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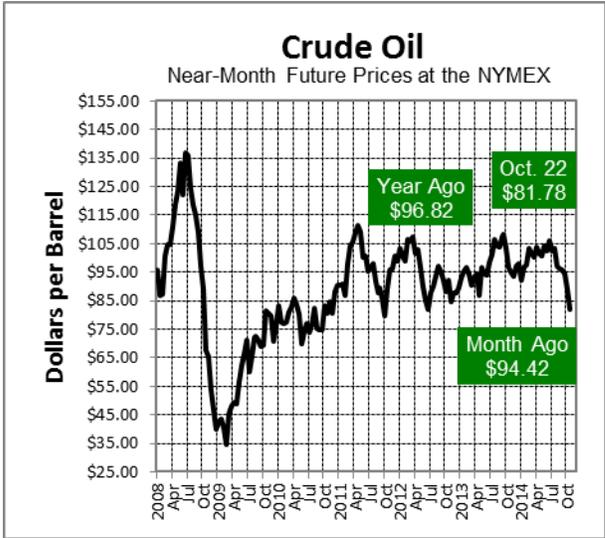
October 24, 2014

(Data is for the week ended October 17, 2014, unless stated otherwise.)

Crude Oil

U.S. crude oil prices decreased \$12.64, or 13 percent, to \$81.78 per barrel in the past month, and stand 16 percent lower compared to this time last year.

Crude Oil - Near Month Future Prices (dollars per barrel)					
	10-22-14	09-17-14	change	10-23-13	change
NYMEX	\$81.78	\$94.42	down 13%	\$96.82	down 16%



- At the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX), crude oil futures for December 2014 delivery ended \$1.97, or 2.4 percent lower, on the October 22 trade day to settle at \$81.78 per barrel, the lowest closing price since June 28, 2012, on continued concern rising global oil supplies will be more than enough to meet slowing demand.
- Domestic supplies of oil continue to rise in light of strong domestic production, lower demand and strong crude imports.
- Compared to this time last year, the U.S. crude oil futures settlement price of \$81.78 is \$15.04, or 16 percent, lower.
- Total petroleum products supplied to market, a measure of consumption, over the last four-week period averaged 19.2 MMB/D, up by 2.2 percent compared to the same period last year.
- According to the October 22 weekly EIA fuels report, U.S. oil inventories increased 7.1 MMB at 377.7 MMB. U.S. crude supplies are now 2.1 MMB lower than at this time last year.

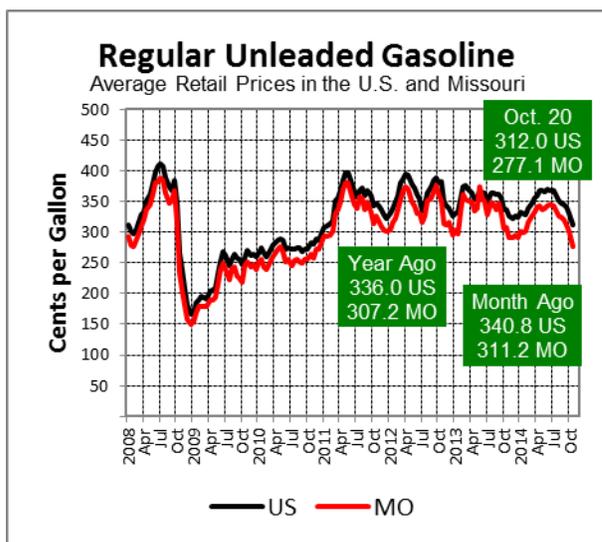
- Crude imports decreased from the prior week at 7.5 MMB/D. Imports at this time last year averaged nearly 7.7 MMB/D. Domestic crude production was unchanged at 8.9 MMB/D on the week. Last year at this time, production stood at 7.9 MMB/D.
- U.S. refinery crude runs were lower from the prior week with refiners processing about 15.2 MMB/D of crude. U.S. refinery capacity use was down on the week at 86.7 percent. Last year at this time, capacity use stood at 85.9 percent.
- Gasoline output was unchanged on the week at 9.5 MMB/D. Last year at this time, production stood at 8.9 MMB/D. Distillate output increased from the prior week at 4.6 MMB/D. Last year at this time, production stood at 4.8 MMB/D.

