



# RETAIL DIESEL FUEL OUTLOOK

## A Fundamental Petroleum Trends Weekly Report

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Region	Weekly Retail On-Highway Diesel Prices				Change from week ago
	Actual Price 1/		Forecast 2/		
	21Nov16	28Nov16	05Dec16	12Dec16	
U.S.	2.421	2.420	2.480	2.523	0.043
East Coast	2.442	2.446	2.499	2.546	0.047
New England	2.471	2.472	2.526	2.568	0.042
Central Atlantic	2.549	2.549	2.602	2.648	0.046
Lower Atlantic	2.355	2.361	2.415	2.458	0.043
Midwest	2.356	2.356	2.431	2.480	0.049
Gulf Coast	2.296	2.290	2.361	2.403	0.042
Rocky Mountain	2.455	2.450	2.457	2.499	0.042
West Coast	2.730	2.727	2.770	2.807	0.037
California	2.804	2.800	2.843	2.880	0.037

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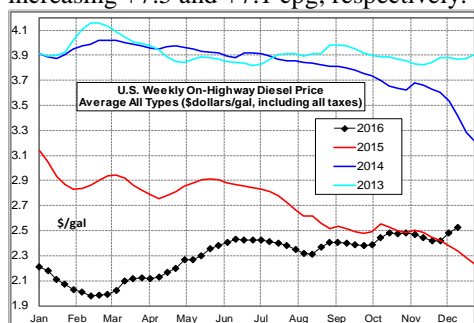
compared to the U.S. average was below the last 3-yr in the Midwest region; driven by a lack of refinery maintenance this fall and very high stock levels.

The region average retail price compared to the U.S. average traded well above the last 3-yr on the West Coast, driven by record high refinery maintenance that cut output sharply below the last 3-yr.

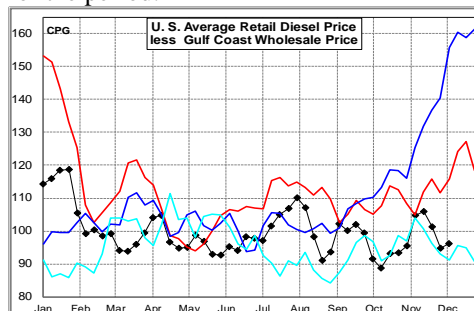
22,000 bpd below a year ago; the smallest year-on-year decrease of the last 3-months.

Stocks increased +5 million barrels last week, due in part to the Thanksgiving holiday week, ending at a level +9.8 million barrels above a year ago and a 5-yr high for the period. Stock levels ended the week at 5-yr highs above a year ago on the East Coast (+5.5% above last year), Midwest (+13%) and Gulf (+6.7%). West Coast stocks remain at 5-yr lows.

**Diesel Fuel Price Trends** U. S. retail diesel prices increased +6 cpg last week. The Midwest and Gulf led the way, increasing +7.5 and +7.1 cpg; respectively.



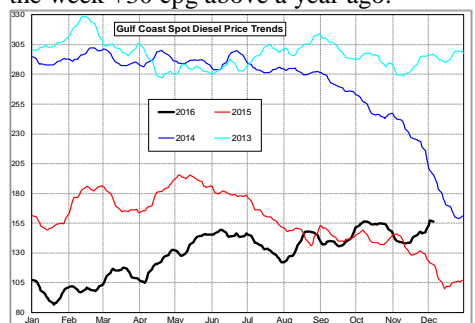
The U.S. average retail diesel price compared to the Gulf Coast wholesale market increased +1.5 cpg on the week. The spread ended the week near 3-yr lows for the period.



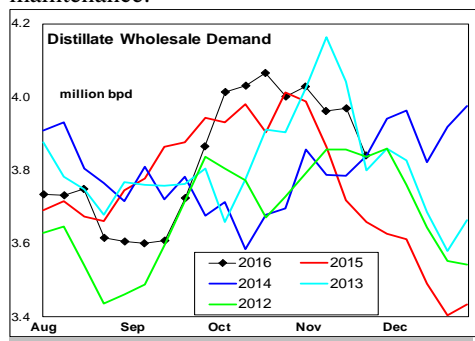
The national average on-highway price ended the week +10 cpg above a year ago; the first year-on-year increase since July 2014. The highest retail prices were in California at \$2.84/gal and the Central Atlantic at \$2.60/gal. The lowest prices were in the Gulf at \$2.36/gal.

The region average retail price

Gulf spot prices increased +10 cpg last week; driven by an OPEC production freeze agreement. Gulf spot prices ended the week +30 cpg above a year ago.



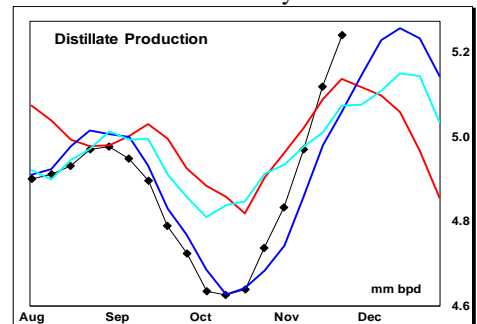
A downtrend in wholesale prices has occurred in each of the last 2-yr during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter as refiners return from fall maintenance.



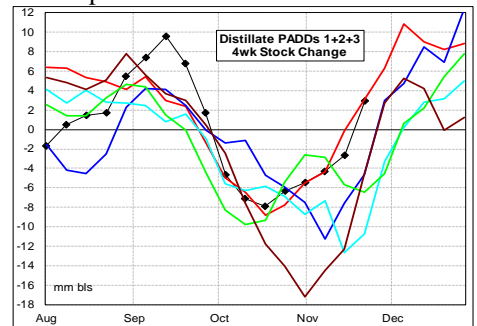
**Supply - Demand Fundamental Trends**

Distillate wholesale demand decreased -0.3 million bpd last week, although the level remains near 3-yr highs for the period. Demand for the latest 4-wk period was +158,000 bpd above a year ago.

Supply increased +174,000 bpd last week, on higher production and imports. During the latest 4-wk period, supply was -



The latest 4-wk stock change East of the Rockies was a +3.1 million barrel build, equal to the largest build of the last 3-yr for the period.



Look for distillate stock builds going forward as refiners operate at maximum capacity during the winter quarter.

**Global Trends Driving Diesel Prices**

The OPEC agreement on a production freeze should support prices in the near term; however seasonal stock builds in refined products and crude oil risk price weakness during the next quarter.

**Diesel Price Outlook:**

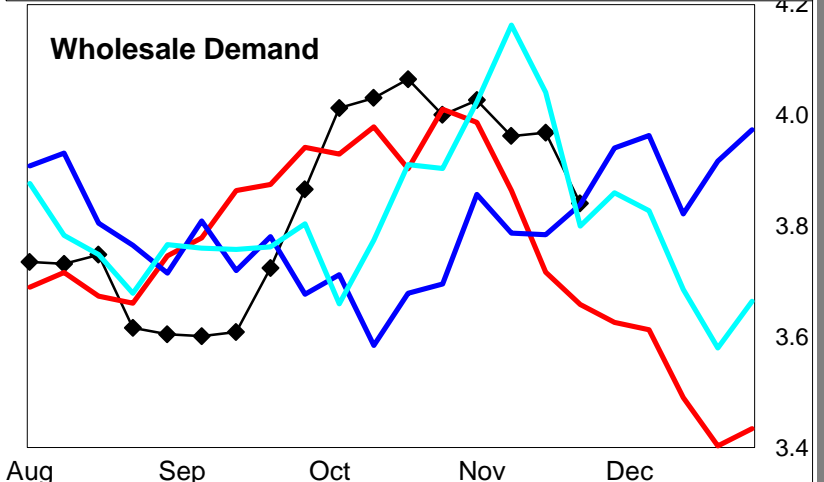
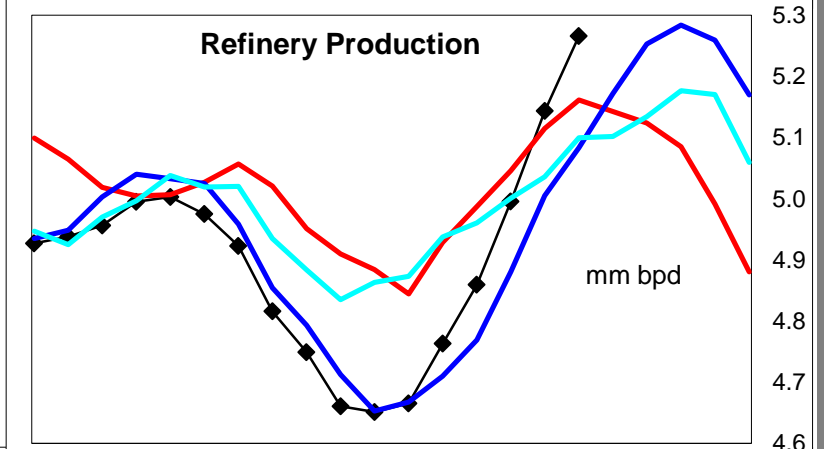
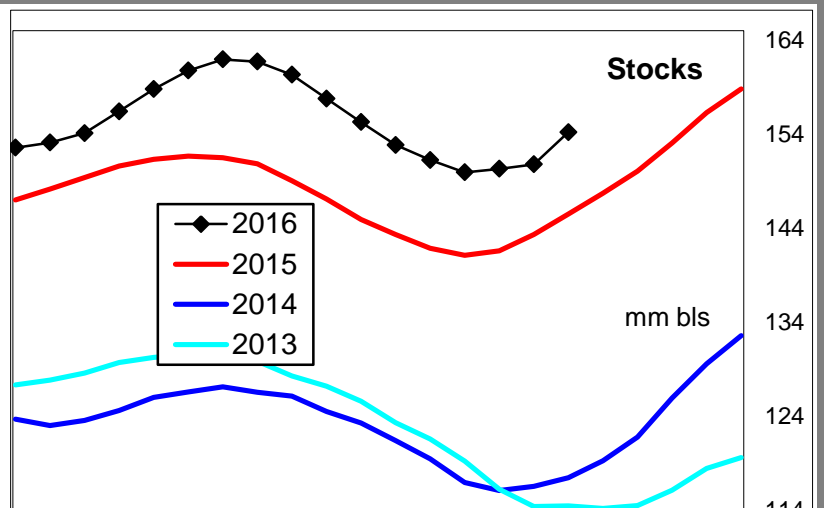
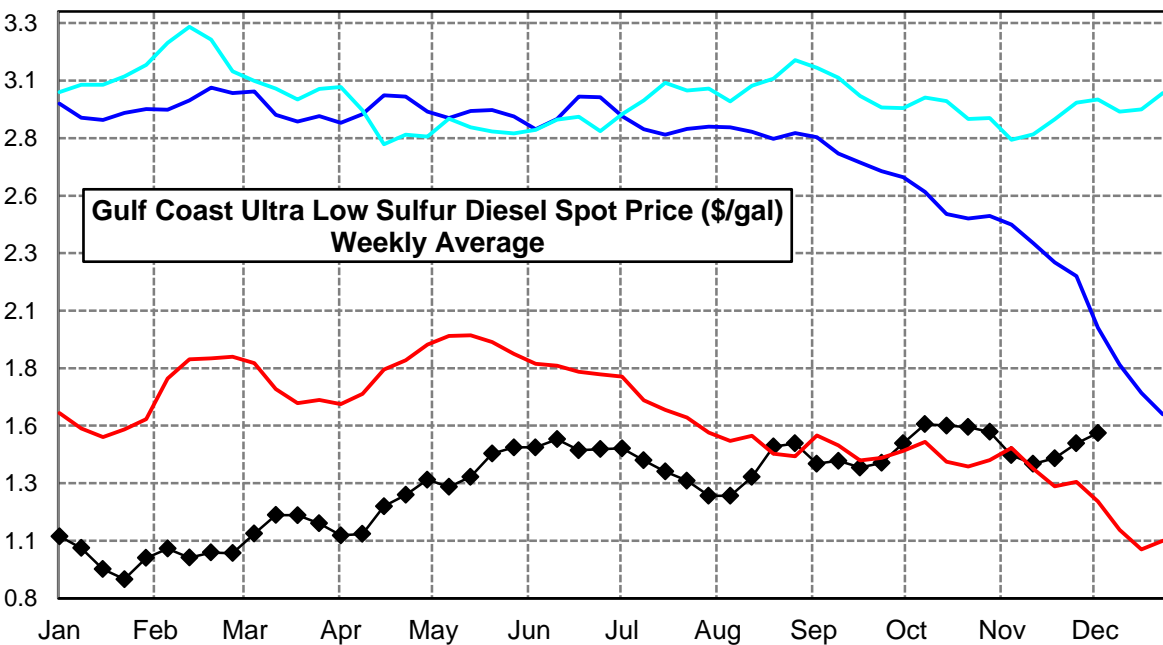
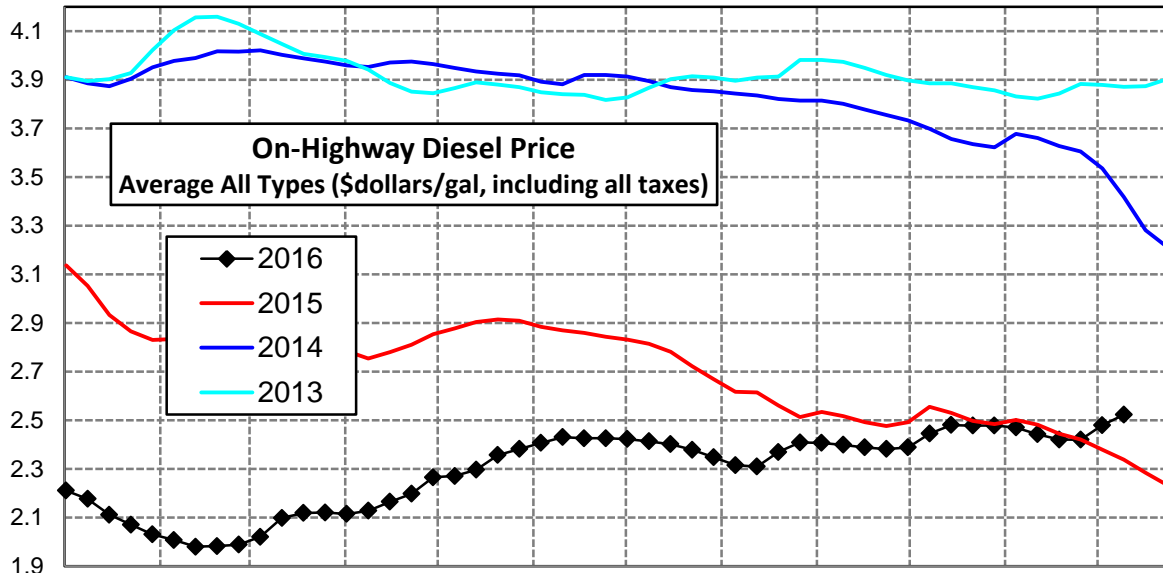
Distillate markets are very well supplied in every region except the West Coast. Excess distillate stocks in the East and Midwest markets, risk comparatively weak on-highway prices in these regions.

