

## Natural Gas Market Report

July 13, 2017

Week Ending 7-7-2017	EIA Last Year	EIA 5-Year Avg.	Average Weekly Injection to Reach 4000 Bcf	Injection Weeks Remaining
57	61	72	62	17
EIA Level	EIA Level Last Year	EIA 5-Year Avg. Level	EIA Prior Week	Comparison to 5 Year Avg.
2945	3234	2773	72	172

The NYMEX prompt month fell to a 4-month low of \$2.84 per dth last week as a result of increased production and milder temperatures. However, the August NYMEX contract gained \$0.118 per dth on Tuesday settling at \$3.047 per dth and this morning, prior to the release of the EIA storage report, the front month was trading at \$2.96 per dth. It was expected that the EIA would report an injection of between 60 – 65 Bcf. Last year the injection was 61 Bcf and the 5-year average injection is 72 Bcf. The actual injection reported by the EIA this morning was 57 Bcf. This brings the current inventory balance to 2.945 Tcf which is 289 Bcf below the prior year and 172 Bcf above the five-year average.

NYMEX NG Price Summary Data as of 7-11-2017		
Term	Price Per MMBtu	Change
Aug 17	3.047	0.118
Sep 17	3.038	0.114
Oct 17	3.066	0.111
Nov 17	3.132	0.110
Dec 17	3.281	0.105
Jan 18	3.367	0.098
Feb 18	3.351	0.096
Mar 18	3.287	0.088
Apr 18	2.870	0.057
May 18	2.839	0.053
Jun 18	2.865	0.054
Jul 18	2.890	0.052

The weather is HOT almost everywhere throughout the country and forecasted to be much above normal in the northern third of the country for the next 7 – 14 days. July 2017 will likely fall within the top 10 hottest Julys since 1950, with much above normal temperatures throughout the country.

CRUDE OIL – There are now 763 oil rigs working as compared to 351 this time last year. WTC is hovering around \$44 per barrel and inventories remain at a five-year high of 502 million barrels. Production remains up again this week by 0.1 million barrels per day and last week oil production totaled 8.9 million barrels per day.

Technical indicators show support between \$2.80 and \$2.90 per dth and resistance between \$3.07 and \$3.15 per dth.

(Sources: EIA, CME Group, Baker Hughes)