



## Overall Energy & Fuels Markets Summary

- Market influencers include:
  - Global factors such as the U.S./Iran meetings, Russian-Ukraine war, world petroleum inventories, U.S. trade policies, and associated geopolitical uncertainties.
  - Domestic factors associated with heating season developments and U.S. economic policy.
- Summary of spot prices for the following market benchmarks (see page 2).
  - Brent crude and WTI spot prices remained relatively consistent compared to the prior week.
  - Natural gas (Henry Hub) and propane (Mt. Belvieu) spot prices remained relatively consistent compared to the prior week.
- Regional fuels inventories (see pages 2 through 4) compared to the previous week:
  - Propane and ultra-low sulfur diesel (ULSD) inventories increased by 15% and 12%, respectively. Natural gas inventories decreased by 12%.
  - Total gasoline inventories increased compared to the prior week.
- Highlights of production and imports/exports (see page 3) observations and comparisons to the previous week:
  - U.S. refining capacity and utilization dipped just below the 90% mark while East Coast is just above the 90% threshold.
  - Crude oil and petroleum products imports and exports for December are both below year ago levels.
- NY retail prices (see pages 5 and 6) for heating and transportation fuels:
  - NY Transportation fuels retail prices were comparable with the prior week, with only +/- 1% change.
  - Heating oil prices increased, kerosene decreased and propane remained similar since the prior survey, with only +/- 1% change .
- NY weather forecast and seasonal conditions summary (see pages 7 and 8):
  - The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) forecasts indicate likely above normal temperatures for the 6-10 day and near normal to leaning below for 8-14 day period.
  - The NOAA forecasts for precipitation indicate likely above to leaning above for the 6-10 day and leaning above for the 8-14 day period.

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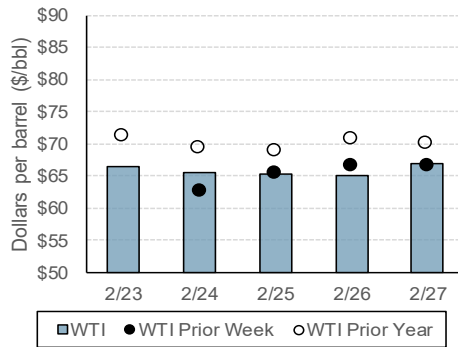
#### Notes:

1. Data and information from a variety of sources, see references section for detailed citations. Visualizations by NYSERDA.
2. Data represent the most recent week ending on Fridays, unless otherwise noted. See individual graphics and summaries for details.
3. Daily spot price data for WTI crude, Henry Hub natural gas, and Mt. Belvieu propane are not available for 2/16/2026, due to the President's Day holiday in the U.S.

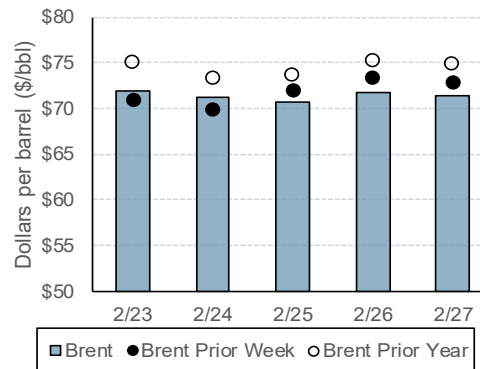
## National Market Benchmarks and East Region Natural Gas Inventories

