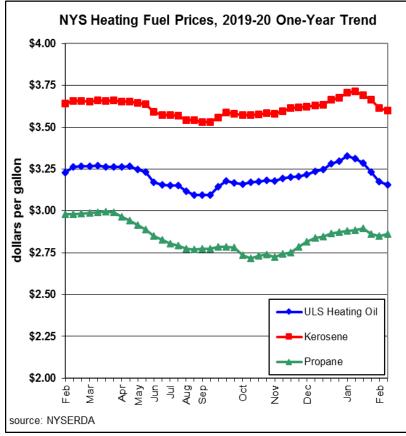
## **Highlights**

- Mid-Atlantic ultra-low sulfur (ULS) distillate inventories decreased 0.7 million barrels (3.8%) since last week to 18.5 million barrels. Current inventories are 8.2% below last year's level and 26.2% below the 5-year average.
- For the week ending February 8<sup>th</sup>, New York statewide heating degree-days (207) were more than last year (205) by 1.0% and less than the 30-year normal (267) by 22.5%.
- New York Statewide average retail prices of ultra-low sulfur (ULS) heating oil and kerosene decreased while the average price of propane increased since the last survey.

Retail Petroleum Prices—On a statewide basis since the last survey on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, prices decreased \$0.018/gallon (0.6%) to \$3.157/gallon for ULS heating oil, \$0.014/gallon (0.4%) to \$3.600/gallon for kerosene, and the price increased \$0.012/gallon (0.4%) to \$2.861/gallon for propane. Compared to a year earlier, prices decreased \$0.072/gallon (2.2%) for heating oil, \$0.044/gallon (1.2%) for kerosene, and \$0.121/gallon (4.1%) for propane.

Crude Oil Prices—For the week ending 2/7/2020, WTI crude oil spot prices averaged \$50.36/bbl, a decrease of \$2.33/bbl (4.4%) from the week-ago average of \$52.69/bbl. WTI prices are now \$3.17/bbl (5.9%) below the year-ago weekly average of \$53.53/bbl. The all-time weekly average high of \$142.52/bbl occurred on 7/04/08.

**Spot Natural Gas Prices**—For the week ending 2/7/2020, Henry Hub natural gas spot prices averaged \$1.860 per million Btu (mmBtu), a decrease of \$0.060/mmBtu (3.1%) from the prior week level of \$1.920/mmBtu. Prices are currently \$0.708/mmBtu (27.6%) below the year-earlier weekly average of \$2.568/mmBtu.



**Residential Natural Gas Prices**—The NYS average price in November 2019 was \$1.209/therm, a decrease of \$0.434/therm (26.4%) from the October 2019 price of \$1.643/therm, and was \$0.029/therm (2.5%) higher than the year earlier average of \$1.180/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	2/7/2020	1/31/2020	% Change vs. Last Week	Year Ago	% Change vs. Last Year	5-Year Average	% Change vs. 5-Year Avg
ULS Distillate (0-15 ppm)	18.5	19.2	-3.8%	20.1	-8.2%	25.0	-26.2%
Non-road Diesel (15-500 ppm)	1.1	0.9	16.0%	1.1	3.3%	1.2	-8.1%
High Sulfur Distillate ( >500 ppm)	2.8	3.0	-6.6%	3.5	-19.9%	3.9	-29.5%
Total Distillate Oil	22.3	23.1	-3.3%	24.6	-9.3%	30.1	-25.9%
Propane	4.069	4.922	-17.3%	3.605	12.9%	3.016	34.9%
#6 Residual Oil	5.7	6.2	-8.7%	4.7	19.7%	6.1	-7.6%
US Natural Gas	2,494	2,609	-4.4%	1,893	31.7%	2,279	9.4%
US Crude Oil	442.5	435.0	1.7%	450.8	-1.9%	447.2	-1.1%

