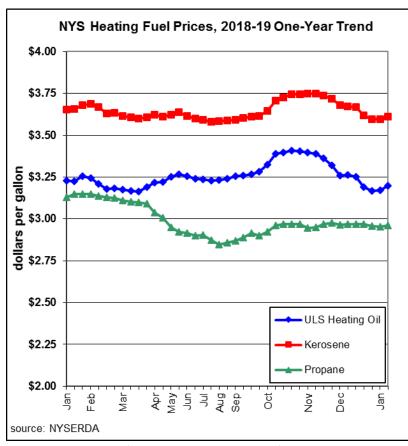
## **Highlights**

- Mid-Atlantic ultra-low sulfur (ULS) distillate inventories increased 2.1 million barrels (11.3%) since last week to 20.7 million barrels. Current inventories are 10.8% below last year's level and 10.6% below the 5-year average.
- For the week ending January 12<sup>th</sup>, New York statewide heating degree-days (247) were behind last year (280) by 11.8% and behind the 30-year normal (268) by 7.8%. A new heating degree-day forecast map is now available.
- New York Statewide average retail prices of ultra-low sulfur (ULS) heating oil, kerosene, and propane all increased since the last survey.

**Retail Petroleum Prices**—On a statewide basis since the last survey on January 7<sup>th</sup>, prices increased \$0.025/gallon (0.8%) to \$3.198/gallon for ULS heating oil, \$0.013/gallon (0.4%) to \$3.611/gallon for kerosene, and \$0.006/gallon (0.2%) to \$2.961/gallon for propane. Compared to a year earlier, prices decreased \$0.032/gallon (1.0%) for heating oil, \$0.042/gallon (1.1%) for kerosene, and \$0.169/gallon (5.4%) for propane.

**Crude Oil Prices**—For the week ending 1/11/19, WTI crude oil spot prices averaged \$50.78/bbl, an increase of \$3.78/bbl (8.0%) from the week-ago average of \$47.00/bbl. WTI prices are now \$12.48/bbl (19.7%) below the year-ago weekly average of \$63.26/bbl. The all-time weekly average high of \$142.52/bbl occurred on 7/04/08.

**Spot Natural Gas Prices**—For the week ending 1/11/19, Henry Hub natural gas spot prices averaged \$2.860 per million Btu (mmBtu), an increase of \$0.120/mmBtu (4.4%) from the prior week level of \$2.740/mmBtu. Prices are currently \$0.356/mmBtu (11.1%) below the year-earlier weekly average of \$3.216/mmBtu.



**Residential Natural Gas Prices**—The NYS average price in October 2018 was \$1.661/therm, a decrease of \$0.291/therm (14.9%) from the September 2018 price of \$1.952/therm, and was the same price as the year-ago average.

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	1/11/2019	1/4/2019	% Change vs. Last Week	Year Ago	% Change ws. Last Year	5-Year Average	% Change vs. 5- Year Avg
ULS Distillate (0-15 ppm)	20.7	18.6	11.3%	23.2	-10.8%	23.2	-10.6%
Non-road Diesel (15-500 ppm)	1.1	0.9	20.9%	0.6	79.6%	1.1	-1.8%
High Sulfur Distillate (>500 ppm)	3.3	3.0	10.8%	2.7	25.9%	4.4	-24.5%
Total Distillate Oil	25.2	22.5	11.6%	26.5	-5.0%	28.7	-12.4%
Propane	4.282	4.191	2.2%	3.221	32.9%	3.386	26.4%
#6 Residual Oil	4.1	4.2	-1.9%	4.2	-2.3%	6.1	-33.3%
US Natural Gas	2,533	2,614	-3.1%	2,610	-3.0%	2,860	-11.4%
US Crude Oil	437.1	439.7	-0.6%	412.7	5.9%	404.5	8.0%