### National Market Benchmark Spot Prices

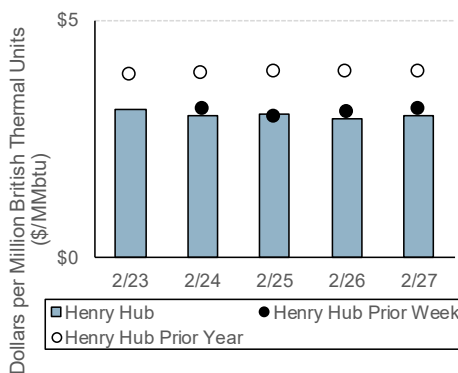
WTI Crude Oil Spot Prices Summary



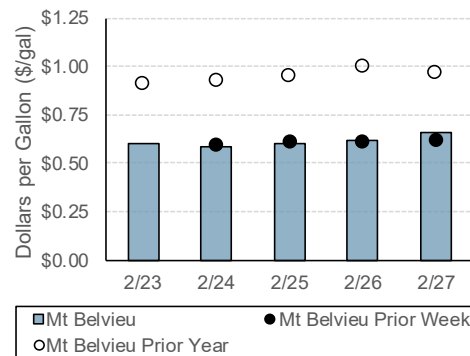
Brent Crude Oil Spot Prices Summary



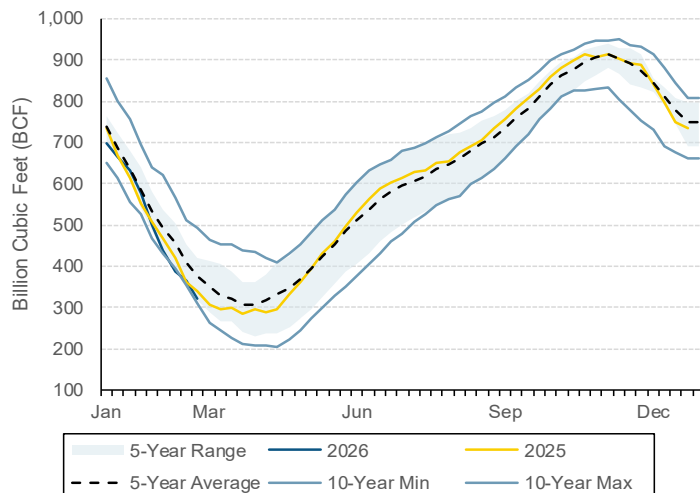
Natural Gas Henry Hub Spot Prices Summary



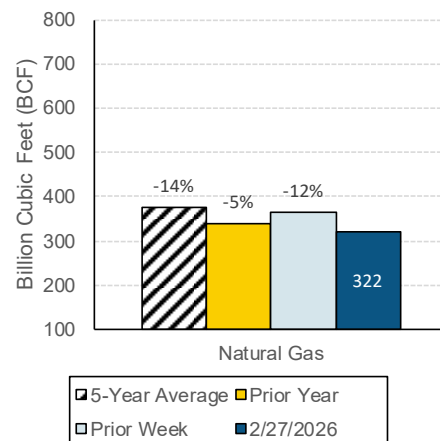
Propane Mt. Belvieu Spot Prices Summary



### East Region: Natural Gas Working Underground Storage



Historical Comparison

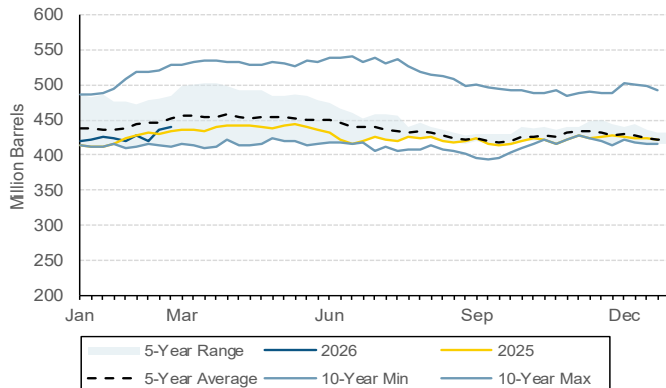


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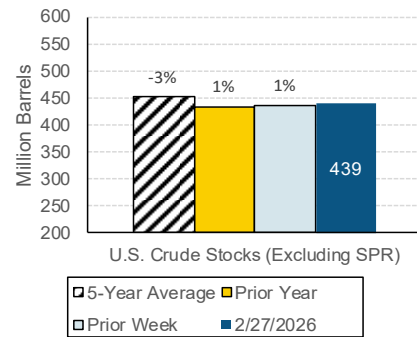
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2. Graphics summarize available USEIA data from the most recent week ending on Fridays.
3. Historical comparison bar chart percentages reflect current week. Positive values indicate current week is greater, negative values indicate current week is less than the historical value.

