## **Highlights**

- The weekly average New York State regular gasoline price decreased for the fifth week in a row to \$2.270/gallon, and is now \$0.656/gallon (22.4%) below last year's weekly average price of \$2.926/gallon.
- The weekly average New York State diesel price decreased for the thirty-second week in a row to \$2.672/gallon, and is now \$1.040/gallon (28.0%) below last year's weekly average price of \$3.712/gallon.
- The weekly New York Harbor ultra-low sulfur diesel spot price is at its lowest level since 2004 (when the product was higher sulfur distillate). The weekly average price decreased 9.3% since last week and is 46.3% below last year's price.

## **Retail Prices**

Prices are from the "AAA Daily Fuel Gauge Report."

**Regular Gasoline**— For the week ending December 21<sup>st</sup>, the New York State weekly retail gasoline price averaged \$2.270/gallon, a decrease of \$0.026/gallon (1.1%) from last week's average of \$2.296/gallon. Compared to the year earlier price of \$2.926/gallon, the statewide average has decreased \$0.656/gallon (22.4%).

The all-time high of \$4.309/gallon occurred on July 9th. 2008.

**Diesel**— For the week ending December 21<sup>st</sup>, the New York State weekly retail diesel price averaged \$2.672/gallon, a decrease of \$0.032/gallon (1.2%) from last week's average price of \$2.704/gallon. Compared to the year earlier price of \$3.712/gallon, the statewide average has decreased \$1.040/gallon (28.0%).

The all-time high of \$5.138/gallon occurred on June 18th, 2008.

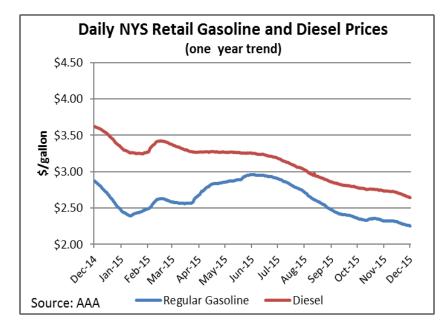
## **Crude Oil Spot Prices**

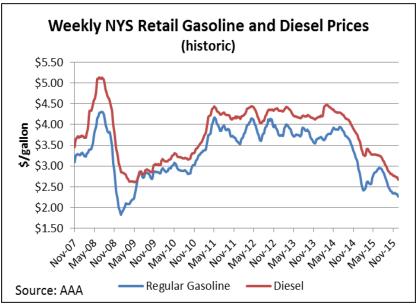
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WTI—For the week ending December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015, WTI crude oil spot prices averaged \$35.78/bbl, a decrease of \$1.15/bbl (3.1%) from the prior week average of \$36.93/bbl. WTI prices are now \$20.11/bbl (36.0%) below the year-ago weekly average of \$55.89/bbl.

The all-time weekly average high of \$142.52/bbl occurred the week ending July 4th, 2008.

**Brent**—For the week ending December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015,





Brent crude oil spot prices averaged \$36.84/bbl, a decrease of \$1.92/bbl (5.0%) from the week-ago average of \$38.76/bbl. Brent prices are now \$22.93/bbl (38.4%) below the year-ago weekly average of \$59.77/bbl.

The all-time weekly average high of \$141.07/bbl occurred the week ending July 4th, 2008.



New York S	State Retail Regular	Gasoline Weekly	Average Prices (dol	lars per gallon)	
METRO REGION	12/21/2015 12/14/2015		% Change vs. Prior Week	% Change vs. Last Year	
Albany – Schenectady - Troy	2.199	2.218	-0.8%	2.878	-23.6%
Binghamton	2.238	2.268	-1.3%	2.849	-21.5%
Buffalo - Niagara Falls	2.239	2.265	-1.1%	2.960	-24.3%
Nassau - Suffolk	2.277	2.304	-1.2%	2.900	-21.5%
New York	2.368	2.397	-1.2%	2.979	-20.5%
Rochester	2.203	2.224	-1.0%	2.968	-25.8%
Syracuse	2.130	2.158	-1.3%	2.769	-23.1%
Utica - Rome	2.257	2.273	-0.7%	2.925	-22.8%
Statewide	2.270	2.296	-1.1%	2.926	-22.4%
New Y	ork State Retail Di	esel Weekly Avera	nge Prices (dollars p	er gallon)	
Albany – Schenectady - Troy	2.583	2.612	-1.1%	3.582	-27.9%
Binghamton	2.568	2.613	-1.7%	3.647	-29.6%
Buffalo - Niagara Falls	2.631	2.662	-1.2%	3.697	-28.8%
Nassau - Suffolk	2.651	2.684	-1.2%	3.678	-27.9%
New York	2.968	3.004	-1.2%	3.900	-23.9%
Rochester	2.525	2.561	-1.4%	3.695	-31.7%
Syracuse	2.435	2.469	-1.4%	3.625	-32.8%
Utica - Rome	2.470	2.507	-1.5%	3.627	-31.9%
Statewide	2.672	2.704	-1.2%	3.712	-28.0%