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



REGION	1/14/2019	1/7/2019	% Change ws. Prior Survey	Year Ago	% Change vs. Last Year
Long Island*	3.331	3.307	0.7%	3.334	-0.1%
New York City	3.234	3.192	1.3%	3.259	-0.8%
Lower Hudson	3.238	3.195	1.3%	3.420	-5.3%
Upper Hudson	3.103	3.100	0.1%	3.193	-2.8%
Capital District	2.923	2.898	0.9%	3.014	-3.0%
North Country	3.235	3.230	0.2%	3.072	5.3%
Central	3.052	3.020	1.1%	3.120	-2.2%
Western	3.418	3.401	0.5%	3.304	3.5%
Statewide*	3.198	3.173	0.8%	3.230	-1.0%
			1,100 gallon usage categor		
Long Island	3.235	3.235	0.0%	3.355	-3.6%
Mid-Hudson	2.896	2.892	0.1%	3.027	-4.3%
Capital District*	2.882	2.867	0.5%	3.218	-10.4%
North Country	3.722	3.737	-0.4%	3.975	-6.4%
Central	2.736	2.726	0.4%	2.883	-5.1%
Western	2.643	2.625	0.7%	2.733	-3.3%
Statewide*	2.961	2.955	0.2%	3.130	-5.4%
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Mid-Hudson	3.700	3.682	0.5%	3.794	-2.5%
Capital District	3.342	3.323	0.6%	3.489	-4.2%
North Country	3.717	3.721	-0.1%	3.585	3.7%
Central	3.502	3.474	0.8%	3.628	-3.5%
Western	3.766	3.777	-0.3%	3.638	3.5%
Statewide	3.611	3.598	0.4%	3.653	-1.1%
	New York St	tate Average Kesidential	Natural Gas Prices (\$/the	rm)	
REGION	October 2018	September 2018	% Change vs. Prior Month	October 2017	% Change ws. Last Year
Statewide	1.661	1.952	-14.9%	1.661	0.0%

<sup>\*</sup> Revision

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

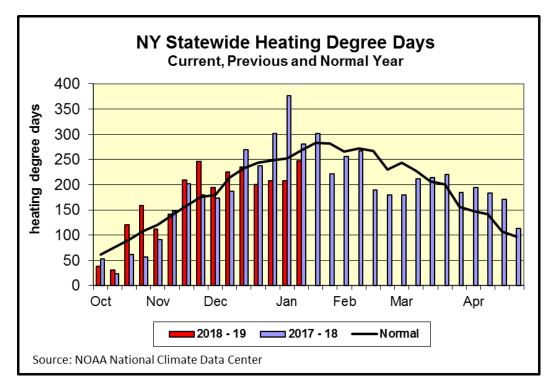
- Heating oil—highest price \$4.778/gallon on 7/14/08, lowest price \$0.876/gallon on 9/08/98.
- Propane—highest price \$3.811/gallon on 2/17/14, lowest price \$1.072/gallon on 9/20/99.
- Kerosene—highest price \$5.068/gallon on 7/14/08, lowest price \$1.309/gallon on 9/09/02.

**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.

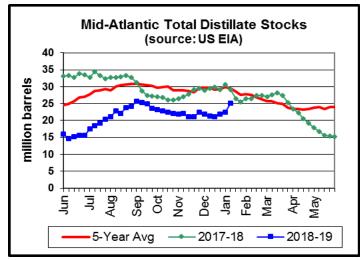
New York State Regions: Long Island: Nassau and Suffolk New York City: Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, and Richmond Lower Hudson: Dutchess, Putnam, Rockland, and Westchester Upper Hudson: Columbia, Greene, Orange, Sullivan, and Ulster Capital District: Albany, Fulton Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga,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

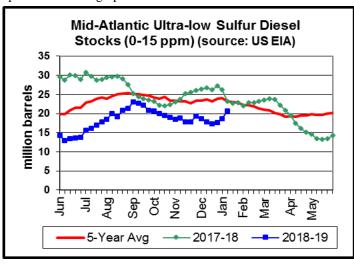
**Heating Degree Days**— On a statewide basis during the past week, the number of heating degree-days (247) was 11.8% below the year-ago level (280) and 7.8% below the normal trend (268). On a cumulative basis since October 1<sup>st</sup>, current year heating degree-days (2,574) are behind the year-ago level (2,639) by 2.5% and ahead of the normal trend (2,571) by 0.1%.

New York State Heating Degree Day Information, Weekly & Cumulative							
Week Ending January 12				Cumulative From October 1			
Region	2019	2018	Normal	2018-19	2017-18	Normal	
Albany	264	278	281	2,727	2,822	2,776	
Binghamton	307	283	298	3,064	3,035	3,005	
Buffalo	265	254	281	2,759	2,781	2,746	
Glens Falls	286	314	326	3,075	3,250	3,184	
Massena	340	325	349	3,460	3,319	3,397	
NYC	215	244	225	1,887	1,946	1,994	
Rochester	264	247	281	2,696	2,716	2,764	
Syracuse	288	263	290	2,915	2,886	2,822	
Watertown	314	309	320	3,179	3,204	3,155	
Statewide	247	280	268	2,574	2,639	2,571	