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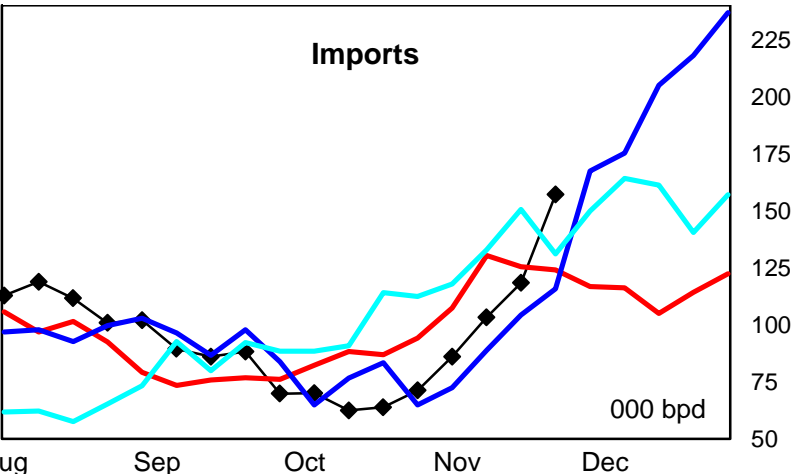
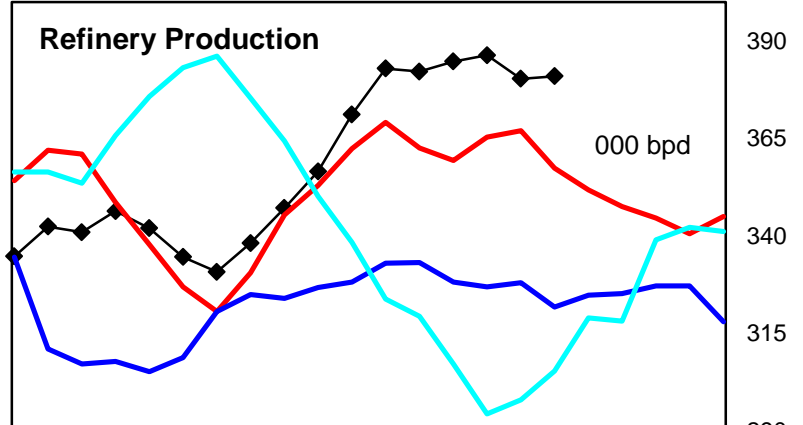
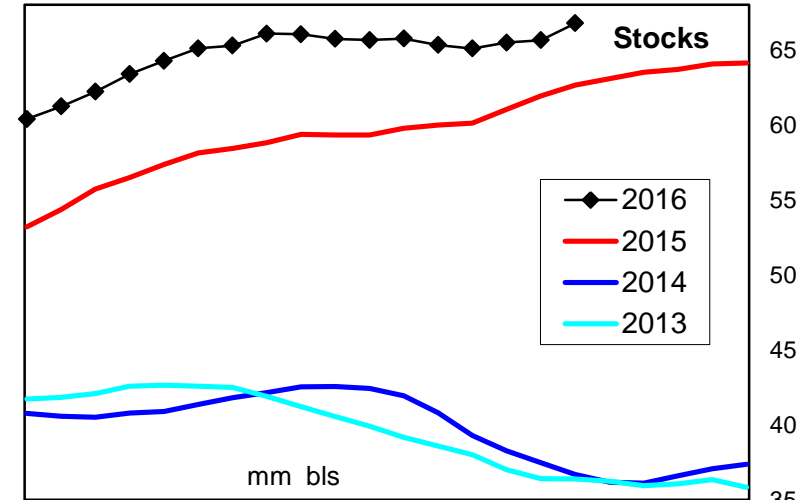
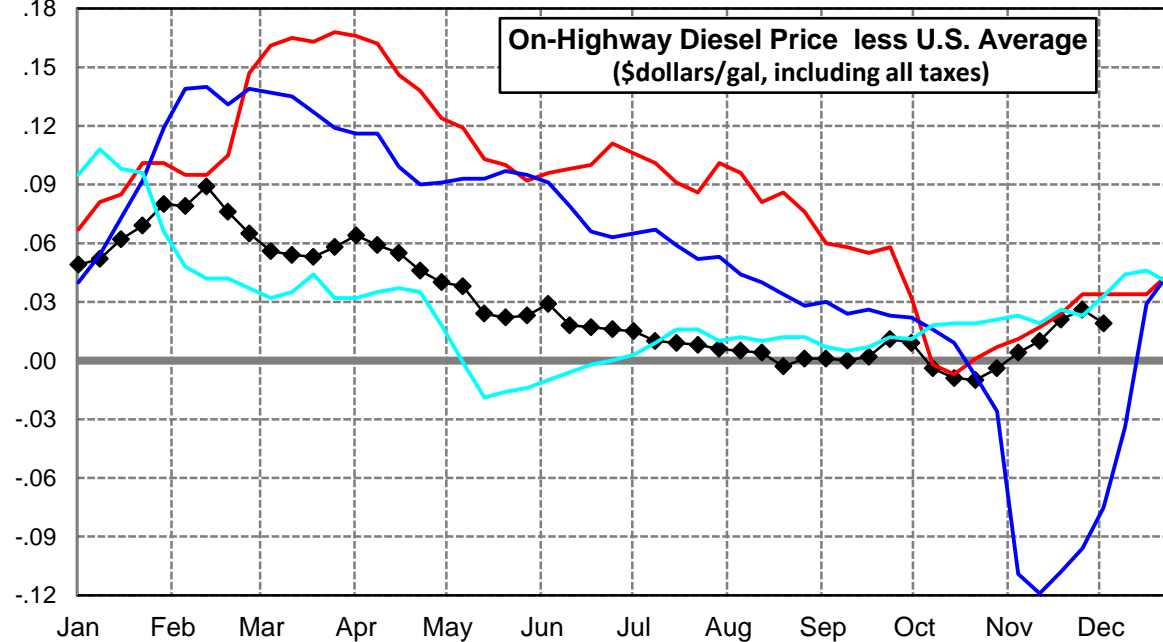
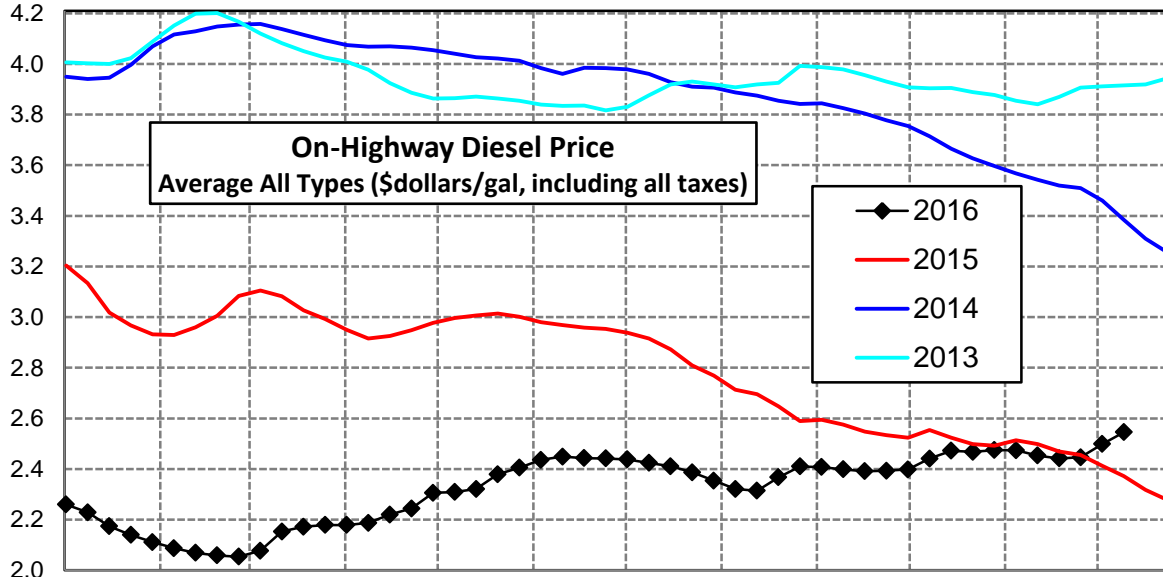
### U. S. Diesel Supply Fundamentals and On-Highway Price Trends

