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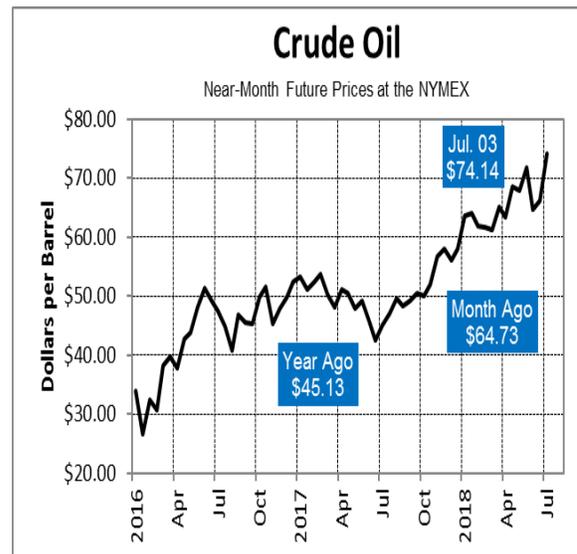
(Data are for the week ended June 29, 2018, unless stated otherwise.)

Crude Oil

U.S. crude oil prices increased by \$9.41 to \$74.14 per barrel in the past month and are 64 percent higher compared to this time last year.

<i>Crude Oil - Near Month Future Prices (dollars per barrel)</i>					
	<u>07-03-18</u>	<u>06-06-18</u>	<u>change</u>	<u>07-05-17</u>	<u>change</u>
NYMEX	\$74.14	\$64.73	up 15%	\$45.13	up 64%

- Crude oil futures for August delivery on the NYMEX ended \$0.20, or 0.27% percent, higher on July 3 to settle at \$74.14 per barrel. Oil price data were not available for July 4.
- A large draw on US crude oil inventories accompanied the price gains, with the American Petroleum Institute reporting even higher draws than expected for the week ending June 29.
- Compared to this time last year, the U.S. crude oil futures settlement price of \$45.13 is \$29.01, or 64 percent, higher.
- Domestic crude production was unchanged over the prior week at approximately 10.9 million barrels per day (MMB/D). Last year at this time, production stood at approximately 9.3 MMB/D. Total crude imports were higher over the prior week at approximately 9.1 MMB/D. Imports at this time last year were over 7.7 MMB/D.
- U.S. crude oil supplies rose 1.3 MMB on the week to 417.9 MMB. U.S. supplies are 85.0 MMB lower compared to this time last year.



- U.S. refinery crude runs were down over the prior week with refiners processing approximately 17.7 MMB/D. U.S. refinery capacity utilization was lower on the week at 97.1 percent. Last year at this time, capacity use stood at 93.6 percent.
- Gasoline output was higher on the week at approximately 10.3 MMB/D. Output was approximately 10.4 MMB/D at this time last year. Distillate output was higher than the prior week at almost 5.5 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 20.9 MMB/D, up by 1.4 percent compared to the same period last year.

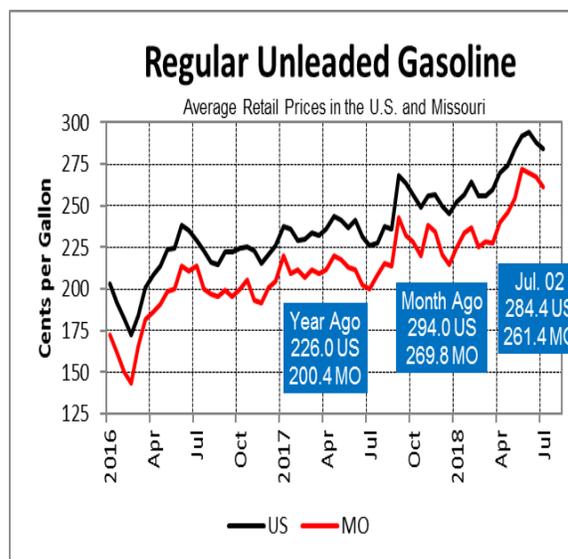
Transportation Fuels

On July 2, Missouri's statewide average retail price for gasoline was over \$2.61 per gallon, down 8.4 cents in the past month and up 61.0 cents in the past year.