Transportation Fuels

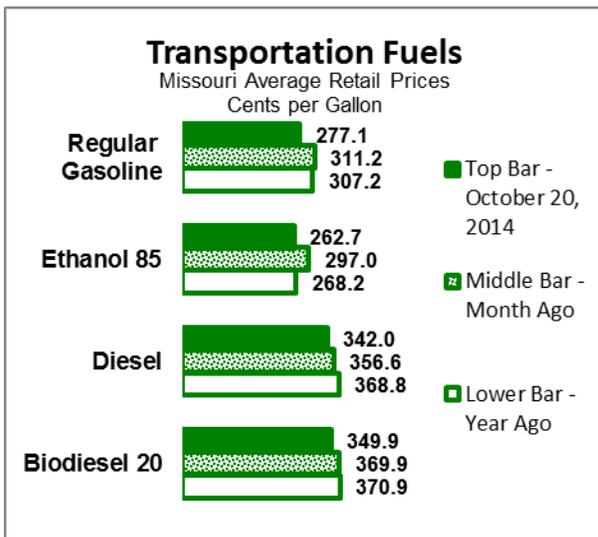
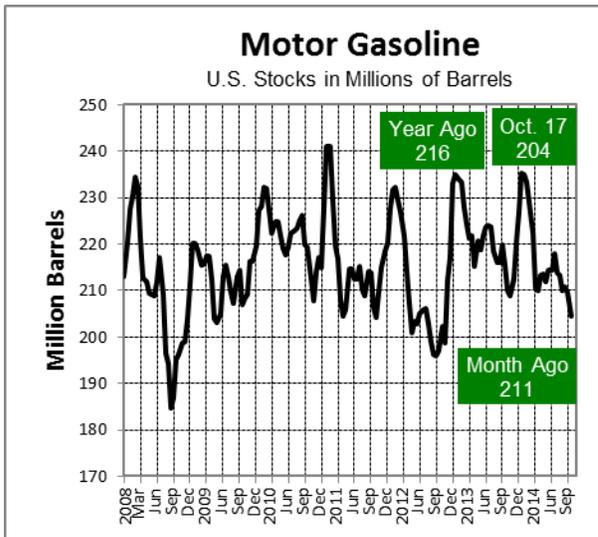
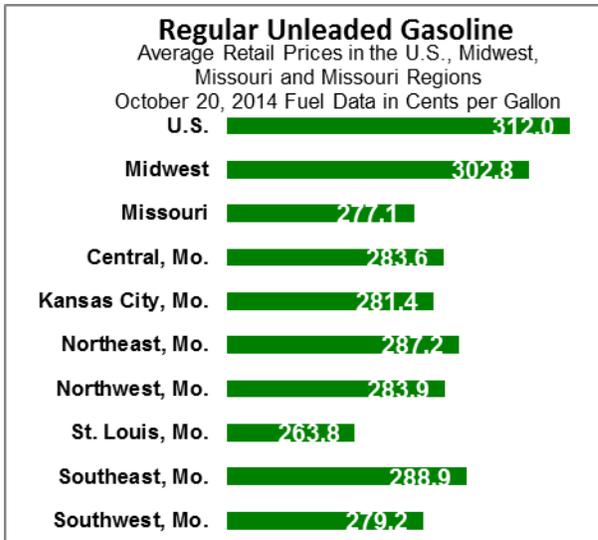
On October 20, Missouri's statewide average retail price for gasoline was about \$2.77 per gallon, down 34.1 cents in the past month and down 30.1 cents, in the past year.