## National Crude Inventories, Refining, and PADD1 Petroleum Product Movement

### National Crude Inventory (Excluding Strategic Petroleum Reserve)

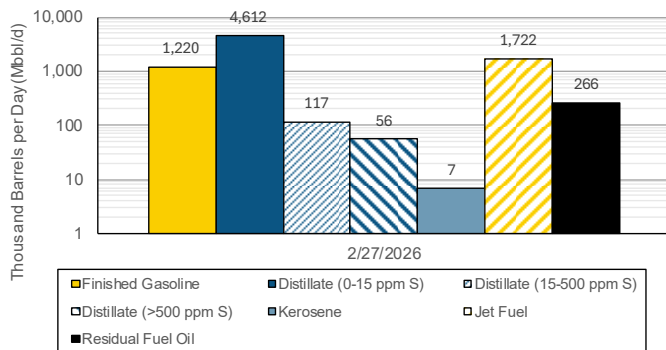


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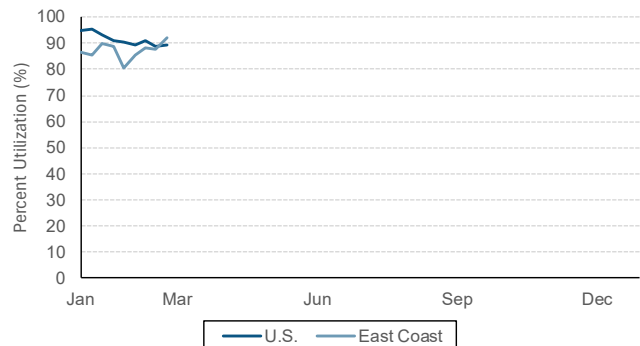


