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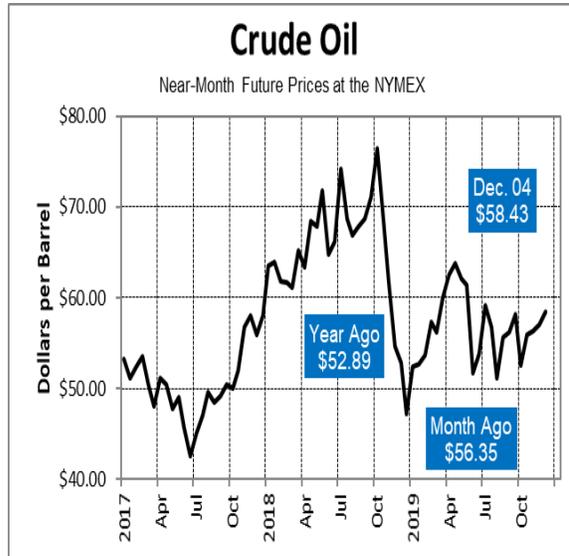
*(Data are for the week ending November 29, 2019, unless stated otherwise.)*

### Crude Oil

U.S. crude oil prices increased by \$2.08 to \$58.43 per barrel in the past month and are 10 percent higher compared to this time last year.

Crude Oil - Near Month Future Prices (dollars per barrel)					
	12-04-19	11-06-19	change	12-05-18	change
<b>NYMEX</b>	<b>\$58.43</b>	<b>\$56.35</b>	<b>up 4%</b>	<b>\$52.89</b>	<b>up 10%</b>

- On December 4, crude oil futures for delivery on the NYMEX ended higher on the week to settle at \$58.43 per barrel. The price for crude oil futures is \$2.08 or 4 percent, above the month-ago level.
- Compared to this time last year, the U.S. crude oil futures settlement price of \$58.43 is \$5.54, or 10 percent, higher.
- In the December 4, 2019 edition of *This Week in Petroleum*, the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) states in September 2019, the United States exported more petroleum than it imported, the first month this happened since monthly records began in 1973.



- Domestic crude production was unchanged relative to the prior week at 12.9 million barrels per day (MMB/D). Last year at this time, production stood at approximately 11.7 MMB/D.
- Total crude imports were down over the prior week at approximately 6.0 MMB/D. Imports at this time last year were approximately 7.2 MMB/D.

- U.S. crude oil supplies decreased 4.9 MMB on the week to 447.1 MMB. U.S. supplies are 3.9 MMB higher compared to this time last year.
- U.S. refinery crude runs were higher relative to the prior week with refineries processing approximately 16.8 MMB/D. U.S. refinery capacity utilization was higher on the week at 91.9 percent. Last year at this time, capacity use stood at approximately 95.5 percent.
- Gasoline output was lower on the week at approximately 9.9 MMB/D. Output was approximately 9.7 MMB/D at this time last year. Distillate output was higher than the prior week at approximately 5.3 MMB/D. Last year at this time, production stood at 5.6 MMB/D.
- Total petroleum products supplied to market, a measure of consumption, over the last four-week period stood at 21.2 MMB/D, 0.3 percent higher than the same period last year.

