

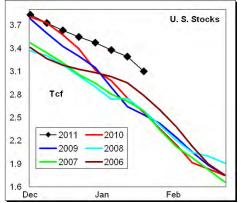
#### WEEKLY NATURAL GAS SUPPLY and PRICE TRENDS

A Fundamental Petroleum Trends Weekly Report

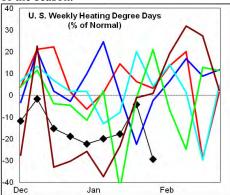
Lehi German Tel: 816.505.0980 <a href="https://www.fundamentalpetroleumtrends.com">www.fundamentalpetroleumtrends.com</a> Thursday, January 26, 2012



Summary <sup>1</sup> The stock draw of -192 Bcf for the week matched last years' record draw for the period. Stock levels ended the week +21% above last year.



Heating degree days for last week were -4% below normal, underlying the large stock draw for the week. HDD's are forecast to be -29% below normal for the current week, the largest % below normal of the season.



In the East Region stocks decreased -122 Bcf for the week, a record draw for the period. Stocks declined -27 Bcf in the West Region, a draw greater than the average. The stock draw of -43 Bcf in the Producing Region matched the mid range.

Heating degree days were -1% below normal in the East Region, equal to normal in the West Region and -29% below normal in the Producing Region for the week ending 21Jan12.

**Heating degree days** were -4% below normal for the week ended 21Jan12, and

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National Weather Service 6-10 Day

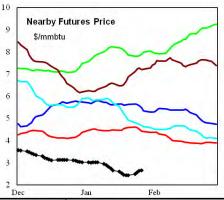
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forecast to be -29% below normal for the week ending 28Jan12.

The 6-10 day NWS forecast for the week ending 04Feb12 is for below normal heating degree days across the country.

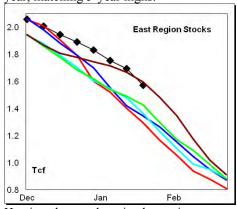
The 8-14 day NWS forecast for the week ending 08Feb12 is for an extension of the 6-10 day outlook: warmer than normal over nearly the entire country.

Prices: Nearby gas futures prices bounced +\$0.33/mmbtu higher for the week ending 26Jan12. The current price is -\$1.85/mmbtu below the prior 5-year low for this time of year.



The 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> month forward price curve increased last week, for the period ending 26Jan12; with the level below the 5-year range.

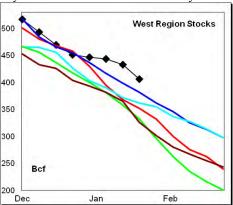
**East Region** stocks decreased -122 Bcf for the week, a record draw for the week. The current stock level was +21% above last year, matching 5-year highs.



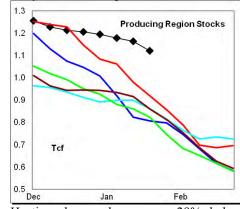
Heating degree days in the region were -1% below normal for the week ending 21Jan12, and forecast to be -29% below normal for the week ending 28Jan12. Below normal heating degree days are forecast for the next 10-days.

West Region stocks decreased -27 Bcf on the week, a larger than average draw. Stock levels ended the week +15% above last year and above the 5-year range. The latest 4-wk stock draw was the smallest of the last 5-years.

Heating degree days were normal for the week ending 21Jan12, and forecast to be -17% below normal for the week ending 28Jan12. Below normal heating degree days are forecast for the next 10-days.



Producing Region stocks experienced a draw of -43 Bcf on the week, matching the mid range. The monthly stock draw was near the lowest draw of the last 5-years. Stock levels ended the week +22% above last years' record high.



Heating degree days were -29% below normal for the week ending 21Jan12, and forecast to be -43% below normal for the week ending 28Jan12. Below normal heating degree days are forecast for the next 10-days.

Residual Fuel Oil Switching: The price spread between fuel oil and natural gas remains highly favorable for gas.

**Outlook**: Several drilling companies have announced cuts in drilling for gas because of oversupply, which will impact longer term supplies. HDD's are forecast to be -29% below normal for the current week, the lowest of the winter season. Regional markets remain extremely over supplied, with risk of another downtrend in prices during the current heating season.

