

# Propane Market Update



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*(Inventory data as of 03/23/18; residential heating fuel prices as of 03/26/18)*

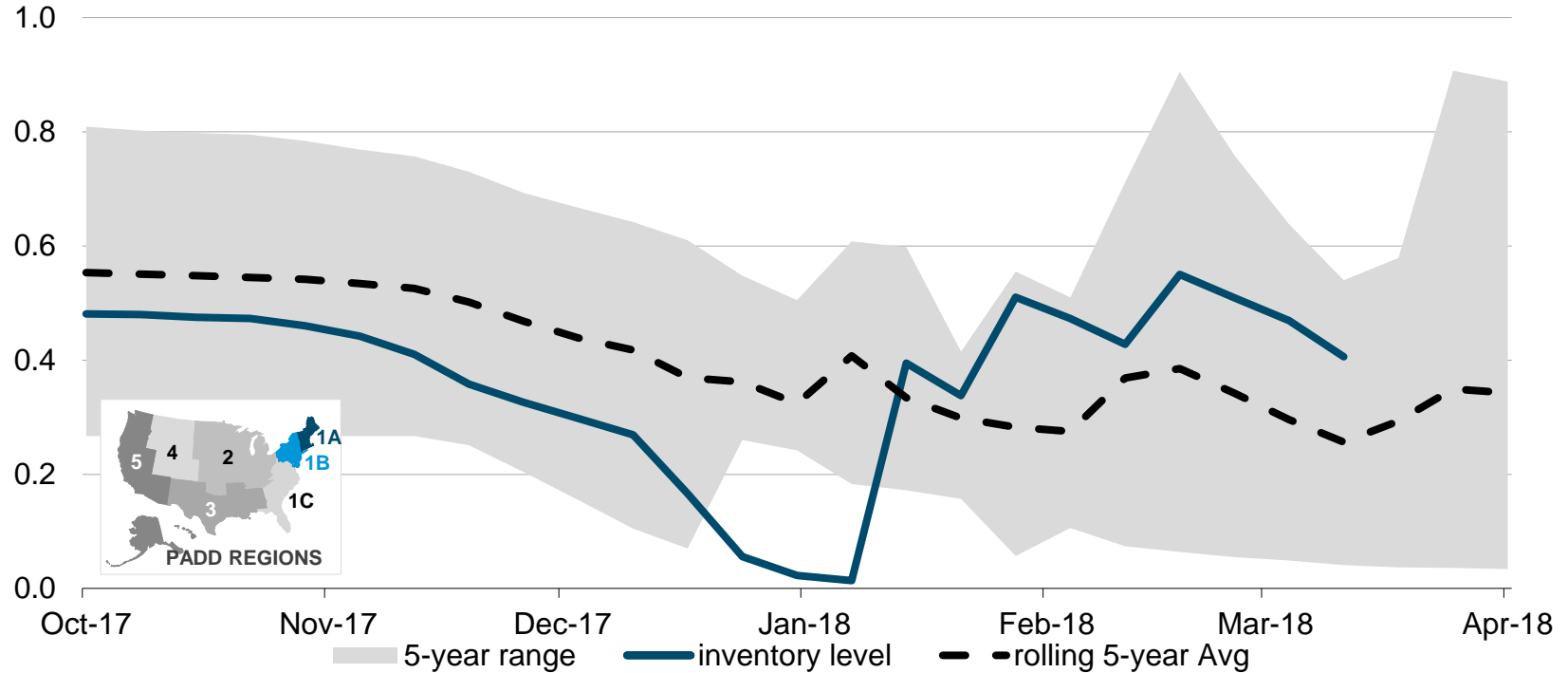
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# PADD 1A (New England) propane inventories above the 5-year average

