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Update on 2009 National Electric Transmission Congestion Study



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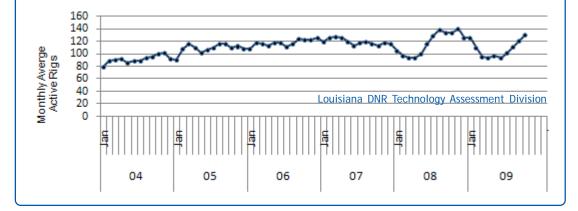
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Louisiana natural gas prices at the Henry Hub continue to rise. The price was \$4.72 per MMBTU on October 26, 2009. The October 2009 average gas price of \$3.77 per MMBTU was 36% higher than the previous month, but was still 45% lower than the October 2008 price of \$6.75 per MMBTU. The price is rising despite the high inventory in storage. *Natural* Gas Week (NGW) reported that many analysts believe that the gas in storage has been factored into market expectations and that prices are now being driven by the changing economy and weather. NGW is forecasting that the price for the fourth quarter of 2009 is going to be \$4.39 per MMBTU.

Louisiana Average Active Rigs in Areas Under State Jurisdiction**

(Monthly Average Active Rigs)									
							% Change		
Month	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	07/08	08/09	
January	79	90	108	119	105	126		20.10%	
February	88	107	118	126 ²	88 ²	110		24.72%	
March	90	115	116	126 ²	90 ²	95		5.28%	
April	91	109	112	125 ²	91 ²	93		1.92%	
May	86	102	118	118	99	96		-3.03%	
June	88	106	118	112	117	94		-19.74%	
July	88	109	111	118	129	101		-21.86%	
August	93	115	115	119	138	111		-20.04%	
September	95	115	124	115	133	120		-9.94%	
October	100	109	122	112	134	131		-2.90%	
November	101	112	123	117	140		19.40%		
December	92	108	126	115	126		9.57%		
Year Average	91	108	118	118 ²	116 ²	107 **			

^{**} Partial Year



Current Oil & Gas Data

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PRODUCTION	MAY 09	APR 09	MAR 09	MAY 08
LOUISIANA FEDERAL OFFSHORE (OCS)				
Crude Oil & Condensate ^C (MMB)	25 ¹	26 ¹	27 ¹	36 ¹
Natural Gas & Casinghead ^C (BCF)	116 ¹	119 ¹	124 ¹	154 ¹
THE UNITED STATES TOTAL				
Crude Oil & Condensate ^C (MMB)	164	157	163	158 ²
Natural Gas & Casinghead C (BCF)	1,787	1,746	1,811 ²	1,734 ²
IMPORTS				
U.S. Crude Oil ^C (MMB)	277	282	292	299
U.S. Natural Gas ^C (BCF)	305	312	324	296 ²
BAKER HUGHES RIG COUNTS				
U.S. Gas ^A	723	775	867	1,478
U.S. Oil ^A	187	209	225	375
U.S. Offshore ^A	54	48	46	68
U.S. Total ^A	918	995	1,105	1,863
PRICES				
CRUDE OIL (\$/barrel)				
OPEC Average ^C (F.O.B.)	55.83	48.67	45.75	118.23 ²
U.S. Imports Average ^C (F.O.B.)	55.43	47.62	44.34	115.02 ²
U.S. Wellhead Average ^C	52.69	45.22	42.46	118.55
Gulf OCS Wellhead Average ^C	50.57	46.32	44.36	114.81
State Severance Wellhead Average ^E	46.72	34.55	39.06	102.10
NATURAL GAS (\$/MCF)				
U.S. City Gates Average ^C	5.07	5.70	6.86	11.05 ²
U.S. Imports Average ^C (F.O.B.)	3.49	3.67	4.35	10.80
U.S. Wellhead Average ^C	3.45	3.43	3.72	9.81
State Royalty Wellhead Average	3.71	6.51	4.25	12.34 ²
NYMEX Henry Hub End of the Month Settle Gas Price ^B (\$/MMBTU)	3.32	3.63	4.06	11.28

Key Data Sources

1	Estimated	MCF	Thousand Cubic Feet	Α	Oil & Gas Journal	D	Natural Gas Week
2	Revised	MMB	Million Barrels	В	Wall Street Journal	E	LA Dept of Revenue
BCF	Billion Cubic Feet	N/A	Not Available	C	U. S. Dept. of Energy		
BTU	British Thermal Unit	ocs	Outer Continental Shelf				
F.O.B.	Free on Board	MMBTU	Million British Thermal Units	Note	: Unless otherwise specifi	ed, da	ata is from the Louisiana

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Louisiana Estimated Crude Oil Imports and Exports (Barrels)