Weekly Retail On-Highway Diesel Prices					
Region	Actual Price week ending 1/			Forecast 2/	Change from week
	21Nov16	28Nov16	05Dec16	12Dec16	
<b>United States Avg</b>	\$2.421	\$2.420	\$2.480	<b>\$2.523</b>	\$0.043
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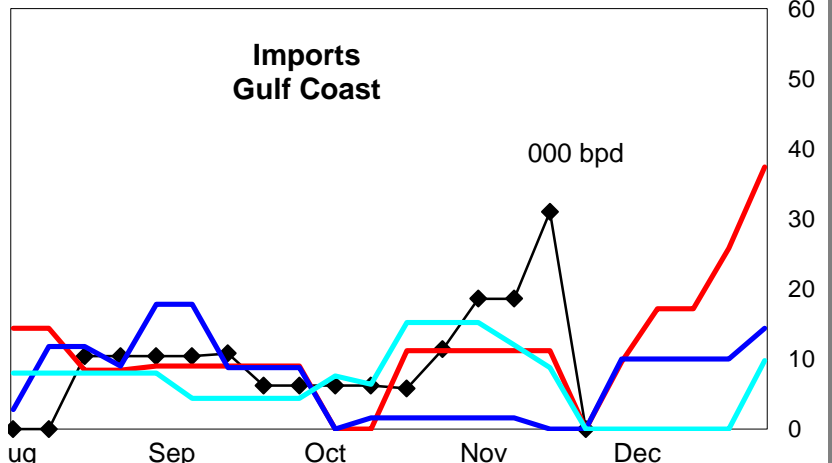
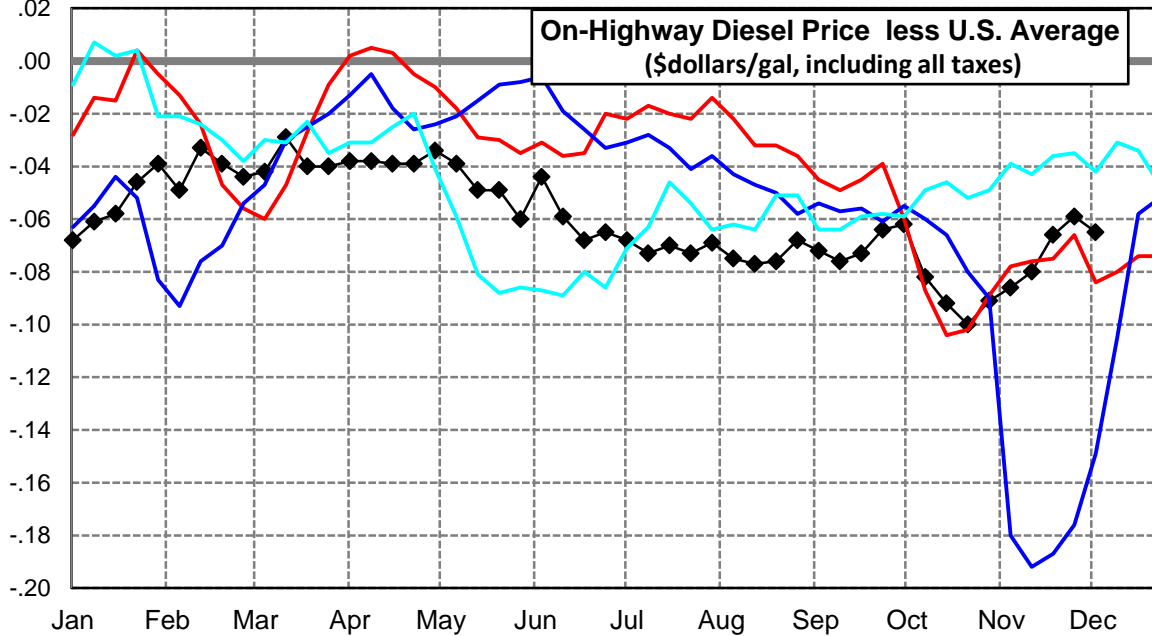
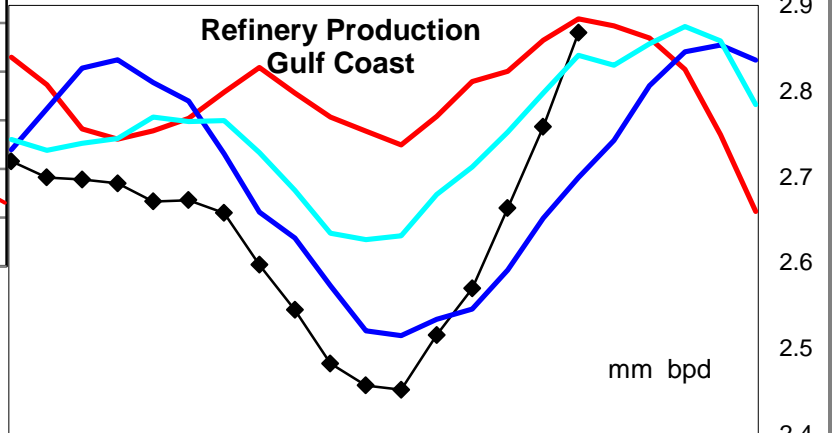
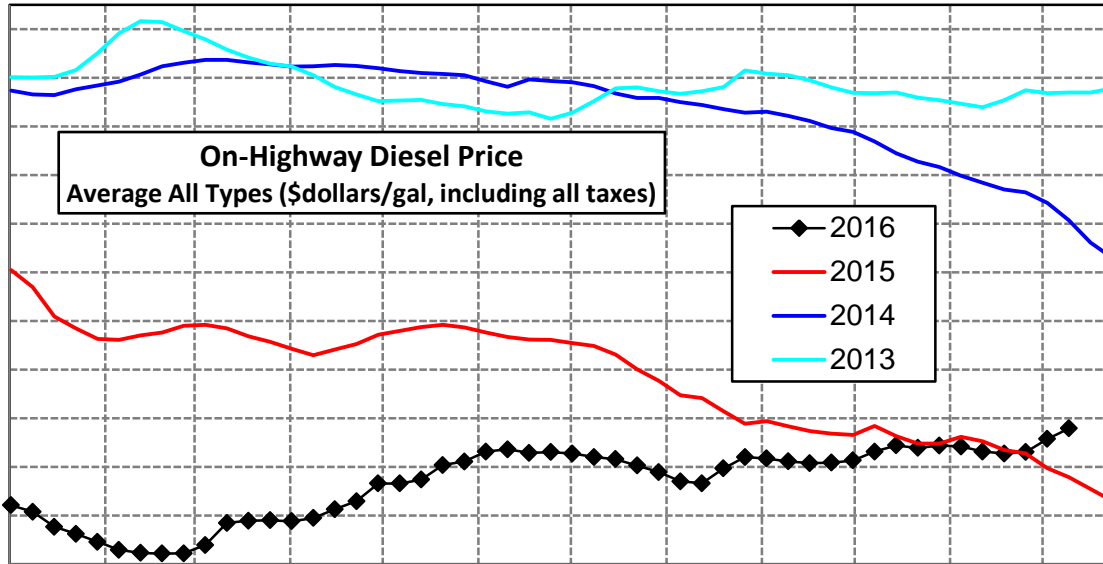
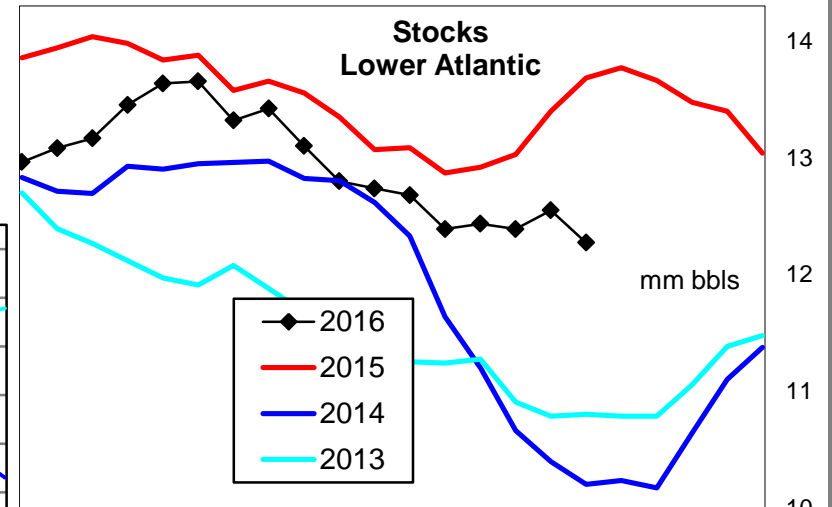
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Region	Actual Price week ending 1/			Forecast 2/	Change from week
	21Nov16	28Nov16	05Dec16	12Dec16	
<b>East Coast</b>	\$2.442	\$2.446	\$2.499	<b>\$2.546</b>	\$0.047
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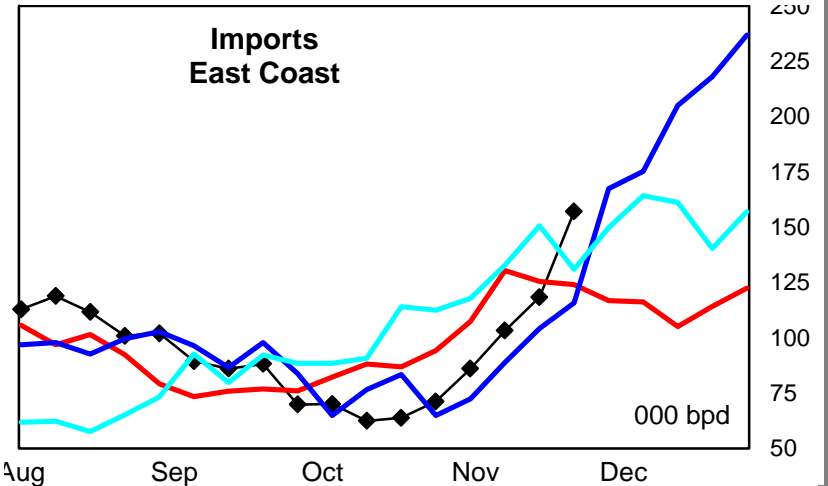
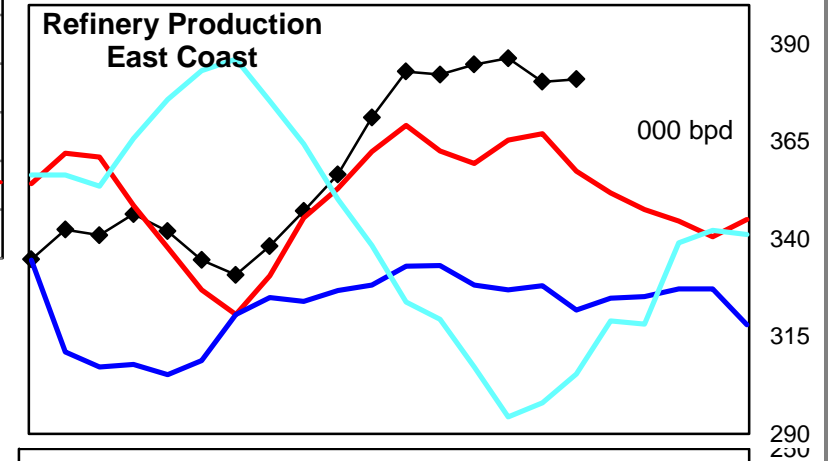
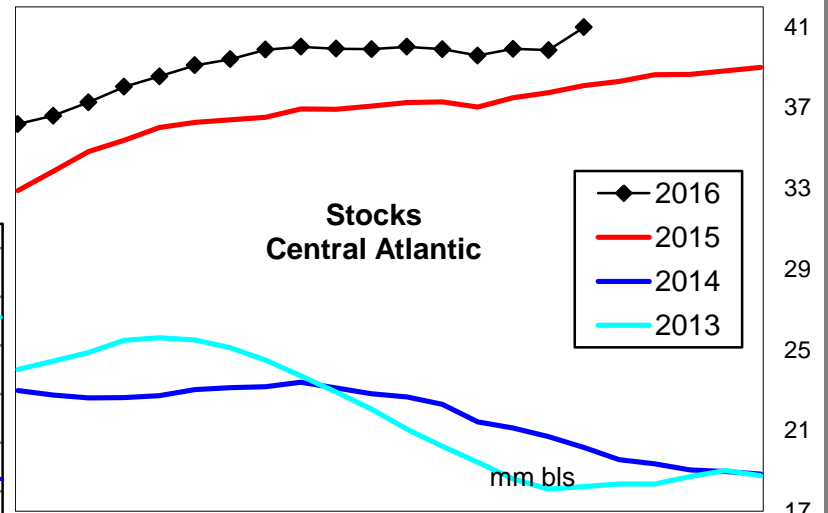
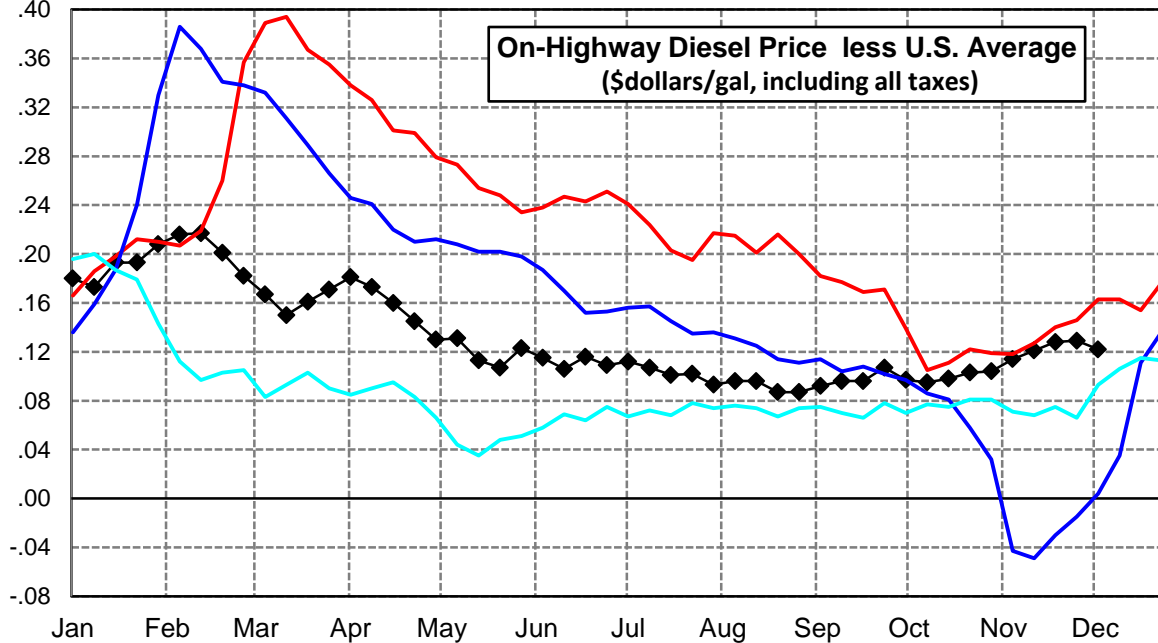
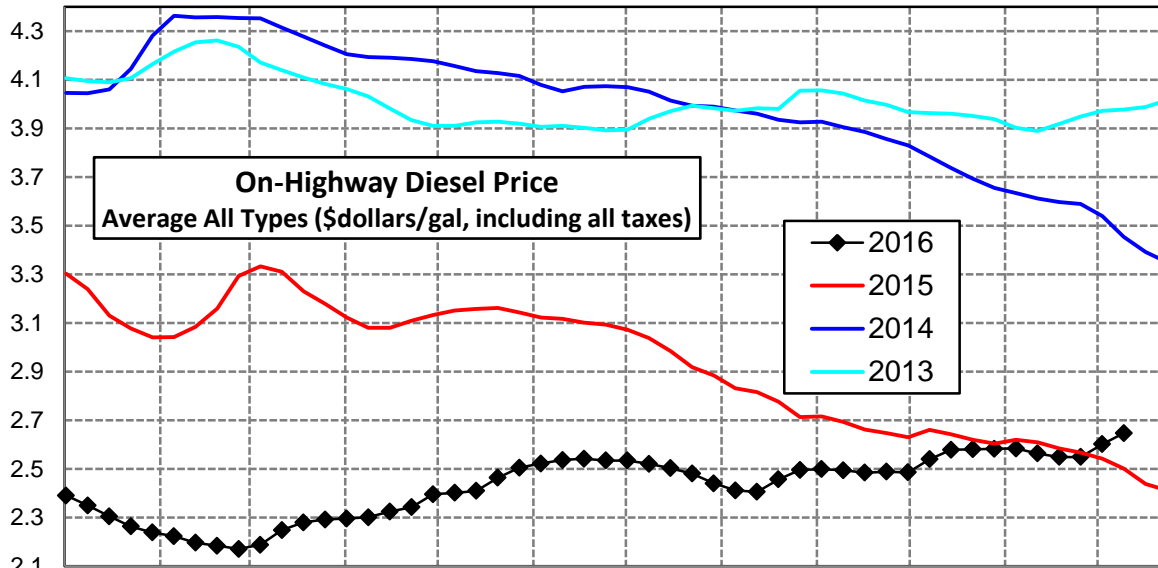
