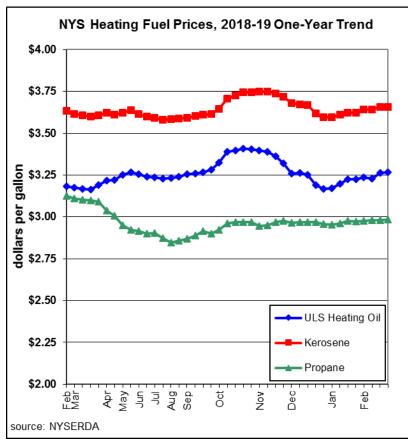
## **Highlights**

- Mid-Atlantic ultra-low sulfur (ULS) distillate inventories increased 1.4 million barrels (7.2%) since last week to 20.5 million barrels. Current inventories are 11.9% below last year's level and 3.7% below the 5-year average.
- For the week ending February 23<sup>rd</sup>, New York statewide heating degree-days (259) were more than last year (184) by 40.8% and more than the 30-year normal (232) by 11.6%.
- 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 February 18<sup>th</sup>, prices increased \$0.005/gallon (0.2%) to \$3.267/gallon for ULS heating oil, \$0.001/gallon (0.0%) to \$3.657/gallon for kerosene, and \$0.005/gallon (0.2%) to \$2.985/gallon for propane. Compared to a year earlier, prices increased \$0.085/gallon (2.7%) for heating oil, \$0.024/gallon (0.7%) for kerosene, and the price decreased \$0.141/gallon (4.5%) for propane.

**Crude Oil Prices**—For the week ending 2/22/19, WTI crude oil spot prices averaged \$56.74/bbl, an increase of \$2.86/bbl (5.3%) from the week-ago average of \$53.88/bbl. WTI prices are now \$5.73/bbl (9.2%) below the year-ago weekly average of \$62.47/bbl. The all-time weekly average high of \$142.52/bbl occurred on 7/04/08.

**Spot Natural Gas Prices**—For the week ending 2/22/19, Henry Hub natural gas spot prices averaged \$2.703 per million Btu (mmBtu), an increase of \$0.065/mmBtu (2.5%) from the prior week level of \$2.638/mmBtu. Prices are currently \$0.100/mmBtu (3.8%) above the year-earlier weekly average of \$2.603/mmBtu.



**Residential Natural Gas Prices**—The NYS average price in December 2018 was \$1.130/therm, a decrease of \$0.050/therm (4.3%) from the November 2018 price of \$1.180/therm, and was \$0.111/therm (10.8%) more than the year earlier average of \$1.019/therm.

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	2/22/2019	2/15/2019	% Change ws. Last Week	Year Ago	% Change vs. Last Year	5-Year Average	% Change vs. 5- Year Avg
ULS Distillate (0-15 ppm)	20.5	19.1	7.2%	23.3	-11.9%	21.3	-3.7%
Non-road Diesel (15-500 ppm)	1.0	1.1	-6.4%	0.8	22.3%	1.0	-4.5%
High Sulfur Distillate (>500 ppm)	3.2	3.4	-5.2%	3.0	7.5%	3.8	-16.3%
Total Distillate Oil	24.7	23.6	4.8%	27.1	-8.8%	26.2	-5.6%
Propane	3.454	3.090	11.8%	1.839	87.8%	1.877	84.0%
#6 Residual Oil	4.2	4.2	-0.3%	4.5	-6.9%	6.1	-32.0%
US Natural Gas	1,539	1,705	-9.7%	1,693	-9.1%	1,963	-21.6%
US Crude Oil	445.9	454.5	-1.9%	423.5	5.3%	430.2	3.6%

