



# MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF ENERGY

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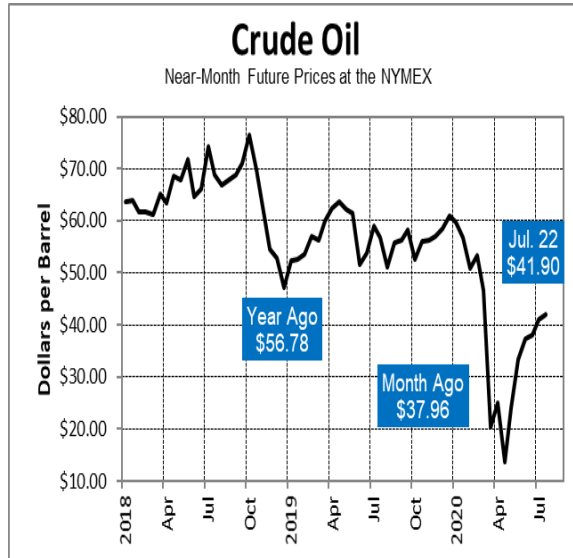
*(Data are for the week ending July 17, 2020, unless stated otherwise.)*

### Crude Oil

U.S. crude oil prices increased by \$3.94 to \$41.90 per barrel in the past month and are 26 percent lower compared to this time last year.

Crude Oil - Near Month Future Prices (dollars per barrel)					
	07-22-20	06-17-20	change	07-17-19	change
NYMEX	\$41.90	\$37.96	up 10%	\$56.78	down 26%

- On July 22, crude oil futures for delivery on the NYMEX ended higher on the week to settle at \$41.90 per barrel. The price for crude oil futures is \$3.94, or 10 percent, above the month-ago level.
- Compared to this time last year, the U.S. crude oil futures settlement price of \$41.90 is \$14.88, or 26 percent, lower.
- In the July 22, 2020 edition of This Week in Petroleum, the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) stated that, “Although the crude oil price outlook is highly uncertain, (OPEC+) [the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and partner countries] is set to increase production in August, which could put downward pressure on crude oil prices....”



- Domestic crude production was higher relative to the prior week at 11.1 million barrels per day (MMB/D). Last year at this time, production stood at approximately 11.3 MMB/D.
- Total crude imports were up over the prior week at approximately 5.9 MMB/D. Imports at this time last year were approximately 7.0 MMB/D.

- U.S. crude oil supplies increased 4.9 MMB on the week to 536.6 MMB. U.S. supplies are 91.6 MMB higher compared to this time last year.
- U.S. refinery crude runs were lower relative to the prior week with refineries processing approximately 14.2 MMB/D. U.S. refinery capacity utilization was higher on the week at 77.9 percent. Last year at this time, capacity use stood at approximately 93.1 percent.
- Gasoline output was lower on the week at approximately 9.1 MMB/D. Output was approximately 10.1 MMB/D at this time last year. Distillate output was lower than the prior week at approximately 4.8 MMB/D. Last year at this time, production stood at 5.2 MMB/D.
- Total petroleum products supplied to market, a measure of consumption, stood at 17.9 MMB/D over the last four-week period, 14.6 percent lower than 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>.

- At approximately \$2.19, the U.S. average price for regular gasoline on July 20 was 8.8 cents per gallon, or 4 percent, higher compared to last month.
- The U.S. average price for regular gasoline is 59.8 cents per gallon, or 21 percent, lower compared to this time last year. In the past week, the U.S. average decreased by approximately 0.9 cents.
- Gasoline imports decreased from the prior week at approximately 0.5 MMB/D. Last year at this time, imports stood at approximately 1.0 MMB/D.
- Implied demand for gasoline was lower on the week at approximately 8.6 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 8.6 MMB/D.

- U.S. gasoline supplies are down 1.8 MMB on the week at 246.7 MMB. U.S. supplies are approximately 14.2 MMB higher than this time last year.

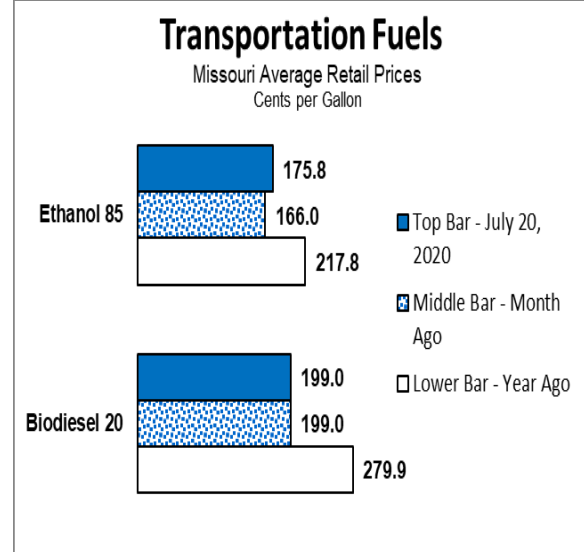
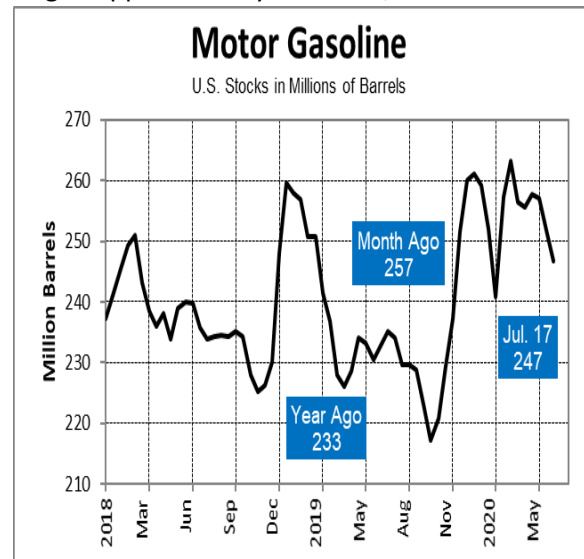
- Distillate stocks increased 1.1 MMB on the week at 177.9 MMB and stand 41.1 MMB higher compared to the same period last year.