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Region	Actual Price week ending 1/			Forecast 2/	Change from week
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<b>Lower Atlantic</b>	\$2.355	\$2.361	\$2.415	<b>\$2.458</b>	\$0.043
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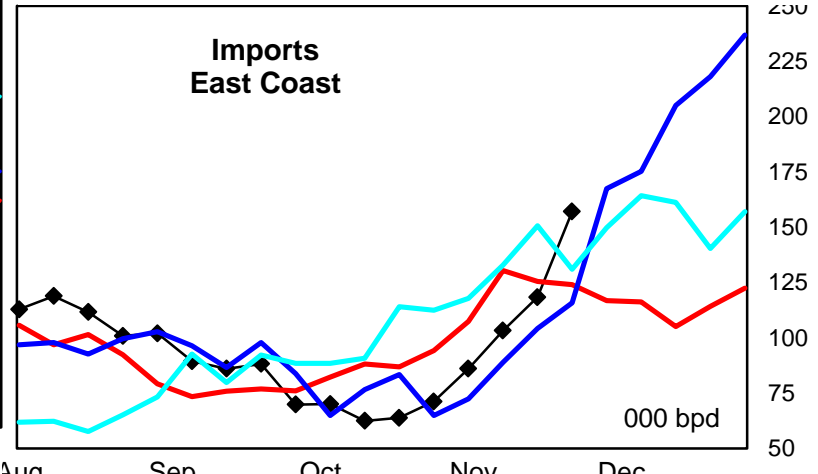
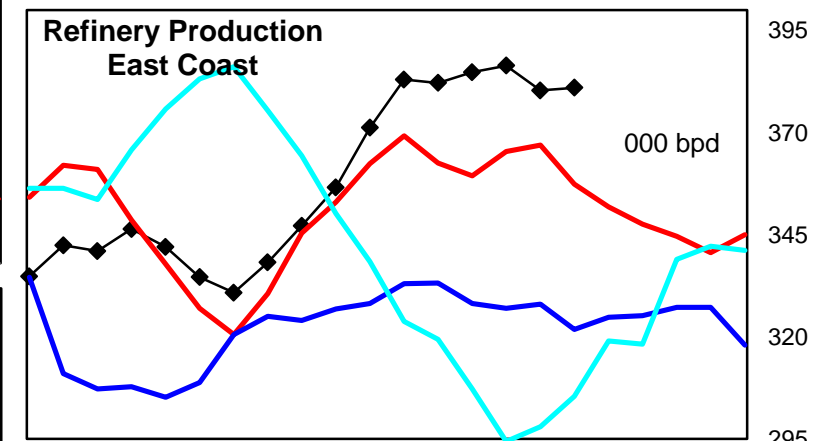
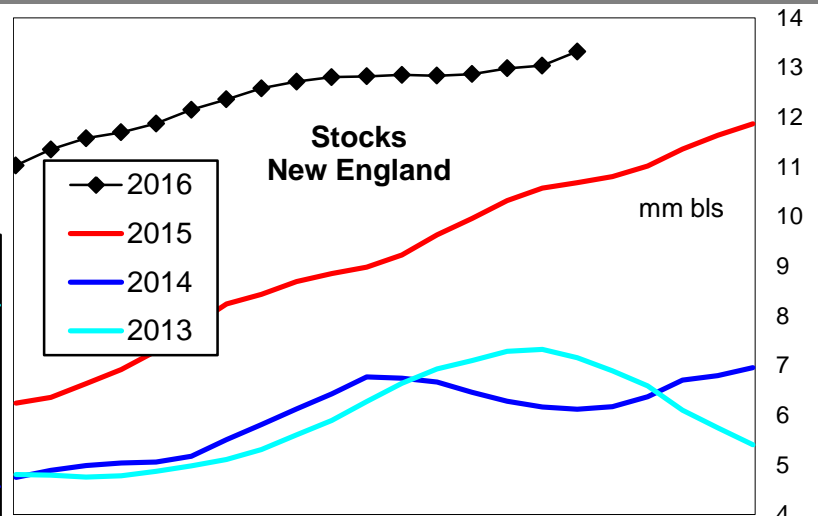
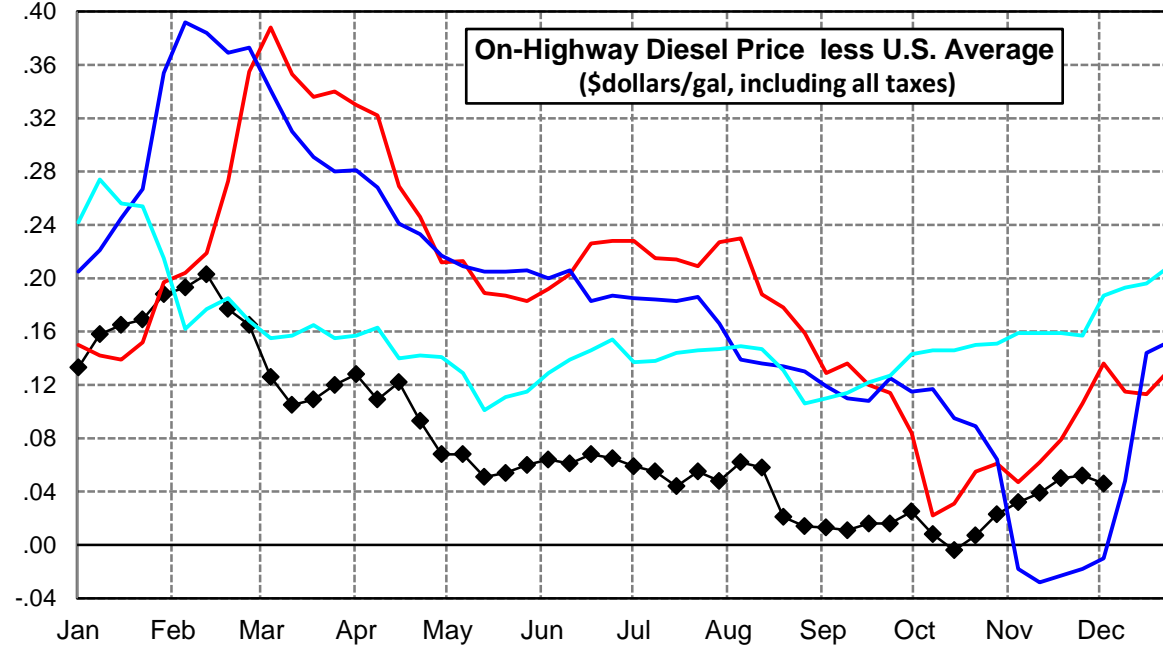
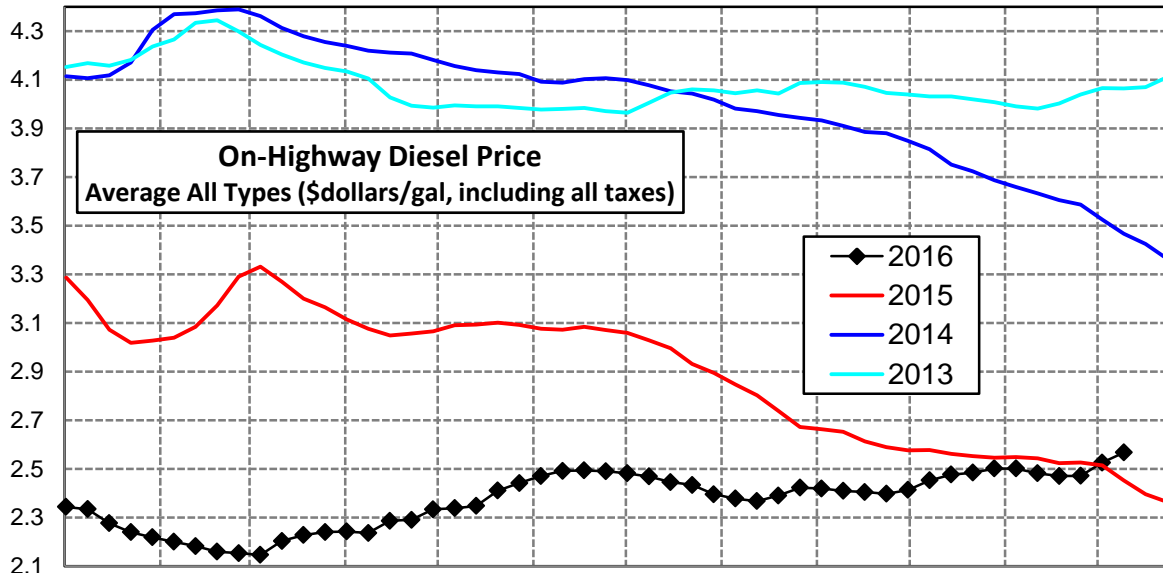
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Weekly Retail On-Highway Diesel Prices					
Region	Actual Price week ending 1/			Forecast 2/	Change from week
	21Nov16	28Nov16	05Dec16	12Dec16	
<b>Central Atlantic</b>	\$2.549	\$2.549	\$2.602	<b>\$2.648</b>	\$0.046
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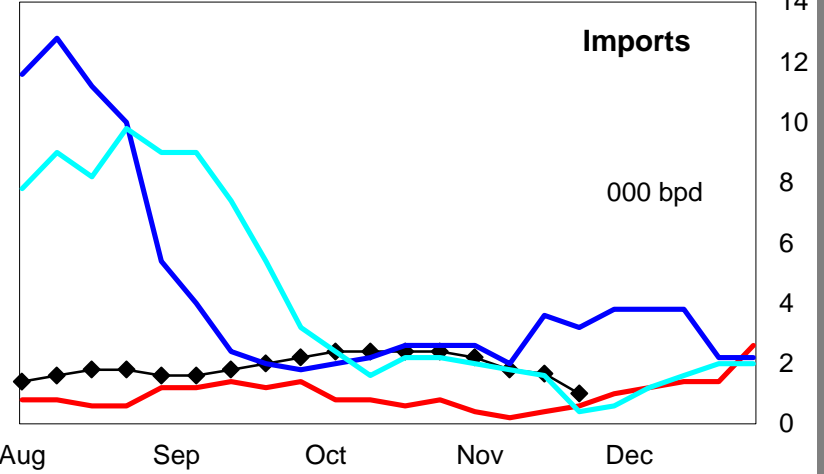
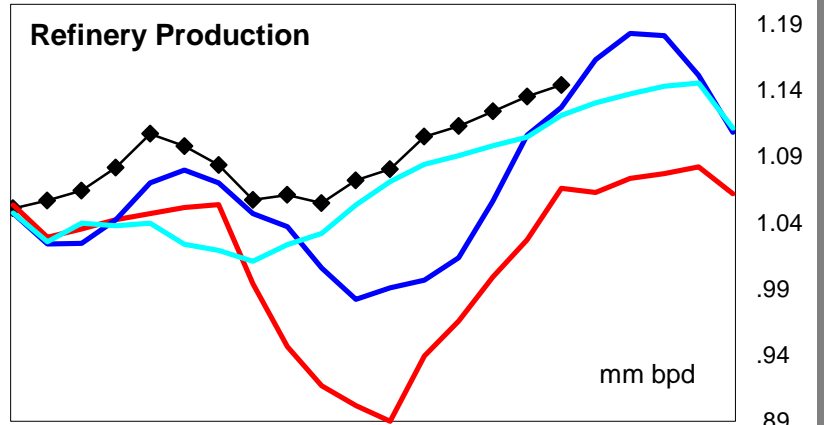
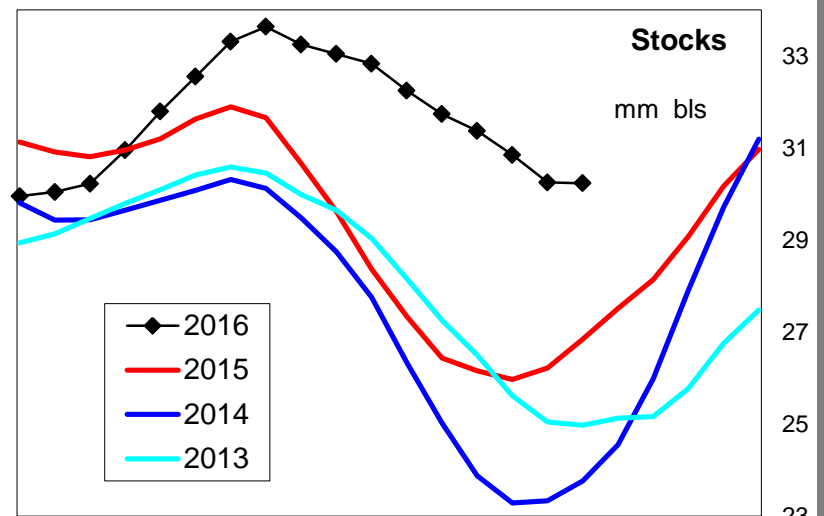
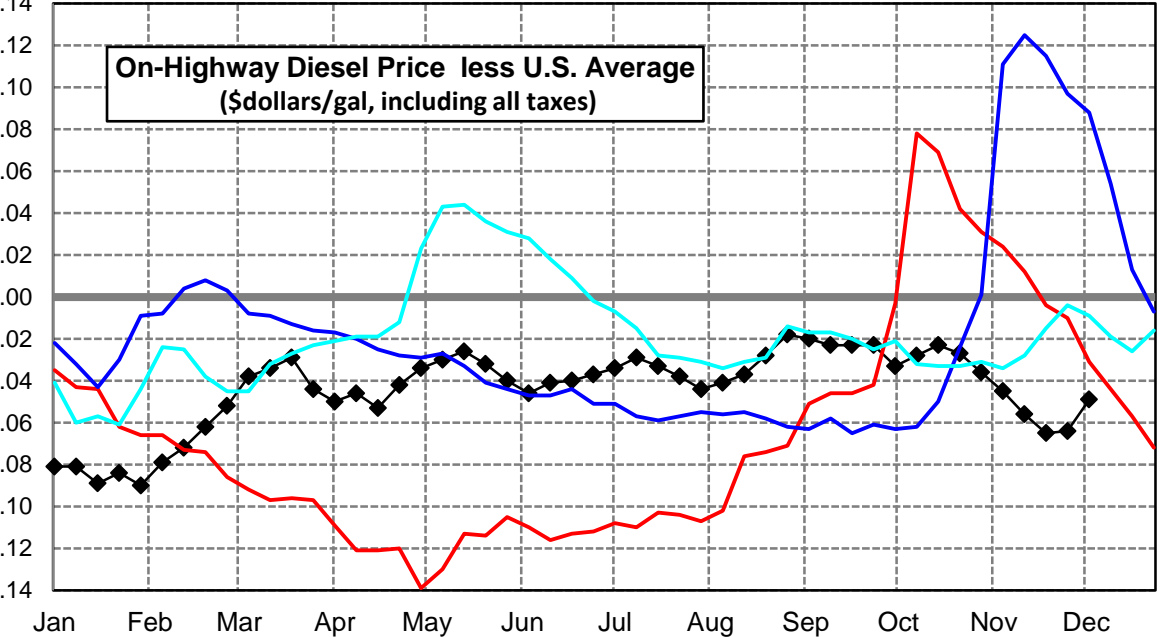
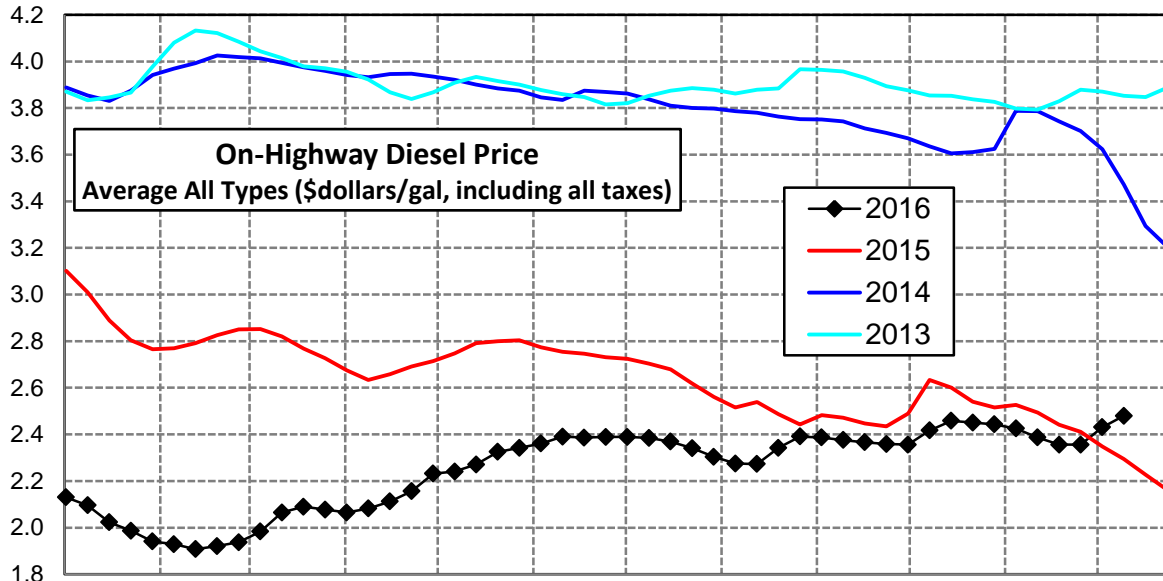