Source: AAA, Daily prices. Weekly averaging by NYSERDA

**Inventory, Production and Demand**—Current and historic data is presented in the table below.

Weekly Inventories (million barrels)							
Fuel Type	12/18/2015	12/11/2015	% Change vs. Last Week	Year Ago	% Change vs. Last Year	5-Year Average	% Change vs. 5-Year Avg
Mid-Atlantic PADD I-B Gasoline	28.1	28.7	-1.9%	28.4	-1.1%	27.2	3.3%
East Coast PADD I Gasoline	56.9	58.7	-3.1%	57.1	-0.4%	54.9	3.6%
East Coast PADD I Ethanol	6.8	6.5	4.7%	5.6	21.4%	6.1	12.4%
US Total Gasoline	220.5	219.4	0.5%	226.1	-2.5%	220.2	0.1%
Mid-Atlantic PADD I-B ULS Distillate (0-15 ppm)	31.1	31.7	-1.7%	11.0	183.0%	10.8	188.0%
US Crude Oil	484.8	490.7	-1.2%	387.2	25.2%	358.1	35.4%
Weekly Gasoline Production and Demand (million barrels per day)							
East Coast PADD I Finished Gasoline Production	3.1	3.1	-0.6%	3.1	-0.7%	3.0	4.5%
US Total Finished Gasoline Production	9.3	10.0	-6.2%	9.9	-5.8%	9.6	-2.7%
Total US Gasoline Demand	9.2	9.2	-0.4%	9.5	-3.5%	9.1	1.1%

Source: US DOE/EIA

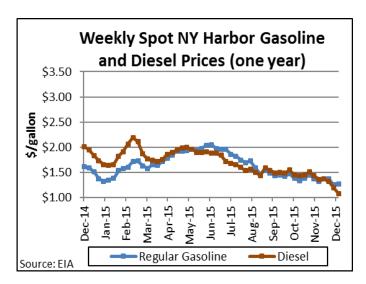
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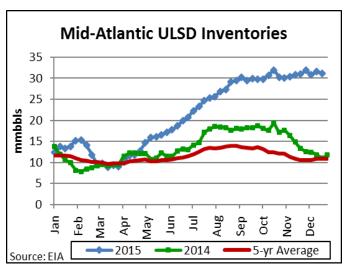
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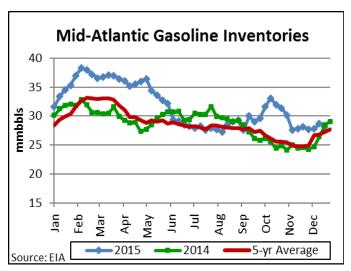
**Spot Prices**—The table and charts below show the spot market prices for regular gasoline, ultra-low sulfur diesel (ULSD), West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude, and Brent crude oil.

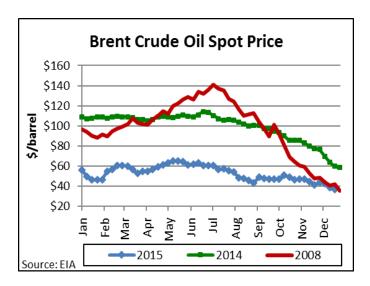
Spot Prices, Weekly Average							
Fuel	12/18/2015	Year Ago	% Change				
Regular Gasoline (\$/gal)	1.265	1.607	-21.3%				
Diesel (\$/gal)	1.080	2.012	-46.3%				
WTI (\$/bbl)	35.78	55.89	-36.0%				
Brent (\$/bbl)	36.84	59.77	-38.4%				

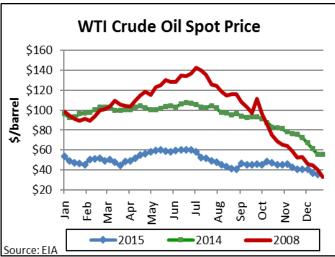
Note: Gasoline and diesel prices are for New York Harbor











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