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





			% Change vs.		% Change vs. Last
REGIO N	2/10/2020	2/3/2020	Prior Survey	Year Ago	Year
Long Island	3.333	3.353	-0.6%	3.349	-0.5%
New York City	3.246	3.238	0.2%	3.284	-1.2%
Lower Hudson	3.119	3.158	-1.2%	3.304	-5.6%
Upper Hudson	3.074	3.095	-0.7%	3.145	-2.3%
Capital District	2.879	2.906	-0.9%	2.942	-2.1%
North Country	3.218	3.234	-0.5%	3.239	-0.6%
Central	2.905	2.928	-0.8%	3.074	-5.5%
Western*	3.403	3.415	-0.4%	3.419	-0.5%
Statewide	3.157	3.175	-0.6%	3.229	-2.2%
New York S	State Retail Propane Po	sted Credit Prices -	1,100 gallon usage	category (dollars pe	r gallon)
Long Island	3.201	3.201	0.0%	3.235	-1.1%
Mid-Hudson	2.813	2.812	0.0%	2.885	-2.5%
Capital District*	2.716	2.731	-0.5%	2.902	-6.4%
North Country*	3.615	3.509	3.0%	3.770	-4.1%
Central	2.604	2.614	-0.4%	2.761	-5.7%
Western	2.579	2.584	-0.2%	2.680	-3.8%
Statewide*	2.861	2.849	0.4%	2.982	-4.1%
	New York State Reta	ail Kerosene Posted	Credit Prices (dolla	ırs per gallon)	
Mid-Hudson	3.732	3.729	0.1%	3.767	-0.9%
Capital District	3.333	3.358	-0.7%	3.372	-1.2%
North Country	3.668	3.700	-0.9%	3.717	-1.3%
Central	3.405	3.429	-0.7%	3.517	-3.2%
Western	3.816	3.823	-0.2%	3.788	0.7%
Statewide	3.600	3.614	-0.4%	3.644	-1.2%
	New York State	Average Residential	Natural Gas Prices	(\$/therm)	
REGIO N	November 2019	October 2019	% Change vs. Prior Month	November 2018	% Change vs. Last Year
Statewide	1,209	1.643	-26.4%	1.180	2.5%

<sup>\*</sup> Revision

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

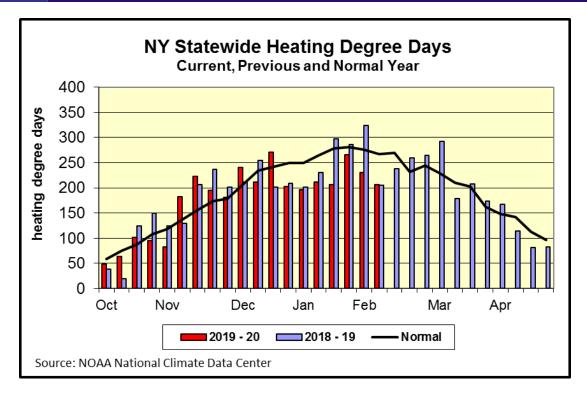
- Heating oil—highest price \$4.778/gallon on 7/14/08, lowest price \$0.876/gallon on 9/08/98.
- Propane—highest price \$3.811/gallon on 2/17/14, lowest price \$1.072/gallon on 9/20/99.
- Kerosene—highest price \$5.068/gallon on 7/14/08, lowest price \$1.309/gallon on 9/09/02.

**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.

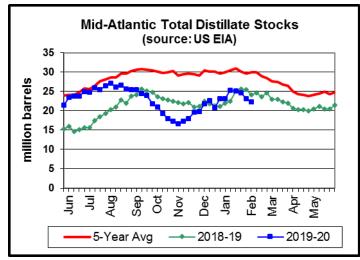
New York State Regions: Long Island: Nassau and Suffolk New York City: Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, and Richmond Lower Hudson: Dutchess, Putnam, Rockland, and Westchester Upper Hudson: Columbia, Greene, Orange, Sullivan, and Ulster Capital District: Albany, Fulton, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, 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. B5 heating oil is required for Downstate New York including Nassau, Suffolk, NYC, and Westchester counties.

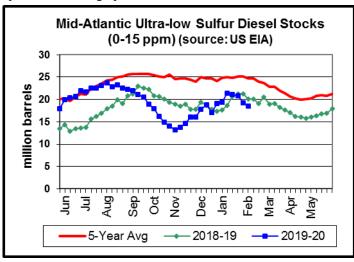
**Heating Degree Days**— On a statewide basis during the past week, the number of heating degree-days (207) was 1.0% above the year-ago level (205) and 22.5% below the normal trend (267). On a cumulative basis since October 1<sup>st</sup>, current year heating degree-days (3,416) are behind the year-ago level (3,647) by 6.3% and behind the normal trend (3,641) by 6.2%.

New York State Heating Degree Day Information, Weekly & Cumulative							
Week Ending February 08				Cumulative From October 1			
Region	2020	2019	Normal	2019-20	2018-19	Normal	
Albany	238	200	281	3,590	3,872	3,885	
Binghamton	248	208	301	3,980	4,264	4,184	
Buffalo	251	189	287	3,523	3,907	3,862	
Glens Falls	275	244	323	4,187	4,326	4,462	
Massena	322	301	349	4,506	4,876	4,773	
NYC	157	161	226	2,552	2,756	2,884	
Rochester	255	180	289	3,642	3,800	3,889	
Syracuse	257	204	294	3,648	4,084	3,971	
Watertown	309	224	325	4,146	4,474	4,427	
Statewide	207	205	267	3,416	3,647	3,641	