PADD1A propane\* inventories

million barrels

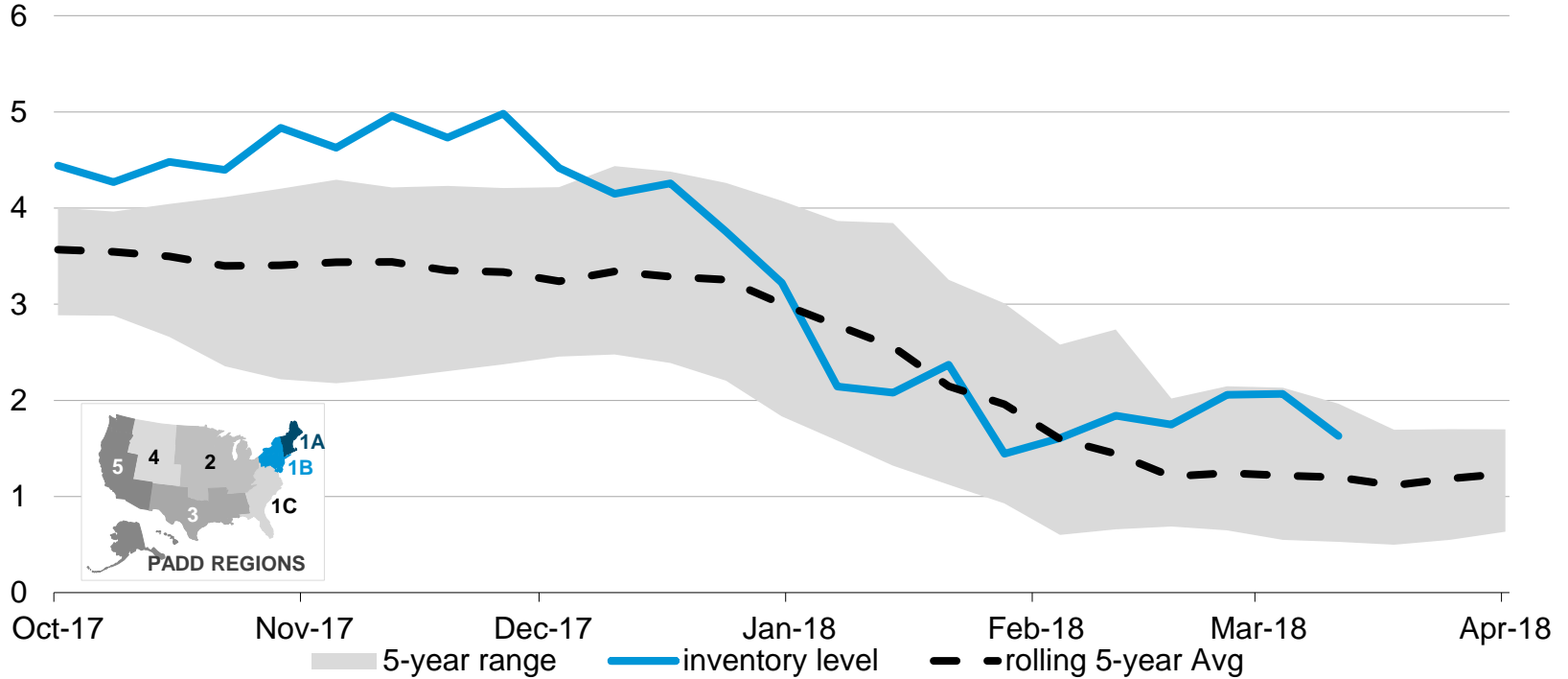


Source: EIA, Weekly Petroleum Status Report, data through March 23, 2018

\*propane/propylene for fuel use only

# PADD 1B (Mid-Atlantic) propane inventories above the 5-year average

PADD1B propane\* inventories  
million barrels

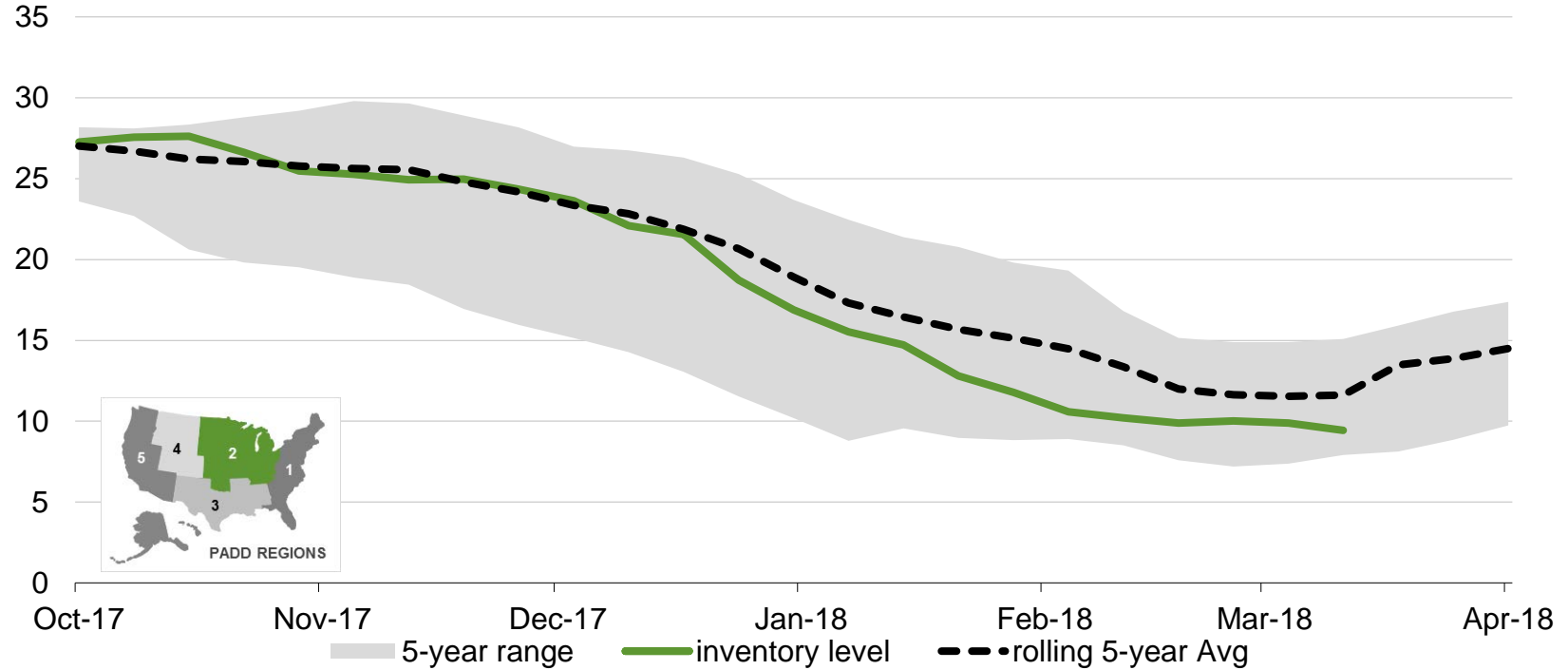


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# PADD 2 (Midwest) propane inventories within the 5-year range