## ***Transportation Fuels***

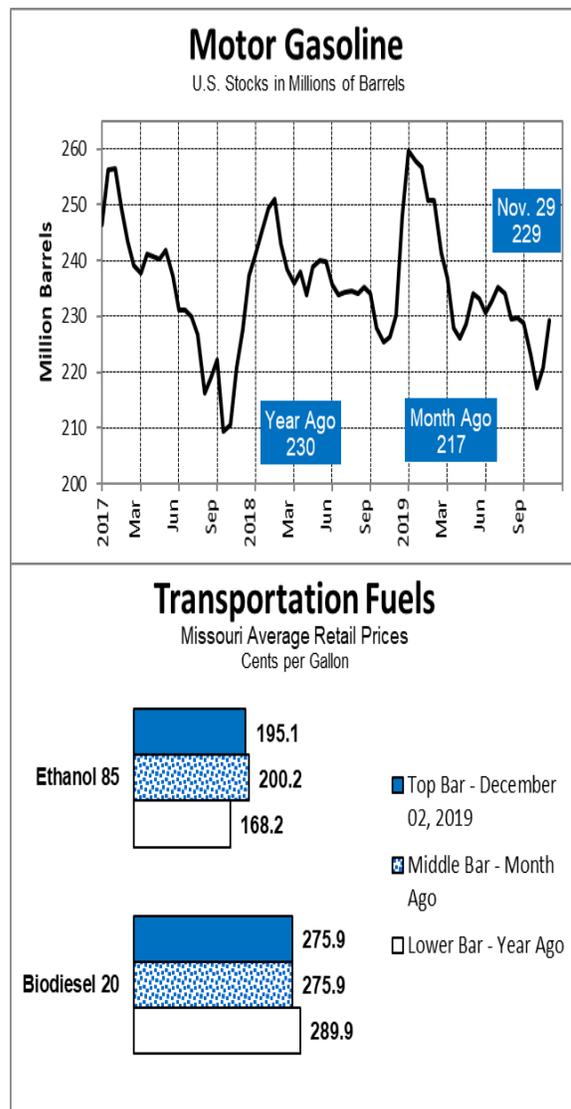
***(Note: Gasoline and diesel prices may be obtained from the American Automobile Association (AAA) and the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), as described below. Effective 06/25/2019, the Division of Energy no longer conducts phone surveys to obtain the prices for these fuels.)***

**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 \$2.58, the U.S. average price for regular gasoline on December 2 was 3.0 cents per gallon, or 1 percent, lower compared to last month.
- The U.S. average price for regular gasoline is 12.4 cents per gallon, or 5 percent, higher compared to this time last year. In the past week, the U.S. average decreased by approximately 0.4 cents.
- Gasoline imports decreased from the prior week at approximately 0.4 MMB/D. Last year at this time, imports stood at approximately 0.2 MMB/D.
- Implied demand for gasoline was lower on the week at approximately 9.0 MMB/D. Demand stood at approximately 8.9 MMB/D at this time last year.
- In the past four weeks, U.S. gasoline demand has averaged approximately 9.2 MMB/D.

- U.S. gasoline supplies are up 3.4 MMB on the week at 229.4 MMB. U.S. supplies are approximately 3.1 MMB higher than this time last year.
- Distillate stocks increased 3.1 MMB on the week at 119.5 MMB and stand 6.1 MMB lower compared to the same period last year.
- Distillate demand was lower on the week at approximately 3.6 MMB/D. Demand stood at approximately 4.0 MMB/D at this time last year. On a four-week average, distillate demand was lower at approximately 4.2 MMB/D.
- On December 2, Missouri’s average retail price for E85 motor fuel, conventional motor fuel containing 85 percent ethanol, was approximately \$195.1 per gallon.
- On December 2, Missouri’s average retail price for B20, diesel fuel containing 20 percent biofuel, was approximately \$2.76 per gallon.
- According to EIA’s latest *Short-Term Energy Outlook* dated November 13, 2019, U.S. regular gasoline retail prices, which averaged \$2.42 per gallon in 2017 and \$2.73 in 2018, are predicted to average \$2.60 in 2019 and \$2.62 in 2020.



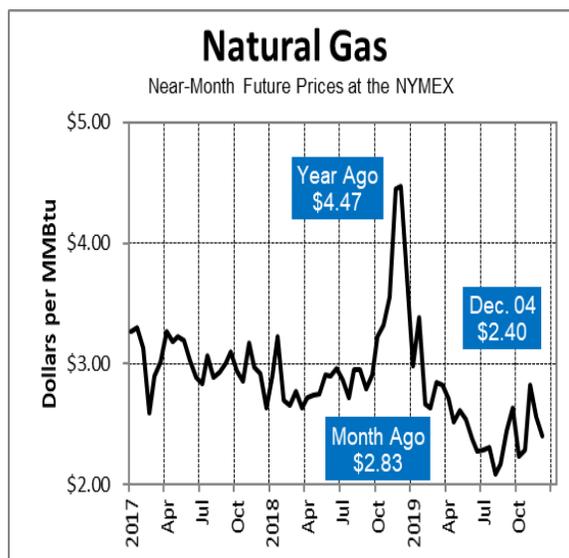
## Natural Gas

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 December 4, 2019, natural gas futures on the NYMEX closed at \$2.40 per million British thermal units (MMBtu), down approximately \$0.43, or 15 percent, in the past month.**

