



# Propane Watch

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- U.S. inventories of propane fell sharply last week with a 3.9 million barrel (MMB) stock draw. U.S. inventories of propane ended the week of December 10, 1999, at an estimated 51.9 MMB, a level that continued to fall within the normal range for this time of year. Most of the weekly decline in inventories occurred in the Midwest region which fell by 2.1 MMB. East Coast and Gulf Coast inventories measured weekly declines of 0.2 MMB and 1.5 MMB, respectively.
- Residential propane prices showed modest increases in all regions for the December 6, 1999, report period, as the overall average price of 99.6 cents per gallon reflected a 1.2-cent increase over the November 15 posting. Wholesale prices were down with the average dropping to 44.4 cents per gallon, a decrease of 1.8 cents. The current residential price represents an 11.7-cent jump over the December 7, 1998 price of 87.9 cents per gallon, while the wholesale price is up 19.2 cents from 25.2 cents per gallon one year ago.
- **The EIA will have a normal data release schedule for the week ending December 24, 1999.**

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

Districts	November 1998	December 1998	Week Ending				
			11/19/99	11/26/99	12/03/99	12/10/99	12/11/98
East Coast (PADD I)	5,628	5,069	<sup>E</sup> 5,450	<sup>E</sup> 6,233	<sup>E</sup> 6,018	<sup>E</sup> 5,834	5,730
Midwest (PADD II)	32,468	26,995	<sup>E</sup> 28,256	<sup>E</sup> 27,026	<sup>E</sup> 26,404	<sup>E</sup> 24,340	31,661
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	30,908	29,972	<sup>E</sup> 22,240	<sup>E</sup> 21,709	<sup>E</sup> 21,315	<sup>E</sup> 19,827	31,054
Total (PADD I-III)	69,004	62,036	<sup>E</sup> 55,946	<sup>E</sup> 54,968	<sup>E</sup> 53,737	<sup>E</sup> 50,001	68,445
U.S. Total	72,376	64,633	<sup>E</sup> 58,017	<sup>E</sup> 57,002	<sup>E</sup> 55,725	<sup>E</sup> 51,851	70,978

<sup>E</sup>=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				
	10/18/99	11/01/99	11/15/99	12/06/99	12/07/98	10/18/99	11/01/99	11/15/99	12/06/99	12/07/98
East Coast (PADD I)	54.7	53.8	52.4	<b>51.6</b>	30.0	114.6	115.9	<sup>R</sup> 116.6	<b>118.1</b>	107.2
New England (PADD IX)	NA	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	NA	117.4	118.9	120.0	<b>121.4</b>	112.0
Central Atlantic (PADD IY)	55.6	54.2	53.0	<b>52.4</b>	30.4	116.4	117.7	<sup>R</sup> 117.8	<b>119.6</b>	109.1
Lower Atlantic (PADD IZ)	53.6	53.3	51.7	<b>50.7</b>	29.5	107.6	108.7	<sup>R</sup> 110.6	<b>111.4</b>	98.0
Midwest (PADD II)	49.0	46.0	44.0	<b>41.9</b>	23.8	83.4	84.3	84.7	<b>85.7</b>	73.2
Average	50.5	48.1	46.2	<b>44.4</b>	25.2	96.7	97.8	<sup>R</sup> 98.4	<b>99.6</b>	87.9

NA=Not Available.

<sup>R</sup>=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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