PADD 2 propane\* inventories  
million barrels



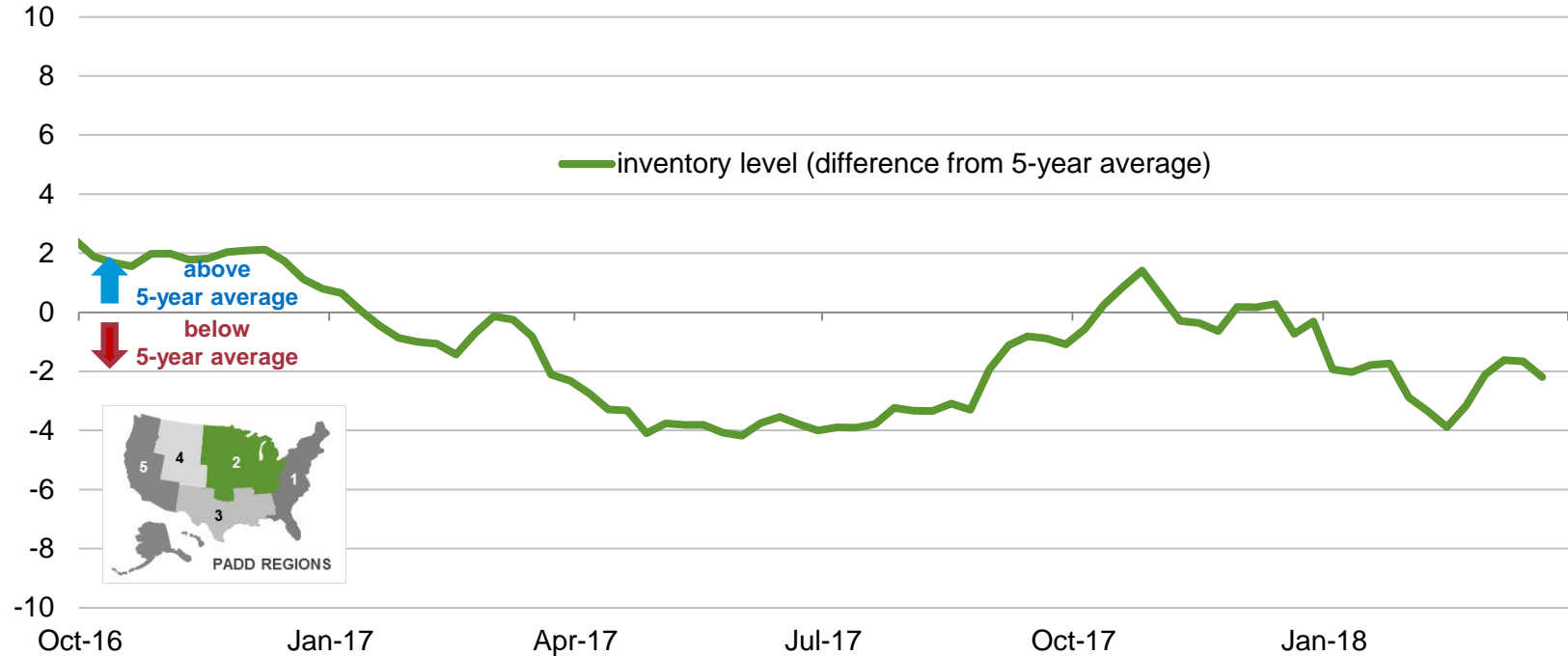
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# PADD 2 (Midwest) propane inventories below 5-year-average levels

PADD 2 propane\* inventories, difference from 5-year average

million barrels

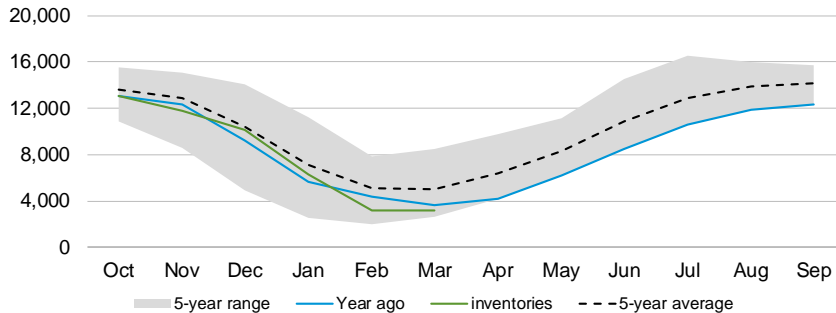


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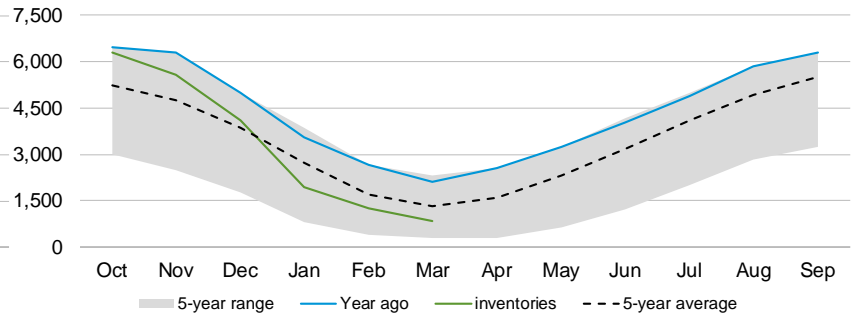
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# Selected state propane\* inventories

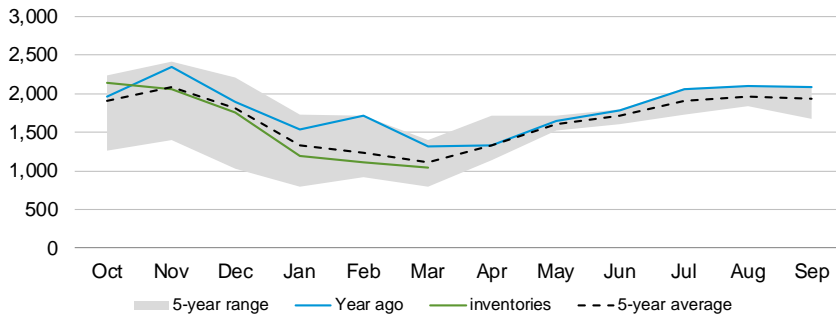
Kansas propane stocks  
thousand bbls



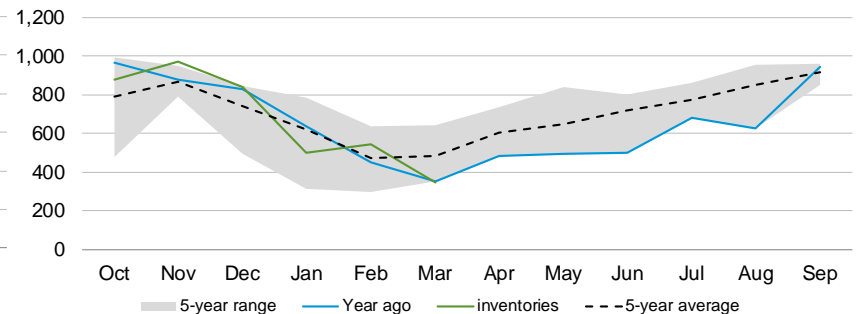
Michigan propane stocks  
thousand bbls



Illinois, Indiana, Ohio propane stocks  
thousand bbls



Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin propane stocks  
thousand bbls



