

August 21, 2026

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Physical Spot Prices – August 20, 2026

	Price	Change	Natural Gas Equivalent
Natural Gas – H. Hub	\$2.733/MMBtu	+\$0.006	\$2.733
Propane – Mont Belvieu	\$0.7297/gal	+\$0.0300	\$7.97
Crude Oil – WTI Cush	\$85.83/bbl	+\$2.560	\$14.80
No.2 Heating Oil – NYH	\$164.84/bbl	+\$3.500	\$28.30
No.6 Resid. – G. Coast	\$72.110/bbl	+\$3.430	\$11.47
Cent App Coal (prev. day)	\$81.50/ton	\$0.000	\$3.26

Change is from previous week

U.S. Rotary Rig Count for:

Week ending 08-14-26

	Gas	Oil
Current	128	455
Last Week	124	454
Last Year	122	412

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Futures Pricing

At the close of business Thursday, August 20, 2026 the future strip prices were as follows:

	This Week 08/20/26	Last Week 08/13/26	Change	Last Month 07/20/26	Change	Last Year 08/20/25	Change
NYMEX near month	\$2.733	\$2.727	+\$0.006	\$2.837	-\$0.104	\$3.803	-\$1.070
NYMEX 12-month strip	\$3.080	\$3.142	-\$0.062	\$3.178	-\$0.098	\$3.899	-\$0.819
NYMEX Winter strip	\$3.341	\$3.428	-\$0.087	\$3.526	-\$0.185	\$4.281	-\$0.940
NYMEX Summer strip	\$3.028	\$3.080	-\$0.052	\$3.030	-\$0.002	\$3.603	-\$0.575

Near month range for the week = \$2.638 - \$2.875

Current near month is Sep '26

Summer strip is April '27 – Oct '27

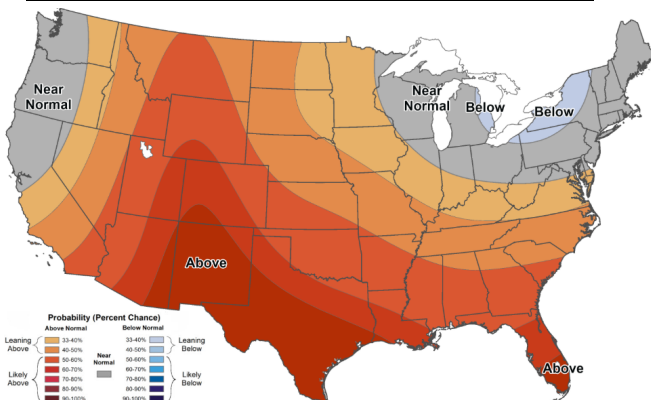
12-month strip is Sep '26 – Aug '27

Winter strip is Nov '26 – Mar '27

Near-Month Natural Gas Futures Prices (NYMEX) through Aug 20, 2026



Temperature Forecast August 28, 2026 through September 03, 2026



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Sources: NOAA, EIA, CME Group and Baker Hughes

Storage Report

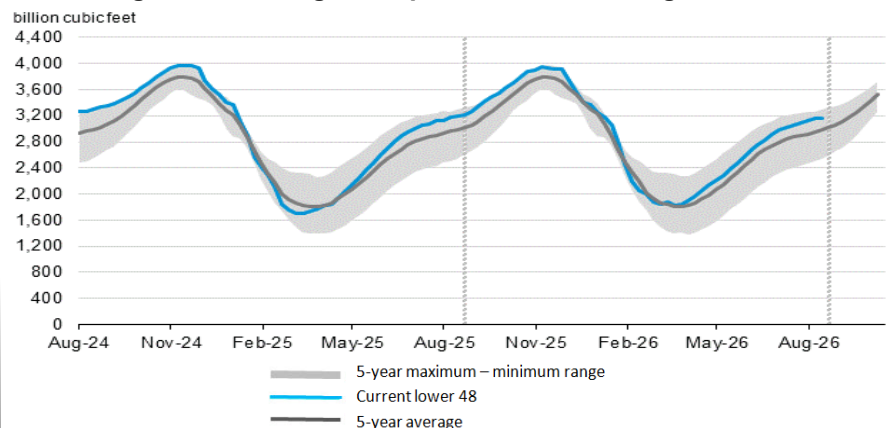
For the week ending Aug 14, 2026, natural gas storage reported by the Energy Information Administration (EIA) was as follows:

This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr. Ave.
3,169	3,153	3,197	2,984

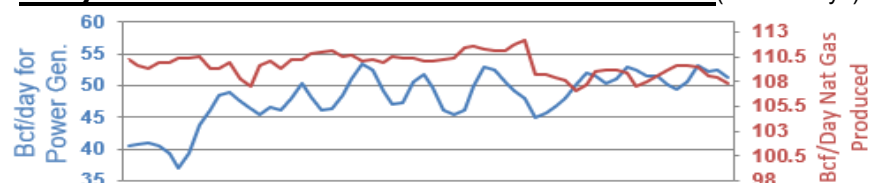
Change this week: +16 Bcf Change for the same week last year: +19 Bcf

Inventory vs. 1 Year ago: -0.9% Inventory vs. 5-Yr. Ave: +6.2%

Working Gas in Storage Compared to 5-Year Range



Daily Nat Gas Use For U.S. Power Production (last 60 days)



Last 52 week Average = 36.3 Bcf/day

Last 30 day Average = 50.0 Bcf/day

% of U.S. Demand = 41%

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