

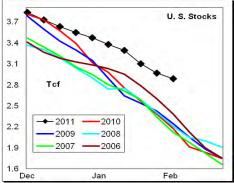
#### WEEKLY NATURAL GAS SUPPLY and PRICE TRENDS

#### A Fundamental Petroleum Trends Weekly Report

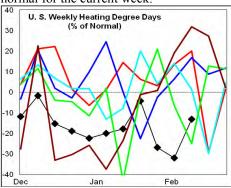
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Summary <sup>1</sup> The stock draw of -78 Bcf for the week was a record low draw for the period (just 1/2 the next lowest draw). Stock levels ended the week +33% above last year.



Heating degree days for last week were below normal, underlying the extremel small stock draw for the week. HDD's are forecast to be -13% below normal for the current week.



In the East Region stocks decreased -59 Bcf for the week, the smallest draw of the last 5-years. Stocks declined -8 Bcf in the West Region, also the smallest draw of the last 5-years. The stock draw of -11 Bcf in the Producing Region compares to the next smallest draw of -50 Bcf during the last 5years.

Heating degree days were -32% below normal in the East Region, -19% below normal in the West Region and -44% below normal in the Producing Region for the week ending 04Feb12.

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**Related Web Sites:** Data Source is EIA Weekly Statistics

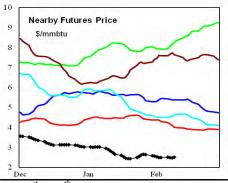
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forecast to be -13% below normal for the week ending 11Feb12.

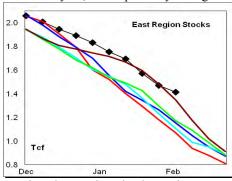
The 6-10 day NWS forecast for the week ending 18Feb12 is for below normal heating degree days across the eastern 1/2 of the country and colder than normal in the western 1/2.

The 8-14 day NWS forecast for the week ending 22Feb12 is for below normal heating degree days in the northeast and great lakes regions, near normal in central states and colder than normal in the southwest.

Prices: Nearby gas futures prices decreased -\$0.03/mmbtu for the week ending 09Feb12. The current price is -\$1.40/mmbtu below the prior 5-year low for this time of year.



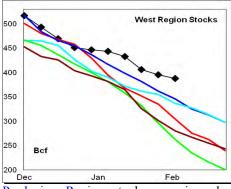
The 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> month forward price curve decreased slightly last week ending 08Feb12; with a 'carry' greater than at any time during the last 5-years for this period. East Region stocks decreased -59 Bcf for the week, the smallest draw of the last 5years. The current stock level was +32% above last year, above prior 5-year highs.



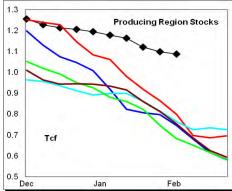
Heating degree days in the region were -32% below normal for the week ending 04Feb12, and forecast to be -17% below normal for the week ending 11Feb12. Below normal heating degree days are forecast for the next 10-days.

West Region stocks decreased -8 Bcf on the week, the smallest draw of the last 5years for the period. Stock levels ended the week +27% above last year and above the 5-year range. The latest 4-wk stock draw matched the smallest of the last 5vears.

Heating degree days were -19% below normal for the week ending 04Feb12, and forecast to be -4% below normal for the week ending 11Feb12. Above normal heating degree days are forecast for the next 10-days.



Producing Region stocks experienced a draw of -11 Bcf on the week, the smallest draw of the last 5-years for the period. The monthly stock draw was less than at any time in the last 5-years for the period. Stock levels ended the week +36% above last years' record high.



Heating degree days were -44% below normal for the week ending 04Feb12, and forecast to be +2% above normal for the week ending 11Feb12. Near 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: Stocks are +33% above a year ago - pointing to extremely high carryout at end of the heating season. Containment problems will force meaningful cuts in production during the 3rd quarter of this year. There is risk prices will drop below earlier record low levels.