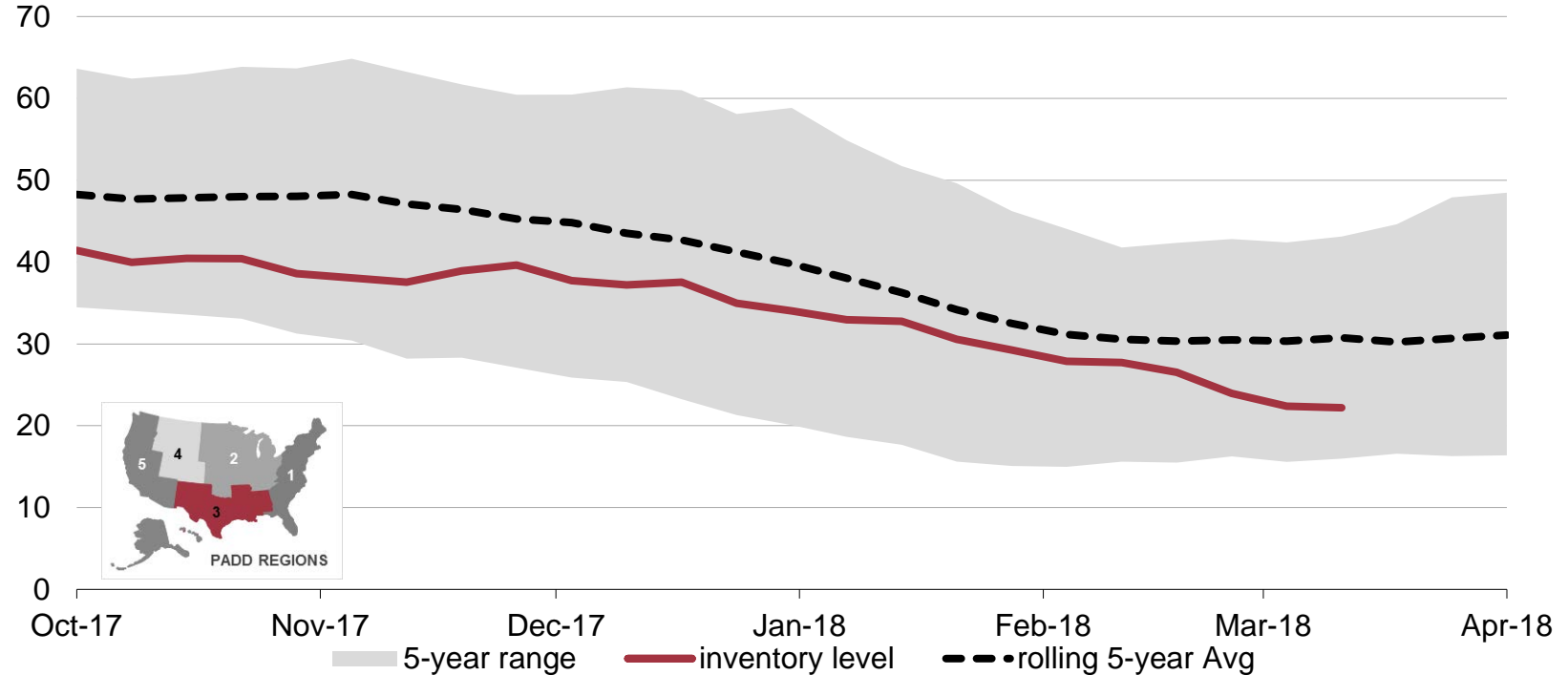
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\*propane/propylene for fuel use only; inventories include stocks at terminals, gas plants, and refineries only

# PADD 3 (Gulf Coast) propane inventories within the 5-year range

PADD 3 propane\* inventories

million barrels



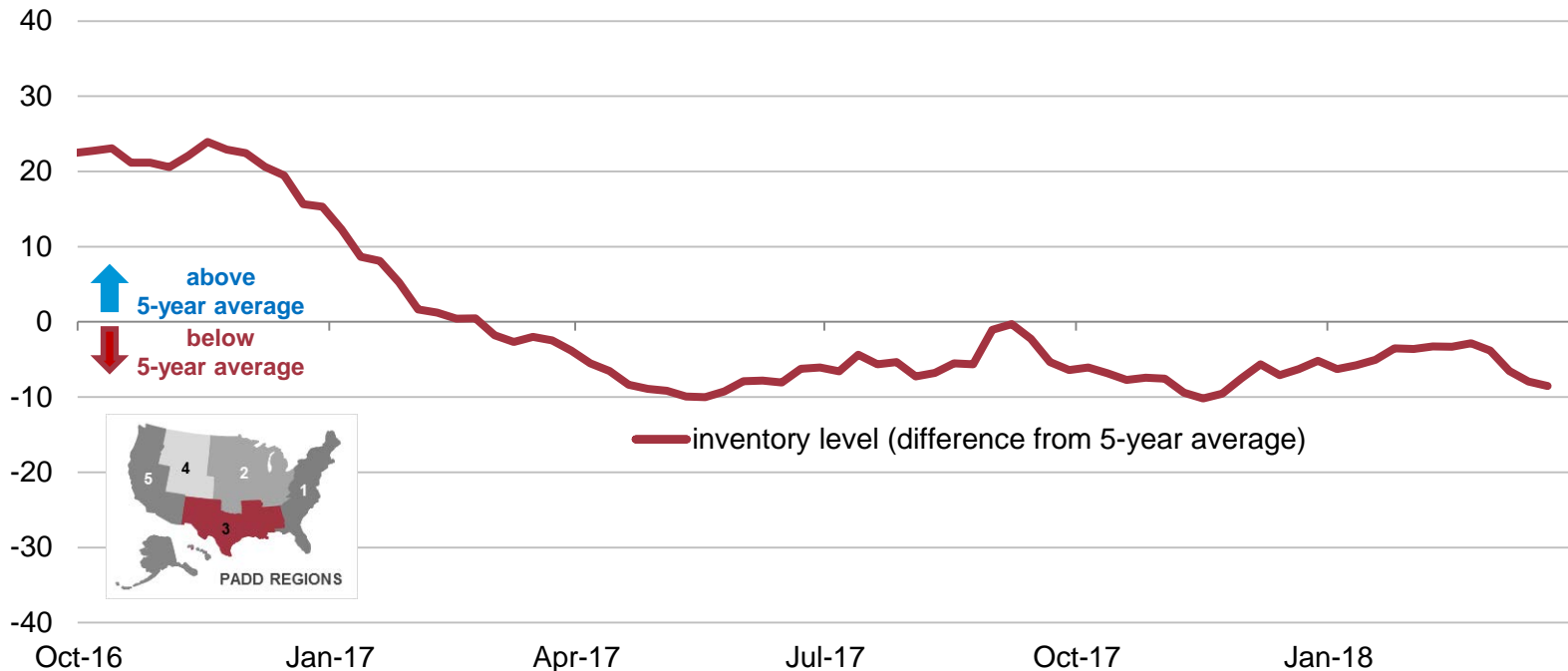
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# PADD 3 (Gulf Coast) propane inventories below the 5-year average

