

Volume 650 February 23, 2017

Market- Warmer than normal temperatures across the northern portion of the country continues to keep prices low. March futures will expire tomorrow Friday. Natural gas is trading higher this morning after the storage report was a withdrawal near expected levels. Crude oil, heating oil and propane are all high but stable. Storage levels are now lower than last year but higher than the five year average. Upward pressure on natural gas prices results from exported liquefied natural gas (LNG). Rig counts for both traditional and horizontal have dropped significantly over the last 2 years indicating increased production from fewer wells and continued ample supply of natural gas. The US gas traditional rotary rig count increased 4 rigs and horizontal drilling increased 7 rigs. Natural gas is very attractive to fix at this time for the winter and long term.

The Crude oil price for March is higher this week at \$54.36 per barrel. Heating oil is higher at \$1.67 per gal. Unleaded gasoline futures are higher this week at \$1.55 and gasoline at the pump is around \$2.25...in Indiana. The natural gas storage report this week was a withdrawal of **89BCF**; storage is **261BCF lower** than last year and **156BCF higher** than the 5 year average.



Above Graph—Mar 2017 NYMEX gas futures

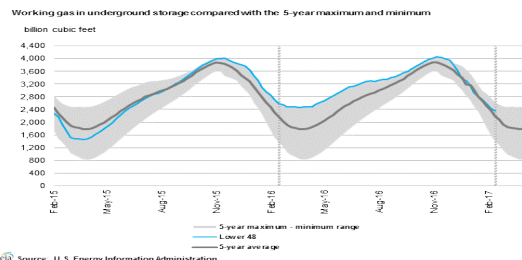
Extended Temperature Forecast: Chicago Area

	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
High	51	65	36	38	43
Low	40	32	27	28	37

Storage Statistics: (BCF) Billion Cubic Ft

This Week	Last Year	5 Year Ave.
2,356	2,617	2,200

The total is a decrease of 89 BCF from last week.



Above Graph - Storage levels as of 2-23-17

Comparative Fuels: Futures Prices for Mar

	Price	Compared to Nat Gas
Natural Gas (therm)	\$0.2619	\$0.2619
Propane (gal)	\$0.771	\$0.8403
Crude Oil (barrel)	\$54.36	
Heating Oil (gal)	\$1.67	\$1.201
Coal (CLRP) (ton)	\$40.00	\$2.978
Unleaded Gas (gal)	\$1.55	

North American Traditional Nat. Gas Rig Count:

This week	153
Last week	149
Year Ago this week	101

US Horizontal Rig Count:

This week	614
Last week	607
Year Ago this week	416

NGI Chicago for February 2017 \$0.3410