### National Refinery Production and Utilization

#### U.S. Refiner Production

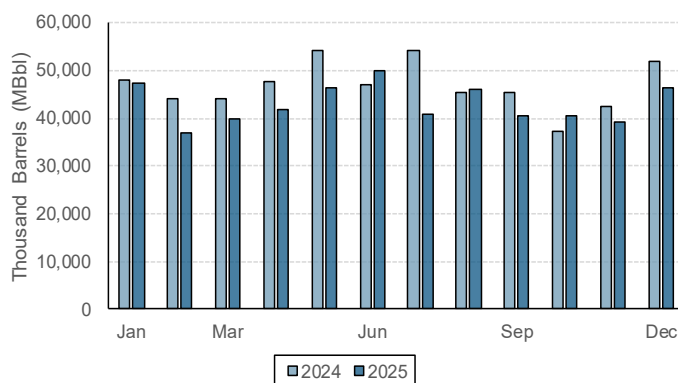


#### Refinery Capacity Utilization: 2026

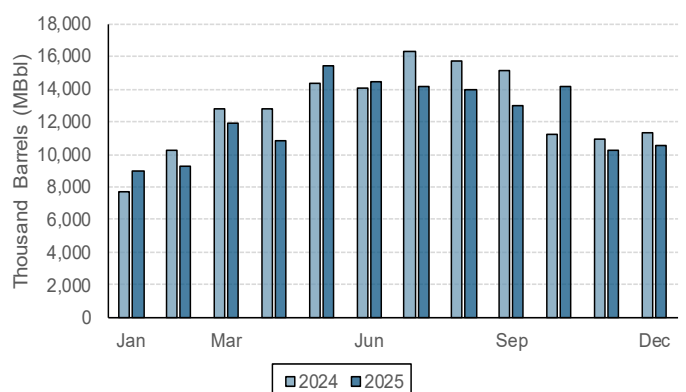


### PADD1 (East Coast) Petroleum Product Movement: Imports and Exports Summary

#### PADD1 Imports: Crude Oil and Petroleum Products



#### PADD1 Exports: Crude Oil and Petroleum Products

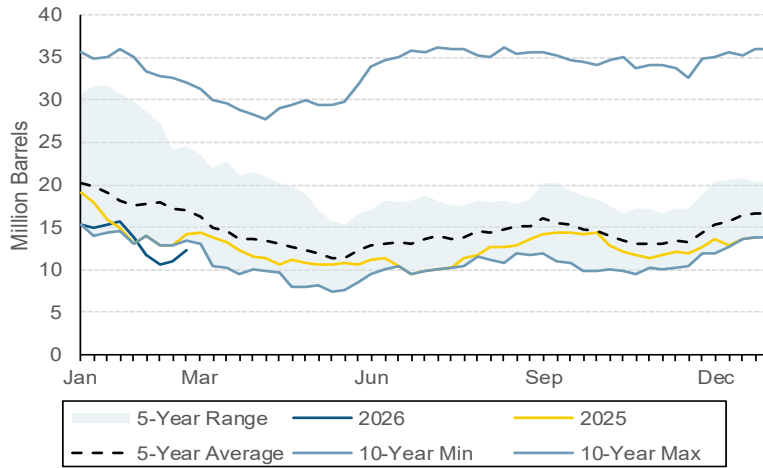


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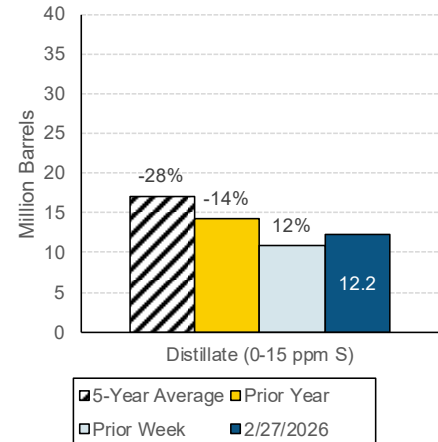
1. Data from USEIA, see references section for detailed citations. Visualizations by NYSERDA.
2. Imports and Exports datasets are monthly and have a 2-month data lag.
3. Historical comparison bar chart percentages reflect current week. Positive values indicate current week is greater, negative values indicate current week is less than the historical value.

## PADD 1B Regional Liquid Fuels Inventories

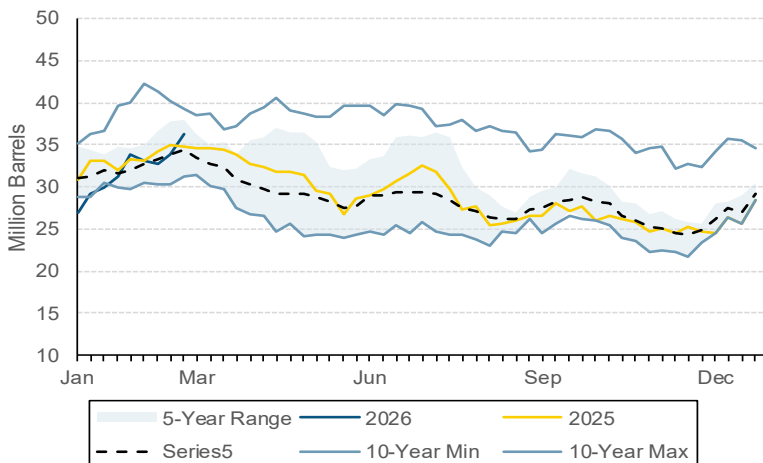
### Distillate Fuel Oil (0-15 ppm Sulfur)



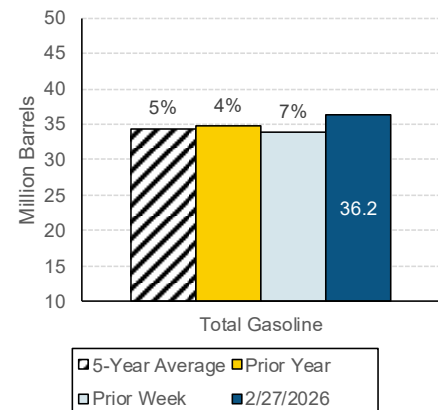
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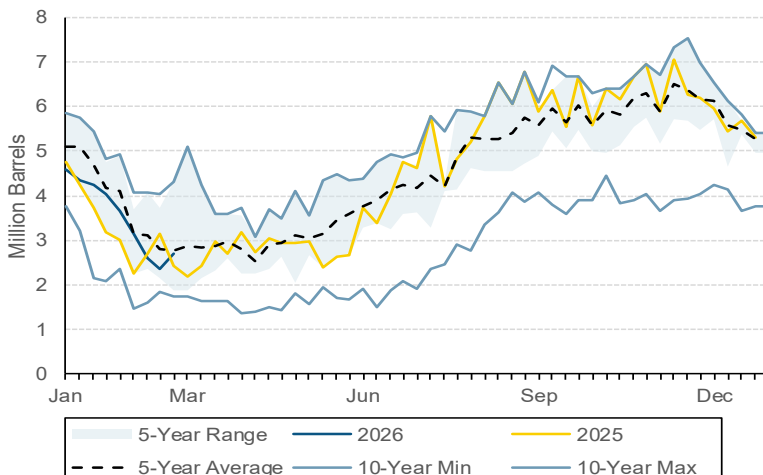
### Total Gasoline