Regular Unleaded Gasoline - Retail Prices (cents per gallon)					
	07-02-18	06-04-18	change	07-06-17	change
US	284.4	294.0	down 3%	226.0	up 26%
Missouri	261.4	269.8	down 3%	200.4	up 30%

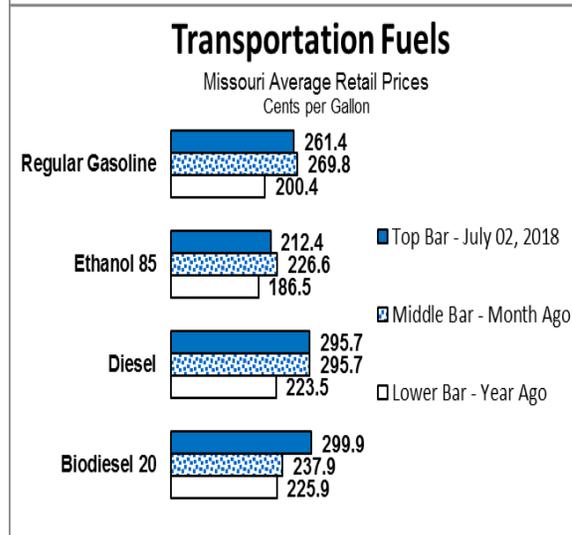
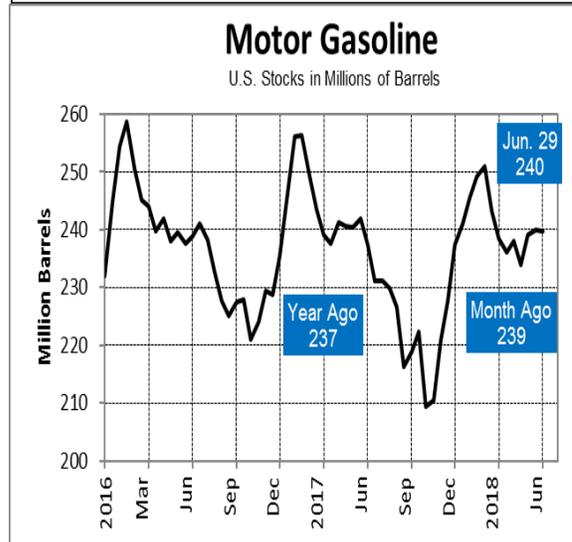
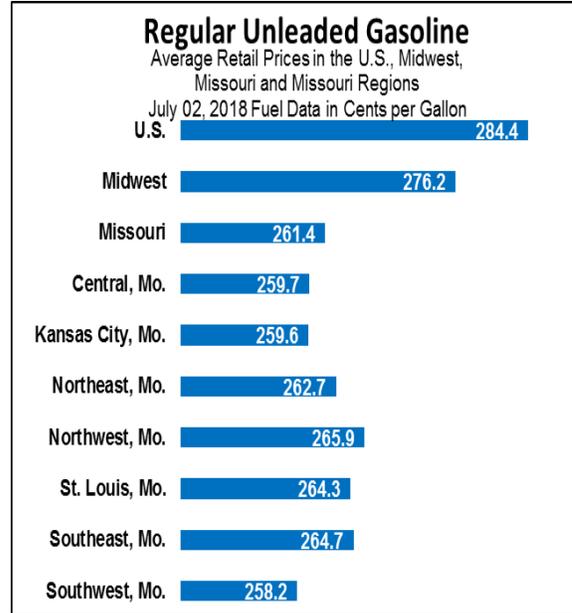
Diesel Fuel - Retail Prices (cents per gallon)					
	07-02-18	06-04-18	change	07-06-17	change
US	323.6	328.5	down 1%	247.2	up 31%
Missouri	295.7	295.7	down <1%	223.5	up 32%

- On July 2, Missouri's average retail price for gasoline was over \$2.61 per gallon, down 8.4 cents in the past month.
- Missouri's average price for diesel fuel was nearly \$2.96 per gallon, down less than 0.1 cents in the past month.
- Compared to last year at this time, Missouri's average retail gasoline price is 61.0 cents per gallon, or 30 percent, higher while the average retail diesel fuel price is 72.2 cents per gallon, or 32 percent, higher.
- At approximately \$2.84, the U.S. average price for regular gasoline is 9.6 cents per gallon, or 3 percent, lower compared to last month.
- The U.S. average price for regular gasoline is 58.4 cents per gallon, or 26 percent, higher compared to this time last year. In the past week, the U.S. average increased by 1.1 cents per gallon.
- Gasoline imports decreased from the prior week at approximately 0.6 MMB/D. Last year at this



time, imports stood at over 0.7 MMB/D.

- Implied demand for gasoline was higher on the week at approximately 9.9 MMB/D. Demand stood at over 9.7 MMB/D at this time last year.
- In the past four weeks, U.S. gasoline demand has averaged almost 9.7 MMB/D.
- U.S. gasoline supplies were down 1.5 MMB on the week at 239.7 MMB. U.S. supplies are 2.4 MMB higher than this time last year.
- Distillate stocks increased 0.2 MMB on the week at 117.6 MMB and stand more than 32.8 MMB lower compared to the same period last year.
- Distillate demand was higher on the week at over 4.1 MMB/D. Demand stood at approximately 4.3 MMB/D at this time last year. On a four-week average, distillate demand was higher at almost 4.0 MMB/D.
- On July 2, Missouri’s average retail price for E85 motor fuel, conventional motor fuel containing 85 percent ethanol, was over \$2.12 per gallon, 49.0 cents per gallon, or 18.7 percent, lower than the average price for conventional motor gasoline.
- On July 2, Missouri’s average retail price for B20, diesel fuel containing 20 percent biofuel, was nearly \$3.00 per gallon, 4.2 cents per gallon, or 1.4 percent, higher than the average price for conventional diesel fuel.
- According to EIA’s latest *Short Term Energy Outlook* dated July 10, 2018, U.S. regular gasoline retail prices, which averaged \$2.15 per gallon in 2016 and \$2.42 in 2017, are projected to average \$2.76 in 2018.