PADD 3 propane\* inventories, difference from 5-year average

million barrels



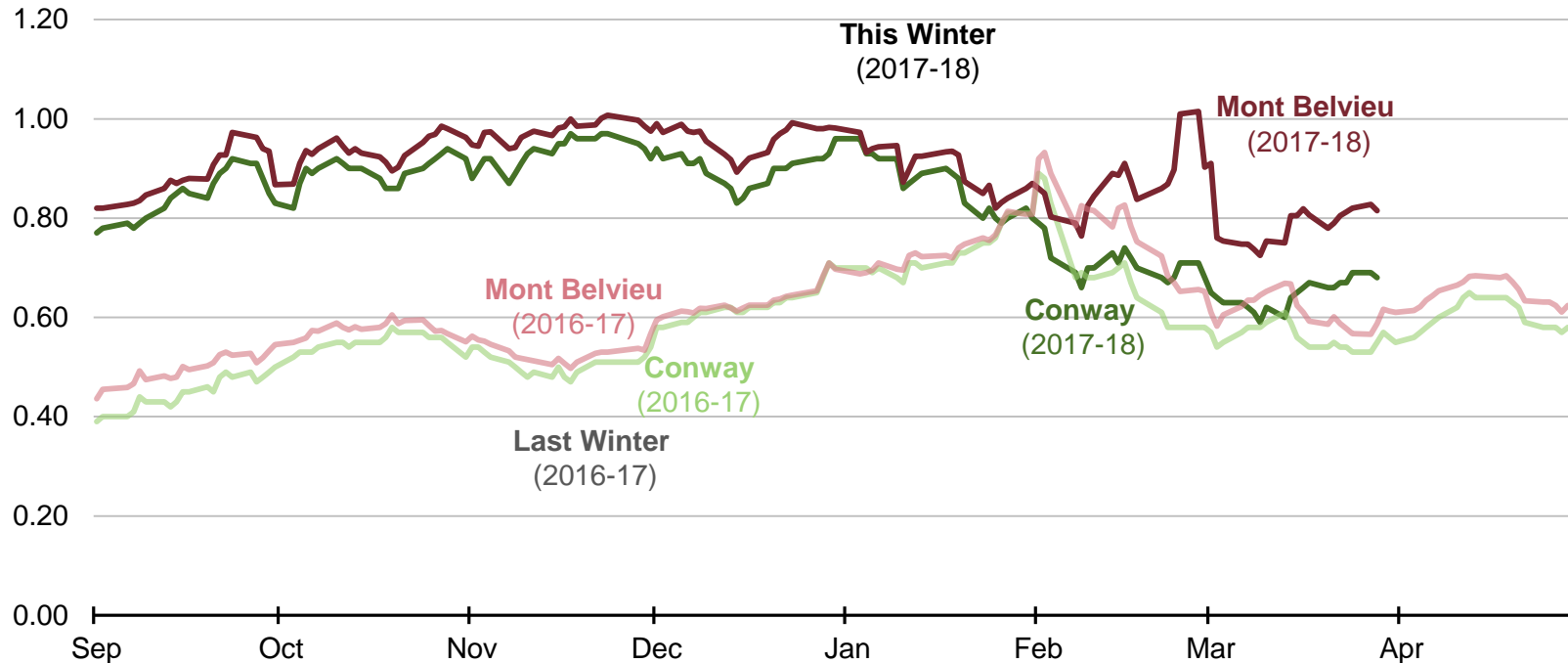
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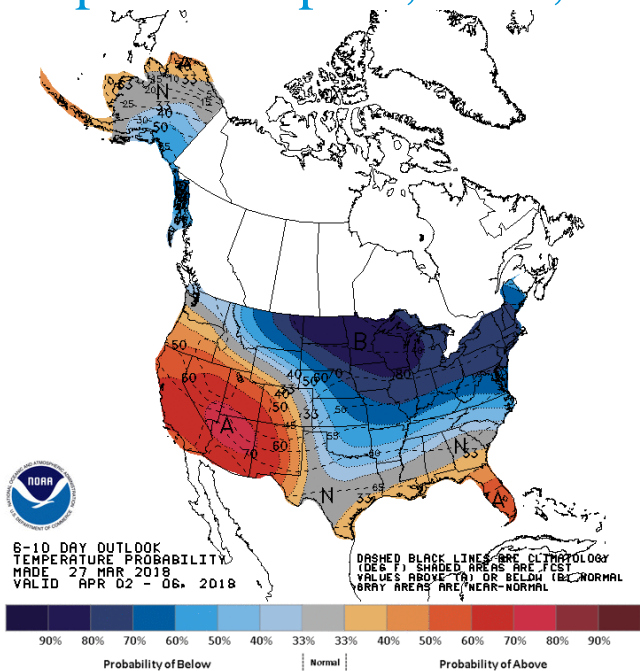
# Propane spot prices above same time last year; Conway, KS discount to Mt. Belvieu, TX at ~14¢/gal and narrowing

