## NYSERDA Heating Fuels Report

## March 8, 2021

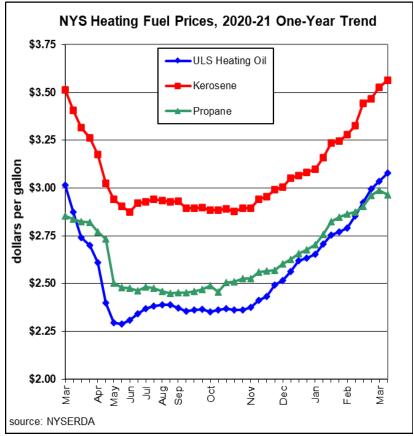
## Highlights

- For the week ending March 6<sup>th</sup>, New York Statewide heating degree-days (244) were more than last year (204) by 19.6% and more than the 30-year normal (235) by 3.8%.
- Mid-Atlantic ultra-low sulfur (ULS) distillate inventories decreased 0.9 million barrels (3.6%) since last week to 23.6 million barrels. Inventories are 56.3% above the year-ago level and 1.3% below the 5-year average.
- New York Statewide average retail prices of ultra-low sulfur (ULS) heating oil and kerosene increased while the average retail price of propane decreased since the last survey.

**Retail Petroleum Prices**—On a statewide basis since the last survey on March 1<sup>st</sup>, prices increased 0.043/gallon(1.4%) to 3.078/gallon for ULS heating oil, 0.036/gallon(1.0%) to 3.564/gallon for kerosene and the price decreased 0.025/gallon(0.8%) to 2.964/gallon for propane. Compared to a year earlier, prices increased 0.064/gallon(2.1%) for heating oil, 0.049/gallon(1.4%) for kerosene, and 0.109/gallon(3.8%) for propane.

**Crude Oil Prices**—For the week ending 3/5/2021, WTI crude oil spot prices a veraged \$62.29/bbl, a decrease of \$0.01/bbl(0.0%) from the week-ago a verage of \$62.30/bbl. WTI prices are now \$16.72/bbl (36.7%) above the year-ago weekly a verage of \$45.57/bbl. The all-time weekly average high of \$142.52/bbl occurred on 7/04/08.

**Spot Natural Gas Prices**—For the week ending 3/5/2021, Henry Hub natural gas spot prices a veraged \$2.762 per million Btu (mmBtu), an increase of \$0.005/mmBtu (0.2%) from the prior week level of \$2.757/mmBtu. Prices are currently \$1.002/mmBtu 56.9%) above the year-earlier week ly average of \$1.760/mmBtu.



Middle Atlantic Stocks—C	Current and historic heating fu	uel inventory data is present	ed in the table below.
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Middle Atlantic Region, Weekly Inventories (million barrels)							
Fuel Type	3/5/2021	2/26/2021	% Change vs. Last Week	Year Ago	% Change vs. Last Year	5-Year Average	% Change vs. 5-Year Avg
ULS Distillate (0-15 ppm)	23.6	24.5	-3.6%	15.1	56.3%	23.9	-1.3%
Non-road Diesel (15-500 ppm)	0.7	0.7	-5.5%	1.0	-35.4%	1.0	-33.6%
High Sulfur Distillate ( >500 ppm)	1.6	1.7	-3.0%	1.8	-8.7%	3.2	-48.7%
Total Distillate Oil	25.9	26.9	-3.6%	18.0	44.4%	28.1	-7.9%
Propane	2.516	2.189	14.9%	3.223	-21.9%	2.389	5.3%
#6 Residual Oil	4.3	4.7	-9.0%	6.4	-33.9%	6.2	-31.6%
US Natural Gas	1,793	1,845	-2.8%	2,050	-12.5%	1,934	-7.3%
US Crude Oil	498.4	484.6	2.8%	451.8	10.3%	469.2	6.2%