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## NATURAL GAS: Graph Link and Weekly Summary

Report prepared as of: January 26, 2012 For the week ending: 20-Jan-12

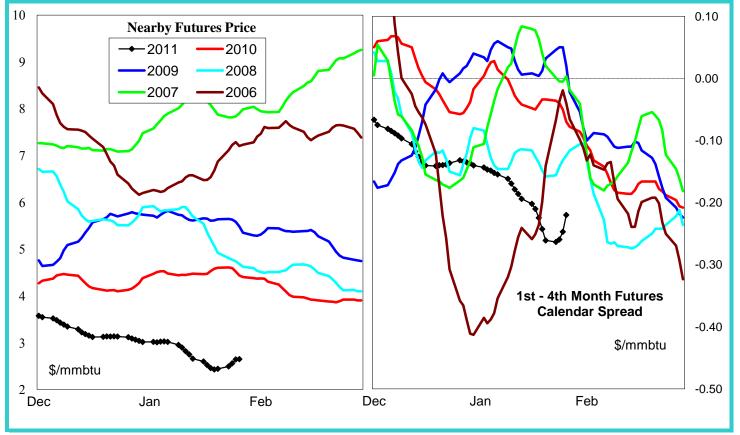
Weekly Trends in Stocks and Heating Degree Days for the week ending:										
Week ending:	20-Jan-12		14-Jan-12		21-Jan-12		28-Jan-12			
	Weekly Stocks			Weekly Heating Degree Days						
Region		Change v	s prior:	Change vs	% of	Change vs	% of	Change vs	% of	
	Bcf	Week Bcf	Year (%)	prior week	normal	prior week	normal	prior week	normal	
U.S. Total	3,098	-192	20.7	8	-18%	32	-4%	-63	-29%	
East	1,571	-122	21.3	2	-18%	47	-1%	-77	-29%	
West	406	-27	15.3	30	-17%	34	0%	-41	-17%	
Producing	1,121	-43	21.8	16	-16%	-23	-29%	-26	-43%	

Seasonal Trends in Stocks and Heating Degree Days

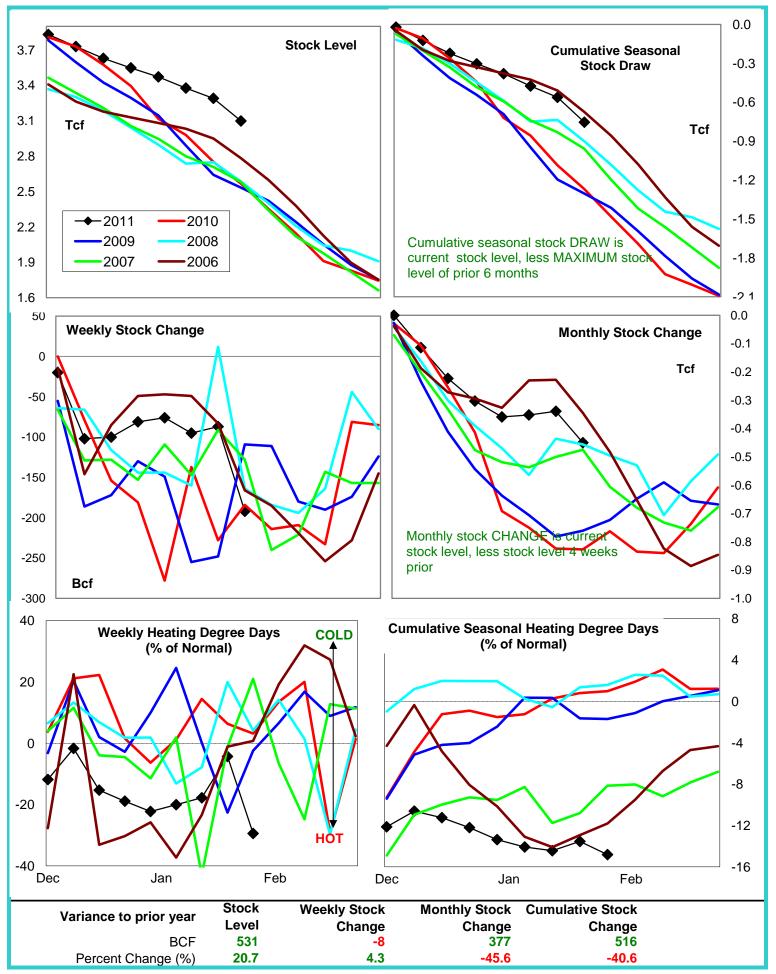
	Cumulative Stock Change			Cumulative Heating Degree Days						
		Change vs	prior year	CHDD's vs	% of	CHDD's vs	% of	CHDD's vs	% of	
	Bcf	Bcf	%	normal	normal	normal	normal	normal	normal	
U.S. Total	-754	516	-68.4	196	-14.4	228	-13.5	166	-14.8	
East	-520	272	-52.3	216	-15.7	263	-14.4	186	-15.5	
West	-111	56	-50.5	180	-11.8	214	-10.8	174	-11.2	
Producing	-140	192	-137.1	139	-9.2	116	-11.1	91	-13.8	

