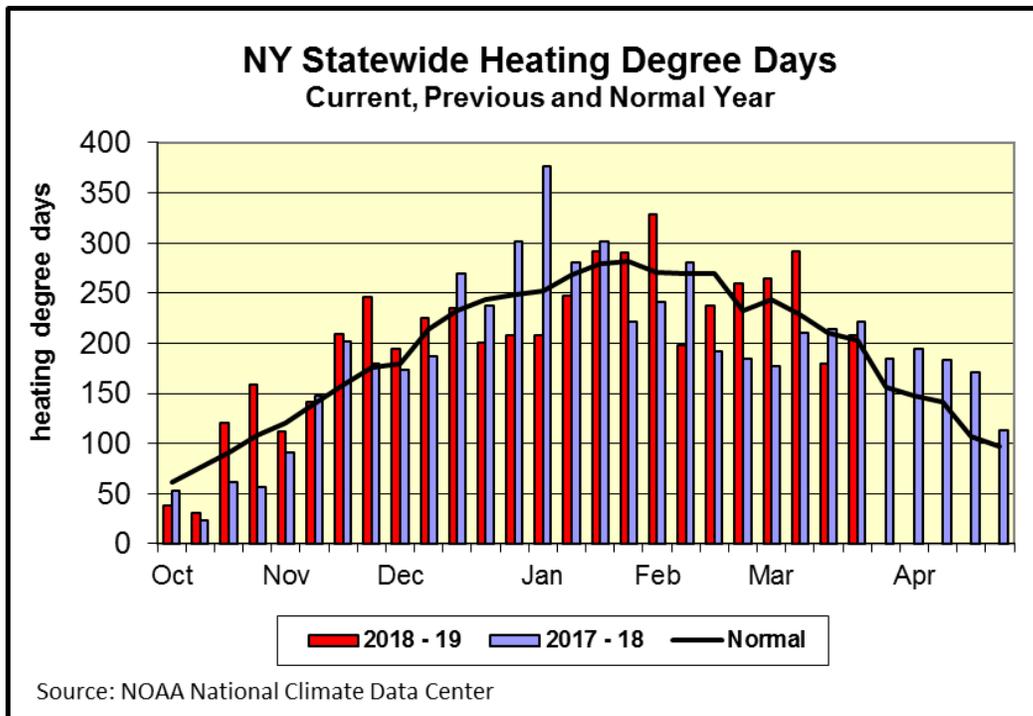
- Heating oil—highest price \$4.778/gallon on 7/14/08, lowest price \$0.876/gallon on 9/08/98.
- Propane—highest price \$3.811/gallon on 2/17/14, lowest price \$1.072/gallon on 9/20/99.
- Kerosene—highest price \$5.068/gallon on 7/14/08, lowest price \$1.309/gallon on 9/09/02.

**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>.

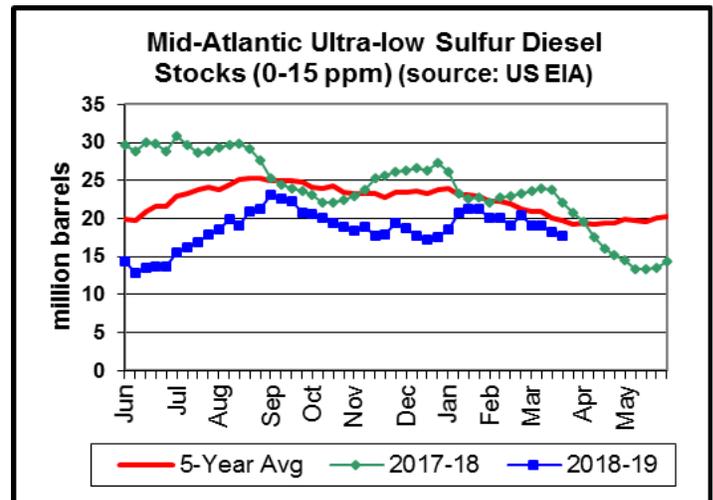
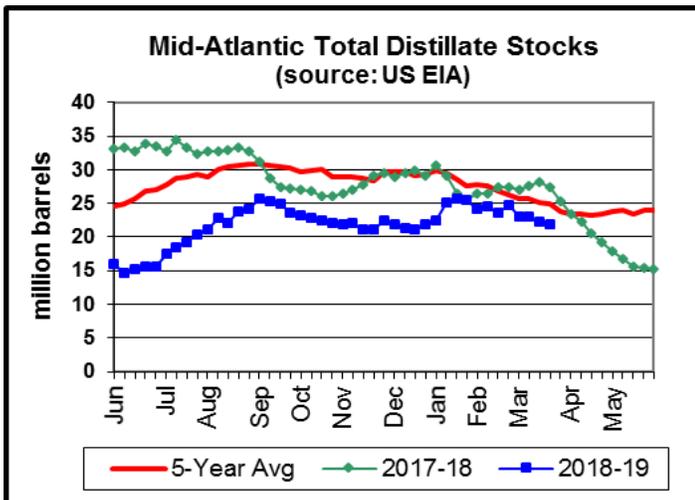
**New York State Regions:** *Long Island:* Nassau and Suffolk *New York City:* Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, and Richmond *Lower Hudson:* Dutchess, Putnam, Rockland, and Westchester *Upper Hudson:* Columbia, Greene, Orange, Sullivan, and Ulster *Capital District:* Albany, Fulton Montgomery, Rensselaer, 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.

