NATURAL GAS MARKET UPDATE Thursday April 21, 2022, 1:00 PM



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NATURAL GAS FUTURES SETTLEMENT PRICES:								
4/20/22		NYMEX NATURAL GAS						
May22	6.937	May22-Oct22		7.088	Cal 23	5.178		
Jun22	7.065		Nov22-Mar23	7.107	Cal 24	4.218		
Jul22	7.158		Apr23-Oct23	4.513	Cal 25	4.096		
Aug22	7.151		Nov23-Mar24	4.819	Cal 26	4.130		
Sep22	7.102		Apr24-Oct24	3.990	Cal 27	4.187		
Oct22	7.112		Nov24-Mar25	4.401	Cal 28	4.282		
TTF - HO	TTF - HOLLAND		NBP - UNITED KINGDOM J			JKM - ASIA		
May-22	\$30.045		May-22	\$23.205	May-22	N/A		
Jun-22	\$30.082		Jun-22	\$26.384	Jun-22	\$25.200		
Jul-22	\$30.127		Jul-22	\$27.073	Jul-22	\$25.670		
Aug-22	\$30.151		Aug-22	\$28.257	Aug-22	\$25.710		
Sep-22	\$30.256		Sep-22	\$29.717	Sep-22	\$27.055		
EA	EASTERN GAS SOUTH FIXED-PRICE SETTLES (NYMEX + BASIS):							
May-22	5.9995		May22-Oct22			5.9871		
Jun-22	6.0875	,	Nov22-Mar23			6.2055		
Jul-22	6.2080)	Apr23-Oct23			3.2022		
Aug-22	6.2010)	Nov23-Mar24			3.8285		
Sep-22	5.7745		Apr24-Oct24			2.6891		
Oct-22	5.6520)	Nov24-Mar25			3.4688		
Nov-22	6.0405	,	May22-Apr23 (1-Year)			5.8806		
Dec-22	6.3700)	Calendar 2023			4.0149		
Jan-23	6.6190)	Calendar 2024			3.1101		
Feb-23	6.4550)	Calendar 2025			2.9587		

FRONT-MONTH NYMEX NG FUTURES CHART:



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DAILY CASH MARKET PRICES (for GD21):

Chicago, city-gates	6.705
Columbia Gas Transmission (TCO)	6.435
Eastern Gas South (formerly Dominion South)	6.205
Henry Hub	7.035
Tetco M2 (Receipts)	6.160
Tetco M3	6.355
Transco Zone 5 South	6.870
Waha	6.315



WORKING NATURAL GAS IN STORAGE, LOWER 48 STATES:

As of Week Ending:	4/15/2022	Build/ <mark>(Draw)</mark>	
Current Storage	1,450 Bcf	+53 Bcf	
		Surplus/ <mark>(Deficit)</mark>	
Last Year Storage	1,878 Bcf	(428) Bcf	
5-Year Average	1,742 Bcf	(292) Bcf	
Prelim. Estimate for: 04/2	+45 Bcf		
End of NG Storage Injectio	3,500 Bcf		

Market Commentary: Last week's storage report helped the market to finish up on an uptick for the holiday-shortened week, after the EIA reported an injection of just +15 Bcf and that sent prices surging to fresh new highs in the mid-7.30's for Nymex on Thursday afternoon. Sunday night's open saw prices gap up only slightly but took off from there, trading into the mid-7.50's in the first hour, and then really launching on Monday morning with a run up to a fresh 13-year high of 8.065 for May Nymex, and the Jan23 contract traded to a high of 8.584 before starting back lower. Selling momentum picked up on Tuesday morning with a break back below 7.40 early on, and then a dump to as low as 6.95 late morning on Tuesday before recovering. Prices had regained the mid-7.30's by Tuesday evening, then traded back to 7.00 by midnight, before launching to 7.41 yesterday morning ahead of the open. That didn't hold either, and by late AM yesterday prices had dropped 60 cents to 6.80. This morning we touched a high of 7.146 around 8:00 AM ahead of this week's storage report, but that rally fizzled as well and we were trading 7.00 when storage data was released. This week the EIA reported a +53 Bcf injection, which was much more than consensus in the +35 to +40 vicinity, and this report yielded a sharp knee-jerk reaction down to 6.70 before regaining about half of what it lost when the report hit. Global NG benchmarks have continued to drift lower over the past week, with TTF commanding the highest price in the low \$30's, while prices in the UK and Asia had both slipped into the mid-\$20's as of yesterday's close. The US market's focus has remained on tight S&D balances and the need for more production to help balance the market and allow storage to refill to a comfortable level. Production has not yet seen the uptick that the market would like to see, with dry-gas production actually slipping slightly week over week to a 7-day average of 93.1 Bcf, while LNG feedgas demand has also slipped slightly to a 7-day average of 12.1 Bcf/day. Cash prices have moderated from their early week highs with Nymex delivery point Henry Hub seeing cash touch a high of \$7.80 intraday on Monday before a daily average of \$7.035 for today's delivery, and intraday today it has traded as low as \$6.65 though the average will come in above that. Oil prices remain in the triple-digits with domestic WTI just under \$103 currently, while the global Brent benchmark is just above \$107, and those numbers should help drive production growth in oil as well, which would also yield growth in associated gas volumes, but for the time being that is not showing up in the data and the market remains in a Missouri mindset and wants producers to "show me" the growth itself.

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