**Futures Market Price Trends** 

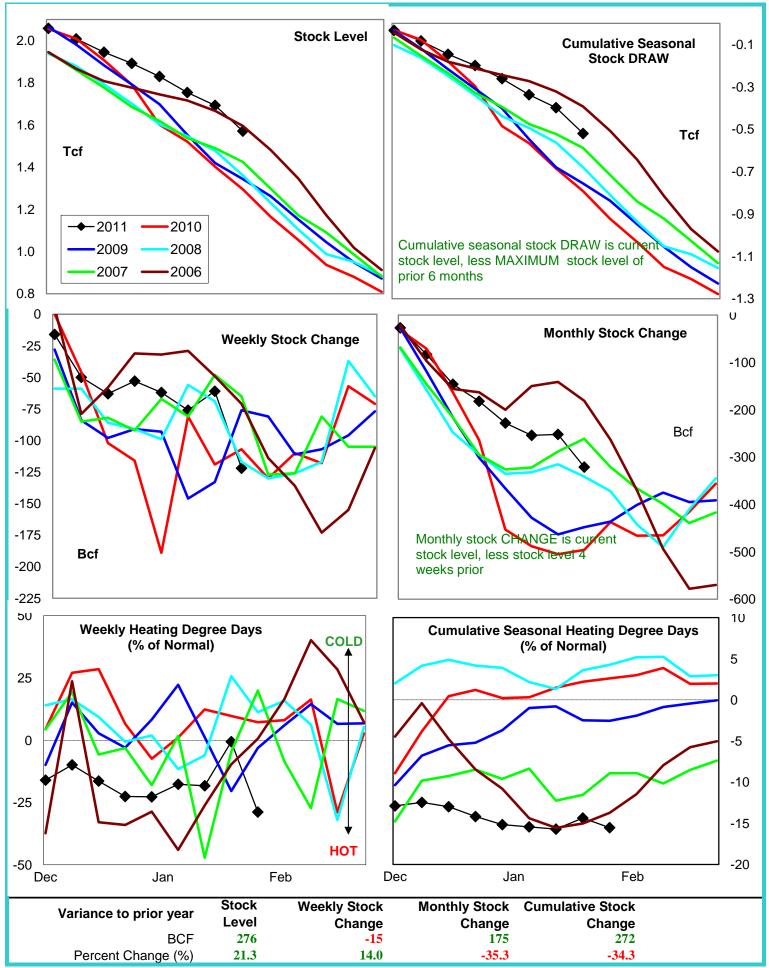
Doto	26-Jan-12	Change vs prior week, month, year					
Date:	20-jan-12	20-Jan-12	28-Dec-11	25-Jan-11			
1st month							
Futures	2.65	0.31	-0.34	-1.39			
% change	XXXXX	13.1	-11.3	-34.4			