# NATURAL GAS: Graph Link and Weekly Summary

Report prepared as of: February 9, 2012 For the week ending: 3-Feb-12

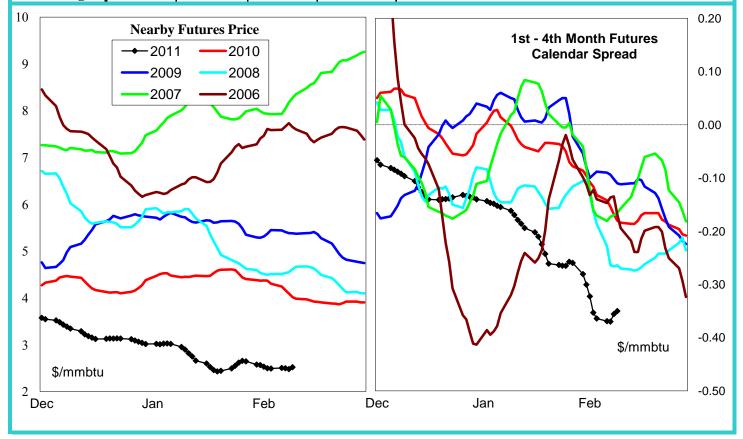
Weekly Trends in Stocks and Heating Degree Days for the week ending:										
Week ending:		3-Feb-12		28-Jai	n-12	4-Feb	-12	11-Feb	-12	
	W	eekly Stock	S		Weel	kly Heating I	Degree Da	ys		
Region		Change v	s prior:	Change vs	% of	Change vs	% of	Change vs	% of	
	Bcf	Week Bcf	Year (%)	prior week	normal	prior week	normal	prior week	normal	
U.S. Total	2,888	-78	32.8	-56	-27%	-16	-32%	36	-13%	
East	1,412	-59	31.8	-70	-26%	-17	-32%	31	-17%	
West	388	-8	27.2	-38	-15%	-13	-19%	23	-4%	
Producing	1,088	-11	36.2	-19	-38%	-13	-44%	58	2%	

Seasonal Trends in Stocks and Heating Degree Days

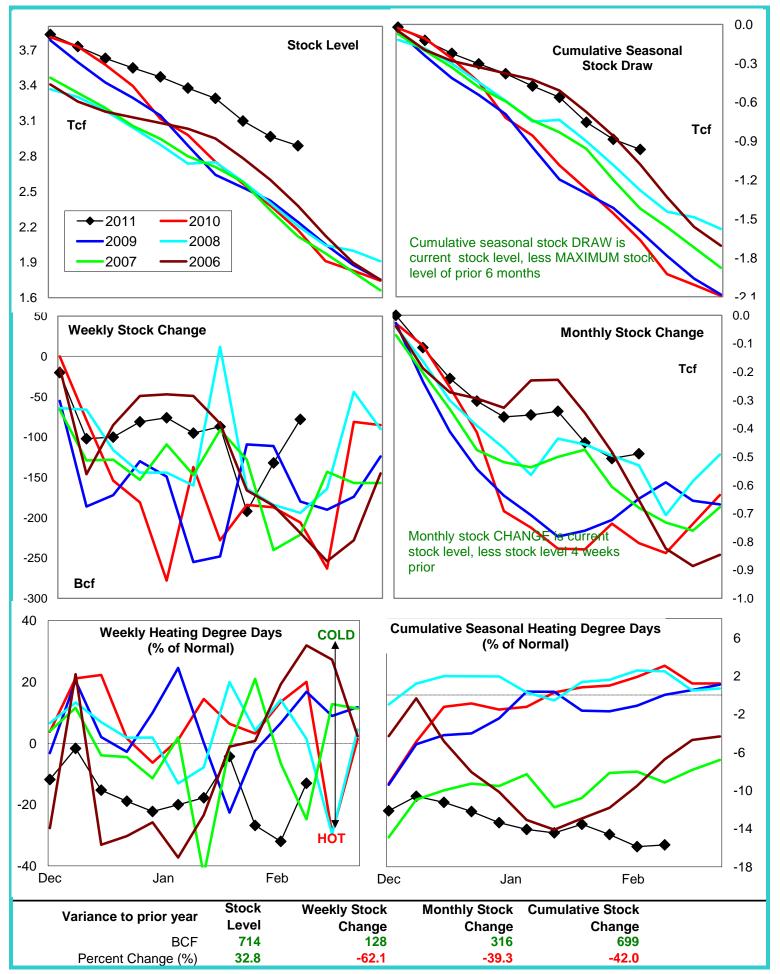
	Cumulative Stock Change			Cumulative Heating Degree Days					
		Change vs	prior year	CHDD's vs	% of	CHDD's vs	% of	CHDD's vs	% of
	Bcf	Bcf	%	normal	normal	normal	normal	normal	normal
U.S. Total	-964	699	-72.5	172	-14.6	157	-15.9	192	-15.7
East	-679	337	-49.6	194	-15.3	176	-16.5	208	-16.5
West	-129	85	-65.9	176	-11.2	163	-11.7	186	-11.2
Producing	-173	280	-161.8	97	-13.5	85	-15.8	143	-14.6

