



Distillate Watch

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SUPPLY

- Higher production and imports were not enough to offset increased demand, resulting in a stock draw last week. Total distillate inventory fell to 103.7 million barrels (MMB) for the week ending June 30, 2000. Distillate stocks decreased 0.1 MMB from the previous week and were 28.8 MMB less than last year. Low sulfur stocks were 66.8 MMB, falling by 0.1 MMB while heating oil stocks stayed at 36.9 MMB. Distillate production increased 183 thousand barrels per day to 3.7 million barrels per day (MMBD). Imports were 0.2 MMBD, 14 thousand barrels per day more than last week. Demand increased by almost 0.3 MMBD last week to 3.7 million barrels per day.
- Crude oil input to U.S. refineries was 15.7 MMBD last week with refiners utilizing 99.1 percent of 15.9 MMBD in 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				
	06/09/00	06/16/00	06/23/00	06/30/00	07/02/99	06/09/00	06/16/00	06/23/00	06/30/00	07/02/99
East Coast (PADD I)	408	458	398	441	407	264	296	251	268	154
Midwest (PADD II)	871	847	898	868	830	675	606	696	690	603
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	1,680	1,619	1,567	1,682	1,429	1,108	1,105	1,118	1,174	941
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	149	159	154	169	144	125	134	131	135	113
West Coast (PADD V)	483	490	469	509	405	367	366	361	388	328
U.S. Total	3,591	3,573	3,486	3,669	3,215	2,539	2,507	2,557	2,655	2,139

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

District	Total Distillate Week Ending					Low Sulfur (0.05% or less Sulfur) Week Ending				
	06/09/00	06/16/00	06/23/00	06/30/00	06/30/99	06/09/00	06/16/00	06/23/00	06/30/00	06/30/99
East Coast (PADD I)	31.0	30.5	31.1	32.4	57.5	15.1	15.2	14.7	14.8	16.7
PADD IX	2.5	2.8	3.0	3.6	NA	0.7	1.0	1.1	1.2	NA
PADD IY	16.8	16.3	16.0	17.9	NA	6.9	6.6	6.3	6.8	NA
PADD IZ	11.7	11.4	12.0	10.9	NA	7.5	7.6	7.2	6.8	NA
Midwest (PADD II)	28.6	28.2	28.7	27.9	32.1	20.3	19.8	20.2	19.6	22.0
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	29.4	28.5	28.5	28.6	29.6	18.9	18.1	19.3	20.4	18.7
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.4
West Coast (PADD V)	12.9	13.1	12.4	11.7	10.4	10.4	10.4	9.9	9.3	7.9
U.S. Total	104.9	103.4	103.8	103.7	132.5	67.4	66.2	66.9	66.8	67.7

* 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

- Distillate spot and futures prices moved mostly higher last week, following crude oil, as markets continued to digest the June 21 OPEC agreement to increase production quotas by 708,000 barrels per day. Market fluctuations ahead of July NYMEX product futures expiration on Friday, as well as the extended Independence Day holiday weekend, were also factors. The New York Harbor spot price for heating oil rose 3.07 cents for the week to 82.95 cents per gallon, while the Los Angeles CARB diesel fuel spot price rose 6.25 cents to 94.75 cents per gallon.
- The national average retail on-highway diesel fuel price increased for the third consecutive week, rising 2.1 cents to 145.3 cents per gallon as of July 3, 2000, 35.1 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. Prices rose solidly in all regions, led by an increase of 4.7 cents on the West Coast (PADD V).

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

City	Low-Sulfur Distillate					High-Sulfur Distillate				
	06/12/00	06/19/00	06/26/00	¹ 6/30/00	07/02/99	06/12/00	06/19/00	06/26/00	¹ 6/30/00	07/02/99
New York	79.10	75.03	81.00	84.33	51.80	78.00	73.65	79.88	82.95	48.50
Chicago	85.10	83.45	87.63	86.12	51.48	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Houston	76.20	72.40	80.98	82.93	49.75	75.10	71.53	78.98	82.18	46.30
Los Angeles (CARB)	81.00	82.50	88.50	94.75	67.75	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

Source: Reuters Information Services.

¹ Data for Monday, July 3 and Tuesday, July 4, 2000, were not available due the Independence Day holiday.

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

District	On-Highway Diesel Fuel					Residential Heating Oil				
	06/12/00	06/19/00	06/26/00	07/03/00	07/05/99	06/12/00	06/19/00	06/26/00	07/03/00	07/05/99
East Coast (PADD I)	142.0	142.5	143.2	145.5	108.1	Prices Available During Heating Season Only (October through March)				
PADD IX	151.0	151.0	151.2	152.8	111.9					
PADD IY	151.6	151.4	151.9	153.3	115.9					
PADD IZ	137.0	138.0	138.8	141.6	104.4					
Midwest (PADD II)	141.0	143.5	144.2	145.3	107.1					
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	135.9	136.7	137.9	140.4	105.7					
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	146.2	145.8	147.7	148.1	116.9					
West Coast (PADD V)	145.2	145.5	146.5	151.2	130.1					
California	150.8	150.5	151.7	156.8	139.9					
U.S. Average**	141.1	142.3	143.2	145.3	110.2					

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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