Propane spot prices (Conway, KS and Mont Belvieu, TX)  
dollars per gallon



Source: EIA, Bloomberg, data through March 26, 2018

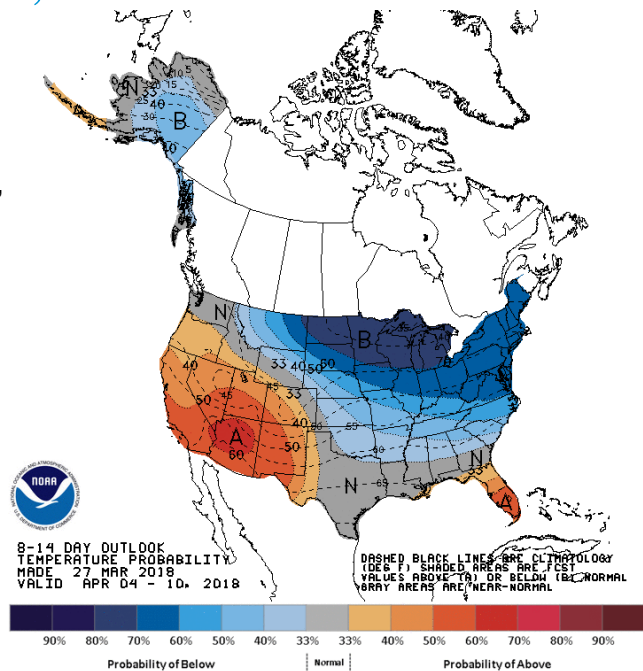
# NOAA's projected temperatures: April 2 – Apr. 6, 2018, and April 4 – Apr. 10, 2018



A = temperatures above normal  
N = equal chance that temperatures are above normal, normal, or below normal  
B = temperatures below normal

Source: [NOAA](http://noaa.gov), Mar. 27, 2018

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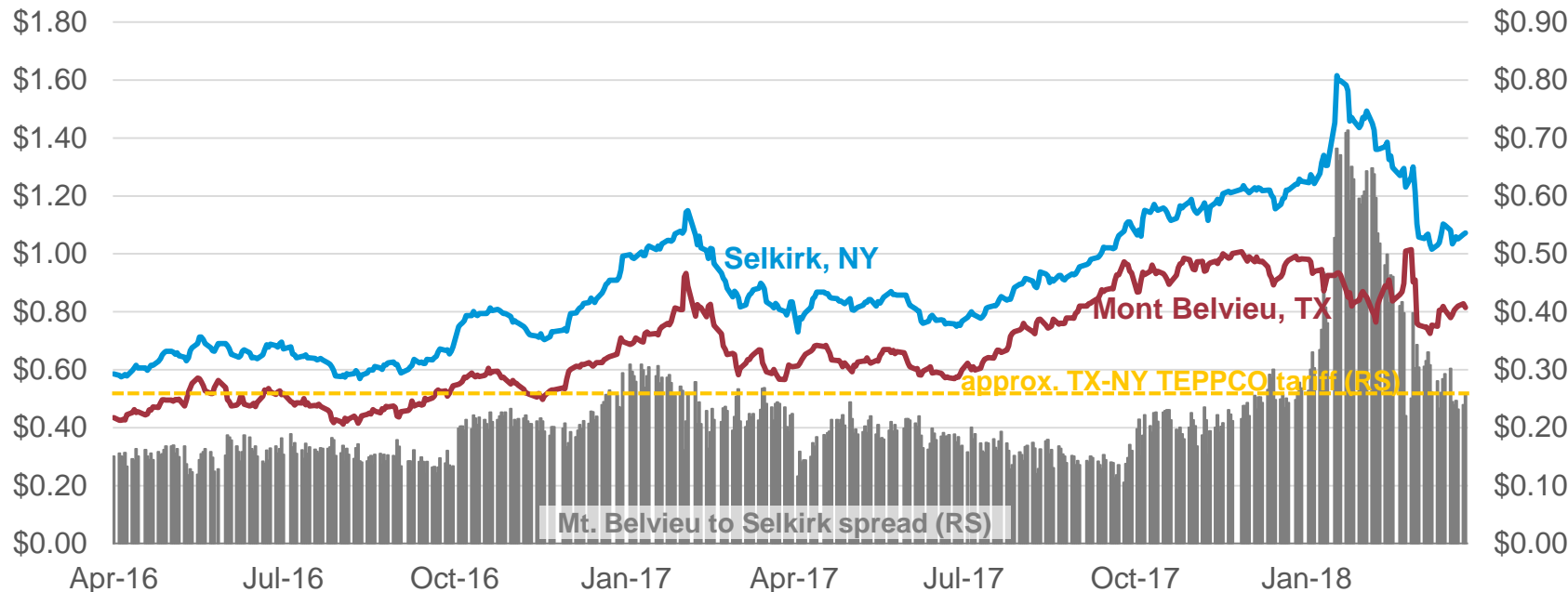


- NOAA weather projections into April suggest a return of colder-than-normal temperatures through the first week of the month across much of the Midwest, New England, and Mid-Atlantic regions
- With highest probability of below-normal temperatures centered on the Great Lakes region, there is a possibility of heating season stretching into April, resulting in above-average heating fuel demand in an area with high propane market share

# Generally, tariff on the TEPPCO\* pipeline sets the ceiling in the Northeast; recent fall in non-LST propane at Mt. Belvieu drove decline in Selkirk price

propane spot prices  
dollars per gallon

propane price spread  
dollars per gallon



TEPPCO = Enterprise TE Products Pipeline Company LLC

Source: EIA, Bloomberg, data through March 26, 2018; Enterprise Products Partners L.P., [Effective Tariffs](#), FERC No. 54.42.0