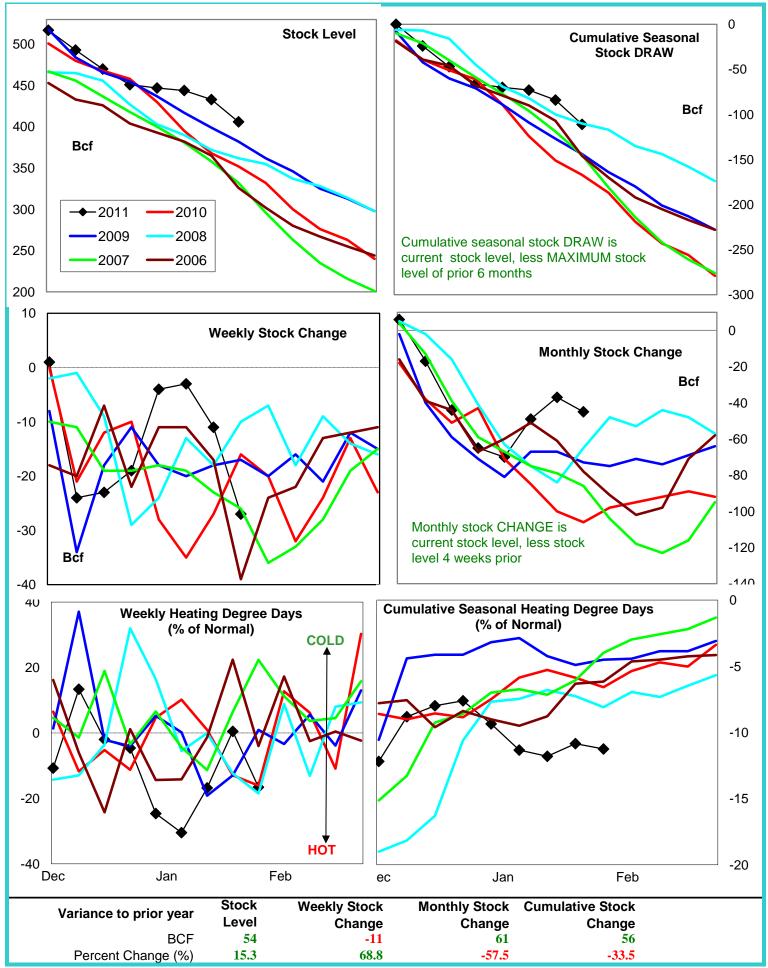
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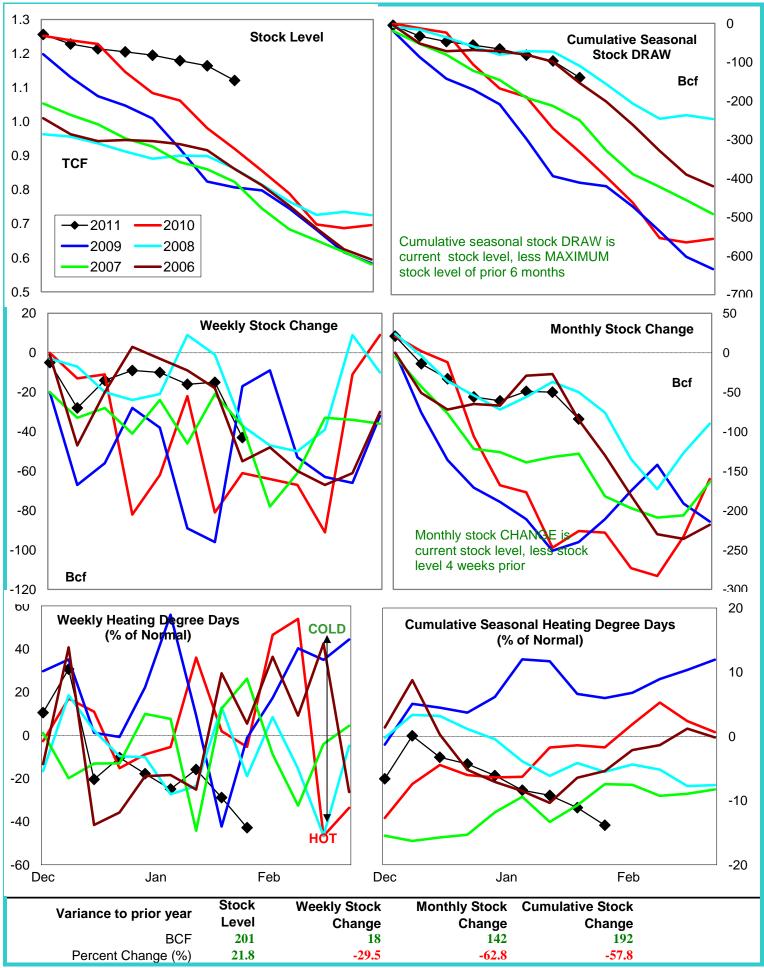
#### **Natural Gas East Region Stock and Weather Trends**



