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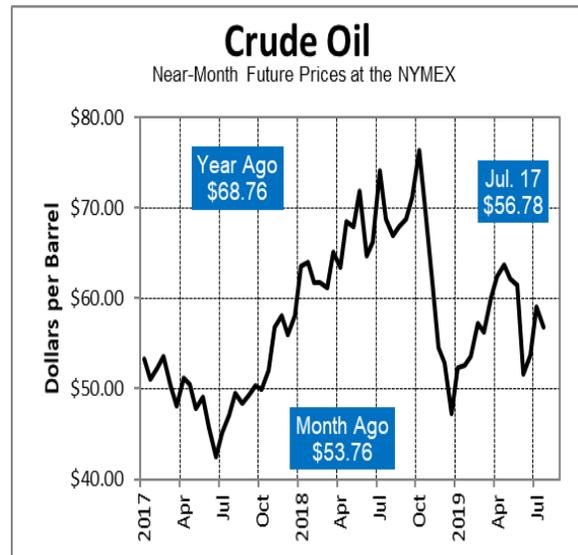
*(Data are for the week ending July 12, 2019, unless stated otherwise.)*

**Crude Oil**

**U.S. crude oil prices increased by \$3.02 to \$56.78 per barrel in the past month and are 17 percent lower compared to this time last year.**

<i>Crude Oil - Near Month Future Prices (dollars per barrel)</i>					
	<u>07-17-19</u>	<u>06-19-19</u>	<u>change</u>	<u>07-18-18</u>	<u>change</u>
<b>NYMEX</b>	<b>\$56.78</b>	<b>\$53.76</b>	<b>up 6%</b>	<b>\$68.76</b>	<b>down 17%</b>

- On July 17, crude oil futures for delivery on the NYMEX ended lower on the week to settle at \$56.78 per barrel. The price for crude oil futures is \$3.02, or 6 percent, above the month-ago level.
- Compared to this time last year, the U.S. crude oil futures settlement price of \$56.78 is \$11.98, or 17 percent, lower.
- Despite geopolitical tensions, slowing oil demand growth and oil production in the Gulf of Mexico returning to normal following Hurricane Barry will likely limit price increases.
- Domestic crude production was lower relative to the prior week at 12.0 million barrels per day (MMB/D). Last year at this time, production stood at approximately 11.0 MMB/D.
- Total crude imports were down over the prior week at approximately 6.8 MMB/D. Imports at this time last year were approximately 9.1 MMB/D.
- U.S. crude oil supplies decreased 3.1 MMB on the week to 455.9 MMB. U.S. supplies are 44.8 MMB higher compared to this time last year.



- U.S. refinery crude runs were lower relative to the prior week with refiners processing approximately 17.3 MMB/D. U.S. refinery capacity utilization was higher on the week at 94.4 percent. Last year at this time, capacity use stood at approximately 94.3 percent.
- Gasoline output was lower on the week at approximately 9.9 MMB/D. Output was approximately 10.3 MMB/D at this time last year. Distillate output was higher than the prior week at approximately 5.4 MMB/D. Last year at this time, production stood at 5.2 MMB/D.
- Total petroleum products supplied to market, a measure of consumption, over the last four-week period stood at 20.8 MMB/D, 0.6 percent higher compared to the same period last year.

