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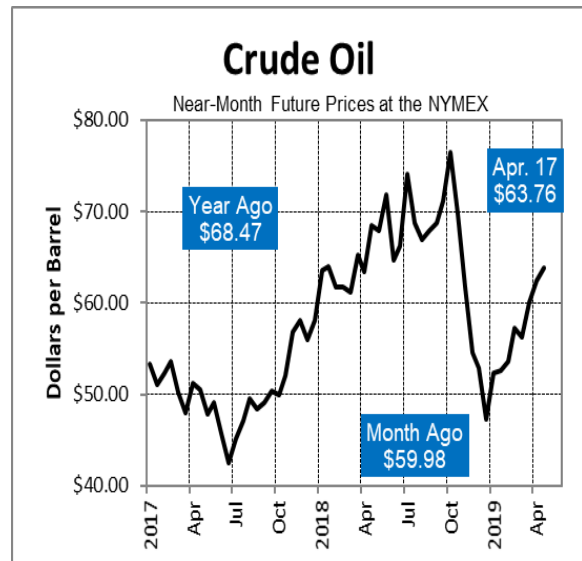
*(Data are for the week ending April 12, 2019, unless stated otherwise.)*

**Crude Oil**

**U.S. crude oil prices increased by \$3.78 to \$63.76 per barrel in the past month and are 7 percent lower compared to this time last year.**

<i>Crude Oil - Near Month Future Prices (dollars per barrel)</i>					
	<u>04-17-19</u>	<u>03-21-19</u>	<u>change</u>	<u>04-18-18</u>	<u>change</u>
<b>NYMEX</b>	<b>\$63.76</b>	<b>\$59.98</b>	<b>up 6%</b>	<b>\$68.47</b>	<b>down 7%</b>

- On April 17 Crude oil futures for May delivery on the NYMEX ended \$0.85 lower on the week to settle at \$63.76 per barrel. The price for crude oil futures is \$3.78, or 6 percent, above the month-ago level.
- Compared to this time last year, the U.S. crude oil futures settlement price of \$63.76 is \$4.71, or 7 percent, lower.
- Domestic crude production was slightly lower relative to the prior week at 12.1 million barrels per day (MMB/D). Last year at this time, production stood at approximately 10.5 MMB/D.



- Total crude imports were down over the prior week at approximately 6 MMB/D. Imports at this time last year were approximately 7.9 MMB/D.
- U.S. crude oil supplies decreased 1.4 MMB on the week to 455.2 MMB. U.S. supplies are 27.6 MMB higher compared to this time last year.
- U.S. refinery crude runs were unchanged relative to the prior week with refiners processing approximately 12.2 MMB/D. U.S. refinery capacity utilization was slightly lower on the week at 87.0 percent. Last year at this time, capacity use stood at 92.8 percent.

- Gasoline output was lower on the week at approximately 9.9 MMB/D. Output was approximately 10.2 MMB/D at this time last year. Distillate output was slightly lower than the prior week at approximately 4.8 MMB/D. Last year at this time, production stood at 5.1 MMB/D.
- Total petroleum products supplied to market, a measure of consumption, over the last four-week period stood at 20.1 MMB/D, down by about 3.6 percent compared to the same period last year.

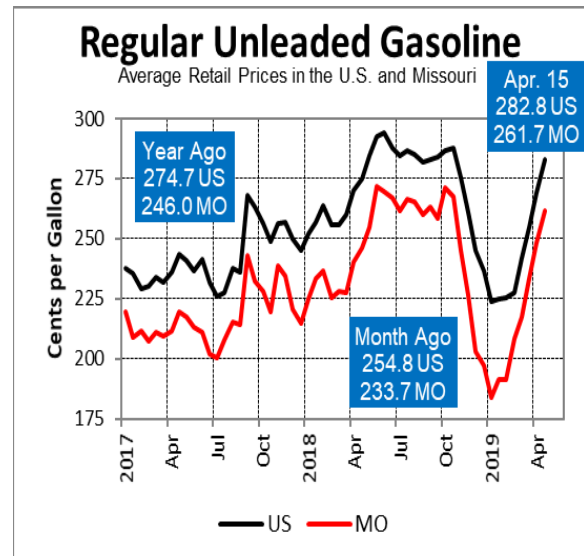
### Transportation Fuels

On April 15, Missouri’s statewide average retail price for gasoline was approximately \$2.62 per gallon, up 28 cents in the past month and up 15.7 cents in the past year.

