

NATURAL GAS MARKET UPDATE

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NATURAL GAS FUTURES SETTLEMENT PRICES:

2/8/23	NYMEX NATURAL GAS					
Mar23	2.396		Apr23-Oct23	2.889	1-Year	3.196
Apr23	2.477	I	Nov23-Mar24	3.877	Cal 24	3.636
May23	2.646		Apr24-Oct24	3.366	Cal 25	3.922
Jun23	2.840		Nov24-Mar25	4.239	Cal 26	4.015
Jul23	3.017		Apr25-Oct25	3.624	Cal 27	4.040
Aug23	3.075	l	Nov25-Mar26	4.451	Cal 28	4.095
TTF - HO	LLAND		NBP - UNITED KINGDOM		JKM	- ASIA
Mar-23	\$16.921		Mar-23	\$16.272	Mar-23	\$17.930
Apr-23	\$17.281		Apr-23	\$16.579	Apr-23	\$15.550
May-23	\$17.451		May-23	\$16.796	May-23	\$16.395
Jun-23	\$17.647		Jun-23	\$16.918	Jun-23	\$17.015
Jul-23	\$17.767		Jul-23	\$16.897	Jul-23	\$17.420
EASTERN GAS SOUTH FIXED-PRICE SETTLES (NYMEX + BASIS):						
Mar-23	1.9385	;	Apr23-Oct23		2.2009	
Apr-23	2.0145	;	Nov23-Mar24			3.0423
May-23	2.1210)	Apr24-Oct24			2.4684
Jun-23	2.3150)	Nov24-Mar25			3.3803
Jul-23	2.4045	Apr2		25-Oct25		2.4525
Aug-23	2.4525		Nov	25-Mar26		3.5513
Sep-23	2.0940	Mar23-F		eb24 (1-Year)		2.4637
Oct-23	2.0045	,	Calendar 2024			2.7522
Nov-23	2.5310)	Calendar 2025			2.8728
Dec-23	3.0140)	Calendar 2026			2.9118

FRONT-MONTH NYMEX NG FUTURES CHART:



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DAILY	CASH	MARKEI	PRICES	(for	GD9):

Algonquin city-gates (New England)	2.520
Columbia Gas Transmission (TCO)	2.030
Eastern Gas South (formerly Dominion South)	1.955
Enable Gas, East (Mid-Con)	2.180
Henry Hub	2.415
SoCal city-gate	5.245
Transco Zone 5 South	2.400
Waha (Permian Basin)	1.900



WORKING NATURAL GAS IN STORAGE, LOWER 48 STATES:

As of Week Ending:	02/03/2023	Build/ <mark>(Draw)</mark>	
Current Storage	2,366 Bcf	(217) Bcf	
		Surplus/ <mark>(Deficit)</mark>	
Last Year Storage	2,133 Bcf	233 Bcf	
5-Year Average	2,249 Bcf	117 Bcf	
End of NG Storage Withd	1,890 Bcf		

Market Commentary: As we move into the middle part of February winter weather remains largely elusive, and NG prices continue to reflect that dynamic as we trade at 25-month lows not seen since the very end of 2020, with month-to-date price action failing to see a \$3handle for Mar23 Nymex, which only managed to trade as high as 2.780 on Feb 1st and we are down more than 35-cents from those highs currently. All of the chatter around the potential of running out of storage gas this winter in both North America and Europe has turned out to be all for naught with the weather that has played out, and prices are nose-diving and "bidding for demand" in the parlance of one old market prognosticator, Dennis Gartman. Coal-to-gas switching is a hot topic once again, though the mothballing of so many coal plants in recent years has reduced the ability of that mechanism alone to balance things. The general consensus right now is that Freeport LNG should be back online by the middle of March barring further setbacks, and that should bring 2 Bcf/day of demand back into the marketplace, but production has remained pretty strong with Platts data showing a 7-day average of 96.6 Bcf/day, up 0.2 Bcf/day from the week before, and LNG feedgas demand was also little changed this week, inching up just +0.1 Bcf/day to 12.7 Bcf/day. It has also been suggested that as a result of export economics as well as the removal of Freeport volumes, the balance of the US LNG export fleet has delayed maintenance that will likely need to be addressed this summer, and may come after Freeport's return, potentially offsetting some of the bullishness of that facility's resumption of exports as a result. Last week's storage report was somewhat supportive on its face with a -151 Bcf withdrawal reported by the EIA, but any bullishness was tempered by the revision to the prior week's data by +5 Bcf, resulting in a smaller withdrawal for the week ended Jan 20th. Today's report showed a larger than expected withdrawal of -217 Bcf, versus consensus right around -200 Bcf, but similar to the news of Freeport's return that would normally be a bullish development with its expected impact on demand and reducing the current looseness in supply and demand balances, the market seems to have shrugged this storage report off as another non-event in reversing the current bearish sentiment. Nymex did jump on the 10:30 AM release, but only by a nickel or so, and within minutes it had erased that pop (that only got to 2.498, not even to 2.50) and has since moved back down into the low 2.40's for Mar23 Nymex. Cash prices have exhibited weakness as well, with Appalachia trading right around \$2 for today's delivery, Henry Hub was below 2.50, and even West Coast prices have sold off, with SoCal city-gate for today's delivery sporting a \$5-handle that is less than 30% of last Thursday's daily average. Global benchmarks have also fallen more this week, with TTF and NBP Mar23 futures both settling just below \$17 last night, while JKM was just under \$18.

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