### ***Transportation Fuels***

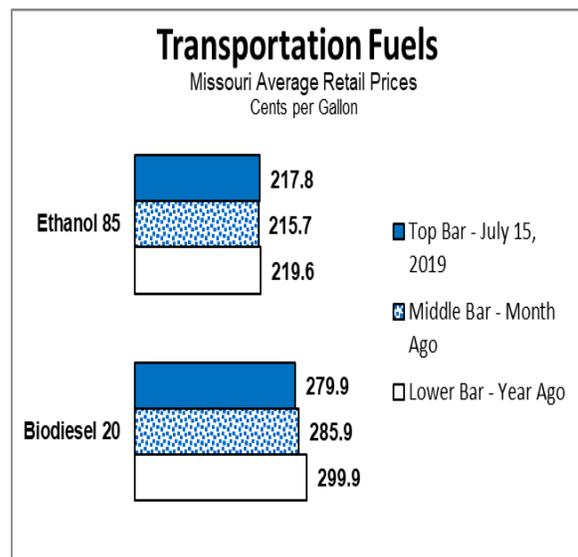
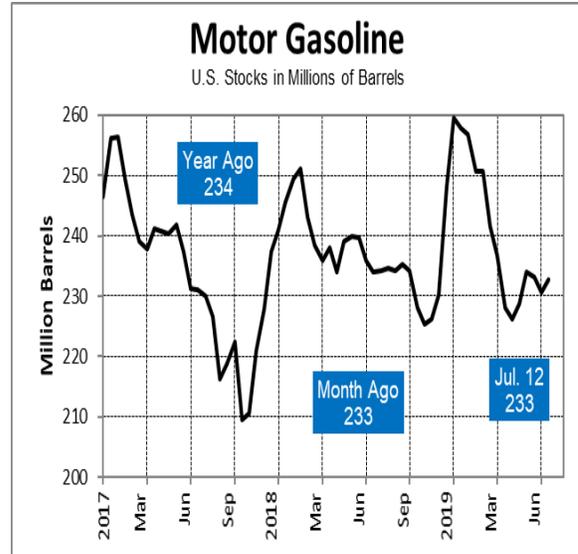
***(Note: Gasoline and diesel prices may be obtained from the American Automobile Association (AAA) and the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), as described below. Effective 06/25/2019, the Division of Energy no longer conducts phone surveys to obtain the prices for these fuels.)***

For access to additional information on regional and national gasoline prices, stocks, production, and demand, please visit: <https://www.eia.gov/petroleum/weekly/gasoline.php>. To navigate to the above URL from EIA's home page, select the "Sources & Uses" tab at the top of the page, click on "This Week in Petroleum," and then click on the "GASOLINE" tab.

For access to and additional information on Missouri gasoline and diesel price averages by city and county, please visit: <https://gasprices.aaa.com/?state=MO>.

- On July 17, at approximately \$2.78, the U.S. average price for regular gasoline was 11.5 cents per gallon, or 4 percent, higher compared to last month.
- The U.S. average price for regular gasoline is 8.1 cents per gallon, or 3 percent, lower compared to this time last year. In the past week, the U.S. average increased approximately 3 cents.
- Gasoline imports decreased from the prior week at approximately 0.9 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 9.2 MMB/D. Demand stood at approximately 9.7 MMB/D at this time last year.
- In the past four weeks, U.S. gasoline demand has averaged approximately 9.5 MMB/D.

- U.S. gasoline supplies were up 3.6 MMB on the week at 232.8 MMB. U.S. supplies are approximately 1 MMB lower than this time last year.
- Distillate stocks increased 5.7 MMB on the week at 136.2 MMB and stand 14.9 MMB higher compared to the same period last year.
- Distillate demand was higher on the week at approximately 3.6 MMB/D. Demand stood at approximately 4.1 MMB/D at this time last year. On a four-week average, distillate demand was lower at approximately 3.7 MMB/D.
- On July 15, Missouri’s average retail price for E85 motor fuel, conventional motor fuel containing 85 percent ethanol, was approximately \$2.18 per gallon.
- On July 15, Missouri’s average retail price for B20, diesel fuel containing 20 percent biofuel, was almost \$2.80 per gallon.
- According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration’s (EIA) latest *Short Term Energy Outlook* dated July 9, 2019, U.S. regular gasoline retail prices, which averaged \$2.42 per gallon in 2017, \$2.73 in 2018, and averaged \$2.65 to date in 2019, are projected to average \$2.76 in 2020.