Regular Unleaded Gasoline - Retail Prices (cents per gallon)					
	04-15-19	03-18-19	change	04-16-18	change
US	282.8	254.8	up 11%	274.7	up 3%
Missouri	261.7	233.7	up 12%	246.0	up 6%

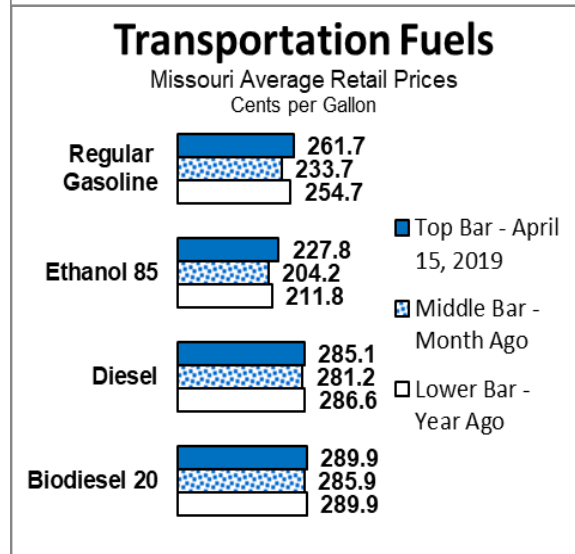
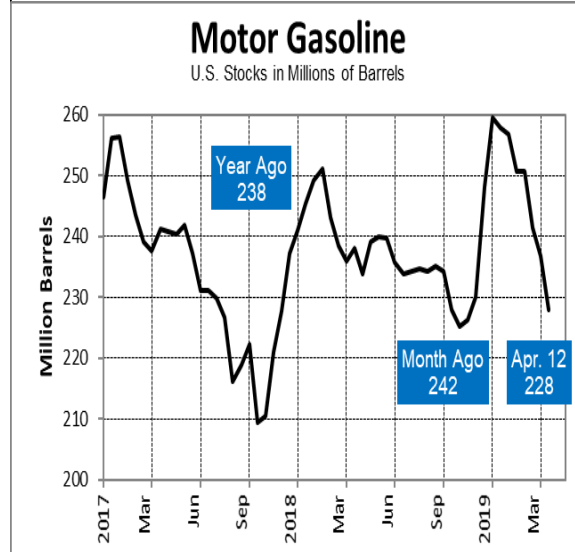
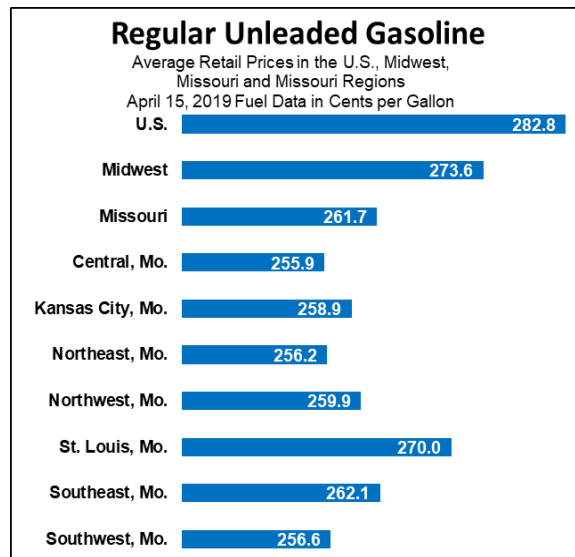
Diesel Fuel - Retail Prices (cents per gallon)					
	04-15-19	03-18-19	change	04-16-18	change
US	311.8	307.0	up 2%	310.4	up 0%
Missouri	285.1	281.2	up 1%	278.2	up 2%

- On April 15, Missouri’s average retail price for gasoline was approximately \$2.62 per gallon, up 28 cents in the past month.
- Missouri’s average price for diesel fuel was about \$2.85 per gallon, up 3.9 cents in the past month.
- Compared to last year at this time, Missouri’s average retail gasoline price is 15.7 cents per gallon, or 6 percent, higher while the average retail diesel fuel price is 6.9 cents per gallon, or 2 percent, higher.
- At approximately \$2.83, the U.S. average price for regular gasoline is 28 cents per gallon, or 11 percent, higher compared to last month.



- The U.S. average price for regular gasoline is 8.1 cents per gallon, or 3 percent, higher compared to this time last year. In the past week, the U.S. average increased by 8.3 cents per gallon.
- Gasoline imports increased from the prior week at approximately 1.0 MMB/D. Last year at this time, imports stood at approximately 0.7 MMB/D.
- Implied demand for gasoline was lower on the week at approximately 9.4 MMB/D. Demand stood at approximately 9.9 MMB/D at this time last year.

- In the past four weeks, U.S. gasoline demand has averaged approximately 9.4 MMB/D.
- U.S. gasoline supplies were down 1.1 MMB on the week at 228.0 MMB. U.S. supplies are 8.0 MMB lower than this time last year.
- Distillate stocks decreased 0.4 MMB on the week at 127.7 MMB and stand 2.4 MMB higher compared to the same period last year.
- Distillate demand was lower on the week at approximately 3.6 MMB/D. Demand stood at approximately 4.4 MMB/D at this time last year. On a four-week average, distillate demand was lower at approximately 3.9 MMB/D.
- On April 15, Missouri's average retail price for E85 motor fuel, conventional motor fuel containing 85 percent ethanol, was \$2.28 per gallon, 33.9 cents per gallon, or 13 percent, lower than the average price for conventional motor gasoline.
- On April 15, Missouri's average retail price for B20, diesel fuel containing 20 percent biofuel, was \$2.90 per gallon, 4.8 cents per gallon, or 2 percent, higher than the average price for conventional diesel fuel.
- According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration's (EIA) latest *Short Term Energy Outlook* dated April 9, 2019, U.S. regular gasoline retail prices, which averaged \$2.42 per gallon in 2017, \$2.73 in 2018, and averaged \$2.60 to date in 2019, are projected to average \$2.57 in 2020.