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Region	Actual Price week ending 1/			Forecast 2/	Change from week
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<b>New England</b>	\$2.471	\$2.472	\$2.526	<b>\$2.568</b>	\$0.042
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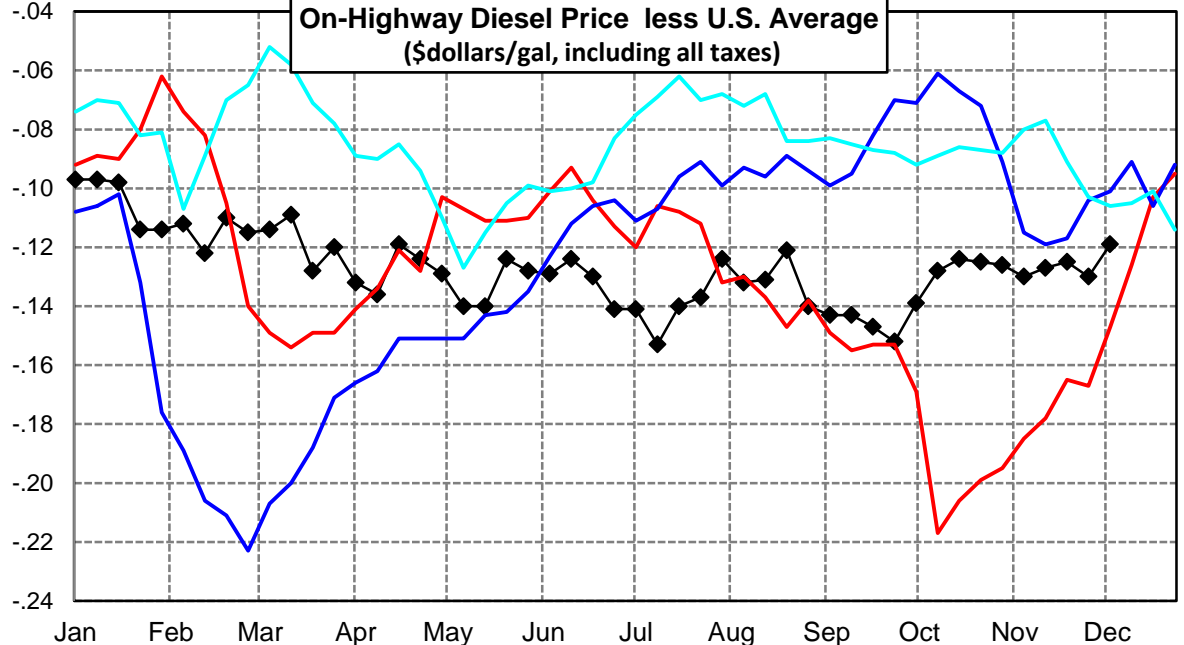
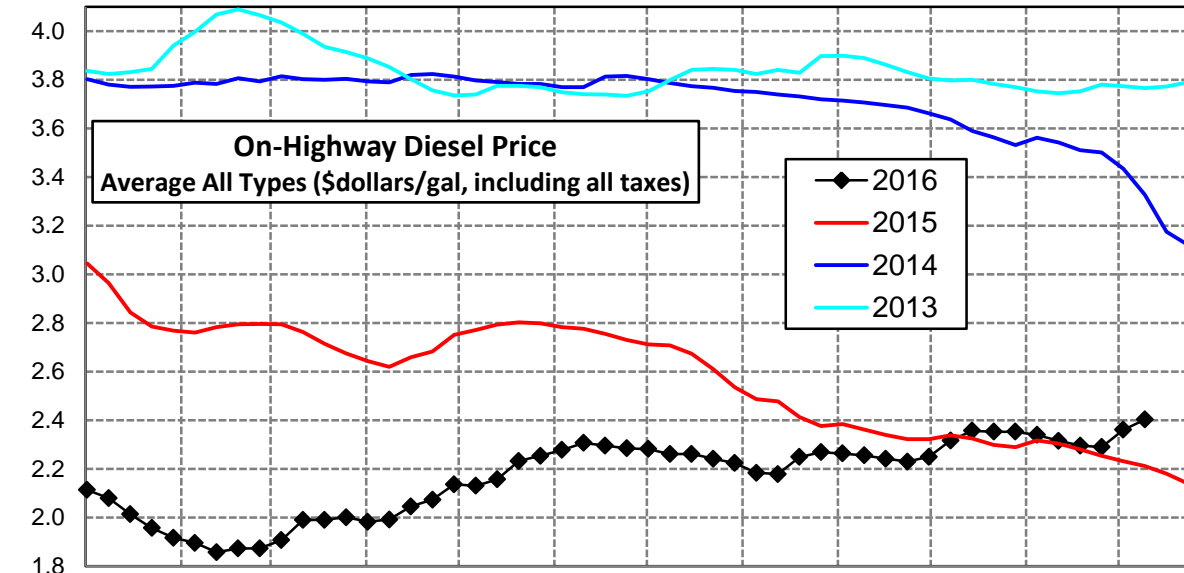
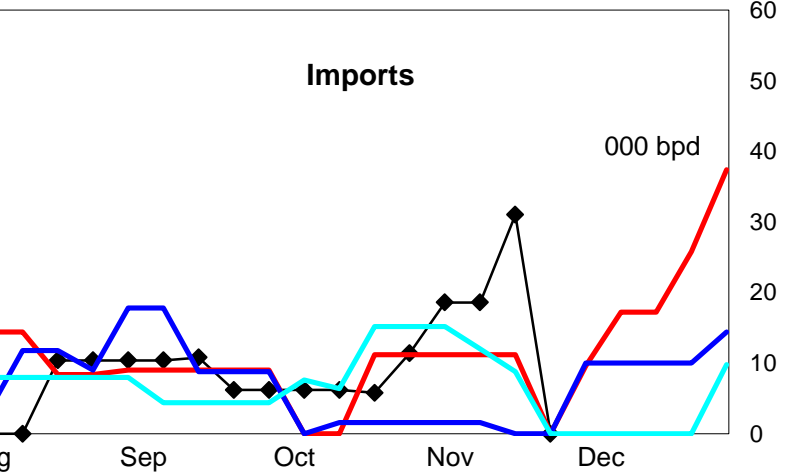
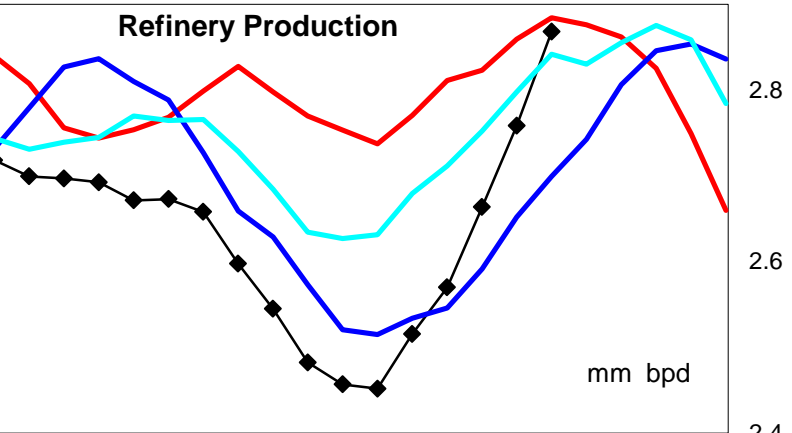
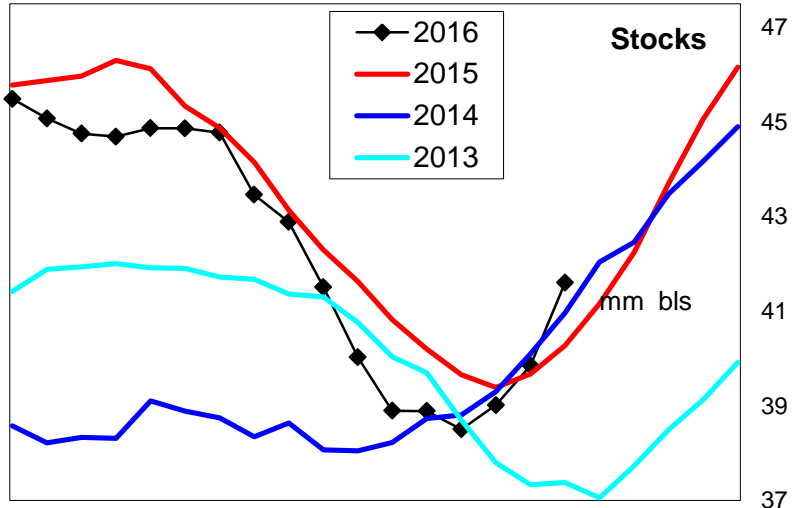
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Region	Actual Price week ending 1/			Forecast 2/	Change from week
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<b>Midwest</b>	\$2.356	\$2.356	\$2.431	<b>\$2.480</b>	\$0.049
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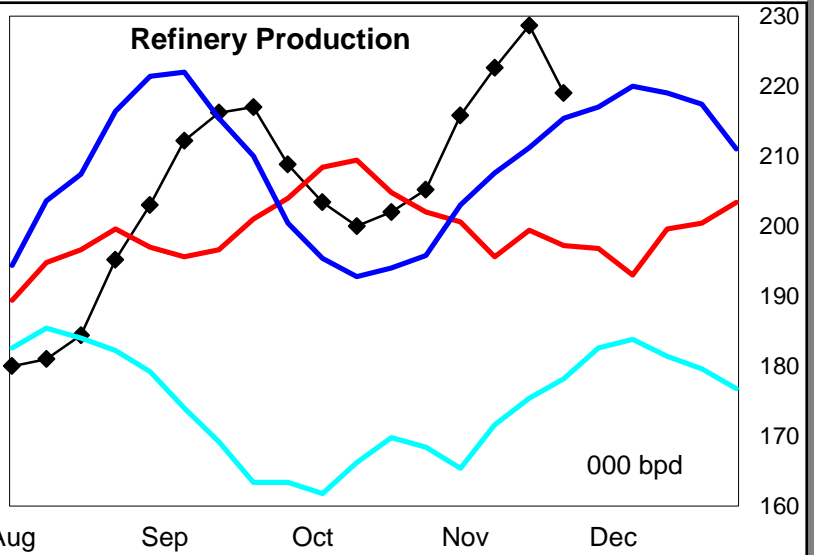
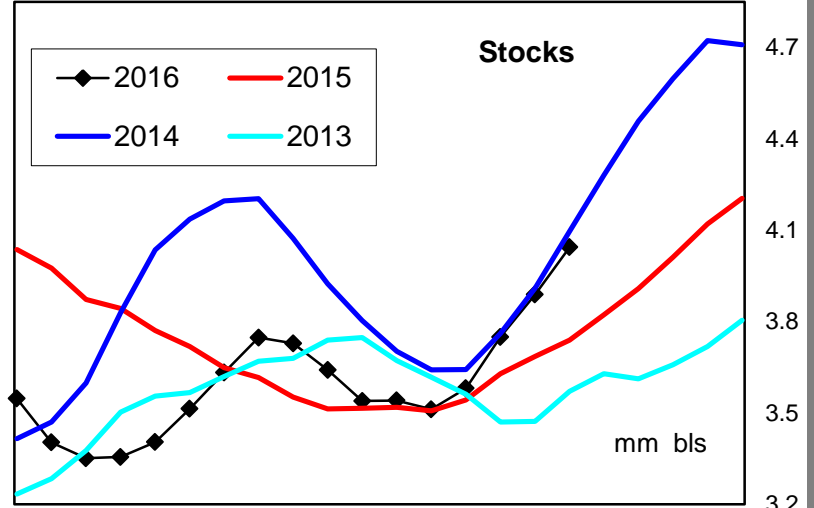
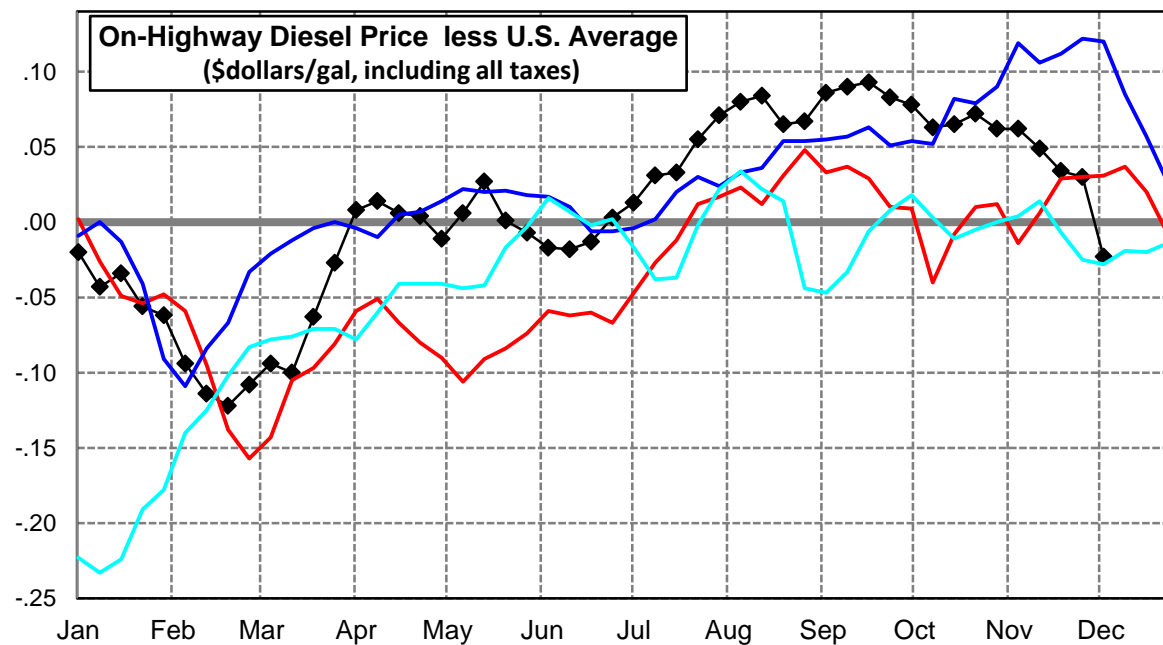
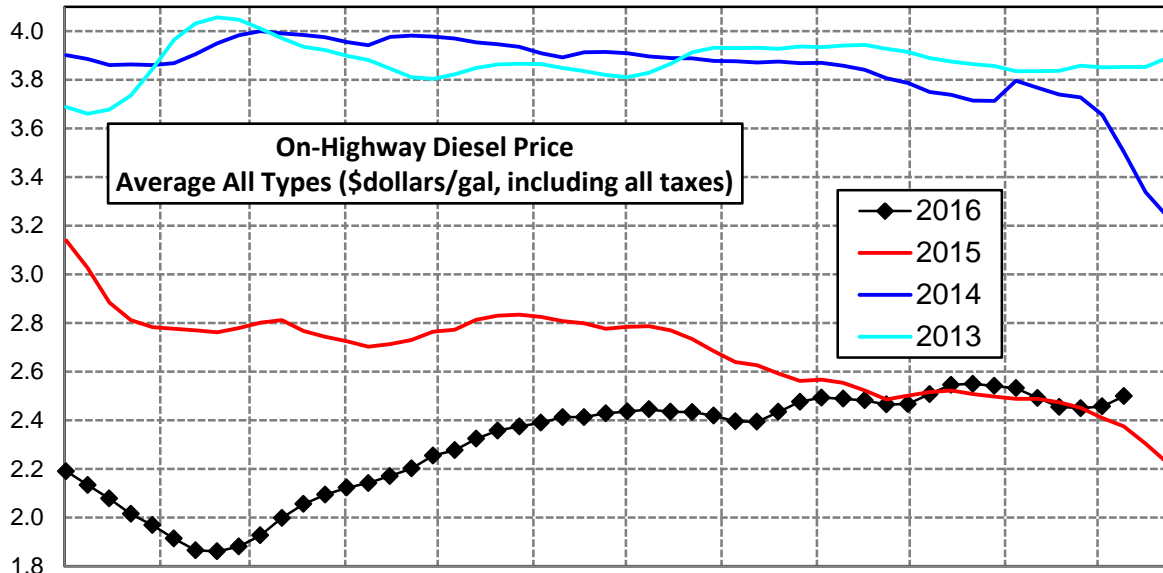
