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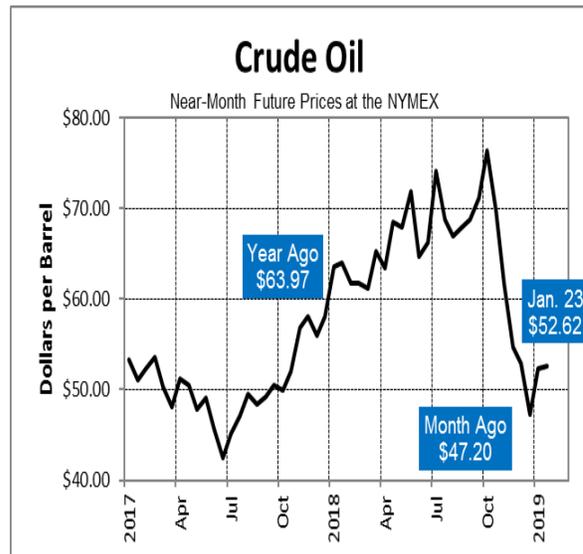
*(Data are for the week ending January 18, 2019, unless stated otherwise.)*

**Crude Oil**

**U.S. crude oil prices increased by \$5.42 to \$52.62 per barrel in the past month and are 18 percent lower compared to this time last year.**

<i>Crude Oil - Near Month Future Prices (dollars per barrel)</i>					
	<u>01-23-19</u>	<u>12-19-18</u>	<u>change</u>	<u>01-17-18</u>	<u>change</u>
<b>NYMEX</b>	<b>\$52.62</b>	<b>\$47.20</b>	<b>up 11%</b>	<b>\$63.97</b>	<b>down 18%</b>

- Crude oil futures for February delivery on the NYMEX ended \$5.42, or 11.5 percent, higher on January 23 to settle at \$52.62 per barrel. The price for crude oil futures is \$5.42, or 11.5 percent, above the month-ago level.
- Compared to this time last year, the U.S. crude oil futures settlement price of \$52.62 is \$11.35, or 18 percent, lower.
- Domestic crude production was unchanged relative to the prior week at 11.9 million barrels per day (MMB/D). Last year at this time, production stood at approximately 9.9 MMB/D. Total crude imports were up over the prior week at approximately 8.2 MMB/D. Imports at this time last year were approximately 8.0 MMB/D.
- U.S. crude oil supplies increased 8.0 MMB on the week to 445.0 MMB. U.S. supplies are 33.4 MMB higher compared to this time last year.
- U.S. refinery crude runs were lower over the prior week with refiners processing approximately 17.0 MMB/D. U.S. refinery capacity utilization was lower on the week at 92.9 percent. Last year at this time, capacity use stood at 94.0 percent.



- Gasoline output was higher on the week at approximately 9.6 MMB/D. Output was approximately 9.4 MMB/D at this time last year. Distillate output was lower than the prior week at approximately 5.2 MMB/D. Last year at this time, production stood at 4.8 MMB/D.
- Total petroleum products supplied to market, a measure of consumption, over the last four-week period stood at 20.3 MMB/D, down by about 1.1 percent compared to the same period last year.

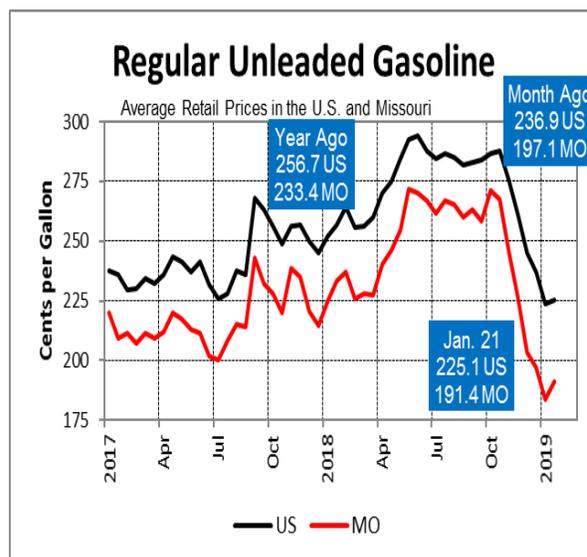
### Transportation Fuels

On January 21, Missouri's statewide average retail price for gasoline was approximately \$1.91 per gallon, down 5.7 cents in the past month and down 42.0 cents in the past year.