<i>Regular Unleaded Gasoline - Retail Prices (cents per gallon)</i>					
	<u>10-20-14</u>	<u>09-15-14</u>	<u>change</u>	<u>10-21-13</u>	<u>change</u>
US	312.0	340.8	down 8%	336.0	down 7%
Missouri	277.1	311.2	down 11%	307.2	down 10%

<i>Diesel Fuel - Retail Prices (cents per gallon)</i>					
	<u>10-20-14</u>	<u>09-15-14</u>	<u>change</u>	<u>10-21-13</u>	<u>change</u>
US	365.6	380.1	down 4%	389.7	down 6%
Missouri	342.0	356.6	down 4%	368.8	down 7%



- On October 20, Missouri's average retail price for gasoline was about \$2.77 per gallon, down 34.1 cents in the past month.
- The average price for diesel fuel was down 14.6 cents per gallon, or 4 percent, in the past month.
- Missouri's average retail gasoline price is 30.1 cents, or 10 percent, lower while the average retail diesel fuel price is 26.8 cents, or 7 percent, lower for the comparable period in October 2013.
- The U.S. average price for regular gasoline is 28.8 cents per gallon, or 8 percent, lower compared to last month at \$3.12 per gallon.
- The U.S. average was down 24.0 cents compared to this time last year. In the past week, the U.S. average decreased by 8.7 cents per gallon.



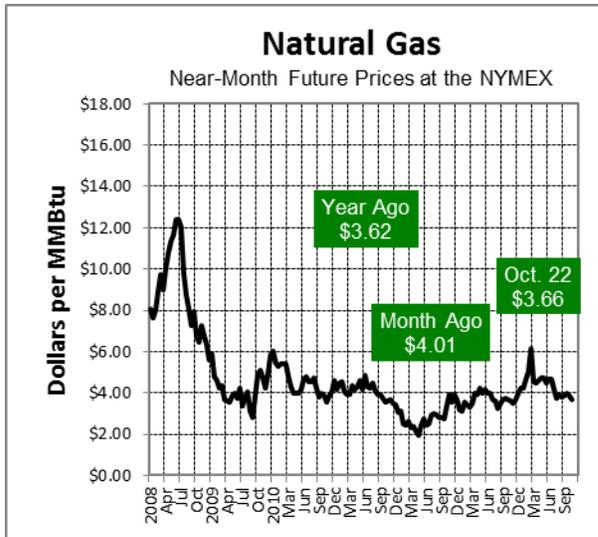
- Gasoline imports were slightly higher from the prior week at 0.4 MMB/D. Imports were 0.4 MMB/D last year at this time.
- Implied demand for gasoline was lower at 8.8 MMB/D. At this time last year, demand was 8.8 MMB/D.
- In the past four weeks, U.S. gasoline demand has averaged about 8.8 MMB/D, slightly lower from the same four-week period last year.
- U.S. gasoline supplies decreased at 204.4 MMB on the week. U.S. gasoline inventories are down 11.1 MMB compared to this time last year and trend within the five-year average for this time of year.
- Distillate stocks increased to 125.7 MMB and stand 0.1 MMB lower compared to the same period last year.
- Distillate demand decreased at 3.3 MMB/D on the week. Demand stood at 3.3 MMB/D at this time last year. On a four-week average, distillate demand was unchanged at 3.7 MMB/D.
- On October 20, Missouri's average retail price for E85 motor fuel, conventional motor fuel containing 85 percent ethanol, was about \$2.63 per gallon, 14.4 cents or 5.2 percent lower than the average price for conventional motor gasoline.
- On October 20, Missouri's average retail price for B20, diesel fuel containing 20 percent biofuel, was about \$3.50 per gallon, 7.9 cents or 2.3 percent higher than the average retail price for conventional diesel fuel.
- According to the October 7, 2014, *Short Term Energy Outlook*, EIA forecasts the 2014 regular gasoline retail price to average \$3.45 per gallon.

Natural Gas

Approximately 53 percent (1,251,339) of Missouri households use natural gas to heat their homes. Natural gas is also used to produce goods and electricity. (Data updated from the most recent U.S. Census report.)

On October 22, natural gas futures at the NYMEX closed at \$3.66 per million British thermal units (MMBtu), down \$0.21 compared to last month at this time.