Natural Gas - Near Month Future Prices (dollars per MMBtu)					
	12-04-19	11-06-19	change	12-05-18	change
NYMEX	\$2.40	\$2.83	down 15%	\$4.47	down 46%

- The January 2019 NYMEX futures contract settled at \$2.40 per MMBtu on December 4, \$0.10 lower than the November 27 settlement.
- In the past month, the futures contract has decreased 43 cents, or 15 percent.
- Futures are down \$2.07, or 46 percent, in the past year.
- According to EIA's *Weekly Natural Gas Storage Report*, U.S. natural gas supplies are at 3,591 billion cubic feet (Bcf), 19.7 percent higher than last year at this time and 0.3 percent lower than the 5-year average.
- According to the EIA, net withdrawals from working gas totaled 19 Bcf for the week ending November 29.
- For the week ending November 28, temperatures averaged cooler than normal in the Western U.S. and warmer than normal for the Eastern U.S. Heating degree days nationally were 12 below the normal, while cooling degree days were average.
- According to EIA, total U.S. consumption of natural gas increased 7 percent over the prior report week. Residential and commercial consumption increased by 13 percent. Natural gas consumed for power generation increased by 6 percent on the week. Industrial sector consumption was unchanged on the week. Natural gas exports to Mexico increased 2%.



## Propane

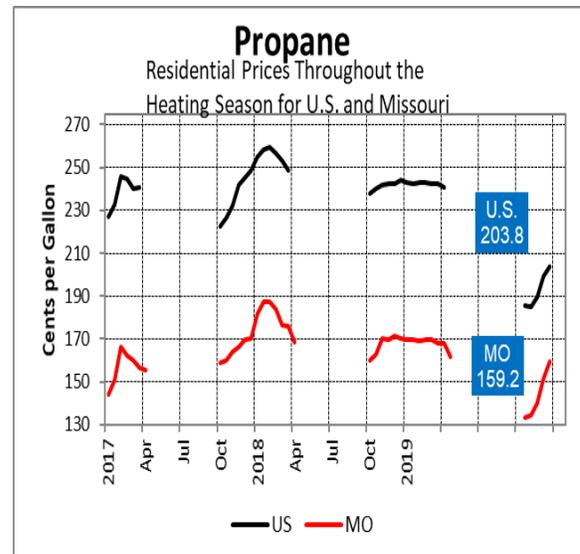
Approximately 8.9 percent (213,192) of Missouri households use propane to heat their homes. (Data updated from the most recent U.S. Census report.) Propane is also used to support commercial operations, produce goods, dry grain harvests and fuel vehicles.

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

**On December 2, the average Missouri retail price for residential propane was approximately \$1.59 per gallon, up 19.0 cents, or 14 percent, in the past month.**

Propane - Retail Prices (cents per gallon)					
	12-02-19	11-04-19	change	12-17-18	change
Missouri	159.2	140.2	up 14%	170.3	down 7%

- According to the Division of Energy's most recent statewide propane price survey conducted December 2, the average Missouri retail residential propane price was approximately \$1.59 per gallon.
- U.S. propane/propylene stocks decreased over the prior report week at 91.8 MMB. As of November 29, U.S. propane/propylene stocks were 12.0 MMB, or 15 percent, higher than the year-ago inventory level for the same time of year. Midwest inventories are slightly lower for the report week at 22.1 MMB. Midwest inventories stood at approximately 25.2 MMB at the same time last year.



- U.S. propane consumption was higher week-over-week at 1.8 MMB/D. Consumption stood at approximately 1.3 MMB/D at the same time last year.

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

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