Regular Unleaded Gasoline - Retail Prices (cents per gallon)					
	01-21-19	12-17-18	change	01-22-18	change
US	225.1	236.9	down 5%	256.7	down 12%
Missouri	191.4	197.1	down 3%	233.4	down 18%

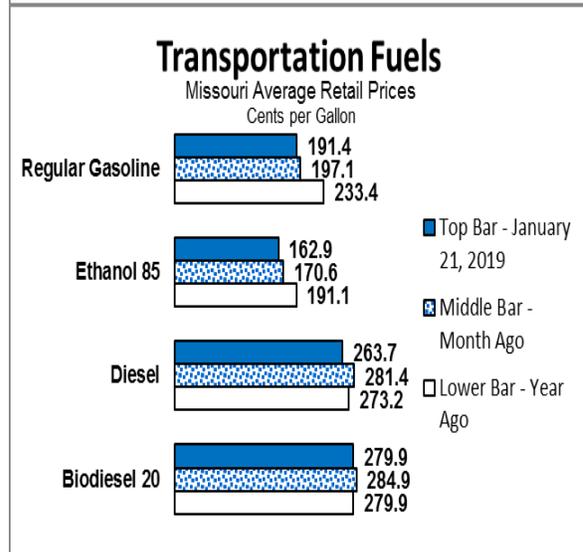
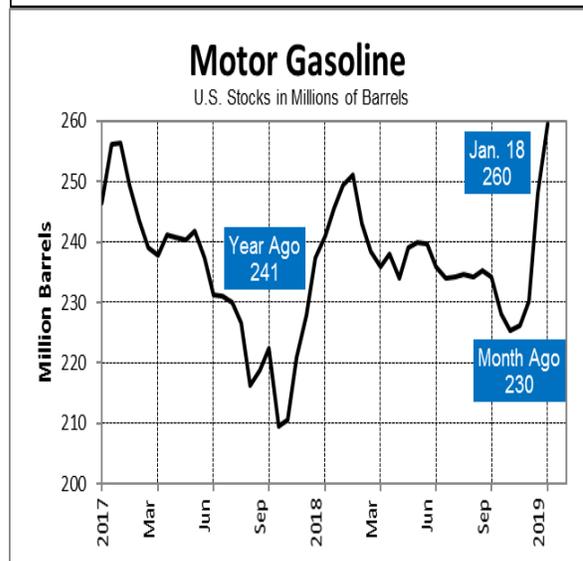
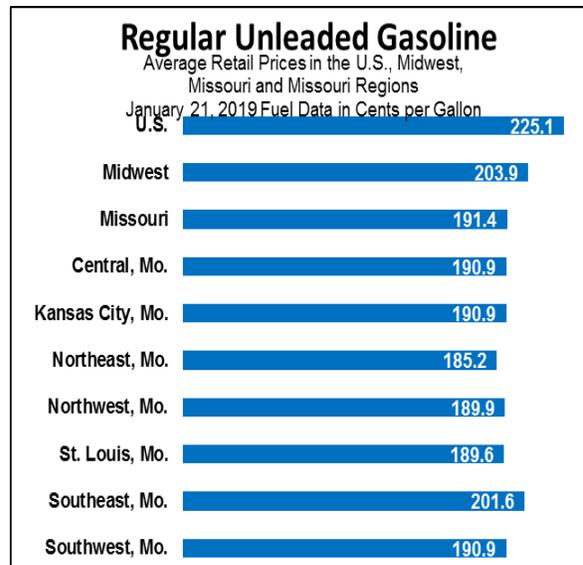
Diesel Fuel - Retail Prices (cents per gallon)					
	01-21-19	12-17-18	change	01-22-18	change
US	296.5	312.1	down 5%	303.0	down 2%
Missouri	263.7	281.4	down 6%	273.2	down 3%

- On January 21, Missouri's average retail price for gasoline was approximately \$1.91 per gallon, down 5.7 cents in the past month.
- Missouri's average price for diesel fuel was about \$2.64 per gallon, down 17.7 cents in the past month.
- Compared to last year at this time, Missouri's average retail gasoline price is 42.0 cents per gallon, or 18 percent, lower while the average retail diesel fuel price is 9.5 cents per gallon, or 3 percent, lower.



