## **Highlights**

- The weekly average New York State regular gasoline price decreased for the fourteenth week in a row to \$1.971/gallon, and is now \$0.504/gallon (20.4%) below last year's weekly average price of \$2.475/gallon.
- Mid-Atlantic gasoline stocks increased for the ninth week in a row, increasing by 0.8 million barrels (2.1%) since last week. Mid-Atlantic gasoline stocks are now 11.3% above the 5-year average.
- Weekly U.S. crude oil inventories increased by 3.5 million barrels since last week to a new record level of 507.6 million barrels. U.S. crude oil inventories are now 73.5 million barrels (16.9%) above last year's level of 434.1 million barrels.

## **Retail Prices**

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

**Regular Gasoline**— For the week ending February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 the New York State weekly retail gasoline price averaged \$1.971/gallon, a decrease of \$0.031/gallon (1.6%) from last week's average of \$2.002/gallon. Compared to the year earlier price of \$2.475/gallon, the statewide average has decreased \$0.504/gallon (20.4%).

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

**Diesel**— For the week ending February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 the New York State weekly retail diesel price averaged \$2.334/gallon, a decrease of \$0.032/gallon (1.4%) from last week's average price of \$2.366/gallon. Compared to the year earlier price of \$3.262/gallon, the statewide average has decreased \$0.928/gallon (28.5%).

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

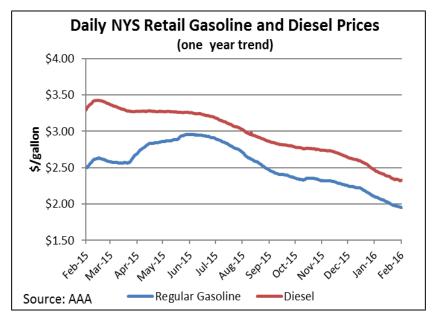
## **Crude Oil Spot Prices**

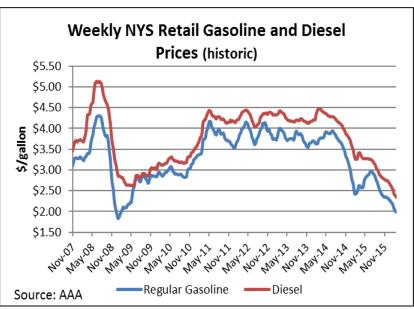
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WTI—For the week ending February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016, WTI crude oil spot prices averaged \$30.02/bbl, an increase of \$1.88/bbl (6.7%) from the prior week average of \$28.14/bbl. WTI prices are now \$21.67/bbl (41.9%) below the year-ago weekly average of \$51.69/bbl.

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

**Brent**—For the week ending February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Brent crude oil spot prices averaged \$32.29/bbl, an





increase of \$1.88/bbl (6.2%) from the week-ago average of \$30.41/bbl. Brent prices are now \$28.28/bbl (46.7%) below the year-ago weekly average of \$60.57/bbl.

