



Propane Watch

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- The strong summer stockbuild continued during September with an above average 2.3 million barrels (MMB) added to U.S. inventories. As of September 30, 2000, U.S. inventories of propane stood at an estimated 61.5 MMB, nearly 2.1 MMB above the year ago level. U.S. inventories continued to track near the lower limit of the normal range for September.
- Regional stock builds were mixed with inventories falling by nearly 0.4 MMB in the East Coast, while in the Midwest and Gulf Coast, inventories posted respective gains measuring 2.3 MMB and 0.4 MMB. Regional inventories were in the normal range in the East Coast and Gulf Coast regions but in the Midwest, inventories continued below the normal range for this time of year.
- **This issue will be the final release of propane inventory data on a monthly basis. From October through March 2001, the EIA will provide inventory data, in addition to propane wholesale and residential price data, on a weekly basis. However, wholesale and residential price data for the report period ending October 9, 2000 is currently available on the EIA web site at: http://www.eia.doe.gov/oil_gas/petroleum/special/heating_update/heating_update.html. The first weekly issue of the Propane Watch will be released on Wednesday, October 18, 2000, at 4:00 p.m. EDT.**

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

Districts	August 1999	September 1999	Month Ending				
			05/31/00	06/30/00	07/31/00	08/31/00	09/30/00
East Coast (PADD I)	5,449	5,768	3,378	4,024	^R 4,767	^E 5,547	^E 5,158
Midwest (PADD II)	27,218	26,350	11,518	14,845	^R 18,817	^E 20,955	^E 23,235
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	25,353	24,604	19,986	23,324	^R 26,429	^E 30,587	^E 30,950
Total (PADD I-III)	58,020	56,722	34,882	42,193	^R 50,013	^E 57,089	^E 59,343
U.S. Total	60,453	59,440	36,636	44,311	^R 52,587	^E 59,201	^E 61,539

E=Estimated data.

R=Revised.

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

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