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Region	Actual Price week ending 1/			Forecast 2/	Change from week
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<b>Gulf Coast</b>	\$2.296	\$2.290	\$2.361	<b>\$2.403</b>	\$0.042
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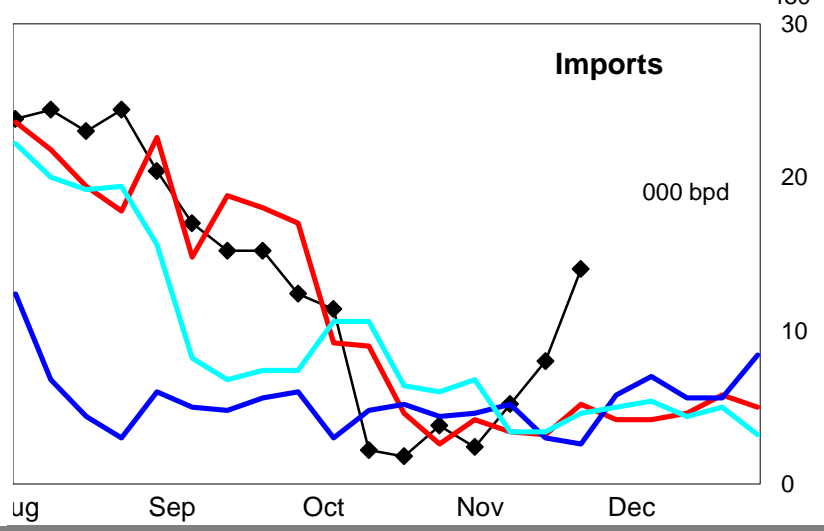
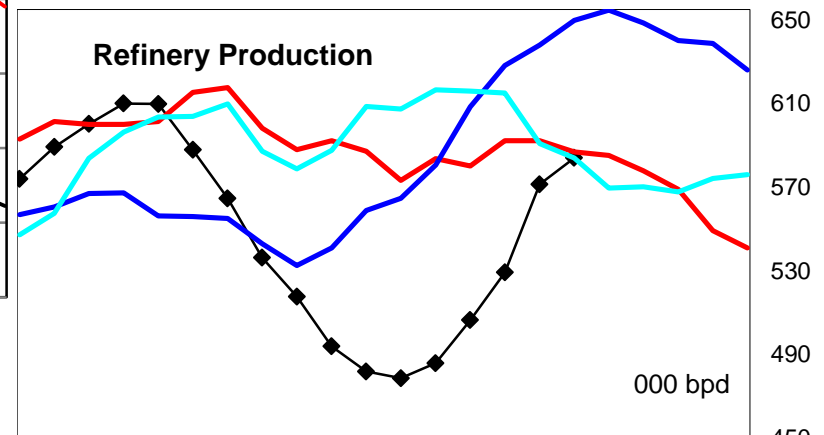
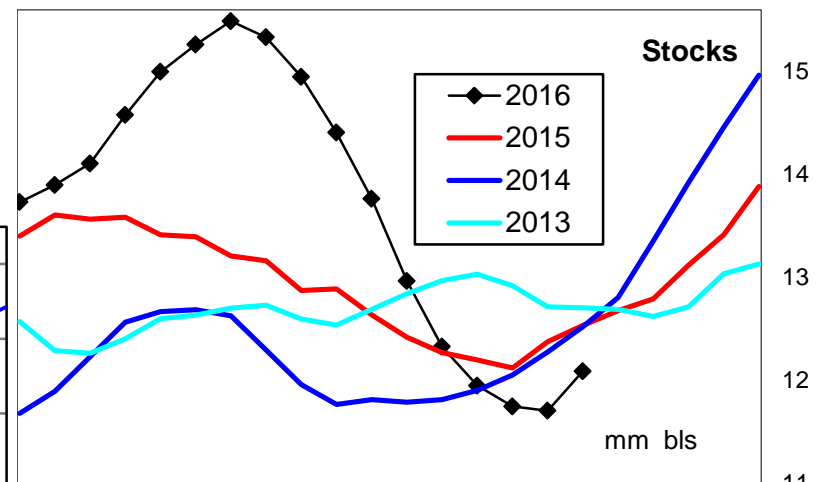
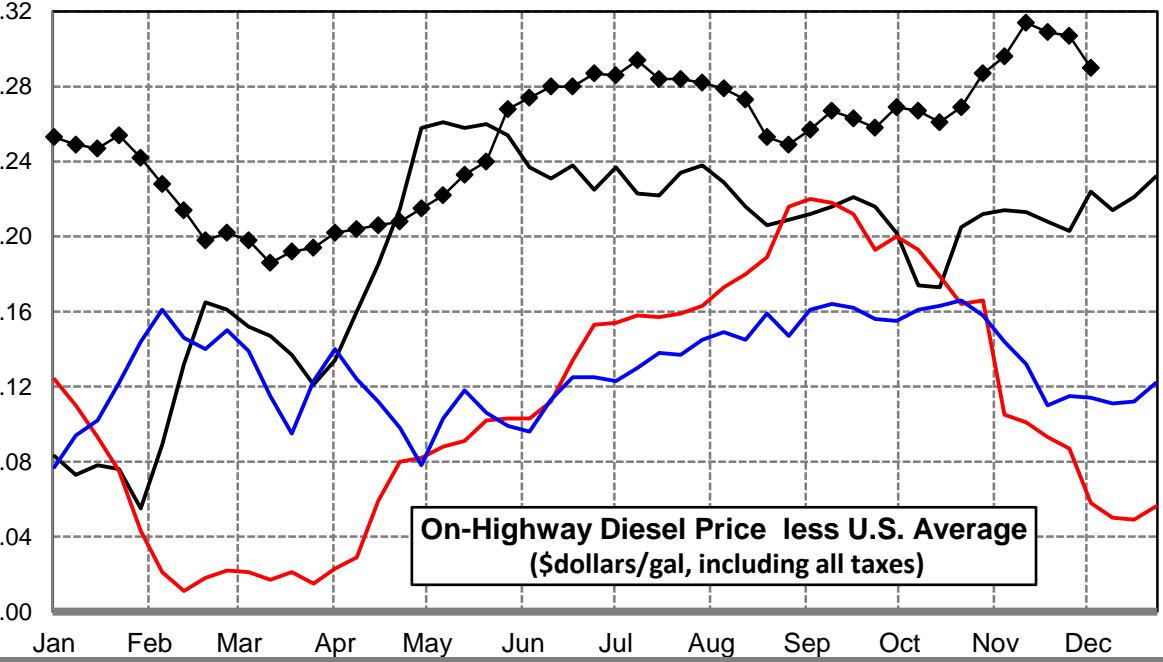
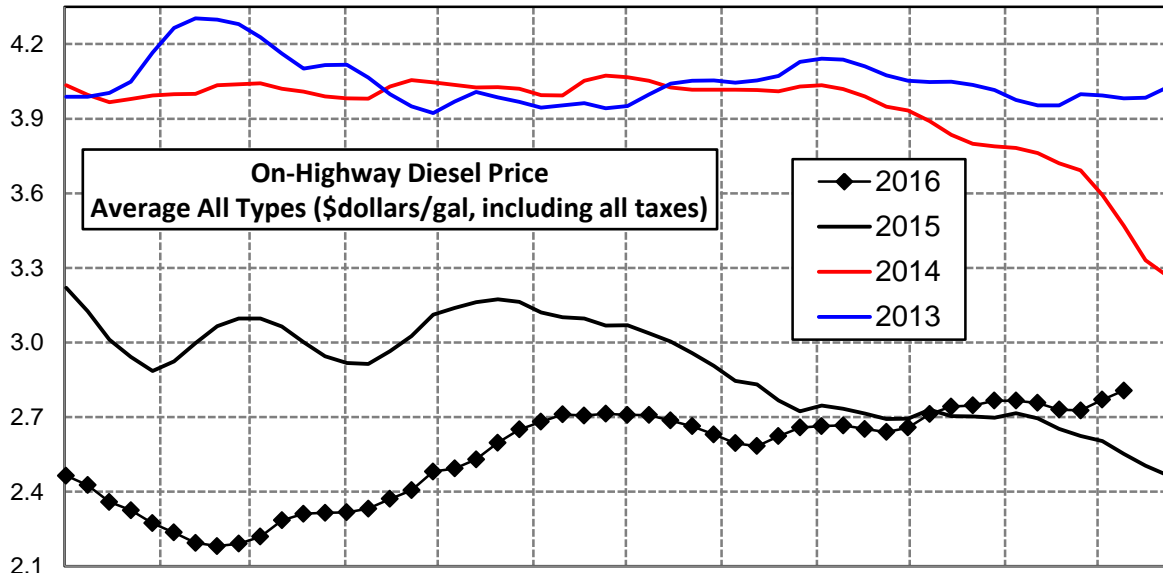
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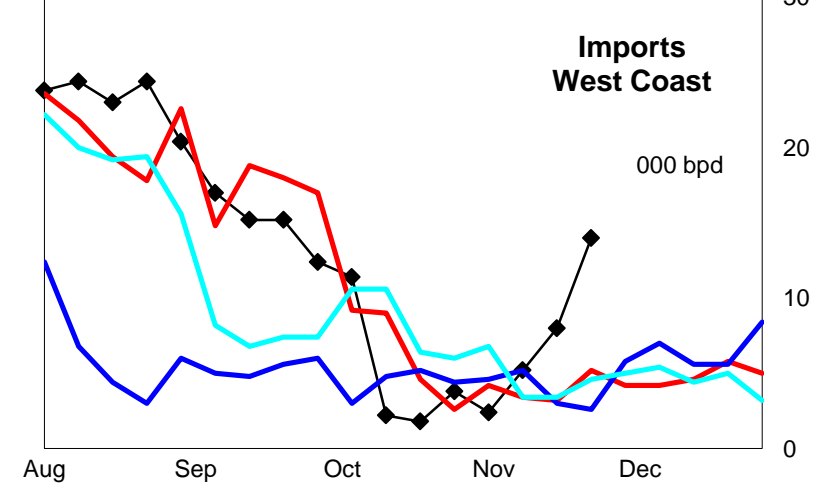
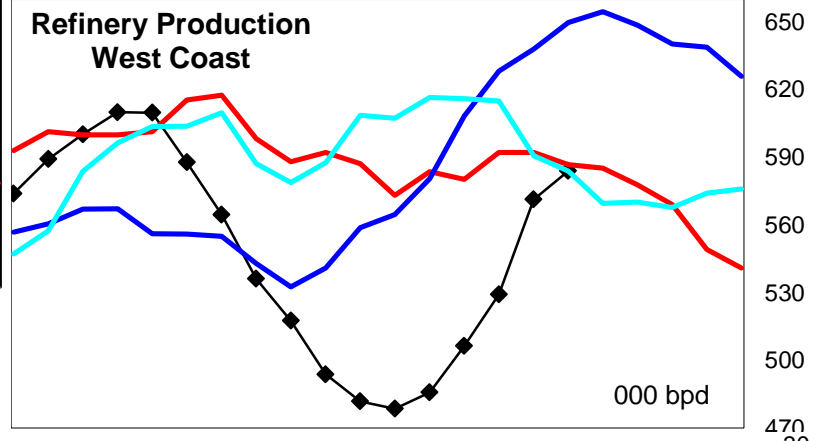
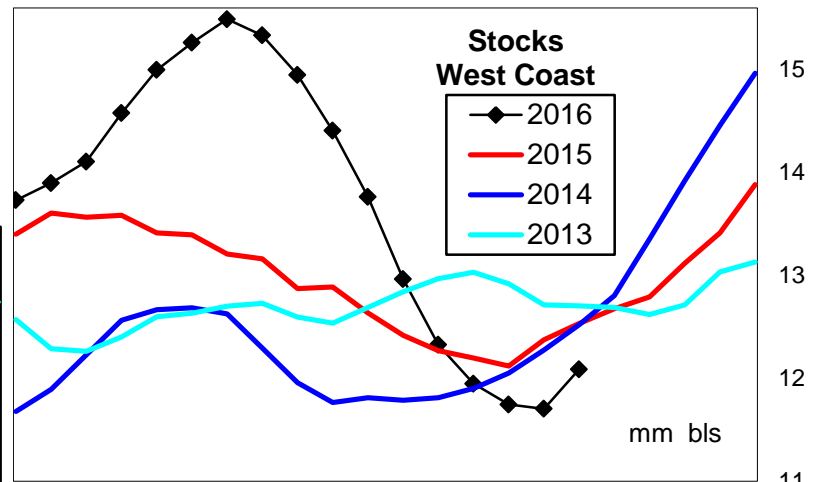
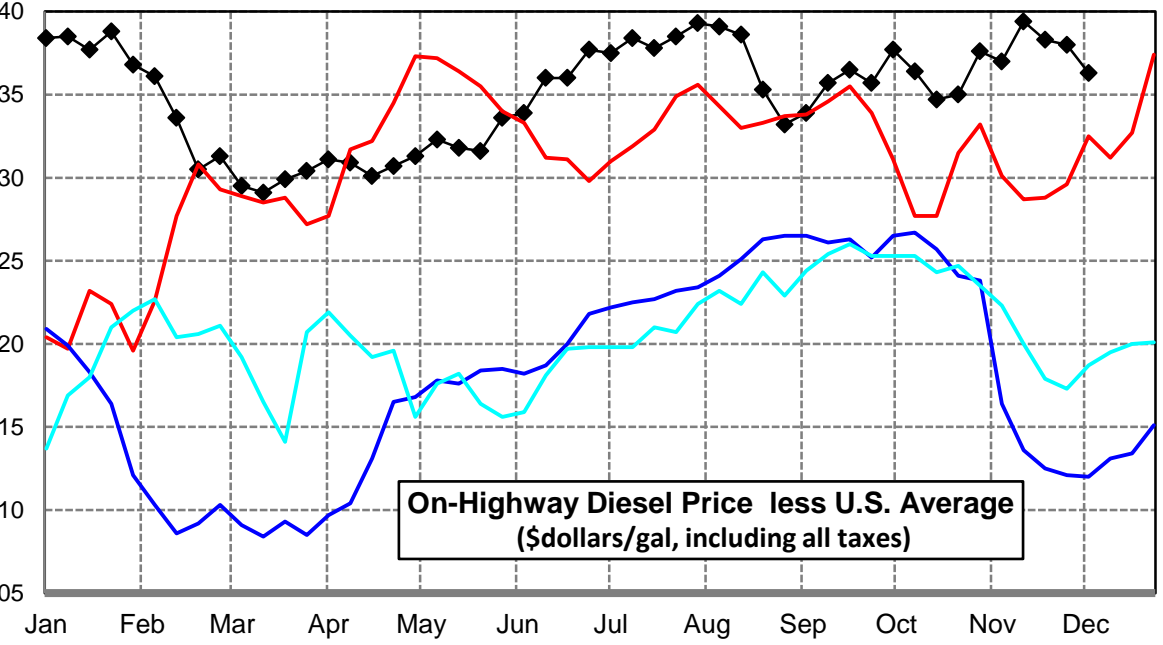
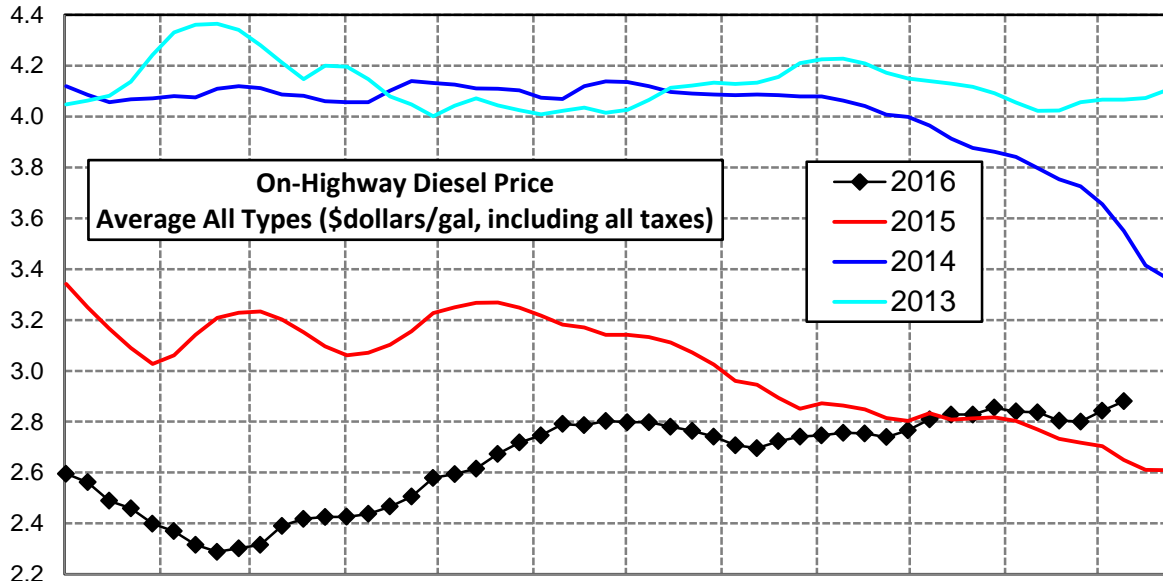
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<b>West Coast</b>	\$2.730	\$2.727	\$2.770	<b>\$2.807</b>	\$0.037
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### California Diesel Supply Fundamentals and On-Highway Price Trends