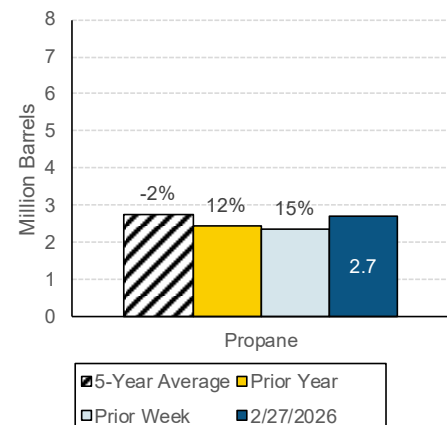
### Historical Comparison



### Propane and Propylene



### Historical Comparison

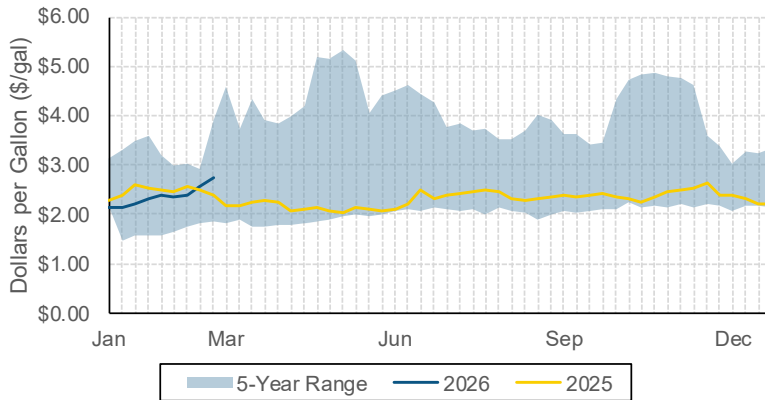


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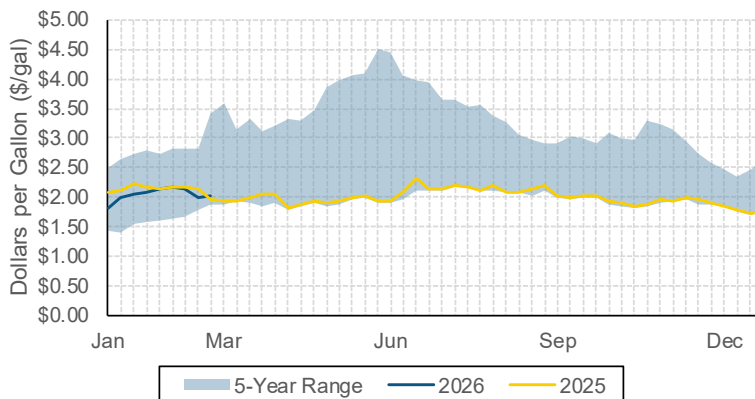
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## Transportation Fuel Prices Summary

Ultra-low Sulfur Diesel New York Harbor Average Weekly Spot Prices



Conventional Gasoline Average Weekly Spot Prices New York Harbor



**For regional NYS retail price summaries for transportation fuels, visit the following NYSERDA resources:**

[Transportation Fuel Dashboard](#)

Transportation fuels retail price summaries presented in this report and on the NYSERDA dashboards are collected by the Energy Markets team from AAA and USEIA as part of our ongoing fuels markets analyses and monitoring.

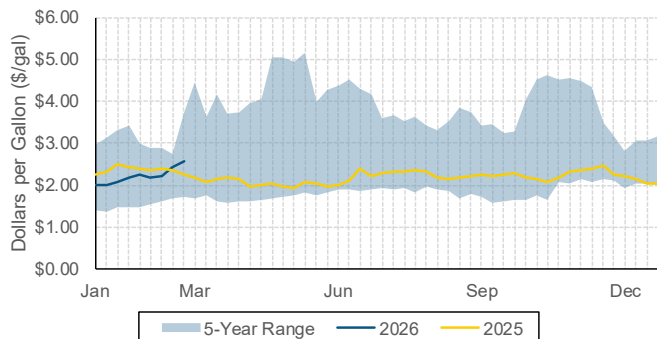
Fuel Type	NYS Average Retail Prices				
	2/27/2026	2/20/2026	% Difference	Prior Year	% Difference
Regular Gasoline (dollars per gallon) <sup>2</sup>	\$3.000	\$2.996	0.1%	\$3.169	-5.3%
On-road Diesel (dollars per gallon) <sup>2</sup>	\$3.999	\$3.986	0.3%	\$3.981	0.4%