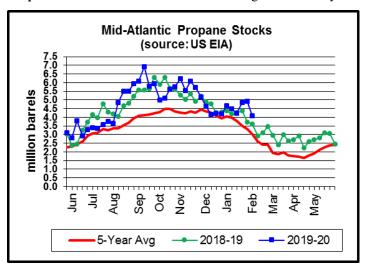


**Distillate Stocks**—Current and historic heating fuel inventory data is presented in the graphs below.

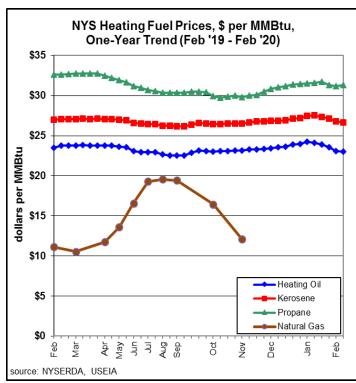




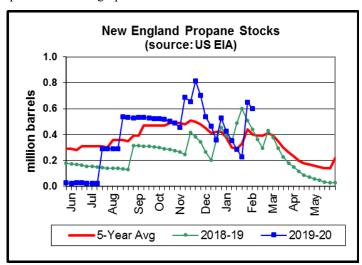
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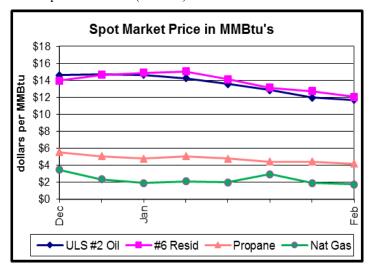
**Retail Btu Price Equivalents**—The New York State heating fuel prices Btu graph equates the retail price for New York Statewide average residential ultra-low sulfur heating oil, kerosene, propane, and natural gas on a dollar per million Btu (MMBtu) basis.



Note: Natural gas prices are from the U.S. EIA and provided on a monthly basis and delayed by 3 months. The monthly average price of natural gas is higher during the summer months due to low delivery volumes and fixed delivery charges and does not necessarily indicate a higher underlying supply price. Higher average natural gas prices in the summer months are not indicative of higher future prices during the winter 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.



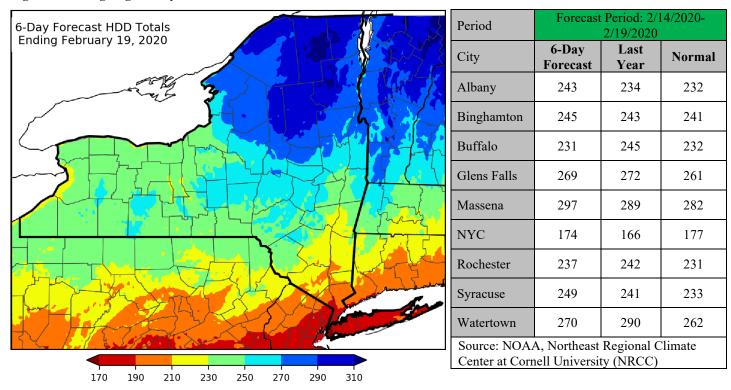
New York Spot Prices, Weekly Average						
Fuel	2/7/2020	Year Ago	% Change			
Ultra LS Diesel	1.622	1.903	-14.7%			
#2 Fuel Oil	1.594	1.871	-14.8%			
#6 Residual 0.3%	1.804	1.760	2.5%			
Propane	0.380	0.639	-40.5%			
Natural Gas	1.746	2.611	-33.1%			

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).

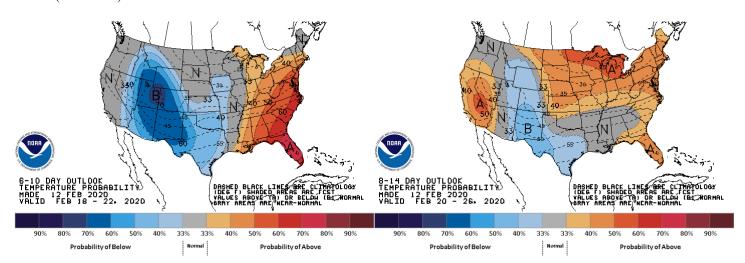
**Statewide Forecast HDD**: On a statewide basis for the week ending February 15<sup>th</sup>, the number of forecasted heating degree-days (224) is 6.3% below last year (239) and 13.8% below the normal trend (260). Regional HDD forecasts are provided in the map and table below.

## **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 February 18, 2020 – February 22, 2020. 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 February 20, 2020 – February 26, 2020. 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>