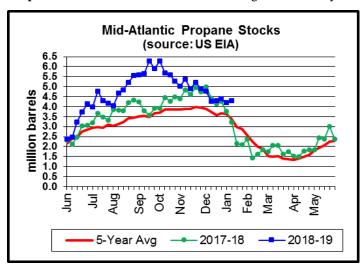


**Distillate Stocks**—Current and historic heating fuel inventory data is presented in the graphs below.

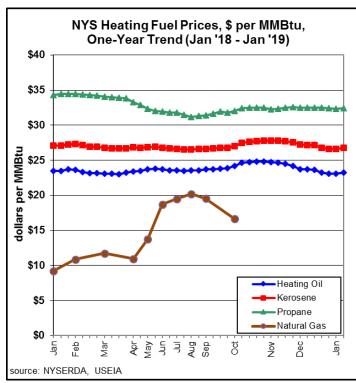




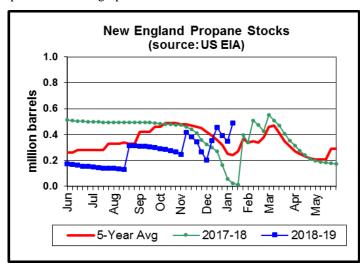
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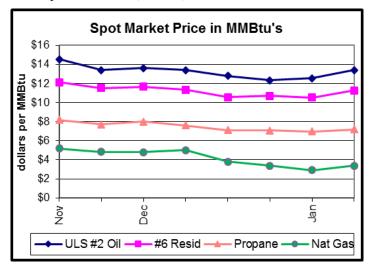
**Retail Btu Price Equivalents**—The New York State heating fuel prices Btu graph equates the retail price for New York Statewide average residential ultra-low sulfur heating oil, kerosene, propane, and natural gas on a dollar per million Btu (MMBtu) basis.



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.



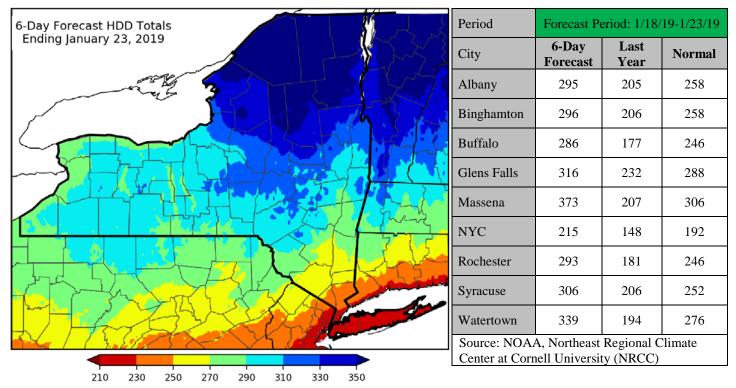
New York Spot Prices, Weekly Average					
Fuel	1/11/2019	Year Ago	% Change		
Ultra LS Diesel	1.856	2.069	-10.3%		
#2 Fuel Oil	1.821	2.019	-9.8%		
#6 Residual 0.3%	1.688	1.654	2.1%		
Propane	0.654	0.920	-28.9%		
Natural Gas	3.379	23.256	-85.5%		

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).

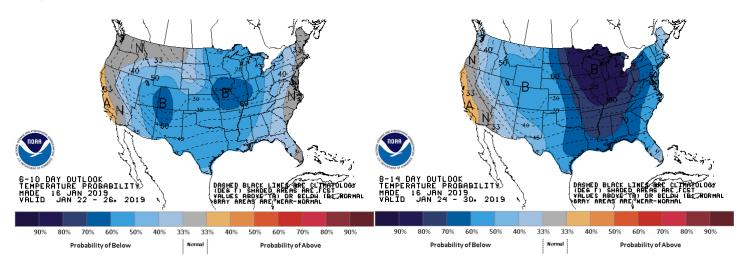
**Statewide Forecast HDD**: On a statewide basis for the week ending January 19<sup>th</sup>, the number of forecasted heating degree-days (256) is 15.5% lower than last year (303) and 5.2% lower than the normal trend (270). Regional HDD forecasts are provided in the map and table below.

## **Regional Heating Degree-Day Forecast**



**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 January 22-26, 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 January 24-30, 2019. This is in comparison to the 30-year normal (1981-2010).



Additional historic <u>regional specific prices</u> and <u>supply information</u> is available at NYSERDA's website. For more information please contact Matthew Milford at (518) 862-1090 ext. 3416, e-mail <u>matthew.milford@nyserda.ny.gov.</u>