**Heating Degree Days**— On a statewide basis during the past week, the number of heating degree-days (208) was 5.9% below the year-ago level (221) and 2.5% above the normal trend (203). On a cumulative basis since October 1<sup>st</sup>, current year heating degree-days (5,122) are ahead of the year-ago level (4,880) by 5.0% and ahead of the normal trend (5,060) by 1.2%.

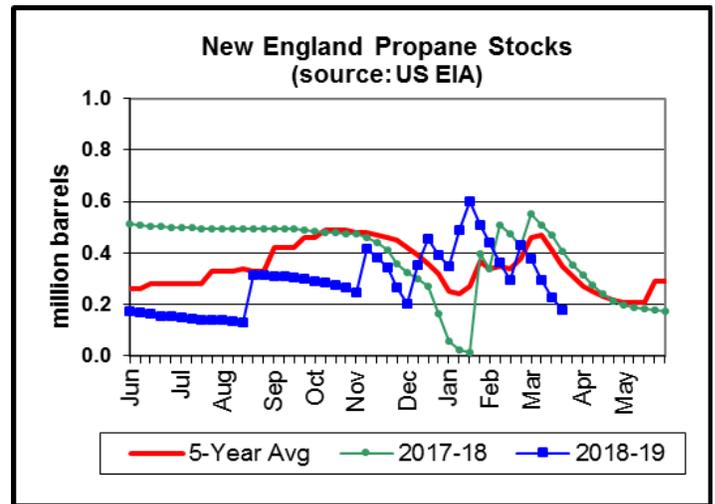
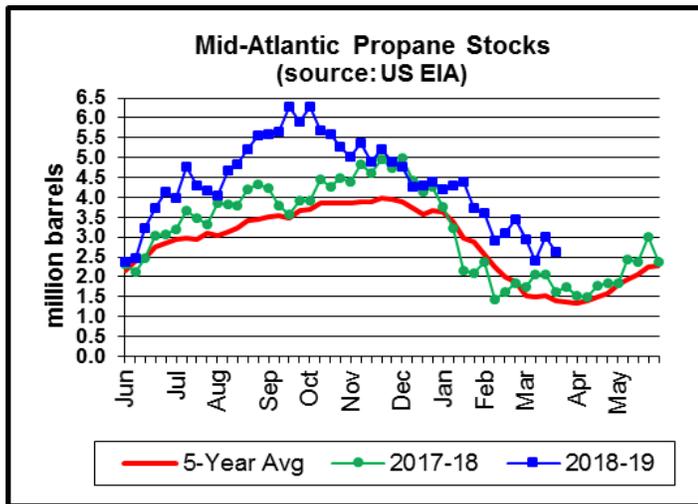
New York State Heating Degree Day Information, Weekly & Cumulative						
Region	Week Ending March 23			Cumulative From October 1		
	2019	2018	Normal	2018-19	2017-18	Normal
Albany	201	254	190	5,395	5,216	5,318
Binghamton	239	277	215	5,920	5,647	5,759
Buffalo	222	249	208	5,515	5,253	5,381
Glens Falls	225	275	217	6,049	5,944	6,092
Massena	255	322	240	6,756	6,186	6,569
NYC	160	181	152	3,953	3,722	4,040
Rochester	203	247	206	5,341	5,096	5,411
Syracuse	221	273	206	5,699	5,413	5,503
Watertown	235	312	228	6,255	5,870	6,116
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>5,122</b>	<b>4,880</b>	<b>5,060</b>