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	2/25/2019	2/18/2019	% Change vs. Prior Survey	Year Ago	% Change ws. Last Year
Long Island	3.405	3.403	0.1%	3.279	3.8%
New York City	3.360	3.352	0.2%	3.236	3.8%
Lower Hudson	3.344	3.342	0.1%	3.309	1.1%
Upper Hudson	3.160	3.152	0.3%	3.185	-0.8%
Capital District	2.950	2.950	0.0%	2.976	-0.9%
North Country	3.275	3.256	0.6%	3.067	6.8%
Central	3.093	3.095	-0.1%	2.936	5.3%
Western	3.435	3.435	0.0%	3.365	2.1%
Statewide	3.267	3.262	0.2%	3.182	2.7%
Nev	v York State Retail Propane	Posted Credit Prices -	1,100 gallon usage catego	ry (dollars per gallon)	•
Long Island	3.235	3.235	0.0%	3.388	-4.5%
Mid-Hudson	2.877	2.865	0.4%	2.998	-4.0%
Capital District	2.906	2.906	0.0%	3.189	-8.9%
North Country	3.782	3.767	0.4%	3.949	-4.2%
Central	2.766	2.758	0.3%	2.887	-4.2%
Western	2.686	2.692	-0.2%	2.759	-2.6%
Statewide	2.985	2.980	0.2%	3.126	-4.5%
	New York State	Retail Kerosene Posted	Credit Prices (dollars per	gallon)	
Mid-Hudson	3.775	3.770	0.1%	3.775	0.0%
Capital District	3.397	3.389	0.2%	3.469	-2.1%
North Country	3.743	3.739	0.1%	3.612	3.6%
Central	3.521	3.534	-0.4%	3.471	1.4%
Western	3.792	3.799	-0.2%	3.749	1.1%
Statewide	3.657	3.656	0.0%	3.633	0.7%
	New York Sta	ate Average Residential	Natural Gas Prices (\$/the	erm)	
REGION	December 2018	November 2018	% Change w. Prior Month	December 2017	% Change ws. Last Year
Statewide	1.130	1.180	-4.3%	1.019	10.8%

<sup>\*</sup> Revision

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

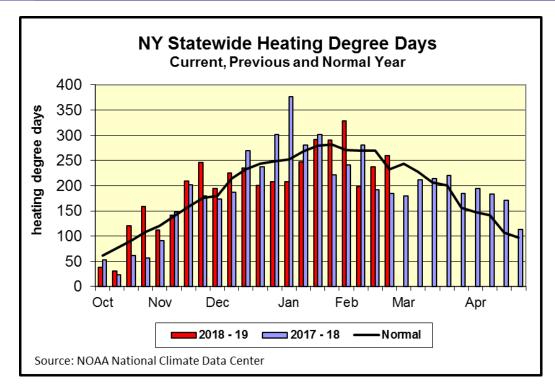
- Heating oil—highest price \$4.778/gallon on 7/14/08, lowest price \$0.876/gallon on 9/08/98.
- Propane—highest price \$3.811/gallon on 2/17/14, lowest price \$1.072/gallon on 9/20/99.
- Kerosene—highest price \$5.068/gallon on 7/14/08, lowest price \$1.309/gallon on 9/09/02.

**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.

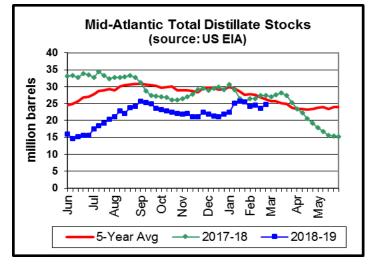
New York State Regions: Long Island: Nassau and Suffolk New York City: Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, and Richmond Lower Hudson: Dutchess, Putnam, Rockland, and Westchester Upper Hudson: Columbia, Greene, Orange, Sullivan, and Ulster Capital District: Albany, Fulton Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga,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

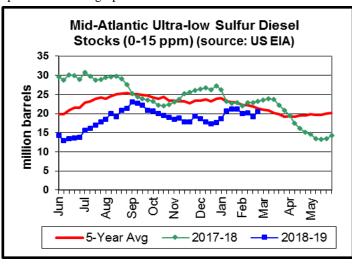
**Heating Degree Days**— On a statewide basis during the past week, the number of heating degree-days (259) was 40.8% above the year-ago level (184) and 11.6% above the normal trend (232). On a cumulative basis since October 1<sup>st</sup>, current year heating degree-days (4,179) are ahead of the year-ago level (4,058) by 3.0% and ahead of the normal trend (4,174) by 0.1%.

New York State Heating Degree Day Information, Weekly & Cumulative							
Week Ending February 23				Cumulative From October 1			
Region	2019	2018	Normal	2018-19	2017-18	Normal	
Albany	283	191	260	4,445	4,345	4,448	
Binghamton	284	202	283	4,859	4,640	4,792	
Buffalo	278	167	272	4,481	4,318	4,448	
Glens Falls	335	234	296	4,975	5,005	5,103	
Massena	349	241	324	5,584	5,199	5,474	
NYC	212	127	209	3,198	3,051	3,340	
Rochester	278	166	274	4,365	4,199	4,479	
Syracuse	285	175	277	4,666	4,471	4,569	
Watertown	323	195	304	5,119	4,889	5,083	
Statewide	259	184	232	4,179	4,058	4,174	