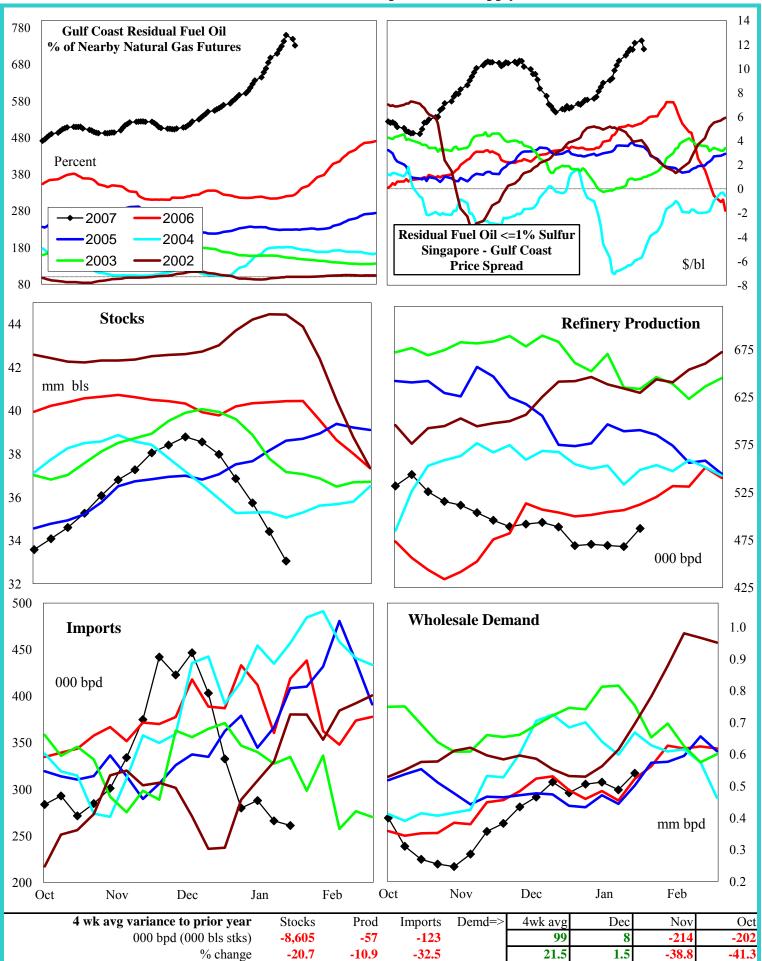
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#### **Natural Gas Producing Region Stock and Weather Trends**

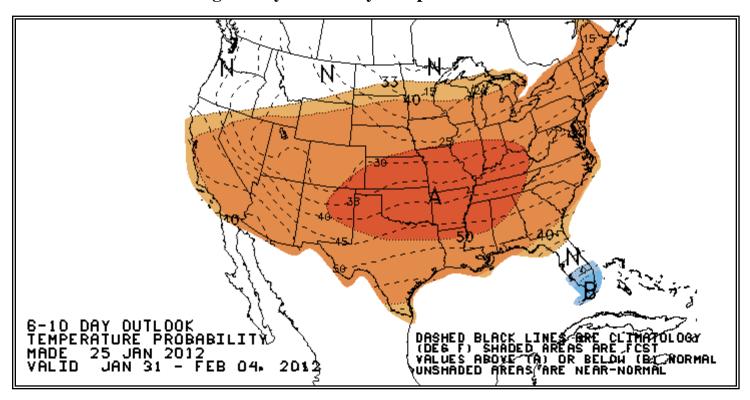


#### U.S. Residual Fuel Oil Price Spreads and Supply Balance

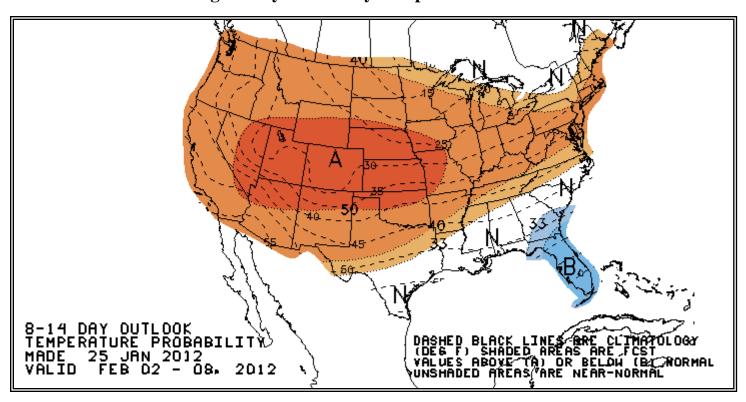


#### **National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center**

### **Degree Days 6 - 10 Day Temperature Forecast**



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