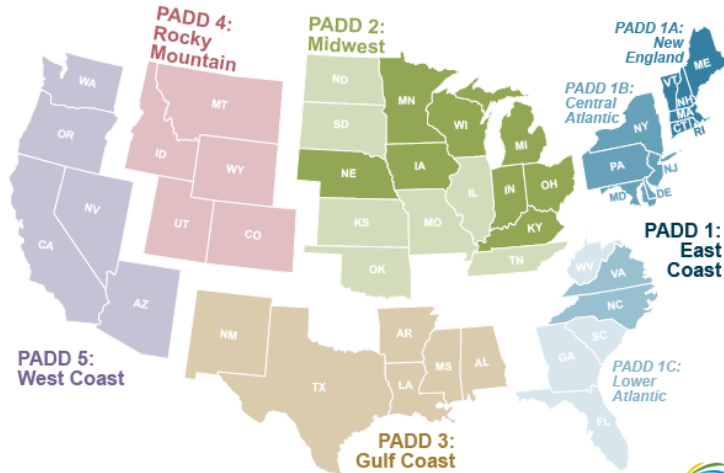
## State Heating Oil and Propane Program (SHOPP) updates

- SHOPP is a collaborative program between states and EIA that provides weekly wholesale and retail prices for heating oil and propane at the state level
- EIA has extended SHOPP (beginning October 2014) to include 14 additional states in propane price data collection
- 10 new states were added to the wholesale propane price survey in 2016. This should be taken into consideration when comparing the average prices for last year (2015-2016 season) for the U.S., PADD 1, PADD 1B, PADD 1C, and PADD 2 averages
- EIA is providing more granular inventory data to states on a weekly basis since the 2016/2017 heating season
- New winter fuels page provides easier access to state-level information:  
[www.eia.gov/special/heatingfuels](http://www.eia.gov/special/heatingfuels)

# Maps of states participating in Winter Fuels Survey

## Petroleum Administration for Defense Districts

Winter Heating Fuels Survey — PADD 1 and 2 represented States



### HEATING OIL



#### PADD 1: East Coast

**PADD 1A: New England**  
Connecticut New Hampshire  
Maine Rhode Island  
Massachusetts Vermont

**PADD 1B: Central Atlantic**  
Delaware New Jersey  
District of Columbia New York  
Maryland Pennsylvania

#### PADD 2: Midwest

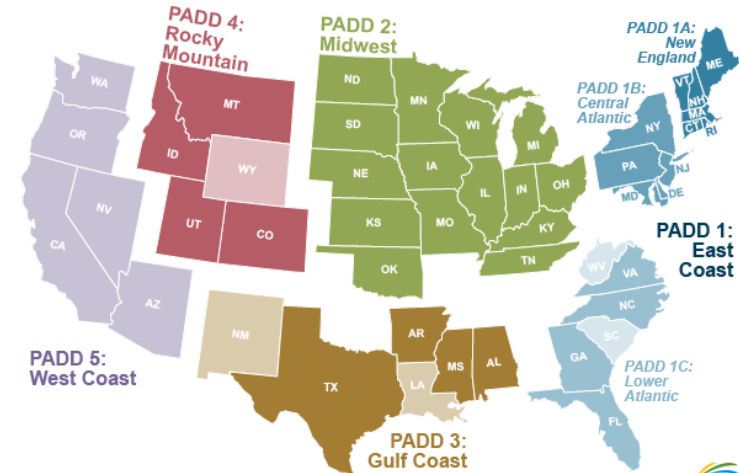
Indiana Minnesota  
Iowa Nebraska  
Kentucky Ohio  
Michigan Wisconsin

**PADD 1C: Lower Atlantic**  
North Carolina Virginia

Source: EIA, [Heating Oil and Propane Update](#)

## Petroleum Administration for Defense Districts

Winter Heating Fuels Survey — PADD 1, 2, 3, and 4 represented States



### PROPANE



#### PADD 1: East Coast

**PADD 1A: New England**  
Connecticut  
Maine  
Massachusetts  
New Hampshire  
Rhode Island  
Vermont

**PADD 1B: Central Atlantic**  
Delaware  
Maryland  
New Jersey  
New York  
Pennsylvania

**PADD 1C: Lower Atlantic**  
Florida  
Georgia  
North Carolina  
Virginia

#### PADD 2: Midwest

Illinois Nebraska  
Indiana North Dakota  
Iowa Ohio  
Kansas Oklahoma  
Kentucky South Dakota  
Michigan Tennessee  
Minnesota Wisconsin  
Missouri