- At approximately \$2.25, the U.S. average price for regular gasoline is 11.8 cents per gallon, or 5 percent, lower compared to last month.
- The U.S. average price for regular gasoline is 31.6 cents per gallon, or 12 percent, lower compared to this time last year. In the past week, the U.S. average increased by 0.4 cents per gallon.

- Gasoline imports increased from the prior week at approximately 0.6 MMB/D. Last year at this time, imports stood at approximately 0.6 MMB/D.
- Implied demand for gasoline was higher on the week at approximately 8.8 MMB/D. Demand stood at approximately 8.7 MMB/D at this time last year.
- In the past four weeks, U.S. gasoline demand has averaged approximately 8.7 MMB/D.
- U.S. gasoline supplies were up 4.0 MMB on the week at 259.6 MMB. U.S. supplies are 15.6 MMB higher than this time last year.
- Distillate stocks decreased 0.6 MMB on the week at 142.4 MMB and stand 2.6 MMB higher compared to the same period last year.
- Distillate demand was higher on the week at approximately 4.7 MMB/D. Demand stood at approximately 3.8 MMB/D at this time last year. On a four-week average, distillate demand was lower at approximately 3.8 MMB/D.
- On January 21, Missouri's average retail price for E85 motor fuel, conventional motor fuel containing 85 percent ethanol, was \$1.63 per gallon, 28.5 cents per gallon, or 14.9 percent, lower than the average price for conventional motor gasoline.
- On January 21, Missouri's average retail price for B20, diesel fuel containing 20 percent biofuel, was \$2.80 per gallon, 16.2 cents per gallon, or 6.1 percent, higher than the average price for conventional diesel fuel.
- According to EIA's latest *Short Term Energy Outlook* dated January 15, 2019, U.S. regular gasoline retail prices, which averaged \$2.42 per gallon in 2017, \$2.73 in 2018, and have averaged \$2.47 in 2019, are projected to average \$2.62 in 2020.



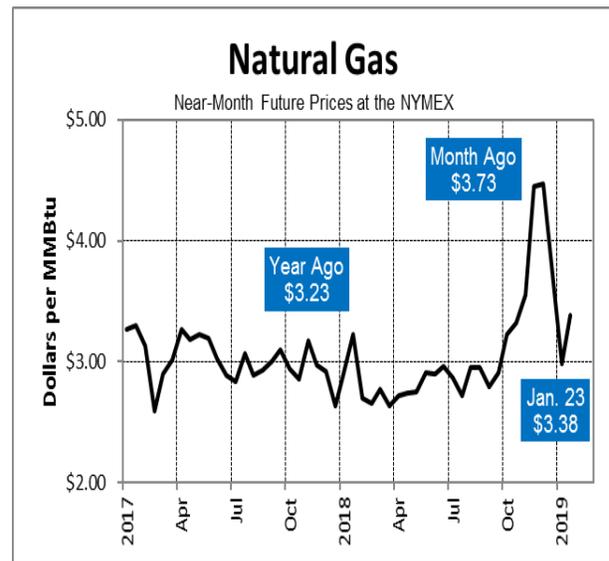
## Natural Gas

Approximately 51.0 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 January 23, 2019, natural gas futures on the NYMEX closed at \$3.38 per million British thermal units (MMBtu), down approximately \$0.35, or 9.4 percent, in the past month.**