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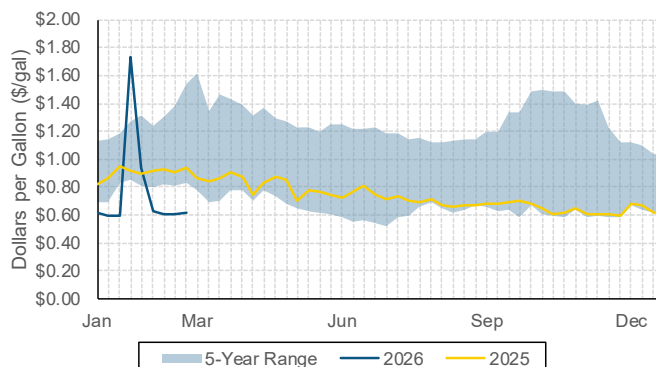
1. Wholesale price data from USEIA, see references section for detailed citations. Visualizations by NYSERDA.
2. Retail price data from AAA, see references section for detailed citations. Visualizations by NYSERDA.

## Heating Fuel Prices Summary

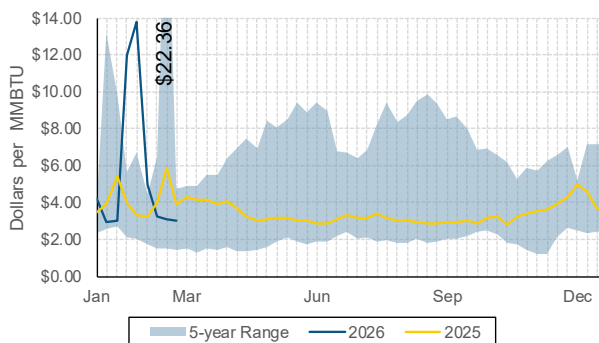
No. 2 Heating Oil Average Weekly Spot Prices New York Harbor



Propane Mt. Belvieu Average Weekly Spot Prices



Natural Gas Henry Hub Average Weekly Spot Prices



Weekly Survey Results by Fuel Type	NYS Average Retail Prices				
	3/2/2026	2/23/2026	% Difference	Prior Year	% Difference
Ultra-low #2 Heating Oil Posted Credit Prices (dollars per gallon) <sup>2</sup>	\$4.407	\$4.286	2.8%	\$3.969	11.0%
Propane Posted Credit Prices - 1,100 gallon usage (dollars per gallon) <sup>2</sup>	\$3.548	\$3.556	-0.2%	\$3.576	-0.8%
Kerosene Posted Credit Prices (dollars per gallon) <sup>2</sup>	\$4.942	\$5.166	-4.3%	\$4.757	3.9%
<b>Monthly USEIA Reporting</b>	<b>November 2025</b>	<b>October 2025</b>	<b>% Difference</b>	<b>November 2024</b>	<b>% Difference</b>
Monthly Average Residential Natural Gas Prices (dollars per Therm) <sup>3</sup>	\$1.738	\$2.312	-24.8%	\$1.899	-8.5%

**For regional NYS retail price summaries for heating fuels, visit the following NYSERDA resources:**

[Home Heating Oil Prices Dashboard](#)

[Kerosene Prices Dashboard](#)

