## NATURAL GAS MARKET UPDATE Thursday May 5, 2022, 12:15 PM



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NATURAL GAS FUTURES SETTLEMENT PRICES:									
5/4/22	NYMEX NATURAL GAS								
Jun22	8.415		Jun22-Oct22	8.433	Cal 23	5.706			
Jul22	8.472		Nov22-Mar23	8.225	Cal 24	4.409			
Aug22	8.461		Apr23-Oct23	4.872	Cal 25	4.119			
Sep22	8.412		Nov23-Mar24	5.144	Cal 26	4.136			
Oct22	8.407		Apr24-Oct24	4.160	Cal 27	4.170			
Nov22	8.463		Nov24-Mar25	4.546	Cal 28	4.285			
TTF - HC	TTF - HOLLAND		NBP - UNITED KINGDOM		JKM - ASIA				
Jun-22	\$32.179		Jun-22	\$19.904	Jun-22	\$24.040			
Jul-22	\$32.241		Jul-22	\$23.775	Jul-22	\$23.225			
Aug-22	\$32.318		Aug-22	\$25.864	Aug-22	\$23.695			
Sep-22	\$32.340		Sep-22	\$28.633	Sep-22	\$26.330			
Oct-22	\$31.853		Oct-22	\$28.999	Oct-22	\$27.825			
EA	EASTERN GAS SOUTH FIXED-PRICE SETTLES (NYMEX + BASIS):								
Jun-22	7.5100		Jun22-Oct22			7.3274			
Jul-22	7.5770		Nov22-Mar23			7.3502			
Aug-22	7.5310		Apr23-Oct23			3.4700			
Sep-22	7.0995		Nov23-Mar24			4.1692			
Oct-22	6.9195		Apr24-Oct24			2.7592			
Nov-22	7.4130		Nov24-Mar25			3.6109			
Dec-22	7.6550		Jun22-May23 (1-Year)			6.7418			
Jan-23	7.8180		Calendar 2023			4.4888			
Feb-23	7.5970		Calendar 2024			3.2558			
Mar-23	6.2680		Calendar 2025			2.9209			

FRONT-MONTH NYMEX NG FUTURES CHART:



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DAILY CASH MARKET PRICES (for GD5):

Chicago, city-gates	8.215
Columbia Gas Transmission (TCO)	7.720
Eastern Gas South (formerly Dominion South)	7.520
Henry Hub	8.295
Tetco M2 (Receipts)	7.485
Tetco M3	7.640
Transco Zone 5 South	8.565
Waha	7.785



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## WORKING NATURAL GAS IN STORAGE, LOWER 48 STATES:

As of Week Ending:	4/29/2022	Build/ <mark>(Draw)</mark>					
Current Storage	1,567 Bcf	+77 Bcf					
		Surplus/(Deficit)					
Last Year Storage	<b>1,949</b> Bcf	(382) Bcf					
5-Year Average	1,873 Bcf	(306) Bcf					
Prelim. Estimate for: 05/2	+87 Bcf						
End of NG Storage Injectio	3,450 Bcf						

Market Commentary: Natural gas bulls remain firmly in control of the market, with fresh new 13-year highs hit each of the past three trading sessions, and a new 8.653 high touched last night around 1:00 AM. The market did sell off from there and was down around 40 cents from those highs when the weekly storage report hit, with the EIA reporting an injection of +77 Bcf for the week which was a bearish miss versus consensus in the high 60's, but after an initial decline of a little over a dime, prices launched and were 20 cents off those lows within a few minutes on their way back to 8.50. The 6 to 10 day outlook from NOAA above offers some insight into one of the factors driving the recent strength, but tight storage and insufficient production remain the primary focus, and an extra 1 Bcf/day in the ground for the week versus what was expected does not appear to be sufficient to derail the market's extreme bullishness yet. The injection season is still off to a sluggish start, and the impact of these high prices doesn't appear to be doing its job thus far in terms of both curtailing demand and encouraging production. The 7-day dry-gas production average is up slightly to 92.7 Bcf/day, but again that is not enough to move the needle. The forward curve currently shows \$8-handles for Nymex for the next 9 contract months, with Mar23 just above \$7 and Apr23 \$2 below that, before seeing high \$4-handles for most of the balance of the summer 2023 Nymex strip. Somewhat surprisingly against the backdrop of a market that is calling for more production is the basis weakness that has developed at local Marcellus trading hubs, which have taken a clobbering of late as prices continue to ramp higher and the much anticipated MVP pipeline to bring more takeaway capacity out of the basin gets delayed further, as Equitrans, with the largest stake in the project once again pushed back the timeline for anticipated completion until the second half of 2023 and raised the projected total cost to \$6.6 billion for the 2 Bcf/day 303 mile pipeline that is currently 94% completed. The company will now have to re-obtain necessary permits that had been approved prior to being struck down in the courts. Global natural gas benchmarks have weakened in the UK and Asia, and slightly at the TTF in Holland as of last night's close, though TTF did trade up today to around \$34/MMBtu intraday. Still, the volatility that had been pervasive in those three benchmarks for many months seems to have quieted down, but Nymex has seen recent strength take on a life of its own, and keeps pushing to fresh new highs after taking out all major nearterm resistance, in search of an elusive level at which demand begins to be impacted and/or supply starts to respond to pricing cues. For readers of recent reports, that has not changed, but what has changed this week is the price.

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