## **Highlights**

- Mid-Atlantic ultra-low sulfur (ULS) distillate inventories decreased by 0.4 million barrels (2.3%) since last week to 19.0 million barrels. Inventories are now 15.4% below the year-ago level and 18.9% below the 5-year average.
- The weekly average Brent crude oil spot price decreased \$2.18/barrel (2.7%) since last week to \$78.23/barrel. Current prices are \$19.65/barrel (33.5%) above the year-ago price of \$58.58/barrel.
- The average New York State regular gasoline price decreased \$0.018/gallon (0.6%) since last week to \$2.973/gallon. Current prices are \$0.330/gallon (12.5%) above the year-ago price of \$2.643/gallon.

## **Retail Prices**

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

**Regular Gasoline**— For the week ending October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the New York State weekly retail gasoline price averaged \$2.973/gallon, a decrease of \$0.018/gallon (0.6%) from last week's average of \$2.991/gallon. Compared to the year earlier price of \$2.643/gallon, the statewide average has increased \$0.330/gallon (12.5%).

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

**Diesel**— For the week ending on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the New York State weekly retail diesel price averaged \$3.419/gallon, a decrease of \$0.003/gallon (0.1%) from last week's average of \$3.422/gallon. Compared to the year earlier price of \$2.851/gallon, the statewide average has increased \$0.568/gallon (19.9%).

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

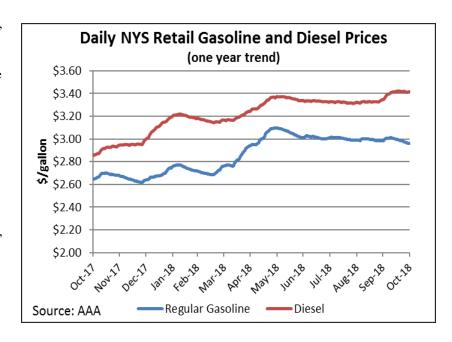
## **Crude Oil Spot Prices**

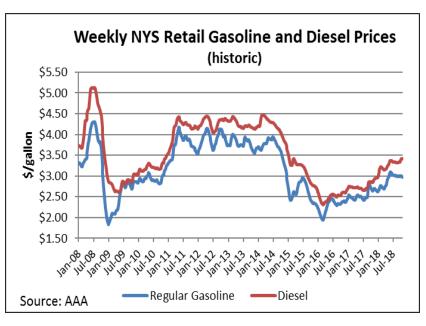
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WTI – For the week ending October 26, 2018, WTI crude oil spot prices averaged \$67.43/bbl, a decrease of \$2.81/bbl (4.0%) from the week-ago average of \$70.24/bbl. WTI prices are now \$14.92/bbl (28.4%) above the year-ago weekly average of \$52.51/bbl.

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

**Brent** - For the week ending October 26, 2018, Brent crude oil spot prices averaged \$78.23/bbl, a decrease of \$2.18/bbl (2.7%) from the week-ago average of \$80.41/bbl. Brent prices are now \$19.65/bbl (33.5%) above the year-ago weekly average of \$58.58/bbl.





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



| New York State Retail Regular Gasoline Weekly Average Prices (dollars per gallon) |            |            |                            |          |                           |  |  |  |
|---|------------|------------|----------------------------|----------|---------------------------|--|--|--|
| METRO REGION  | 10/29/2018 | 10/22/2018 | % Change vs.<br>Prior Week | Year Ago | % Change vs.<br>Last Year |  |  |  |
| Albany – Schenectady - Troy   | 2.852      | 2.873      | -0.7%                      | 2.583    | 10.4%                     |  |  |  |
| Binghamton  | 2.926      | 2.938      | -0.4%                      | 2.592    | 12.9%                     |  |  |  |
| Buffalo - Niagara Falls   | 2.990      | 2.994      | -0.2%                      | 2.654    | 12.7%                     |  |  |  |
| Nassau - Suffolk  | 2.956      | 2.978      | -0.7%                      | 2.605    | 13.5%                     |  |  |  |
| New York  | 3.058      | 3.086      | -0.9%                      | 2.769    | 10.5%                     |  |  |  |
| Rochester   | 2.931      | 2.947      | -0.5%                      | 2.558    | 14.6%                     |  |  |  |
| Syracuse  | 2.886      | 2.909      | -0.8%                      | 2.479    | 16.4%                     |  |  |  |
| Utica - Rome  | 2.920      | 2.942      | -0.8%                      | 2.590    | 12.7%                     |  |  |  |
| Statewide   | 2.973      | 2.991      | -0.6%                      | 2.643    | 12.5%                     |  |  |  |
| New York State Retail Diesel Weekly Average Prices (dollars per gallon)           |            |            |                            |          |                           |  |  |  |
| Albany – Schenectady - Troy   | 3.315      | 3.324      | -0.3%                      | 2.767    | 19.8%                     |  |  |  |
| Binghamton  | 3.494      | 3.492      | 0.1%                       | 2.841    | 23.0%                     |  |  |  |
| Buffalo - Niagara Falls   | 3.345      | 3.340      | 0.1%                       | 2.769    | 20.8%                     |  |  |  |
| Nassau - Suffolk  | 3.437      | 3.439      | -0.1%                      | 2.872    | 19.7%                     |  |  |  |
| New York  | 3.610      | 3.615      | -0.1%                      | 3.029    | 19.2%                     |  |  |  |
| Rochester   | 3.340      | 3.341      | 0.0%                       | 2.762    | 20.9%                     |  |  |  |
| Syracuse  | 3.355      | 3.357      | -0.1%                      | 2.766    | 21.3%                     |  |  |  |
| Utica - Rome  | 3.347      | 3.354      | -0.2%                      | 2.751    | 21.7%                     |  |  |  |
| Statewide   | 3.419      | 3.422      | -0.1%                      | 2.851    | 19.9%                     |  |  |  |