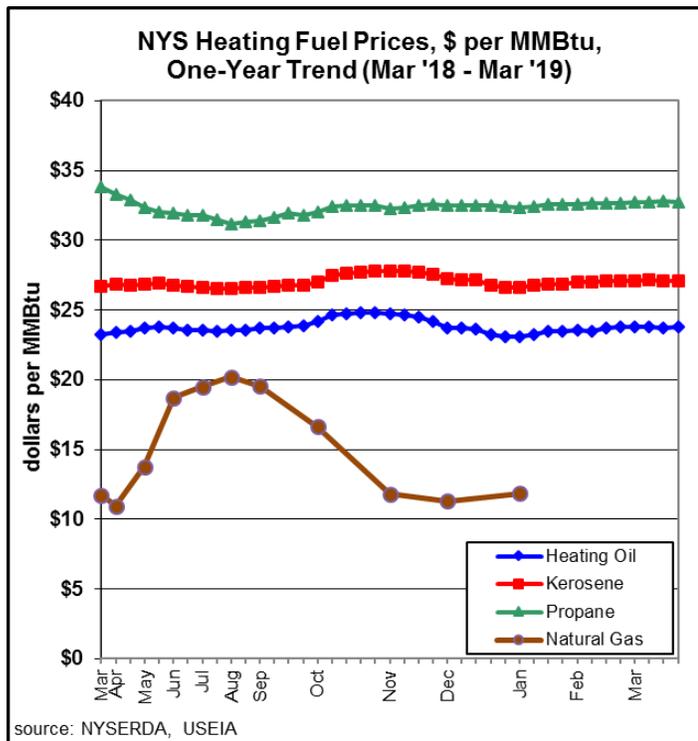
**Distillate Stocks**—Current and historic heating fuel inventory data is presented in the graphs below.



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

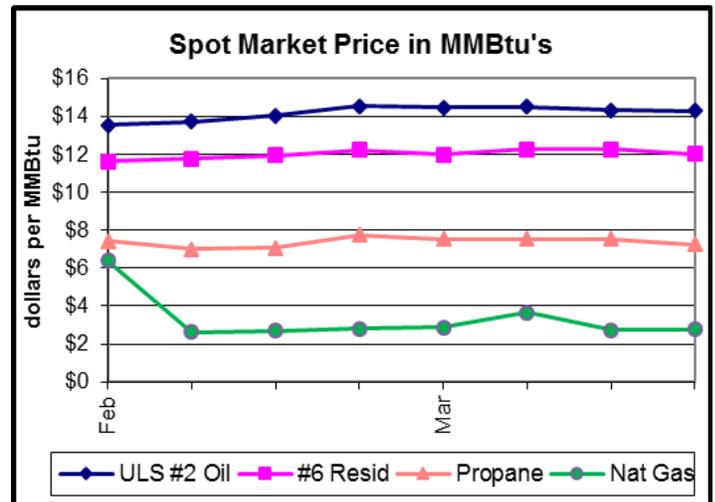


**Retail Btu Price Equivalents**—The New York State heating fuel prices Btu graph equates the retail price for New York Statewide average residential ultra-low sulfur heating oil, kerosene, propane, and natural gas on a dollar per million Btu (MMBtu) basis.