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



| New York S                  | tate Retail Regular | Gasoline Weekly  | Average Prices (dol        | lars per gallon) |                           |  |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|--|
| METRO REGION                | 2/22/2016           | 2/15/2016        | % Change vs.<br>Prior Week | Year Ago         | % Change vs.<br>Last Year |  |
| Albany – Schenectady - Troy | 1.918               | 1.950            | -1.6%                      | 2.418            | -20.7%                    |  |
| Binghamton                  | 1.919               | 1.958            | -2.0%                      | 2.467            | -22.2%                    |  |
| Buffalo - Niagara Falls     | 1.951               | 1.983            | -1.6%                      | 2.481            | -21.4%                    |  |
| Nassau - Suffolk            | 1.966               | 2.001            | -1.8%                      | 2.490            | -21.0%                    |  |
| New York                    | 2.056               | 2.087            | -1.5%                      | 2.524            | -18.5%                    |  |
| Rochester                   | 1.931               | 1.958            | -1.4%                      | 2.475            | -22.0%                    |  |
| Syracuse                    | 1.851               | 1.874            | -1.3%                      | 2.392            | -22.6%                    |  |
| Utica - Rome                | 1.983               | 2.015            | -1.6%                      | 2.458            | -19.3%                    |  |
| Statewide                   | 1.971               | 2.002            | -1.6%                      | 2.475            | -20.4%                    |  |
| New Y                       | ork State Retail Di | esel Weekly Aver | age Prices (dollars p      | er gallon)       |                           |  |
| Albany – Schenectady - Troy | 2.274               | 2.308            | -1.5%                      | 3.171            | -28.3%                    |  |
| Binghamton                  | 2.276               | 2.295            | -0.8%                      | 3.210            | -29.1%                    |  |
| Buffalo - Niagara Falls     | 2.283               | 2.318            | -1.5%                      | 3.236            | -29.4%                    |  |
| Nassau - Suffolk            | 2.311               | 2.333            | -1.0%                      | 3.203            | -27.8%                    |  |
| New York                    | 2.631               | 2.664            | -1.2%                      | 3.459            | -23.9%                    |  |
| Rochester                   | 2.176               | 2.229            | -2.4%                      | 3.236            | -32.8%                    |  |
| Syracuse                    | 2.136               | 2.184            | -2.2%                      | 3.215            | -33.6%                    |  |
| Utica - Rome                | 2.120               | 2.162            | -2.0%                      | 3.208            | -33.9%                    |  |
| Statewide                   | 2.334               | 2.366            | -1.4%                      | 3.262            | -28.5%                    |  |

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   | 2/19/2016 | 2/12/2016 | % Change<br>vs. Last<br>Week | Year Ago | % Change<br>vs. Last Year | 5-Year<br>Average | % Change<br>vs. 5-Year<br>Avg |
| Mid-Atlantic PADD I-B Gasoline                                  | 37.5      | 36.7      | 2.1%                         | 37.2     | 0.7%                      | 33.7              | 11.3%                         |
| East Coast PADD I Gasoline                                      | 72.2      | 70.5      | 2.5%                         | 69.6     | 3.8%                      | 63.9              | 13.1%                         |
| East Coast PADD I Ethanol                                       | 8.2       | 8.4       | -2.6%                        | 7.6      | 8.4%                      | 6.9               | 18.4%                         |
| US Total Gasoline   | 256.5     | 258.7     | -0.9%                        | 240.0    | 6.9%                      | 234.2             | 9.5%                          |
| Mid-Atlantic PADD I-B ULS<br>Distillate (0-15 ppm)              | 30.0      | 31.2      | -3.8%                        | 11.9     | 153.3%                    | 10.6              | 182.8%                        |
| US Crude Oil  | 507.6     | 504.1     | 0.7%                         | 434.1    | 16.9%                     | 372.1             | 36.4%                         |
| Weekly Gasoline Production and Demand (million barrels per day) |           |           |                              |          |                           |                   |                               |
| East Coast PADD I Finished Gasoline<br>Production               | 3.1       | 3.1       | 0.0%                         | 3.0      | 2.8%                      | 2.8               | 9.5%                          |
| US Total Finished Gasoline<br>Production                        | 10.0      | 9.7       | 3.5%                         | 9.7      | 3.6%                      | 9.1               | 9.6%                          |
| Total US Gasoline Demand  | 9.6       | 9.2       | 4.1%                         | 8.9      | 7.4%                      | 8.7               | 9.8%                          |

ppm = parts per million sulfur content

Middle Atlantic is DE, DC, MD, NJ, NY, and PA Source: US DOE/EIA

**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                        | 2/19/2016 | Year Ago % Chang |        |  |  |  |  |
| Regular Gasoline (\$/gal)   | 1.109     | 1.604            | -30.9% |  |  |  |  |
| Diesel (\$/gal)             | 1.047     | 2.061            | -49.2% |  |  |  |  |
| WTI (\$/bbl)                | 30.02     | 51.69            | -41.9% |  |  |  |  |
| Brent (\$/bbl)              | 32.29     | 60.57            | -46.7% |  |  |  |  |

Note: Gasoline and diesel prices are for New York Harbor

