



# Propane Watch

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- U.S. inventories of propane stood at an estimated 68.9 million barrels (MMB) as of October 12, 2001, relatively unchanged since the last report period on September 30, 2001. But regional inventories reported declines in the Gulf Coast of 0.5 MMB, with more than offsetting gains of nearly 0.7 MMB in the Midwest. East Coast inventories reported only slight gains during this same period. U.S. inventories remain at the upper limit of the average range, while regional inventories were slightly below the average range in the East Coast, within the average range in the Midwest, and above the average range in the Gulf Coast.
- Residential propane prices were relatively flat over the past week. The average price on October 15, 2001 was 113.7 cents per gallon, 0.3 cent below the October 8 price of 114.0 cents. The wholesale price showed a slight increase, as the average moved from 47.7 to 48.4 cents per gallon, up 0.7 cent for the week. Both prices were well below their respective levels from one year ago. The residential average price was down 14.7 cents from 128.4 cents per gallon on October 16, 2000, while the wholesale price dropped 24.6 cents from its year-ago mark of 73.0 cents per gallon.

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

Districts	September 2000	October 2000	Week Ending				
			NA	NA	NA	10/12/01	10/13/00
East Coast (PADD I)	5,089	5,001	NA	NA	NA	<sup>E</sup> 5,047	4,905
Midwest (PADD II)	22,672	24,151	NA	NA	NA	<sup>E</sup> 26,686	23,658
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	29,341	30,598	NA	NA	NA	<sup>E</sup> 34,121	32,412
Total (PADD I-III)	57,102	59,750	NA	NA	NA	<sup>E</sup> 65,854	60,975
U.S. Total	60,317	62,790	NA	NA	NA	<sup>E</sup> 68,950	63,231

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				
	NA	10/01/01	10/08/01	10/15/01	10/16/00	NA	10/01/01	10/08/01	10/15/01	10/16/00
East Coast (PADD I)	NA	48.0	48.3	49.0	76.3	NA	133.7	<sup>R</sup> 133.0	132.8	145.3
New England (PADD IX)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	144.2	<sup>R</sup> 143.8	143.4	147.2
Central Atlantic (PADD IY)	NA	48.9	49.7	50.2	77.0	NA	133.7	<sup>R</sup> 133.1	133.0	147.4
Lower Atlantic (PADD IZ)	NA	47.1	46.6	47.6	75.6	NA	124.7	<sup>R</sup> 123.7	123.4	138.5
Midwest (PADD II)	NA	48.3	47.6	48.2	71.8	NA	102.3	<sup>R</sup> 101.9	101.5	115.7
Average	NA	48.2	47.7	48.4	73.0	NA	114.6	<sup>R</sup> 114.0	113.7	128.4

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.

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