Natural Gas - Near Month Future Prices (dollars per MMBtu)					
	01-23-19	12-19-18	change	01-17-18	change
NYMEX	\$3.38	\$3.73	down 9%	\$3.23	up 5%

- The February 2019 NYMEX futures contract settled at \$3.38 per MMBtu on January 23, down \$0.40 from the January 16 settlement.
- In the past month, the futures contract has decreased 35 cents, or 9 percent.
- Futures are up \$0.15, or 4.6 percent, in the past year.
- According to EIA's January 24, 2019 *Weekly Natural Gas Storage Report*, U.S. natural gas supplies are at 2,370 billion cubic feet (Bcf), 1.4 percent, higher than last year at this time.
- According to the EIA, net withdrawals from working gas totaled 163 Bcf for the week ending January 18. Working natural gas stocks are at 2,370 Bcf, which is approximately 1.4 percent higher than the year-ago level and 11 percent lower than the five-year (2014–18) average for this week.
- Temperatures in the Lower 48 states averaged warmer than normal for the week ending January 17. Temperatures were much warmer than normal across the Midwest and Great Plains. Cooling degree days nationally were 1 above the normal, with the South Atlantic region at 5 cooling degree days above its normal for the week ending January 17. Heating degree days were 12 above the normal nationally.
- According to the EIA, total U.S. consumption of natural gas rose 4 percent for the week ending January 23 compared with the prior report week. In the residential and commercial sectors, consumption increased by 8 percent. Natural gas consumed for power generation was unchanged week over week. Industrial sector consumption increased 1 percent week over week. Natural gas exports to Mexico increased 1 percent over the week.



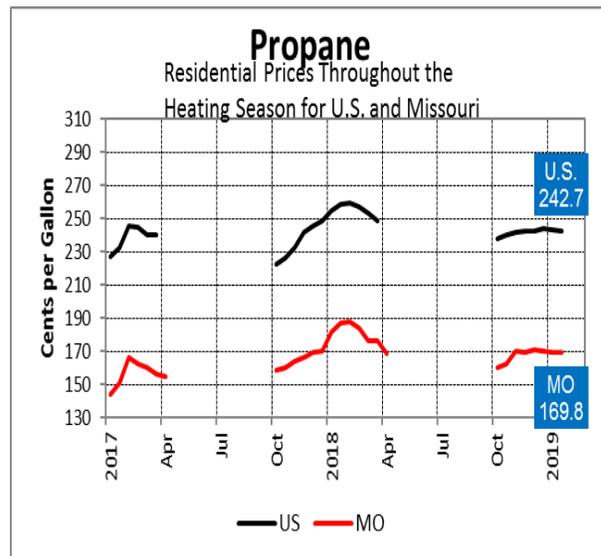
## Propane

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 January 21, the average Missouri retail price for residential propane was approximately \$1.69 per gallon, down 17.3 cents, or 9.2 percent, in the past year.**

<i>Propane - Retail Prices (cents per gallon)</i>					
	<u>01-21-19</u>	<u>12-17-18</u>	<u>change</u> <u>down</u>	<u>01-22-18</u>	<u>change</u>
<b>Missouri</b>	<b>169.8</b>	<b>170.3</b>	<b>&lt;1%</b>	<b>187.1</b>	<b>down 9%</b>

- According to the Division of Energy’s most recent statewide propane price survey conducted January 21, the average Missouri retail residential propane price was approximately \$1.69 per gallon, down 17.3 cents compared to last year at this time.
- According to the survey, the highest Missouri retail residential price for propane was almost \$1.90 per gallon. The lowest retail price was \$1.39 per gallon.
- U.S. propane/propylene stocks decreased over the report week at 63.8 MMB as of January 18, 2019, 9.8 MMB, or 18 percent, higher than the year ago inventory level for this same time of year. Midwest inventories decreased by approximately 1.2 MMB to 18.6 MMB for the report week. Midwest inventories stood at approximately 15.5 MMB at the same time last year.
- U.S. propane consumption was higher week over week at approximately 1.6 MMB/D. Consumption stood at over 1.7 MMB/D at the same time last year.



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