Natural Gas - Near Month Future Prices (dollars per MMBtu)					
	10-22-14	09-17-14	change	10-23-13	change
NYMEX	\$3.66	\$4.01	down 9%	\$3.62	up 1%



- At the NYMEX, natural gas futures for December 2014 delivery ended 5.2 cents lower on the October 22 trade day to close at \$3.66 per MMBtu. In the past year, natural gas values have increased by \$0.04 per MMBtu, or 1 percent.
- For the reporting week, October 15 to October 22, the price of the December 2014 contract decreased by 16 cents, from \$3.82 to \$3.66 per MMBtu.
- According to the EIA, domestic natural gas demand decreased slightly on the week. Consumption of natural gas for power generation fell 7.9 percent causing a drop in

total consumption of 0.6 percent week-over-week. Residential and commercial consumption increased 8.0 percent from the previous week, while industrial consumption rose 0.5 percent.

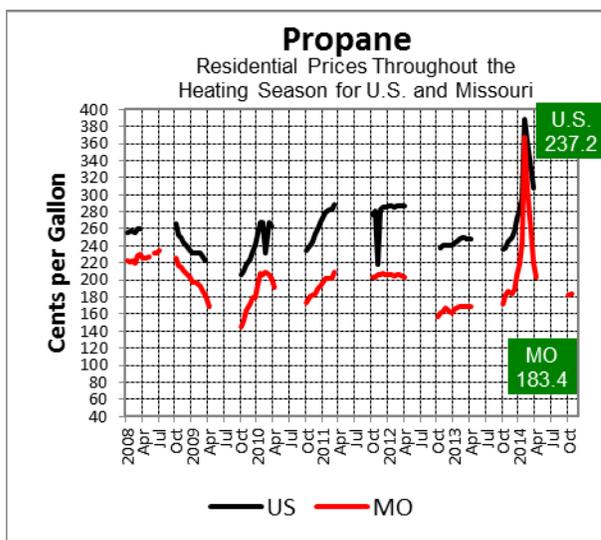
- Working gas in storage totaled 3,393 Bcf, 9.1 percent below the five-year average inventory level for the week, according to EIA's *Weekly Natural Gas Storage Report*. U.S. natural gas supplies are 336 Bcf, or 9.0 percent, lower than last year at this time.
- EIA expects that households heating with natural gas in the Midwest will spend an average of \$65, or 8 percent, less this winter than last winter, reflecting prices that are about 6 percent higher and consumption that is 13 percent lower.

Propane

Approximately 10 percent (234,133) 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 October 20, the average Missouri retail price for residential propane was \$1.83 per gallon, 3.9 cents higher in the past month and up 0.5 cents in the past year.

Propane - Retail Prices (cents per gallon)					
	<u>10-20-14</u>	<u>09-02-14</u>	<u>change</u>	<u>10-21-13</u>	<u>change</u>
Missouri	183.4	179.5	up 2%	182.9	up 0%



were unchanged at 28 MMB. Midwest inventories are now 4.3 MMB, or 18.2 percent, higher than the 23.6 MMB reported at this time last year.

- According to the Division of Energy's most recent statewide propane price survey conducted October 20, the average Missouri retail residential propane price was \$1.83 per gallon, 3.9 cents higher in the past month and up 0.5 cents compared to last year at this time.
- According to the survey, the highest Missouri retail residential price for propane was nearly \$2.10 per gallon. The lowest retail price was \$1.59 per gallon.
- U.S. propane stocks increased by 0.2 MMB to 81.6 MMB, 15.6 MMB or 23.7 percent higher than a year ago. Midwest inventories were unchanged at 28 MMB. Midwest inventories are now 4.3 MMB, or 18.2 percent, higher than the 23.6 MMB reported at this time last year.
- Implied demand for propane increased at 1.2 MMB/D on the week. Propane demand is 161,000 B/D lower compared to this time last year.
- EIA expects that households heating with propane in the Midwest will spend an average of \$767, or 34 percent, less this winter than last winter, reflecting prices that are about 24 percent lower and consumption that is 13 percent lower. Factors that could affect propane demand include a repeat of last winter's cold weather, a record corn crop and recent infrastructure changes.

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