Crude Oil

U.S. crude oil prices increased by $4.47 to $37.96 per barrel in the past month and are 29 percent lower compared to this time last year.

- On June 17, crude oil futures for delivery on the NYMEX ended lower on the week to settle at $37.96 per barrel. The price for crude oil futures is $4.47, or 13 percent, above the month-ago level.

- Compared to this time last year, the U.S. crude oil futures settlement price of $37.96 is $15.80, or 29 percent, lower.

- In the June 17, 2020 edition of This Week in Petroleum, the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) noted that members of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) agreed to extend their 9.7 million barrel per day (MMB/D) production cut through at least July 2020.

- Domestic crude production was lower relative to the prior week at 10.5 MMB/D. Last year at this time, production stood at approximately 12.2 MMB/D.

- Total crude imports were down over the prior week at approximately 6.6 MMB/D. Imports at this time last year were approximately 7.5 MMB/D.
• U.S. crude oil supplies increased 1.2 MMB on the week to 539.3 MMB. U.S. supplies are 56.9 MMB higher compared to this time last year.

• U.S. refinery crude runs were higher relative to the prior week with refineries processing approximately 13.6 MMB/D. U.S. refinery capacity utilization was higher on the week at 73.8 percent. Last year at this time, capacity use stood at approximately 93.9 percent.

• Gasoline output was higher on the week at approximately 8.4 MMB/D. Output was approximately 10.4 MMB/D at this time last year. Distillate output was lower than the prior week at approximately 4.5 MMB/D. Last year at this time, production stood at 5.4 MMB/D.

• Total petroleum products supplied to market, a measure of consumption, stood at 16.5 MMB/D over the last four-week period, 20.4 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 $2.10, the U.S. average price for regular gasoline on June 15 was 22.0 cents per gallon, or 12 percent, higher compared to last month.

• The U.S. average price for regular gasoline is 57.1 cents per gallon, or 21 percent, lower compared to this time last year. In the past week, the U.S. average increased by approximately 6.3 cents.

• Gasoline imports decreased from the prior week at approximately 0.5 MMB/D. Last year at this time, imports stood at approximately 0.8 MMB/D.

• Implied demand for gasoline was lower on the week at approximately 7.9 MMB/D. Demand stood at approximately 9.9 MMB/D at this time last year.
• In the past four weeks, U.S. gasoline demand has averaged approximately 7.6 MMB/D.

• U.S. gasoline supplies are down 1.7 MMB on the week at 257.0 MMB. U.S. supplies are approximately 23.8 MMB higher than this time last year.

• Distillate stocks decreased 1.3 MMB on the week at 174.5 MMB and stand 46.7 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 3.2 MMB/D.

• On June 15, Missouri’s average retail price for E-85 motor fuel, conventional motor fuel containing 85 percent ethanol, was approximately $1.66 per gallon.

• On June 15, Missouri’s surveyed retail price for B-20, diesel fuel containing 20 percent biofuel, was $1.99 per gallon.

• According to EIA’s latest Short-Term Energy Outlook dated June 9, 2020, U.S. regular gasoline retail prices, which averaged $2.73 in 2018 and $2.60 per gallon in 2019, are predicted to average $2.07 per gallon in 2020 and $2.18 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 June 17, 2020, natural gas futures on the NYMEX closed at $1.64 per million British thermal units (MMBtu), down approximately $0.13, or 7 percent, in the past month.

- The July 2020 NYMEX futures contract settled at $1.64 per MMBtu on June 17, down $0.14 from the June 10 settlement.
- In the past month, the futures contract has decreased approximately 13 cents, or 7 percent.
- Futures are down $0.64, or 28 percent, in the past year.
- According to EIA’s Weekly Natural Gas Storage Report, U.S. natural gas supplies are at 2,892 billion cubic feet (Bcf), 33 percent higher than last year at this time and 16.9 percent higher than the 5-year average.
- According to the EIA, net additions to working gas totaled 85 Bcf for the week ending June 12.
- For the week ending June 11, temperatures averaged cooler than normal across the western United States and warmer than normal east of the Rocky Mountains. Heating degree days nationally were 8 below the normal, while cooling degree days were 18 above the normal.
- According to EIA, total U.S. consumption of natural gas decreased 7.1 percent over the prior report week. Residential and commercial consumption increased 4.8 percent week over week. Natural gas consumed for power generation decreased 15.6 percent on the week. Industrial sector consumption increased 2.2 percent on the week. Natural gas exports to Mexico decreased 4.7 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 June 1, the average Missouri retail price for residential propane was approximately $1.36 per gallon, up 9.2 cents, or 7 percent, in the past month.

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- According to the Division of Energy's most recent statewide propane price survey conducted on June 1, the average Missouri retail residential propane price was approximately $1.36 per gallon.

- U.S. propane/propylene stocks increased over the prior report week at 69.0 MMB. As of June 12, U.S. propane/propylene stocks were 0.6 MMB, or 1 percent, lower than the year-ago inventory level for the same time of year. Midwest inventories are higher for the report week at 16.4 MMB. Midwest inventories stood at approximately 19.1 MMB at the same time last year.

- U.S. propane consumption was lower week-over-week at 1.1 MMB/D. Consumption stood at approximately 0.6 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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