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



<b>REGIO N</b>	3/8/2021	3/1/2021	% Change vs. Prior Survey	Year Ago	% Change vs. Last Year
Long Island	3.224	3.178	1.4%	3.170	1.7%
New York City	3.203	3.154	1.6%	3.002	6.7%
Lower Hudson	3.113	3.082	1.0%	2.909	7.0%
Upper Hudson	3.031	2.964	2.3%	2.924	3.7%
Capital District	2.802	2.742	2.2%	2.800	0.1%
North Country	2.957	2.928	1.0%	3.164	-6.6%
Central	2.846	2.839	0.2%	2.826	0.7%
Western	3.341	3.301	1.2%	3.375	-1.0%
Statewide	3.078	3.035	1.4%	3.014	2.1%
New York S	tate Retail Propane Po	sted Credit Prices -	1,100 gallon usage o	category (dollars pe	r gallon)
Long Island	3.367	3.356	0.3%	3.201	5.2%
Mid-Hudson	3.067	3.160	-2.9%	2.798	9.6%
Capital District	2.835	2.819	0.6%	2.704	4.8%
North Country	3.213	3.238	-0.8%	3.618	-11.2%
Central*	2.840	2.852	-0.4%	2.603	9.1%
Western	2.740	2.742	-0.1%	2.573	6.5%
State wide *	2.964	2.989	-0.9%	2.855	3.8%
	New York State Ret	ail Kerosene Posted	Credit Prices (dolla	rs per gallon)	
Mid-Hudson	3.664	3.628	1.0%	3.622	1.2%
Capital District	3.374	3.311	1.9%	3.226	4.6%
North Country	3.622	3.589	0.9%	3.619	0.1%
Central	3.385	3.385	0.0%	3.353	1.0%
Western	3.760	3.705	1.5%	3.738	0.6%
Statewide	3.564	3.528	1.0%	3.515	1.4%
	New York State	Average Residential	Natural Gas Prices	(\$/therm)	
REGIO N	December 2020	November 2020	% Change vs. Prior Month	December 2019	% Change vs. Last Year
Statewide	1.178	1.326	-11.2%	1.041	13.2%

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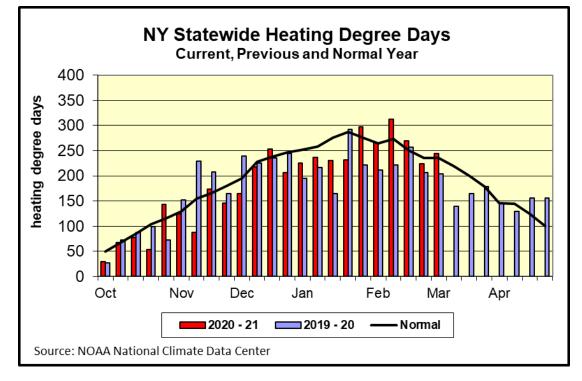
Historic Retail Prices—Statewide average high and low prices since Sept. 1997 for heating oil & propane & Sept. 2000 for kerosene.

- 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.

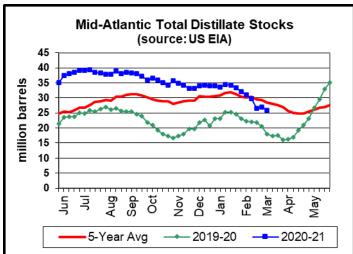
**Residential Natural Gas Prices:** Statewide average prices are derived from US EIA most currently available data. NYS gas utility specific prices can be found on the NYS DPS website at http://www.dps.ny.gov/TypicalBills.htm#GasRes.

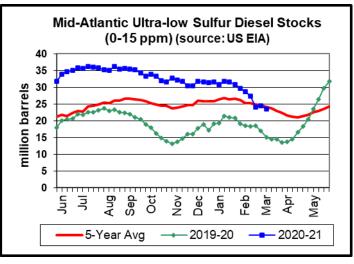
New York State Regions: Long Island: Nassau and Suffolk New York City: Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, and Richmond Lower Hudson: Dutchess, Putnam, Rockland, and Westchester Upper Hudson: Columbia, Greene, Orange, Sullivan, and Ulster Capital District: Albany, Fulton, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, 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, Nia gara, 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 (244) was 19.6% above the year-ago level (204) and 3.8% above the normal trend (235). On a cumulative basis since October 1<sup>st</sup>, current year heating degree-days (4,282) are a head of the year-ago level (4,245) by 0.9% and behind the normal trend (4,568) by 6.3%.

New York State Heating Degree Day Information, Weekly & Cumulative							
Week Ending March 06				Cumulative From October 1			
Region	2021	2020	Normal	2020-21	2019-20	Normal	
Albany	273	200	234	4,989	4,427	4,847	
Binghamton	285	230	259	4,936	4,922	5,237	
Buffalo	238	222	250	4,391	4,409	4,873	
Glens Falls	228	239	266	4,058	5,227	5,562	
Massena	311	268	294	5,500	5,629	5,979	
NYC	200	155	189	3,120	3,190	3,653	
Rochester	255	214	250	4,547	4,536	4,904	
Syracuse	266	213	251	4,493	4,550	4,997	
Watertown	288	262	277	5,137	5,149	5,559	
Statewide	244	204	235	4,282	4,245	4,568	

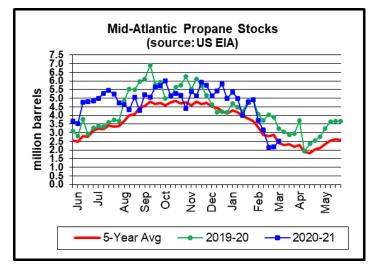


Distillate Stocks-Current and historic heating fuel inventory data is presented in the graphs below.