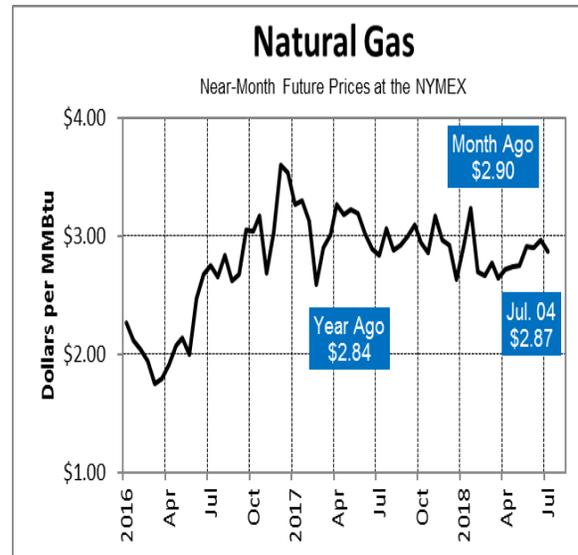
Natural Gas

Approximately 51.6 percent (1,220,485) 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 July 4, 2018, natural gas futures on the NYMEX closed at \$2.87 per million British thermal units (MMBtu), down approximately \$0.03, or 1 percent, in the past month.

Natural Gas - Near Month Future Prices (dollars per MMBtu)					
	<u>07-04-18</u>	<u>06-06-18</u>	<u>change</u>	<u>07-05-17</u>	<u>change</u>
NYMEX	\$2.87	\$2.90	down 1%	\$2.84	up 1%

- The August 2018 NYMEX futures contract settled at \$2.87 per MMBtu on July 4, up less than 1 cent from the July 2 settlement.
- In the past month, the futures contract has decreased 2.6 cents, or 1 percent.
- Futures are up \$0.03, or 1 percent, in the past year.
- According to EIA's July 6, 2018 *Weekly Natural Gas Storage Report*, U.S. natural gas supplies are 717 Bcf, or 25.0 percent, lower than last year at this time.
- According to the EIA, net injections into working gas totaled 66 billion cubic feet (Bcf) for the week ending June 22. Working natural gas stocks are 2,152 Bcf, which is approximately 25 percent lower than the year-ago level and 18.6 percent lower than the five-year (2013–17) average for this week.
- Temperatures in the Lower 48 states averaged 75 degrees Fahrenheit (°F) for the week ending June 27, 4°F higher than the normal and the same as last year at this time. Temperatures increased 3°F over the report week. Cooling degree days in outside of the Mountain and Pacific regions were above the normal.
- According to the EIA, total U.S. consumption of natural gas increased by 1 percent for the week ending June 27 compared with the previous report week. In the residential and commercial sectors, consumption increased by 22 percent. Natural gas consumed for power generation fell 3 percent week over week. Industrial sector consumption increased by 1 percent week over week. Natural gas exports to Mexico declined 3 percent.



Propane

Approximately 9.2 percent (216,853) 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.

(Note: Beginning April 2018, Missouri residential retail propane prices will be reported only for the first full week of each month through September 2018.)

On July 2, the average Missouri retail price for residential propane was nearly \$1.55 per gallon, up 20.4 cents, or 15 percent, in the past year.

Propane - Retail Prices (cents per gallon)					
	<u>07-02-18</u>	<u>06-04-18</u>	<u>change</u>	<u>07-06-17</u>	<u>change</u>
Missouri	154.9	161.9	down 4%	134.5	up 15%

- According to the Division of Energy's most recent statewide propane price survey conducted July 2, the average Missouri retail residential propane price was nearly \$1.55 per gallon, up 20.4 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 \$1.20 per gallon.
- U.S. propane/propylene stocks increased over the June 22, 2018 report week at 61.2 MMB as of June 29, 2018, 6.5 MMB, or 9.6 percent, lower than the five-year average inventory level for this same time of year. Midwest inventories increased by 0.8 MMB to over 19.2 MMB for the week of June 29, 2018. Midwest inventories stood at approximately 18.8 MMB at the same time last year.
- U.S. propane consumption was lower week over week at over 0.8 MMB/D. Consumption stood at almost 1.2 MMB/D at the same time last year.

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