Weekly Retail On-Highway Diesel Prices					
Region	Actual Price week ending 1/			Forecast 2/	Change from week
	21Nov16	28Nov16	05Dec16	12Dec16	
<b>California</b>	\$2.804	\$2.800	\$2.843	<b>\$2.880</b>	\$0.037
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Week ending	Weekly On-Highway Diesel Prices									
	Average All Types (\$dollars/gal, including all taxes)									
	United States	East Coast	New England	Central Atlantic	Lower Atlantic	Mid West	Gulf Coast	Rocky Mtn	West Coast	California
Mon-04-Jan-16	2.211	2.260	2.344	2.391	2.143	2.130	2.114	2.191	2.464	2.595
Mon-11-Jan-16	2.177	2.229	2.335	2.350	2.116	2.096	2.080	2.134	2.426	2.562
Mon-18-Jan-16	2.112	2.174	2.277	2.305	2.054	2.023	2.014	2.078	2.359	2.489
Mon-25-Jan-16	2.071	2.140	2.240	2.264	2.025	1.987	1.957	2.015	2.325	2.459
Mon-01-Feb-16	2.031	2.111	2.219	2.239	1.992	1.941	1.917	1.969	2.273	2.399
Mon-08-Feb-16	2.008	2.087	2.201	2.224	1.959	1.929	1.896	1.914	2.236	2.369
Mon-15-Feb-16	1.980	2.069	2.183	2.197	1.947	1.908	1.858	1.866	2.194	2.316
Mon-22-Feb-16	1.983	2.059	2.160	2.184	1.944	1.921	1.873	1.861	2.181	2.288
Mon-29-Feb-16	1.989	2.054	2.154	2.171	1.945	1.937	1.874	1.881	2.191	2.302
Mon-07-Mar-16	2.021	2.077	2.147	2.188	1.979	1.983	1.907	1.927	2.219	2.316
Mon-14-Mar-16	2.099	2.153	2.204	2.249	2.070	2.065	1.990	1.999	2.285	2.390
Mon-21-Mar-16	2.119	2.172	2.228	2.280	2.079	2.090	1.991	2.056	2.311	2.418
Mon-28-Mar-16	2.121	2.179	2.241	2.292	2.081	2.077	2.001	2.094	2.315	2.425
Mon-04-Apr-16	2.115	2.179	2.243	2.296	2.077	2.065	1.983	2.123	2.317	2.426
Mon-11-Apr-16	2.128	2.187	2.237	2.301	2.090	2.082	1.992	2.142	2.332	2.437
Mon-18-Apr-16	2.165	2.220	2.287	2.325	2.126	2.112	2.046	2.171	2.371	2.466
Mon-25-Apr-16	2.198	2.244	2.291	2.343	2.159	2.156	2.074	2.202	2.406	2.505
Mon-02-May-16	2.266	2.306	2.334	2.396	2.232	2.232	2.137	2.255	2.481	2.579
Mon-09-May-16	2.271	2.309	2.339	2.402	2.232	2.241	2.131	2.277	2.493	2.594
Mon-16-May-16	2.297	2.321	2.348	2.410	2.248	2.271	2.157	2.324	2.530	2.615
Mon-23-May-16	2.357	2.379	2.411	2.464	2.308	2.325	2.233	2.358	2.597	2.673
Mon-30-May-16	2.382	2.405	2.442	2.505	2.322	2.342	2.254	2.375	2.650	2.718
Mon-06-Jun-16	2.407	2.436	2.471	2.522	2.363	2.361	2.278	2.390	2.681	2.746
Mon-13-Jun-16	2.431	2.449	2.492	2.537	2.372	2.390	2.307	2.413	2.711	2.791
Mon-20-Jun-16	2.426	2.443	2.494	2.542	2.358	2.386	2.296	2.413	2.706	2.786
Mon-27-Jun-16	2.426	2.442	2.491	2.535	2.361	2.389	2.285	2.429	2.713	2.803
Mon-04-Jul-16	2.423	2.438	2.482	2.535	2.355	2.389	2.282	2.436	2.709	2.798
Mon-11-Jul-16	2.414	2.424	2.469	2.521	2.341	2.385	2.261	2.445	2.708	2.798
Mon-18-Jul-16	2.402	2.411	2.446	2.503	2.332	2.369	2.262	2.435	2.686	2.780
Mon-25-Jul-16	2.379	2.387	2.434	2.481	2.306	2.341	2.242	2.434	2.663	2.764
Mon-01-Aug-16	2.348	2.354	2.396	2.441	2.279	2.304	2.224	2.419	2.630	2.741
Mon-08-Aug-16	2.316	2.321	2.378	2.412	2.241	2.275	2.184	2.396	2.595	2.707
Mon-15-Aug-16	2.310	2.314	2.368	2.406	2.233	2.273	2.179	2.394	2.583	2.696
Mon-22-Aug-16	2.370	2.367	2.391	2.457	2.294	2.342	2.249	2.435	2.623	2.723
Mon-29-Aug-16	2.409	2.410	2.423	2.496	2.341	2.391	2.269	2.476	2.658	2.741
Mon-05-Sep-16	2.407	2.408	2.420	2.499	2.335	2.387	2.264	2.493	2.664	2.746
Mon-12-Sep-16	2.399	2.399	2.410	2.495	2.323	2.376	2.256	2.489	2.666	2.756
Mon-19-Sep-16	2.389	2.391	2.405	2.485	2.316	2.366	2.242	2.482	2.652	2.754
Mon-26-Sep-16	2.382	2.393	2.398	2.489	2.318	2.359	2.230	2.465	2.640	2.739
Mon-03-Oct-16	2.389	2.398	2.414	2.486	2.327	2.356	2.250	2.467	2.658	2.766
Mon-10-Oct-16	2.445	2.441	2.453	2.54	2.363	2.417	2.317	2.508	2.712	2.809
Mon-17-Oct-16	2.481	2.472	2.477	2.579	2.389	2.458	2.357	2.546	2.742	2.828
Mon-24-Oct-16	2.478	2.468	2.485	2.581	2.378	2.451	2.353	2.550	2.747	2.828
Mon-31-Oct-16	2.479	2.475	2.502	2.583	2.388	2.443	2.353	2.541	2.766	2.855
Mon-07-Nov-16	2.470	2.474	2.502	2.584	2.384	2.425	2.340	2.532	2.766	2.840
Mon-14-Nov-16	2.443	2.453	2.482	2.564	2.363	2.387	2.316	2.492	2.757	2.837
Mon-21-Nov-16	2.421	2.442	2.471	2.549	2.355	2.356	2.296	2.455	2.730	2.804
Mon-28-Nov-16	2.420	2.446	2.472	2.549	2.361	2.356	2.290	2.450	2.727	2.800
Mon-05-Dec-16	2.480	2.499	2.526	2.602	2.415	2.431	2.361	2.457	2.770	2.843
Mon-12-Dec-16	2.523	2.546	2.568	2.648	2.458	2.480	2.403	2.499	2.807	2.880
Mon-19-Dec-16										
Mon-26-Dec-16										