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	Domestic	Foreign	Total	Total	
<u>YEAR</u>	<u>Imports</u>	<u>Imports</u>	<u>Imports</u>	Exports	
1989	167,202,571	651,198,742	818,401,313	429,406,577	
1990	294,094,671	834,189,106	1,128,283,777	752,551,218	
1991	187,915,979	674,005,459	861,921,438	473,824,717	
1992	158,361,091	692,524,108	850,885,199	469,615,507	
1993	144,077,100	715,722,168	859,799,268	492,922,559	
1994	190,310,250	691,495,161	881,805,411	506,060,502	
1995	144,250,902	733,156,547	877,407,449	477,054,280	
1996	154,720,304	791,181,725	945,902,027	533,052,305	
1997	146,741,590	783,595,396	930,336,986	536,338,306	
1998	137,695,483	797,792,440	935,487,923	537,711,242	
1999	145,884,207	825,714,387	971,598,594	539,440,653	
2000	157,483,978	794,652,031	952,136,009	568,406,926	
2001	140,926,202	824,180,124	965,106,326	703,319,850	
2002	150,358,173	693,057,439	843,415,612	618,283,678	
2003	191,660,152	879,937,921	1,071,598,073	651,542,085	
2004	235,860,964	1,096,071,025	1,331,931,989	780,965,917	
2005	157,001,235	850,125,218	1,007,126,453	494,032,441	
2006	178,801,461	823,410,311	1,002,211,772	557,047,242	
2007	174,554,670	816,896,435	991,451,105	481,788,044	
2008	168,676,616	767,866,606	936,543,222	454,049,470	

Louisiana Estimated Natural Gas Imports and Exports (MCF)

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	Domestic	Foreign	Total	Total	
<u>YEAR</u>	<u>Imports</u>	<u>Imports</u>	<u>Imports</u>	Exports	
1989	589,680,148	0	589,680,148	4,127,367,526	
1990	771,083,558	1,217,065	772,300,623	4,845,135,424	
1991	1,121,020,621	n/a	1,121,020,621	4,702,890,863	
1992	1,223,664,865	n/a	1,223,664,865	4,527,272,744	
1993	1,226,192,071	558,800	1,226,750,871	4,593,742,024	
1994	1,221,821,839	n/a	1,221,821,839	4,872,981,031	
1995	1,462,995,886	n/a	1,462,995,886	4,651,404,764	
1996	1,579,977,000	n/a	1,579,977,000	5,399,393,372	
1997	1,371,278,339	n/a	1,371,278,339	5,131,283,334	
1998	1,153,978,580	n/a	1,153,978,580	5,183,436,594	
1999	1,009,655,437	n/a	1,009,655,437	4,439,709,229	
2000	1,112,790,171	n/a	1,112,790,171	4,352,108,151	
2001	960,897,346	21,216,546	982,113,892	4,194,465,094	
2002	1,290,858,071	n/a	1,290,858,071	4,184,377,435	
2003	1,495,060,203	29,931,334	1,524,991,537	5,219,716,623	
2004	1,373,686,290	153,699,903	1,527,386,193	5,022,037,236	
2005	1,425,160,508	9,423,438	1,434,583,946	3,443,758,247	
2006	1,495,315,465	n/a	1,495,315,465	3,333,525,104	
2007	1,799,629,628	n/a	1,799,629,628	3,816,135,033	
2008	2,416,167,816	9,306,010	2,425,473,826	3,819,274,045	

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SPOT MARKET PRICES	Oct 09	Sep 09	Oct 08
Louisiana Natural Gas ^D (\$/MMBTU)	3.77	2.78	6.85
NYMEX Henry Hub Last Settle Gas Price ^B (\$/MMBTU)	3.73	2.84	7.47
Louisiana Sweet Crude - St. James ^B (\$/Barrel)	76.43	70.18	78.78
BAKER HUGHES RIG COUNTS	Sep 09	Aug 09	Sep 08
North Louisiana ^A	96	89	85
South Louisiana Inland Waters ^A	6	7	19
South Louisiana Inland ^A	17	14	26
Louisiana State Offshore	1	1	3
Louisiana Federal OCS Offshore	26	24	52
Total Louisiana ^A (OCS included)	146	135	185
PRODUCTION (State Jurisdiction Only)	Sep 09	Aug 09	Sep 08
Louisiana Crude Oil & Condensate (MMB)	5.4	5.6	6.4 ²
Louisiana Natural Gas & Casinghead (BCF)	112.3	112.7	87.0 ²
DRILLING PERMITS (State Jurisdiction Only)	Sep 09	Aug 09	Sep 08
Total Louisiana Oil and Gas	93	105	216
Louisiana Wildcats	2	4	7
Louisiana Offshore (Wildcats included)	1	1	2