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## Record U.S. natural gas exports

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The U.S. Energy Information Administration is forecasting that U.S. natural gas exports will increase by 25% year-over-year in 2019. EIA expects that U.S. exports of natural gas will approach an average of 12.4 billion cubic feet per day in 2019, up from 9.9 billion cubic feet per day in 2018. The United States has now exported more natural gas than it imports for 24 consecutive months.

In the September Short-Term Energy Outlook, EIA expects natural gas exports to exceed 15 billion cubic feet per day in 2020, a nearly 22% increase from the forecast 2019 record. EIA attributes strengthening natural gas exports to increased production and new U.S. infrastructure. EIA forecasts that U.S. production of natural gas will continue to grow, averaging 91.4 billion cubic feet per day in 2019, followed by 93.2 billion cubic feet per day in 2020.

While low natural gas prices may slow production during the closing months of 2019 and in early 2020, EIA expects natural gas production to stabilize near record levels in the second half of 2020.

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