## Glossary and Definitions Weekly Diesel Price -Fundamental Trends Report

**U.S. Energy Information Administration:** Source of weekly supply -demand diesel (distillate) fundamental data gathered through weekly survey of refiners, blenders, marketers, distributors.

**Weekly Retail On-Highway Diesel Prices:** Prepared by the EIA through a weekly survey of retail diesel marketers conducted each Monday. Many transportation firms use this data source to set fuel surcharge rates.

**Gulf Coast ULSD (ultra low sulfur distillate) Spot Market Prices:** Daily price data provided to the EIA by Thomson Reuters. Weekly data is an un weighted average of the daily prices.

**Regional Markets:** The EIA has defined five regions called PADD's for Petroleum Administration for Defense Districts which are used to aggregate weekly supply demand fundamental statistics as well as retail On-Highway diesel prices. Those regions are illustrated on the U.S. Map, Page 2 of this report. In addition the EIA provides prices for the state of California, and three sub regions of PADD 1; New England, Central Atlantic and Lower Atlantic.

**On-Highway Diesel Price less U.S. Average:** This is the difference between the specific regional market and the U.S. Average price. The variance reflects differences in refining cost, wholesale distribution cost, product grade specifications, taxes, and market power by marketers to set prices.

Temporary variations also reflect the relative supply -demand balance; for example during periods that Eastern Canadian refiners are down for maintenance diesel supplies in the New England Region may become very tight, thus driving up the premium that New England prices have over the U.S. average price.

This difference also reflects the '**basis risk**' which a transport firm operating in a specific region experiences if using the U.S. Average price to hedge fuel cost or set fuel surcharge rates.

**Week ahead On-Highway Retail Diesel Price Forecast:** Prepared by Fundamental Petroleum Trends Reports using spot and futures market prices as reported by the EIA, and seasonal indices in proprietary statistical models.