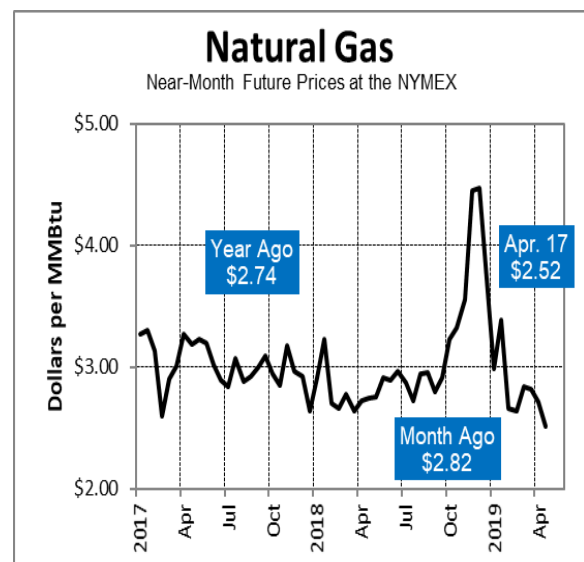
## Natural Gas

Approximately 51 percent (1,217,836) of Missouri households use natural gas to heat their homes. (Data updated from the most recent U.S. Census report.) Natural gas is also used to produce goods and electricity.

**On April 16, 2019, natural gas futures on the NYMEX closed at \$2.52 per million British thermal units (MMBtu), down approximately 30 cents, or 11 percent, in the past month.**

Natural Gas - Near Month Future Prices (dollars per MMBtu)					
	04-17-19	03-20-19	change	04-18-18	change
NYMEX	\$2.52	\$2.82	down 11%	\$2.74	down 8%

- The May 2019 NYMEX futures contract settled at \$2.52 per MMBtu on April 17, down 18 cents from the April 10 settlement.
- In the past month, the futures contract has decreased 13 cents, or 5 percent.
- Futures are down 22 cents, or 8 percent, in the past year.
- According to EIA's April 18, 2019 *Weekly Natural Gas Storage Report*, U.S. natural gas supplies are at 1247 billion cubic feet (Bcf), 4.4 percent lower than last year at this time and 25 percent lower than the five-year (2014–18) average for this week.



- According to the EIA, net injections to working gas totaled 92 Bcf for the week ending April 12.
- Temperatures in the lower 48 states averaged warmer than normal for the eastern half of the U.S. and cooler than normal for the western U.S. for the week ending April 17. Heating-degree days nationally were 30 below the normal, while cooling-degree days were six above the normal.
- According to the EIA, total U.S. consumption of natural gas was unchanged compared with the prior report week. In the residential and commercial sectors, consumption increased by 2 percent. Natural gas consumed for power generation decreased by 3 percent week over week. Industrial sector consumption increased 1 percent week over week. Natural gas exports to Mexico decreased 20 percent over the week because of maintenance on the NET Mexico pipeline in South Texas.

## Propane

Approximately 8.9 percent (213,192) of Missouri households use propane to heat their homes. (Data updated from the most recent U.S. Census report.) Propane is also used to support commercial operations, produce goods, dry grain harvests and fuel vehicles.

**On April 1, the average Missouri retail price for residential propane was approximately \$1.62 per gallon, down 82.1 cents, or 34 percent, in the past month.**

Propane - Retail Prices (cents per gallon)					
	<u>04-01-19</u>	<u>03-18-19</u>	<u>change</u>	<u>05-07-18</u>	<u>change</u>
Missouri	161.6	243.7	down 34%	161.9	down <1%

- According to the Division of Energy’s most recent statewide propane price survey conducted April 1, the average Missouri retail residential propane price was approximately \$1.62 per gallon.
- According to the survey, the highest Missouri retail residential price for propane was \$1.90 per gallon. The lowest retail price was \$1.40 per gallon.
- U.S. propane/propylene stocks increased over the prior report week at 56.7 MMB. As of April 12, 2019, U.S. propane/propylene stocks were 20.9 MMB, or 58 percent, higher than the year ago inventory level for this same time of year. Midwest inventories increased by approximately 0.3 MMB to 9.4 MMB for the report week. Midwest inventories stood at approximately 9 MMB at the same time last year.
- U.S. propane consumption was lower week over week at 0.9 MMB/D. Consumption stood at approximately 1.3 MMB/D at the same time last year.

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