**Futures Market Price Trends** 

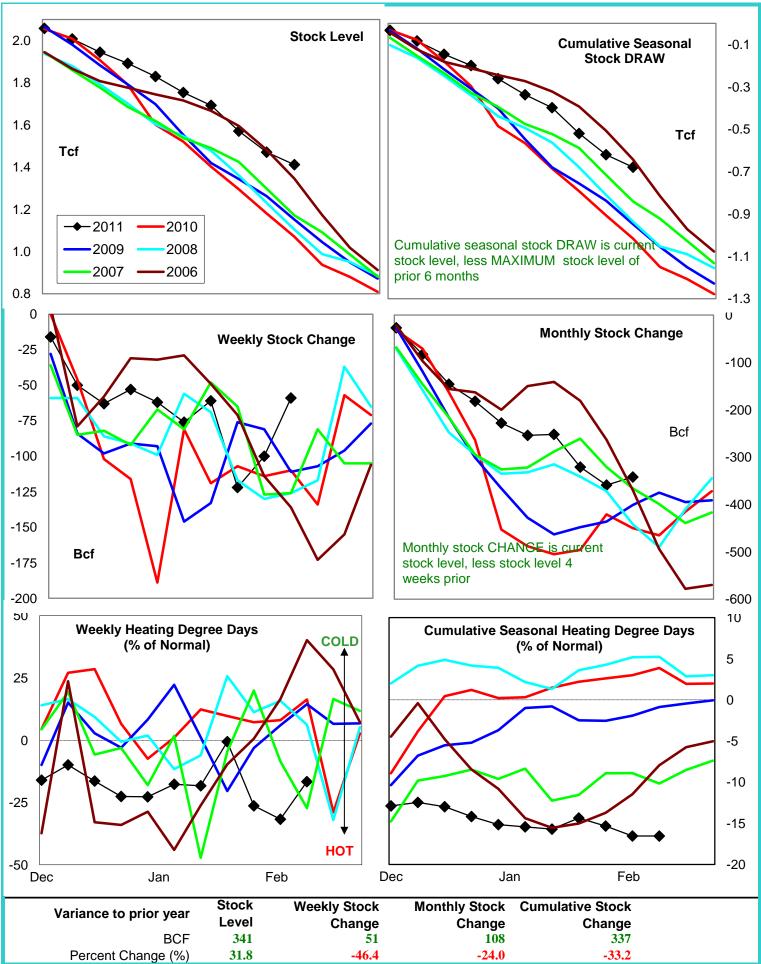
Date:	9-Feb-12	Change vs prior week, month, year				
Date.		3-Feb-12	12-Jan-12	8-Feb-11		
1st month						
Futures	2.52	0.02	-0.15	-1.38		
% change	xxxxx	8.0	-5.6	-35.4		