- Distillate demand was lower on the week at approximately 3.2 MMB/D. Demand stood at approximately 4.3 MMB/D at this time last year. On a four-week average, distillate demand was lower at approximately 3.4 MMB/D.

- On July 20, Missouri’s average retail price for E-85 motor fuel, conventional motor fuel containing 51% to 83% ethanol, was approximately \$1.76 per gallon.

- On July 20, Missouri’s surveyed retail price for B-20, diesel fuel containing 6% to 20% biofuel, was \$1.99 per gallon.

- According to EIA’s latest *Short-Term Energy Outlook* dated July 7, 2020, U.S. regular gasoline retail prices, which averaged \$2.73 in 2018 and \$2.60 per gallon in 2019, are predicted to average \$2.11 per gallon in 2020 and \$2.23 per gallon in 2021.



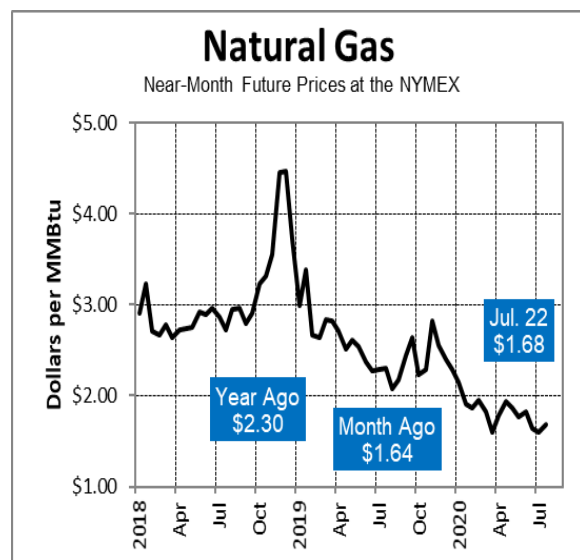
## Natural Gas

Approximately 50.8 percent (1,218,329) of Missouri households use natural gas to heat their homes. (Data updated from the most recent U.S. Census information.) Natural gas is also used to produce goods and electricity.

**On July 22, 2020, natural gas futures on the NYMEX closed at \$1.68 per million British thermal units (MMBtu), up approximately \$0.04, or 2 percent, in the past month.**

Natural Gas - Near Month Future Prices (dollars per MMBtu)					
	07-22-20	06-17-20	change	07-17-19	change
NYMEX	\$1.68	\$1.64	up 2%	\$2.30	down 27%

- The August 2020 NYMEX futures contract settled at approximately \$1.68 per MMBtu on July 22, down \$0.10 from the July 15 settlement.
- In the past month, the futures contract has increased approximately 4.0 cents, or 2 percent.
- Futures are down approximately \$0.62, or 27 percent, in the past year.
- According to EIA's *Weekly Natural Gas Storage Report*, U.S. natural gas supplies are at 3,215 billion cubic feet (Bcf), 25.6 percent higher than last year at this time and 15.7 percent higher than the 5-year average.



- According to the EIA, net additions to working gas totaled 37 Bcf for the week ending July 17.
- For the week ending July 16, temperatures averaged cooler than normal in the northwest and portions of the Midwest, but warmer than normal across most of the southern U.S. Heating degree days nationally were 1 below the normal, while cooling degree days were 13 above the normal.
- According to EIA, total U.S. consumption of natural gas increased 1.0 percent over the prior report week. Residential and commercial consumption increased 4.1 percent week-over-week. Natural gas consumed for power generation increased 0.8 percent on the week. Industrial sector consumption was unchanged on the week. Natural gas exports to Mexico decreased 0.7 percent from the prior week.

## **Propane**

Approximately 8.8 percent (211,469) of Missouri households use propane to heat their homes. (Data updated from the most recent U.S. Census information.) Propane is also used to support commercial operations, produce goods, dry grain harvests and fuel vehicles.

***Please note that the sample of propane distributors surveyed by the Missouri Division of Energy changed as a part of the Division's participation in EIA's State Heating Oil and Propane Program.***

**On July 6, the average Missouri retail price for residential propane was approximately \$1.22 per gallon, down 13.8 cents, or 10 percent, in the past month.**

<b>Propane - Retail Prices (cents per gallon)</b>					
	<u>07-06-20</u>	<u>06-01-20</u>	<u>change</u>	<u>07-01-19</u>	<u>change</u>
<b>Missouri</b>	<b>121.7</b>	<b>135.5</b>	<b>down 10%</b>	<b>140.9</b>	<b>down 14%</b>

- According to the Division of Energy's most recent statewide propane price survey conducted on July 6, the average Missouri retail residential propane price was approximately \$1.22 per gallon.
- U.S. propane/propylene stocks increased over the prior report week at 82.4 MMB. As of July 17, U.S. propane/propylene stocks were 7.4 MMB, or 10 percent, higher than the year-ago inventory level for the same time of year. Midwest inventories are higher for the report week at 21.0 MMB. Midwest inventories stood at approximately 23.4 MMB at the same time last year.
- U.S. propane consumption was higher week-over-week at 1.0 MMB/D. Consumption stood at approximately 0.8 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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