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  | 10/26/2018 | 10/19/2018 | % 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   | 34.1       | 35.8       | -4.7%                        | 24.5     | 39.5%                     | 27.8              | 22.5%                         |
| East Coast PADD I Gasoline   | 64.6       | 67.7       | -4.6%                        | 54.0     | 19.6%                     | 56.8              | 13.6%                         |
| East Coast PADD I Ethanol  | 7.5        | 7.9        | -4.1%                        | 7.1      | 6.3%                      | 6.1               | 23.8%                         |
| US Gasoline  | 226.2      | 229.3      | -1.4%                        | 212.8    | 6.3%                      | 214.4             | 5.5%                          |
| Mid-Atlantic PADD I-B ULS<br>Distillate (0-15 ppm)                           | 19.0       | 19.4       | -2.3%                        | 22.4     | -15.4%                    | 23.4              | -18.9%                        |
| US Crude Oil   | 426.0      | 422.8      | 0.8%                         | 454.9    | -6.4%                     | 417.8             | 2.0%                          |
| East Coast PADD 1 Jet Fuel   | 10.7       | 12.2       | -12.3%                       | 9.6      | 11.2%                     | 10.0              | 7.4%                          |
| Weekly Gasoline and Jet Fuel Production and Demand (million barrels per day) |            |            |                              |          |                           |                   |                               |
| East Coast PADD I Finished Gasoline<br>Production                            | 3.25       | 3.28       | -0.8%                        | 3.23     | 0.6%                      | 3.12              | 4.1%                          |
| US Finished Gasoline Production  | 10.36      | 10.03      | 3.4%                         | 10.19    | 1.7%                      | 9.61              | 7.8%                          |
| US Gasoline Demand   | 9.26       | 9.32       | -0.7%                        | 9.46     | -2.1%                     | 9.18              | 0.9%                          |
| Production   | 0.05       | 0.07       | -16.9%                       | 0.09     | -40.0%                    | 0.08              | -35.6%                        |
| US Jet Fuel Production   | 1.67       | 1.64       | 1.7%                         | 1.73     | -3.4%                     | 1.77              | -5.4%                         |

Source: US DOE/EIA

ppm = parts per million sulfur content

Middle Atlantic is DE, DC, MD, NJ, NY, and PA

**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, Brent crude oil, and the monthly wholesale price for New York State jet fuel.

| Spot Prices, Weekly Average |            |          |          |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------|------------|----------|----------|--|--|--|--|
| Fuel                        | 10/26/2018 | Year Ago | % Change |  |  |  |  |
| Regular Gasoline (\$/gal)   | 1.911      | 1.794    | 6.5%     |  |  |  |  |
| Diesel (\$/gal)             | 2.277      | 1.828    | 24.6%    |  |  |  |  |
| WTI (\$/bbl)                | 67.43      | 52.51    | 28.4%    |  |  |  |  |
| Brent (\$/bbl)              | 78.23      | 58.58    | 33.5%    |  |  |  |  |
| Fuel                        | July 2018  | Year Ago | % Change |  |  |  |  |
| Jet Fuel (\$/gal)           | 2.229      | 1.504    | 48.2%    |  |  |  |  |

Note: Gasoline and diesel prices are for New York Harbor. Jet Fuel is the wholesale price by refiners for New York State and provided on a monthly basis with a 3 month delay.