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

**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.



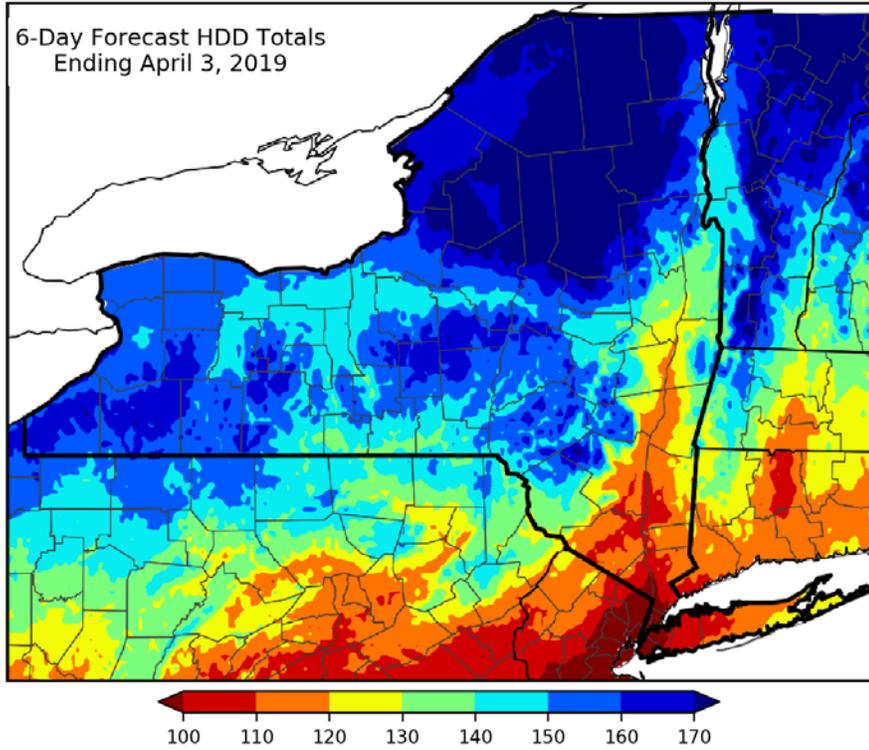
New York Spot Prices, Weekly Average			
Fuel	3/22/2019	Year Ago	% Change
Ultra LS Diesel	1.979	1.972	0.3%
#2 Fuel Oil	1.958	1.935	1.2%
#6 Residual 0.3%	1.795	1.610	11.5%
Propane	0.663	0.808	-18.0%
Natural Gas	2.779	2.981	-6.8%

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 March 30<sup>th</sup>, the number of forecasted heating degree-days (154) is 12.5% less than last year (176) and 9.4% less than the normal trend (170). Regional HDD forecasts are provided in the map and table below.

**Regional Heating Degree-Day Forecast**

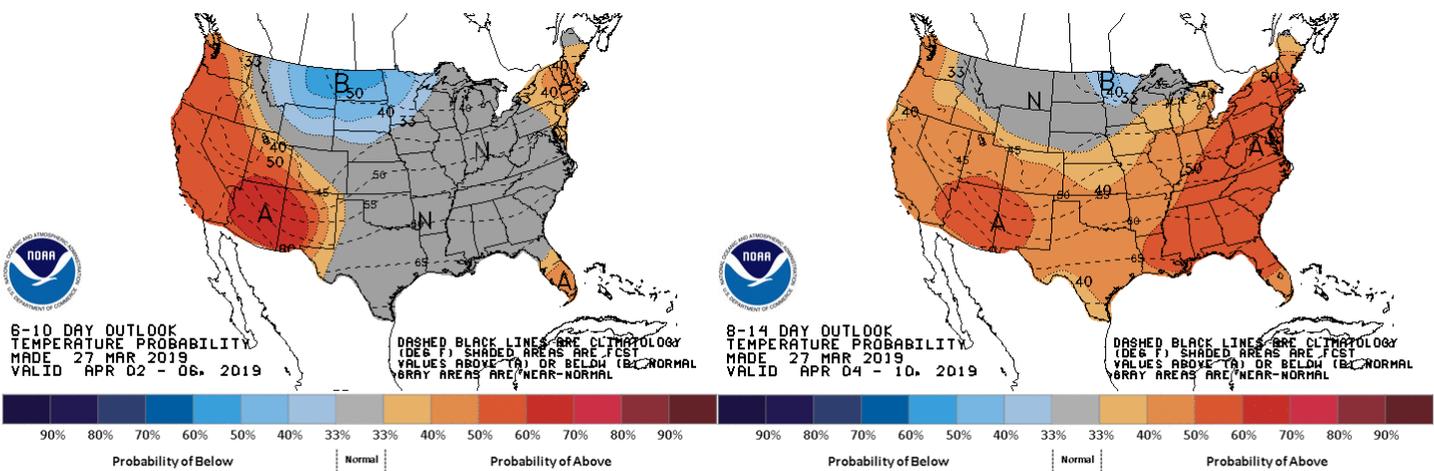


Period	Forecast Period: 3/29/19-4/3/19		
City	6-Day Forecast	Last Year	Normal
Albany	121	145	141
Binghamton	149	163	157
Buffalo	152	158	151
Glens Falls	140	162	162
Massena	178	172	176
NYC	93	108	107
Rochester	149	146	149
Syracuse	147	148	147
Watertown	164	171	166

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 April 2, 2019 – April 6, 2019. 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 April 4, 2019 – April 10, 2019. 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@nyserdera.ny.gov](mailto:matthew.milford@nyserdera.ny.gov).