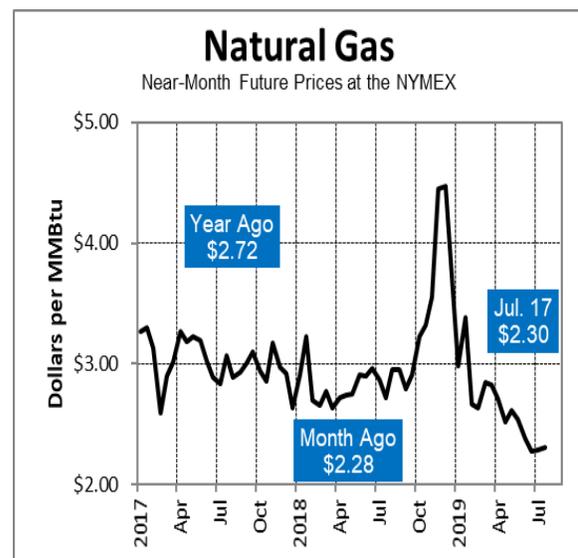
## Natural Gas

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 July 17, 2019, natural gas futures on the NYMEX closed at \$2.30 per million British thermal units (MMBtu), up approximately \$0.02, or 1 percent, in the past month.**

Natural Gas - Near Month Future Prices (dollars per MMBtu)					
	07-17-19	06-19-19	change	07-18-18	change
NYMEX	\$2.30	\$2.28	up 1%	\$2.72	down 15%

- The August 2019 NYMEX futures contract settled at \$2.30 per MMBtu on July 17, \$0.14 lower than the July 10 settlement.
- In the past month, the futures contract has increased 2 cents, or 1 percent.
- Futures are down \$0.42, or 15 percent, in the past year.
- According to EIA's *Weekly Natural Gas Storage Report*, U.S. natural gas supplies are at 2,533 billion cubic feet (Bcf), 13 percent higher than last year at this time.
- According to the EIA, net injections to working gas totaled 62 Bcf for the week ending July 12.
- For the week ending July 11, temperatures in the Lower 48 states averaged cooler than normal for the Western U.S., but warmer than normal for the Eastern U.S. Heating degree days nationally were slightly below the normal, while cooling degree days were 12 above the normal.
- According to EIA, total U.S. consumption of natural gas increased 2 percent compared with the prior report week. In the residential and commercial sectors, consumption increased by 3 percent. Natural gas consumed for power generation increased by 6 percent week over week. Industrial sector consumption decreased 4 percent week over week. Natural gas exports to Mexico increased 3 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 July 1, the average Missouri retail price for residential propane was approximately \$1.41 per gallon, down 7.7 cents, or 5 percent, in the past month.**

<i>Propane - Retail Prices (cents per gallon)</i>					
	<u>07-01-19</u>	<u>06-03-19</u>	<u>change</u>	<u>07-02-19</u>	<u>change</u>
Missouri	140.9	148.6	down 5%	154.9	down 9%

- According to the Division of Energy's most recent statewide propane price survey conducted July 1, the average Missouri retail residential propane price was approximately \$1.41 per gallon.
- According to the survey, the highest Missouri retail residential price for propane was \$1.70 per gallon. The lowest retail price was \$1.01 per gallon.
- On July 12, 2019, U.S. propane/propylene stocks had increased over the prior report week at 77.5 MMB. As of July 12, U.S. propane/propylene stocks were 12.2 MMB, or 19 percent, higher than the year-ago inventory level for this same time of year. Midwest inventories increased by approximately 1.1 MMB to 22.6 MMB for the report week. Midwest inventories stood at approximately 21.7 MMB at the same time last year.
- U.S. propane consumption was higher week over week at 1.3 MMB/D. Consumption stood at approximately 1.0 MMB/D at the same time last year.

**For more information on propane, please visit:**

<https://energy.mo.gov/resources/be-prepared-for-propane>

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