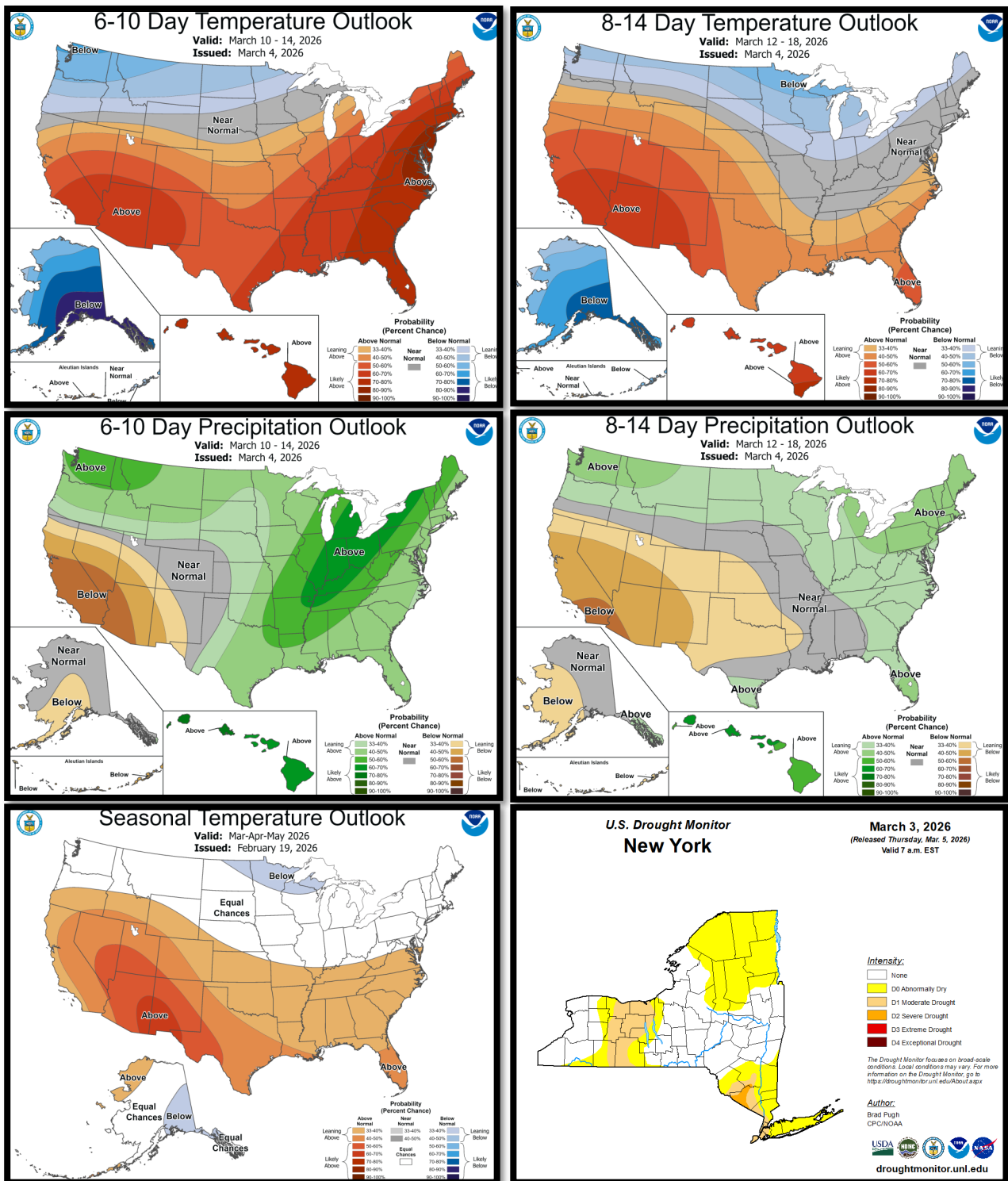
[Propane Prices Dashboard](#)

Heating fuels retail price summaries presented in this report and on the NYSERDA dashboards are part of the USEIA State Heating Oil and Propane Program/NYSERDA Heating Fuel Prices surveys.

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1. Wholesale price data from USEIA, see references section for detailed citations. Visualizations by NYSERDA.
2. Retail price data from USEIA & NYSERDA, see references section for detailed citations. Visualizations by NYSERDA. Highlighted cells indicate price correction from prior week.
3. Residential natural gas price data from USEIA, see references section for detailed citations. Visualization by NYSERDA.