#### PADD 3: Gulf Coast

Alabama Mississippi  
Arkansas Texas

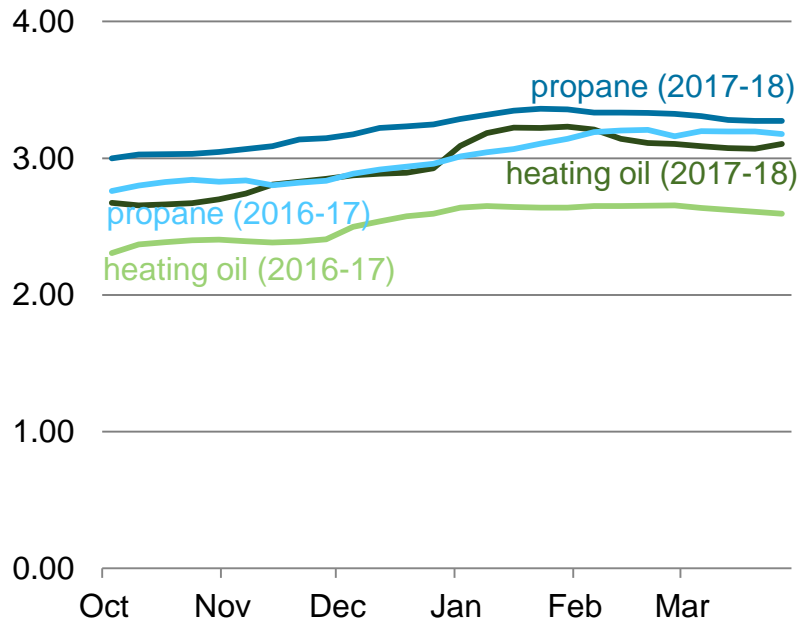
#### PADD 4: Rocky Mountain

Colorado Montana  
Idaho Utah

# Retail propane prices this heating season in PADD 1 and PADD 2 are above prices reported for the same week last year

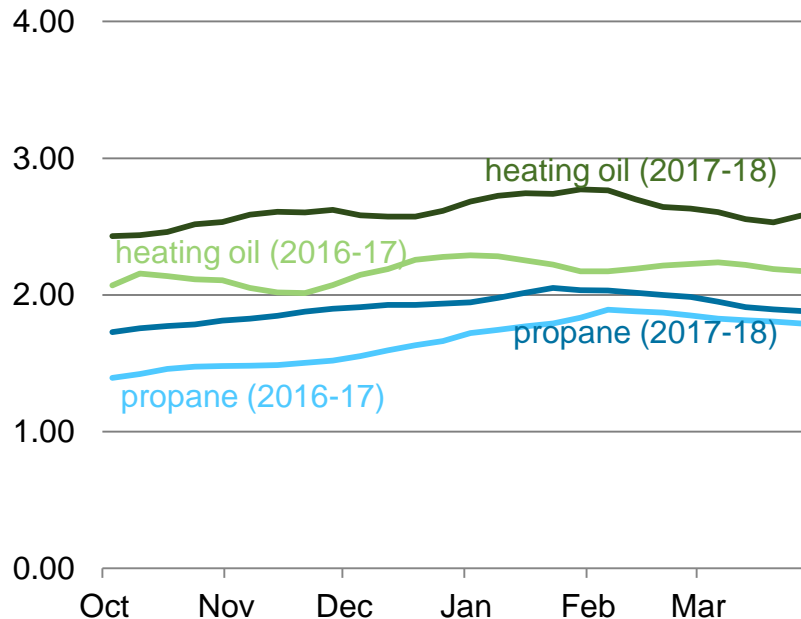
## PADD 1

dollars per gallon



## PADD 2

dollars per gallon

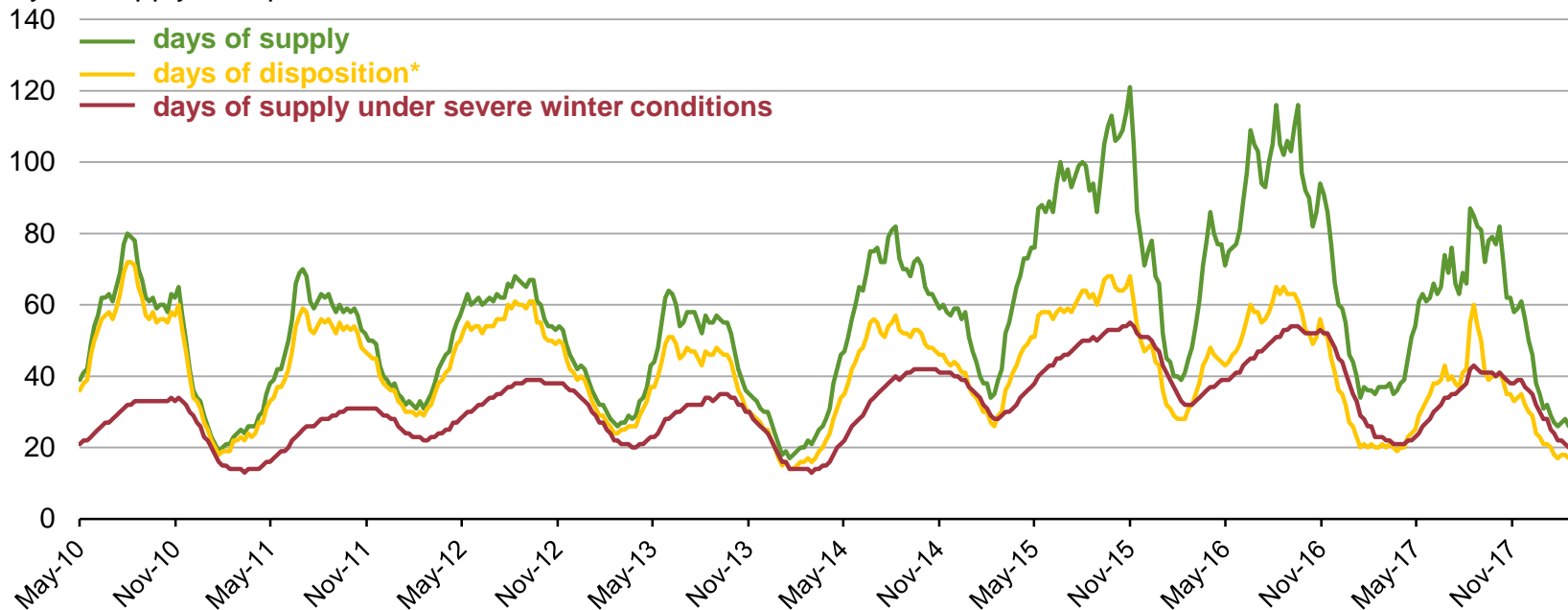


Source: State Heating Oil and Propane Program, data through March 26, 2018

# Various days-of supply/disposition measures

U.S. weekly stocks of propane

days of supply & disposition



Note: \*disposition = domestic product supplied + exports

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Weekly Petroleum Status Report, data through March 23, 2018

For more information, please see EIA's [webinar on Propane Market Indicators and Measures of Supply Adequacy](#)

## For more information

U.S. Energy Information Administration home page | [www.eia.gov](http://www.eia.gov)

State Energy Portal | [www.eia.gov/state](http://www.eia.gov/state)

Winter Heating Fuels Site | [www.eia.gov/special/heatingfuels/](http://www.eia.gov/special/heatingfuels/)

Movements of Propane by Rail |

[http://www.eia.gov/dnav/pet/pet\\_move\\_railNA\\_a\\_EPLLPA\\_RAIL\\_mbb1\\_m.htm](http://www.eia.gov/dnav/pet/pet_move_railNA_a_EPLLPA_RAIL_mbb1_m.htm)

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