



Distillate Watch

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SUPPLY

- An slight increase in distillate production was not enough to cover a rise in demand and a drop in imports. Total distillate stocks were 114.9 million barrels (MMB) on September 22, 2000, 1.0 MMB lower than last week and 29.2 MMB less than last year. Heating oil stocks at 47.5 MMB dropped by 0.6 MMB for the week and were 25.0 MMB below a year ago. Heating oil stocks in New England decreased to 4.3 MMB while in the Central Atlantic stocks jumped 0.8 MMB to 15.7 MMB. Total distillate production was 3.8 million barrels per day (MMBD). Imports slipped a bit at 0.2 MMBD while demand increased 0.4 MMBD to 4.0 MMBD.
- The Northeast Heating Oil Reserve stocks were 900 thousand barrels on September 22, 2000. These inventories are not considered to be in the commercial sector and are excluded from distillate fuel oil statistics in Energy Information Administration publications.

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				
	09/01/00	09/08/00	09/15/00	09/22/00	09/24/99	09/01/00	09/08/00	09/15/00	09/22/00	09/24/99
East Coast (PADD I)	530	491	495	466	381	242	243	213	194	210
Midwest (PADD II)	910	953	915	955	908	686	763	672	698	683
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	1,731	1,746	1,794	1,790	1,623	1,099	1,154	1,180	1,122	1,077
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	149	151	158	155	153	117	133	128	129	128
West Coast (PADD V)	448	460	421	458	460	340	364	328	355	363
U.S. Total	3,768	3,801	3,783	3,824	3,525	2,484	2,657	2,521	2,498	2,461

Distillate Stocks¹ by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Million Barrels)

District	Total Distillate Week Ending					Low Sulfur (0.05% or less Sulfur) Week Ending				
	09/01/00	09/08/00	09/15/00	09/22/00	09/22/99	09/01/00	09/08/00	09/15/00	09/22/00	09/22/99
East Coast (PADD I)	39.8	41.2	40.6	40.2	67.0	16.6	17.1	16.1	15.5	18.9
PADD IX	6.3	6.0	6.1	5.6	NA	1.6	1.3	1.5	1.2	NA
PADD IY	22.7	23.4	22.9	23.3	NA	8.2	8.2	8.0	7.7	NA
PADD IZ	10.8	11.8	11.5	11.3	NA	6.9	7.6	6.6	6.6	NA
Midwest (PADD II)	30.1	30.3	30.1	30.6	30.4	21.2	21.5	21.3	22.0	21.3
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	29.1	29.6	32.2	31.4	31.4	18.0	17.6	19.8	19.7	19.6
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	2.5	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.8	2.1	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.4
West Coast (PADD V)	10.9	10.8	10.5	10.2	12.5	8.8	8.6	8.3	8.0	9.4
U.S. Total	112.3	114.6	115.9	114.9	144.1	66.7	67.2	67.8	67.4	71.6

¹ Distillate fuel oil stocks held in the Northeast Heating Oil Reserve are not included. For details, see Appendix D, page 53, in the *Weekly Petroleum Status Report*.

PRICES

- Distillate spot and futures prices dropped sharply last week, largely due to a rapid decline in crude oil prices before and after the U.S. Department of Energy's announcement of a 30-million-barrel crude oil release from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. The swap will add crude oil to U.S. markets in October and November, for repayment at a later date, and is expected to help relieve concerns over heating oil supplies this winter. The New York Harbor spot price for heating oil fell 9.60 cents for the week to 93.85 cents per gallon, while the Los Angeles CARB diesel fuel spot price dropped 2.75 cents to 116.50 cents per gallon.
- The national average retail on-highway diesel fuel price increased, though only barely, for the eighth straight week, rising 0.4 cent to 165.7 cents per gallon as of September 25, 2000. The average was 43.1 cents per gallon higher than a year ago, and another record in the history of this survey, dating from March 1994. Prices rose slightly in most areas except the West Coast, where the average price in California fell 3.0 cents, for a total decline of 8.4 cents in the past 3 weeks.

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

City	Low-Sulfur Distillate					High-Sulfur Distillate				
	09/05/00	09/11/00	09/18/00	09/25/00	09/27/99	09/05/00	09/11/00	09/18/00	09/25/00	09/27/99
New York	¹ 97.80	106.65	105.70	95.53	64.07	¹ 97.85	105.05	103.45	93.85	61.88
Chicago	¹ 99.60	106.25	106.05	94.78	64.15	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Houston	¹ 97.00	103.15	102.70	92.15	62.13	¹ 97.28	103.45	101.50	90.60	60.08
Los Angeles (CARB)	¹ 126.00	123.50	119.25	116.50	69.00	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

Source: Reuters Information Services.

¹ Spot prices are as of September 5, 2000, due to the Labor 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				
	09/04/00	09/11/00	09/18/00	09/25/00	09/27/99	09/04/00	09/11/00	09/18/00	09/25/00	09/27/99
East Coast (PADD I)	159.1	161.0	163.8	163.9	121.2	<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	163.2	166.1	169.2	169.4	125.5					
PADD IY	165.6	167.1	171.3	171.9	128.4					
PADD IZ	156.0	157.9	160.1	160.0	117.8					
Midwest (PADD II)	158.0	160.2	162.9	162.9	121.8					
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	156.0	157.4	160.2	160.6	119.0					
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	162.1	165.8	169.7	173.2	129.2					
West Coast (PADD V)	182.8	184.2	183.5	184.4	131.1					
California	197.6	197.1	192.2	189.2	138.4					
U.S. Average**	160.9	162.9	165.3	165.7	122.6					

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.

For information about distillate spot and diesel fuel retail price data, contact the National Energy Information Center: 202-586-8800; Internet: Infoctr@eia.doe.gov.