

Iowa Petroleum Update

June 20, 2006

Propane

According to the DNR's June 12, 2006, State Heating Oil and Propane Program (SHOPP) Survey, the average retail price of propane in Iowa was \$1.48/gallon, same as last month and 19.4 percent above the retail price of propane at this time last year. (DNR SHOPP survey).

The June 14, 2006, wholesale price of propane was \$1.09/gallon, \$0.07 higher than the previous month, and 36.5 percent higher than this time last year. (NYMEX Posting)

As of June 9, 2006, **Midwest propane inventory** was at 18.2 million barrels, 2.2 million barrels (13.8 percent) higher than last month and 17.9 percent higher than last year's level at this time. (EIA This Week in Petroleum)

By June 9, 2006, **U.S. propane inventory** stood at 42.5 million barrels, 5.1 million barrels (13.6 percent) higher than last month and 7.7 percent lower than last year's level at this time. U.S. propane inventories are at the lower end of the range for this time of year. (EIA This Week in Petroleum)

Heating Oil and Distillate

The DNR SHOPP survey completed on June 12, 2006, indicated that heating oil was \$2.53/gallon, \$0.01 higher than last month and 31.1 percent higher than the price of heating oil at this time last year. (DNR SHOPP survey)

The June 14, 2006, wholesale cost of heating oil was \$1.89/gallon, \$0.01 lower than last month and 16.9 percent higher than the wholesale price of heating oil at this time last year. (NYMEX Posting)

On June 9, 2006, **Midwest distillate inventory** was at 26.5 million barrels, 1.1 million barrels (4.3 percent) higher than last month and 8.6 percent lower than last year's stock level at this time. (EIA This Week in Petroleum)

On June 9, 2006, total **U.S. distillate inventory** was 122.8 million barrels, 8.2 million barrels (7.2 percent) higher than last month and 11.4 percent higher than last year's stock level at this time. U.S. distillate inventory is above the average range for this time of year. (EIA This Week in Petroleum)

As of June 9, 2006, refiners utilized 92.7 percent of their 17.1 million barrels per day operating capacity, 2.9 percentage points higher than last month. (OPIS DOE Inventory Report)

Natural Gas

On June 14, 2006, natural gas was trading at \$6.08/MMBtu, same as last month, and 17 percent lower than the price of natural gas this time last year (\$7.33/MMBtu). (NYMEX Posting)

On June 9, 2006, U.S. natural gas stocks in storage totaled 2,397 Bcf, 317 Bcf (15.2 percent) higher than the previous month and 37.9 percent above the five-year average. (EIA Natural Gas Weekly)

The June 9, 2006, natural gas rotary rig count was 1,376, 0.7 percent higher than last month. The rig count is 15.1 percent higher than last year's count at this time. (Baker Hughes Rig Count)

Transportation Fuels

The May 15, 2006, survey indicated that lowans paid an average of \$2.79/gallon for self-serve regular unleaded gasoline, \$0.08 higher than the previous month. A year ago, the average price was \$2.03. (OPIS survey)

The May 15, 2006, survey found that the average price of regular unleaded with ethanol was \$2.78/gallon, \$0.13 higher than the previous month. A year ago, the average price was \$1.98. The latest data shows ethanol-blended gasoline represents 72 percent of all retail gasoline sold in Iowa. (OPIS survey)

The June 12, 2006, **Midwest gasoline price** average was \$2.81/gallon for regular self-serve conventional unleaded gasoline, down \$0.04 from last month. A year ago, the average was \$2.08/gallon. (EIA This Week in Petroleum)

The June 12, 2006, **U.S. gasoline price** average was \$2.83/gallon for regular self-serve conventional unleaded gasoline, down \$0.04 from last month. A year ago, the average was \$2.10/gallon. (EIA This Week in Petroleum)

On June 9, 2006, **Midwest gasoline stocks** were at 51.9 million barrels, 1.1 million barrels (2.2 percent) higher than last month, and 1.5 percent lower than last year's stock at this time. (EIA This Week in Petroleum)

By June 9, 2006, total **U.S. motor gasoline stocks** were at 213.1 million barrels, 6.7 million barrels (3.2 percent) higher than last month, and 1.2 percent lower than last year's stock level at this time. Gasoline stocks are in the middle of the normal range for this time of year. (EIA This Week in Petroleum)

As of June 9, 2006, U.S. gasoline demand was at 9.4 million barrels per day, 1.2 percent points lower than this time last year. (EIA This Week in Petroleum)

Diesel Fuel

The May 15, 2006, average price of self-serve diesel fuel in Iowa was \$2.88/gallon, \$0.16 higher than the previous month. Diesel fuel was \$2.17 per gallon one year ago. (OPIS Survey)

The June 12, 2006, average price of **Midwest diesel fuel** was \$2.87/gallon, same as last month. A year ago, the average was \$2.25/gallon. (EIA This Week in Petroleum)

As of June 9, 2006, **Midwest ultra low sulfur diesel stocks** were at 2.7 million barrels, 440 percent higher than last month and 1,250 percent higher than last years inventory at this time. **Midwest low sulfur diesel stocks** were at 18.8 million barrels, 0.3 million barrels (1.6 percent) lower than last month and 12.6 percent lower than last year stock level at this time. (EIA This Week in Petroleum)

As of June 9, 2006, **U.S. ultra low sulfur diesel inventories** were at 14.3 million barrels, 286.5 percent higher than last month and 1,330 percent higher than last year's stock level at this time. **U.S. low sulfur diesel stocks** were at

61.3 million barrels, 6.3 million barrels (9.3 percent) lower than last month and 10.8 percent lower than last year's stock level at this time. (EIA This Week in Petroleum)

As of June 9, 2006, **U.S. distillate demand** was at 4.1 million barrels per day, 3 percent lower than this time last year. (EIA This Week in Petroleum)

Crude Oil

Crude oil finished trading on June 14, 2006, at \$69.14/barrel, \$0.44 higher than the previous month and 24.4 percent higher than last year at this time. One year ago, crude oil was \$55.57/barrel. (NYMEX Posting)

On June 9, 2006, **U.S. crude oil stocks** totaled 345.7 million barrels, down 1.3 million barrels (0.4 percent) from the previous month and 5.1 percent higher than this time last year. Crude oil stocks are significantly above the top of the inventory range for this time of year. (EIA This Week in Petroleum)

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