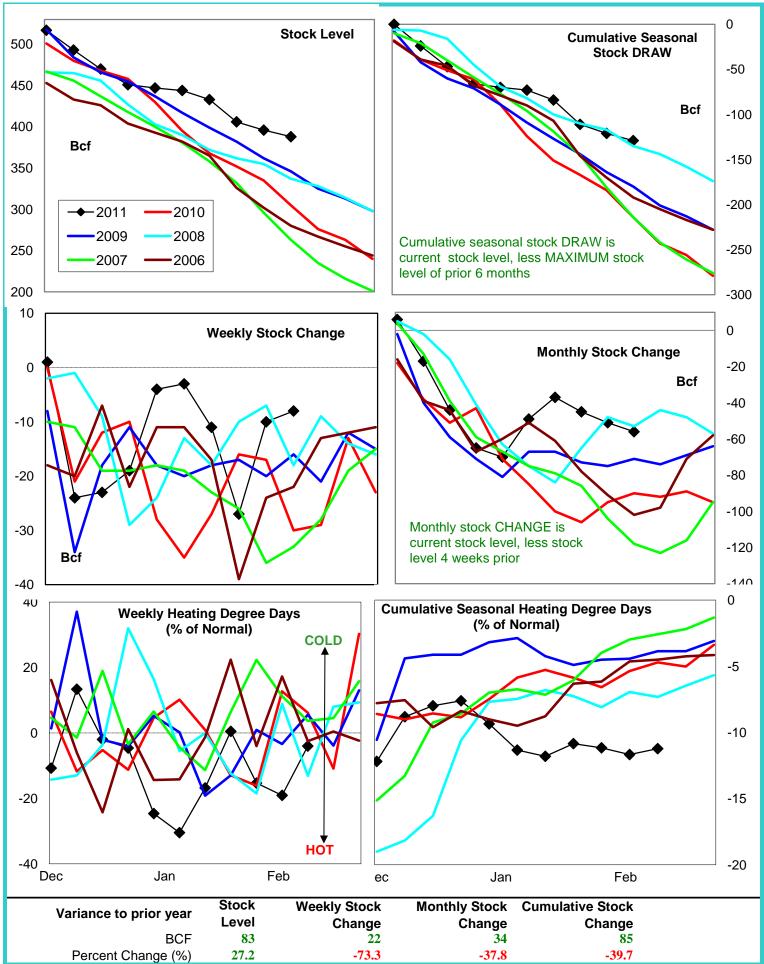
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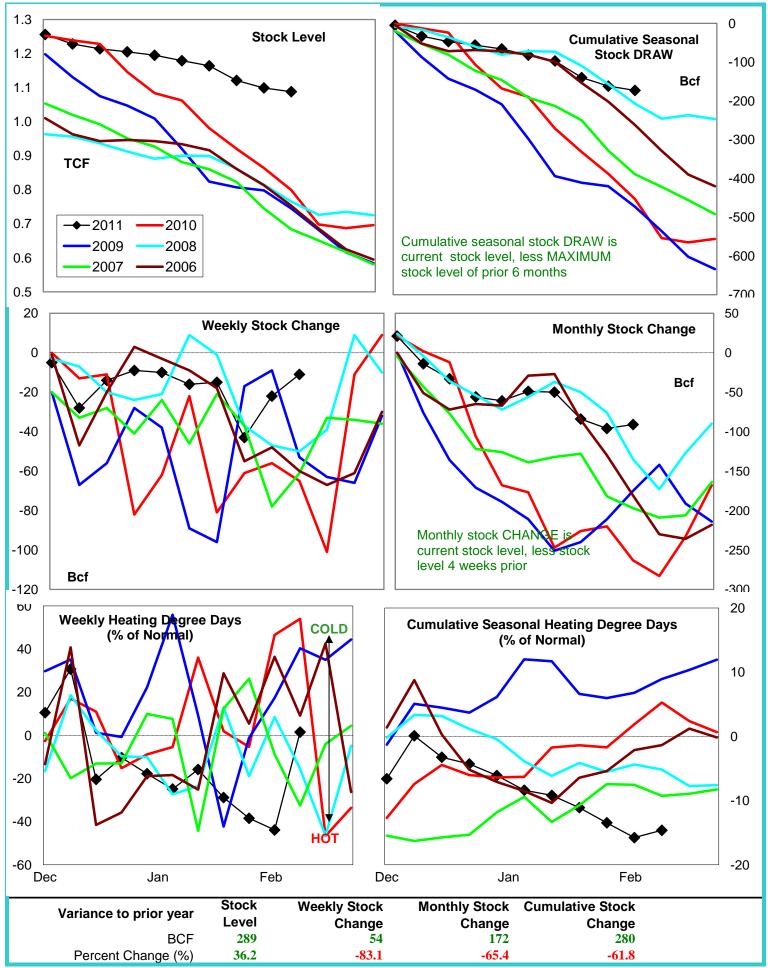
#### **Natural Gas East Region Stock and Weather Trends**



