



Distillate Watch

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SUPPLY

- Distillate fuel oil stocks edged 1.0 million barrels (MMB) lower to 135.9 MMB as of August 6, 1999, led by a decline in PADD II. For the third consecutive week, production reached 3.5 million barrels per day (MMBD) with diesel accounting for 2.4 MMBD of the total. Refiners appear poised to at least maintain current production levels through the month as they seek to meet seasonal harvest diesel requirements and prepare for the upcoming winter.
- This week, U.S. crude oil input was 15.6 MMBD with refiners utilizing 98.7 percent of their 16.0 MMBD operating capacity.

Distillate Production by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Thousand Barrels per Day)

District	Total Distillate Week Ending					Low Sulfur (0.05% or less Sulfur) Week Ending				
	07/16/99	07/23/99	07/30/99	08/06/99	08/07/98	07/16/99	07/23/99	07/30/99	08/06/99	08/07/98
East Coast (PADD I)	525	447	440	343	476	221	235	256	180	195
Midwest (PADD II)	880	813	853	877	887	630	587	647	640	656
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	1,603	1,583	1,562	1,653	1,574	1,064	1,083	995	1,099	986
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	146	135	139	145	143	116	110	112	117	117
West Coast (PADD V)	453	485	490	473	480	365	391	385	375	377
U.S. Total	3,607	3,463	3,484	3,491	3,560	2,396	2,406	2,395	2,411	2,331

Distillate Stocks by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Million Barrels)

District	Total Distillate Week Ending					Low Sulfur (0.05% or less Sulfur) Week Ending				
	07/16/99	07/23/99	07/30/99	08/06/99	08/06/98	07/16/99	07/23/99	07/30/99	08/06/99	08/06/98
East Coast (PADD I)	62.4	63.4	63.0	64.2	68.0	18.3	18.7	18.1	18.8	19.9
PADD IX	15.3	15.8	15.5	16.2	NA	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.1	NA
PADD IY	35.8	36.3	36.2	36.2	NA	9.4	9.5	9.6	10.0	NA
PADD IZ	11.4	11.3	11.3	11.9	NA	6.6	6.9	6.4	6.7	NA
Midwest (PADD II)	30.6	31.3	31.3	29.2	33.3	20.8	21.5	21.7	19.9	23.0
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	29.2	29.1	29.3	29.5	32.3	18.8	18.9	19.2	18.9	19.5
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.8	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.4
West Coast (PADD V)	11.3	10.5	10.6	10.4	10.8	8.9	8.3	8.4	8.3	8.1
U.S. Total	136.1	136.9	136.9	135.9	147.3	68.9	69.6	69.7	68.1	72.9

* See the *Weekly Petroleum Status Report* Appendix A for a description of the derivation of average inventory levels.

For information about distillate supply data, contact the National Energy Information Center at (202)586-8800. Internet: Infoctr@eia.doe.gov.

Source: Energy Information Administration, *Weekly Petroleum Status Report* (WPSR). Year-ago production data taken from comparable week last year; year-ago stock data interpolated from final Petroleum Supply Monthly data.

PRICES

- Gasoline and crude oil stock draws reported for the week ending July 30, 1999 and evidence of a continued high compliance rate with OPEC production quotas lifted product spot prices this week. Distillate spot prices were further supported by news of Russia's plans to cut fuel oil exports to bolster domestic supplies. The New York Harbor spot price for low sulfur diesel was 56.13 cents per gallon on August 9, 1999, up over two cents per gallon. Distillate spot prices in California dropped 3.5 cents per gallon prompted by the ongoing recovery of several troubled refineries.
- The national average retail on-highway diesel fuel price was up a penny to 115.6 on August 9, 1999. This week's price in California was up over five cents to 149.6 cents per gallon, the highest level since 1997.

No. 2 Distillate Spot Prices by City (Cents per Gallon)

City	Low-Sulfur Distillate					High-Sulfur Distillate				
	07/19/99	07/26/99	08/02/99	08/09/99	08/10/98	07/19/99	07/26/99	08/02/99	08/09/99	08/10/98
New York	53.48	52.95	54.03	56.13	36.26	50.60	50.56	51.73	54.25	33.51
Chicago	54.35	53.64	54.73	58.50	37.66	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Houston	51.45	51.05	52.18	55.65	34.16	48.58	48.21	49.48	52.55	32.16
Los Angeles (CARB)	73.50	67.00	79.00	75.50	47.50	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

Source: Reuters Information Services.

No. 2 Distillate Retail Prices by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Cents per Gallon, Including Taxes*)

District	On-Highway Diesel Fuel					Residential Heating Oil				
	07/19/99	07/26/99	08/02/99	08/09/99	08/10/98	07/19/99	07/26/99	08/02/99	08/09/99	08/10/98
East Coast (PADD I)	111.2	111.8	112.6	113.1	101.4	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> Prices Available During Heating Season Only (October through March) </div>				
PADD Ix	115.3	116.1	118.0	118.2	107.8					
PADD Iy	119.0	119.8	119.7	120.8	109.3					
PADD Iz	107.5	108.0	109.0	109.4	97.5					
Midwest (PADD II)	110.4	110.5	111.7	112.2	98.6					
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	109.7	110.1	111.1	111.3	98.8					
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	119.1	120.8	122.2	123.6	107.1					
West Coast (PADD V)	131.4	131.4	132.1	136.4	109.1					
California	142.1	141.9	143.9	149.6	116.0					
U.S. Average**	113.3	113.7	114.6	115.6	101.0					

Source: Diesel Fuel prices: Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-888, On-Highway Diesel Price Survey; Residential Heating Oil prices for PADDs I and II: from data supplied by 21 State Energy Offices (SHOPP prices) from October through mid-March.

* Taxes, if any, are not included in residential heating oil prices.

** Residential heating oil average is for PADDs I and II only.

NA =Not Available.

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