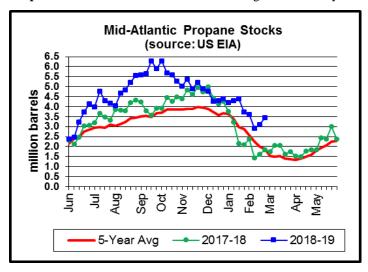


**Distillate Stocks**—Current and historic heating fuel inventory data is presented in the graphs below.

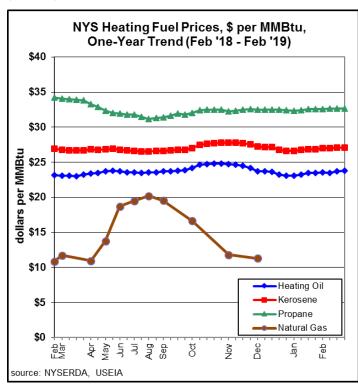




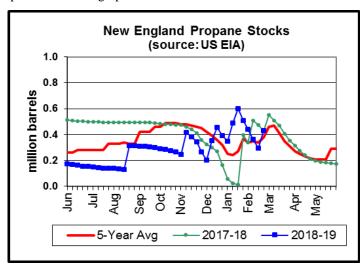
**Propane Stocks**—Current and historic heating fuel inventory data is presented in the graphs below.



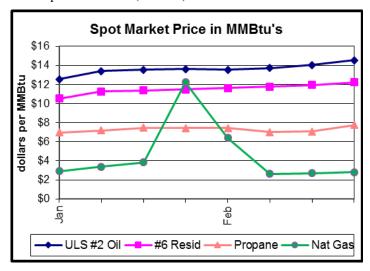
**Retail Btu Price Equivalents**—The New York State heating fuel prices Btu graph equates the retail price for New York Statewide average residential ultra-low sulfur heating oil, kerosene, propane, and natural gas on a dollar per million Btu (MMBtu) basis.



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.



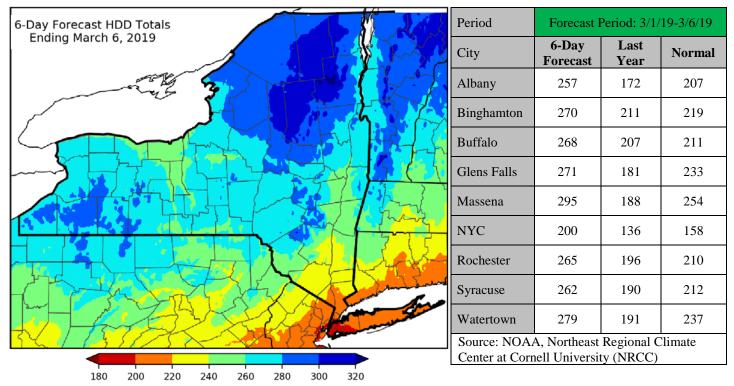
New York Spot Prices, Weekly Average						
Fuel	2/22/2019	Year Ago	% Change			
Ultra LS Diesel	2.014	1.940	3.8%			
#2 Fuel Oil	1.984	1.843	7.6%			
#6 Residual 0.3%	1.828	1.588	15.2%			
Propane	0.709	0.836	-15.2%			
Natural Gas	2.796	2.612	7.0%			

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).

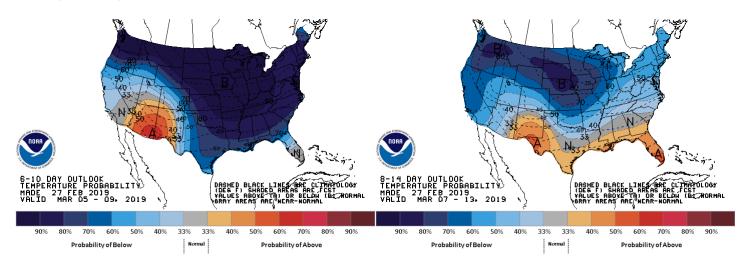
**Statewide Forecast HDD**: On a statewide basis for the week ending March 2<sup>nd</sup>, the number of forecasted heating degree-days (229) is 40.5% greater than last year (163) and 1.7% lower than the normal trend (233). Regional HDD forecasts are provided in the map and table below.

## **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 March 5, 2019 – March 9, 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 March 7, 2019 – March 13, 2019. This is in comparison to the 30-year normal (1981-2010).



Additional historic <u>regional specific prices and 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>.