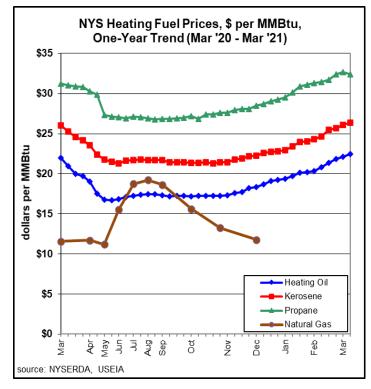




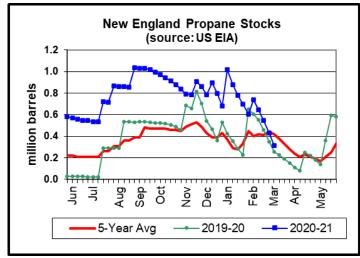
Propane Stocks—Current and historic heating fuel inventory data is presented in the graphs below.



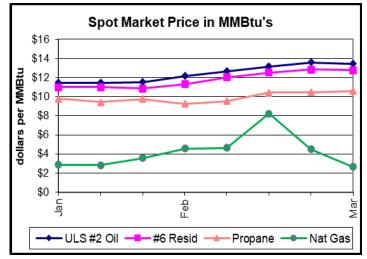
**Retail Btu Price Equivalents**—The New York State heating fuel prices Btu graph equates the retail price for New York Statewide a verage residential ultra-low sulfur heating oil, kerosene, propane, and natural gas on a dollar per million Btu (MMBtu) basis.



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 a verage 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.



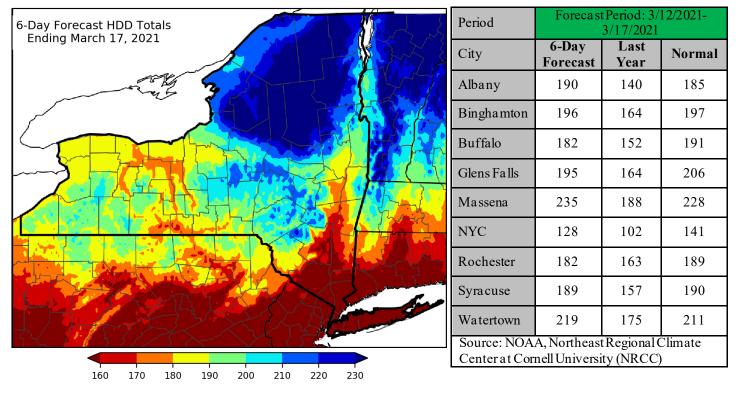
New York Spot Prices, Weekly Average						
Fuel	3/5/2021 Year Ago		% Change			
Ultra LS Diesel	1.865	1.512	23.3%			
#2 Fuel Oil	1.734	1.481	17.1%			
#6 Residual 0.3%	1.914	1.413	35.4%			
Propane	0.969	0.391	148.2%			
Natural Gas	2.639	1.661	58.9%			

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).

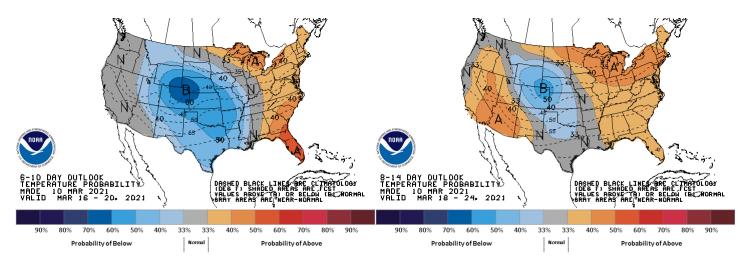
**Statewide Forecast HDD**: On a statewide basis for the week ending March  $13^{th}$ , the number of forecasted heating degree-days (170) is 25.0% above last year (136) and 19.0% below the normal trend (210). Regional HDD forecasts are provided in the map and table below.

## **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 16, 2021 - March 20, 2021. 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 18, 2021 – March 24, 2021. This is in comparison to the 30-year normal (1981-2010).



Additional historic <u>regional specific prices and supply information</u> is a vailable 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>.