



# Propane Watch

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- U.S. inventories of propane posted a 1.0 million barrel (MMB) stock draw last week as moderate temperatures continued to dampen heating demand. U.S. inventories of propane ended the week of November 26, at an estimated at 57.0 MMB, a level that remains well within the normal range for this time of year. Regional inventories continued lower except in the East Coast where inventories climbed by nearly 0.8 MMB. The Midwest and Gulf Coast regions reported weekly inventory declines of 1.2 MMB and 0.5 MMB, respectively. While East Coast inventories moved above the normal range last week, Midwest inventories continued at the upper limit of the normal range, while in the Gulf Coast region, inventories remained below the normal range for this time of year.
- The monthly stock draw for the four week period ending on November 26, 1999, totaled 0.9 MM, a level significantly below the 5-year average of 3.4 MMB for November.

## Propane Stocks by Petroleum Administration for Defense Districts (PADD) I, II, and III (Thousand Barrels)

Districts	October 1998	November 1998	Week Ending				
			11/05/99	11/12/99	11/19/99	11/26/99	11/27/98
East Coast (PADD I)	5,773	5,628	£5,610	£5,580	£5,450	£6,233	5,728
Midwest (PADD II)	32,824	32,468	£28,761	£28,488	£28,256	£27,026	32,606
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	32,872	30,908	£22,779	£22,104	£22,240	£21,709	31,853
Total (PADD I-III)	71,469	69,004	£57,150	£56,172	£55,946	£54,968	70,187
U.S. Total	75,250	72,376	£59,265	£58,250	£58,017	£57,002	72,784

E=Estimated data.

Source: Energy Information Administration (EIA), Monthly Petroleum Supply Reporting System and Form EIA-807, "Propane Telephone Survey."

## Propane Prices by Petroleum Administration for Defense Districts (PADD) I and II (Cents per Gallon)

District	Wholesale					Residential				
	10/04/99	10/18/99	11/01/99	11/15/99	11/16/98	10/04/99	10/18/99	11/01/99	11/15/99	11/16/98
East Coast (PADD I)	56.6	54.7	53.8	52.4	33.7	112.8	114.6	115.9	116.9	107.0
New England (PADD IX)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	115.5	117.4	£118.9	120.0	111.9
Central Atlantic (PADD IY)	53.5	55.6	54.2	53.0	34.6	114.4	116.4	117.7	118.2	108.9
Lower Atlantic (PADD IZ)	51.7	53.6	53.3	51.7	32.5	106.6	107.6	108.7	110.7	97.9
Midwest (PADD II)	48.6	49.0	46.0	44.0	28.5	82.0	83.4	83.4	84.7	73.2
Average	49.7	50.5	48.1	46.2	29.7	95.3	96.7	£97.8	98.5	87.7

NA=Not Available.

R=Revised.

Source: Wholesale propane prices are based on Oil Price Information Service. Residential propane prices are available from data supplied by 23 State Energy Offices from October through March on a semi-monthly basis.

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