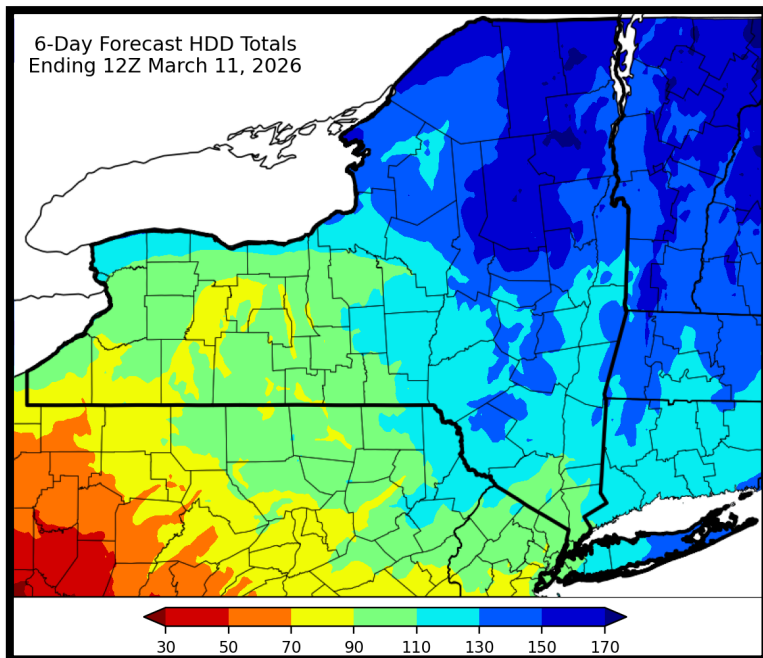
## Weather Outlook and Seasonal Threat Monitoring



**Notes:**

1. Temperature and precipitation outlook graphics from NOAA. See references section for detailed citations.
2. Seasonal threat monitoring for winter season. Graphics from NOAA. See reference section for detailed citation.
3. Seasonal threat monitoring for drought conditions during the spring/summer. Graphic from National Drought Mitigation Center. See references section for detailed citation.

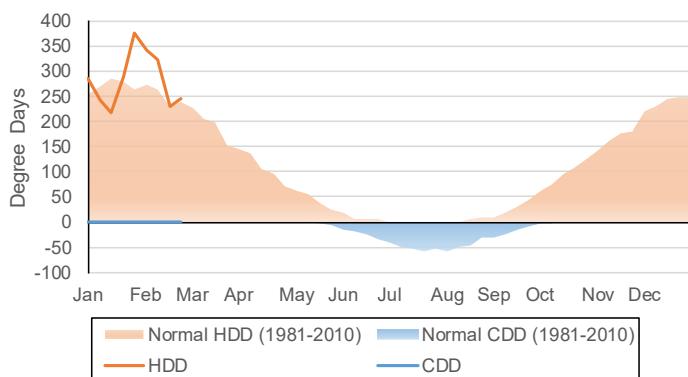
## Degree Days Outlook and Summary



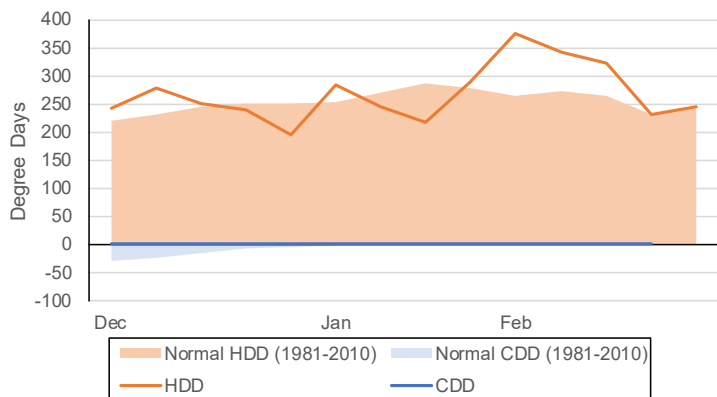
City	6-Day HDD Forecast	Normal	% Difference
Albany	134	194	-31%
Binghamton	113	213	-47%
Buffalo	108	202	-47%
Glens Falls	153	219	-30%
Massena	166	241	-31%
NYC	104	146	-29%
Rochester	108	195	-45%
Syracuse	113	205	-45%
Watertown	139	227	-39%

Forecast Dates:  
03/05/2026 - 03/10/2026

NYS Degree Day Weekly Summary: Current Year



NYS Degree Day Weekly Summary: 2-Month History



**Notes:**

1. Heating degree day (HDD) forecast from NOAA & Northeast Regional Climate Center at Cornell University (NRCC). See references section for detailed citations.
2. HDD and Cooling Degree Day (CDD) data from NOAA. Positive values represent HDD and negative values represent CDD. See reference section for detailed citation. Visualization by NYSERDA.

**For regional NYS Heating and Cooling Degree Data along with additional information, visit the following NYSERDA resources:**

[Heating Degree Data](#)

[Monthly Degree Day Data \(Heating & Cooling\)](#)

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*Note that there may be slight differences between USEIA reported values and this NYSERDA summary due to methodology differences.*

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