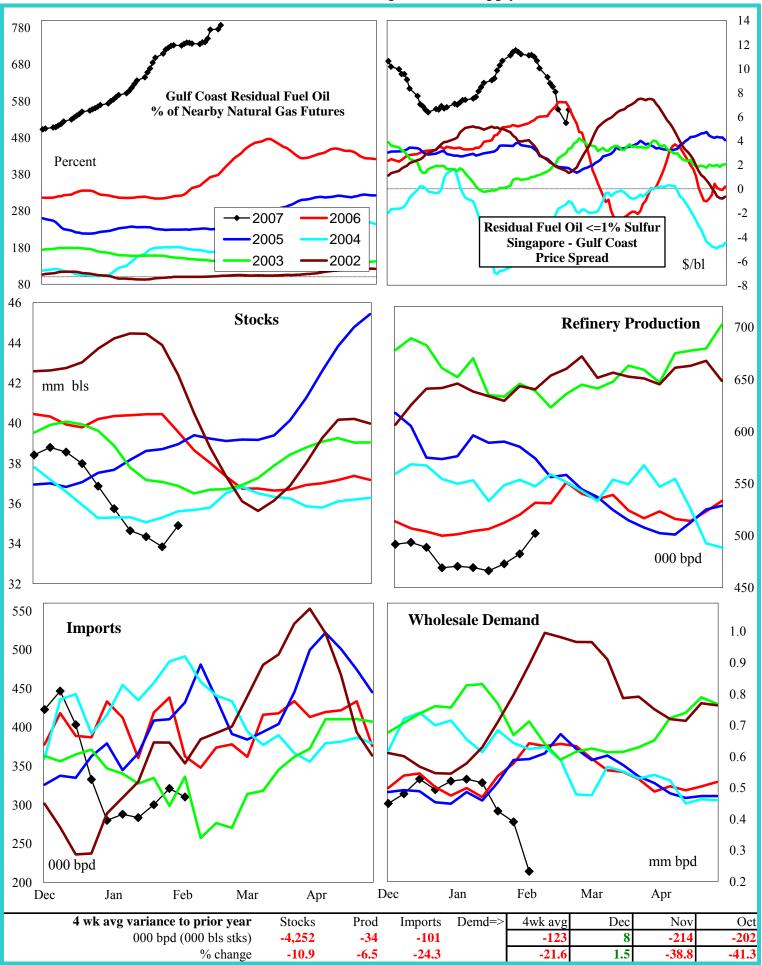
#### **Natural Gas West Region Stock and Weather Trends**



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

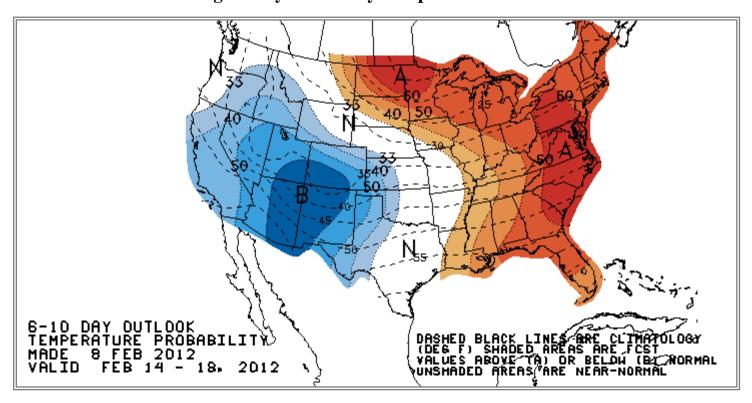


#### U.S. Residual Fuel Oil Price Spreads and Supply Balance

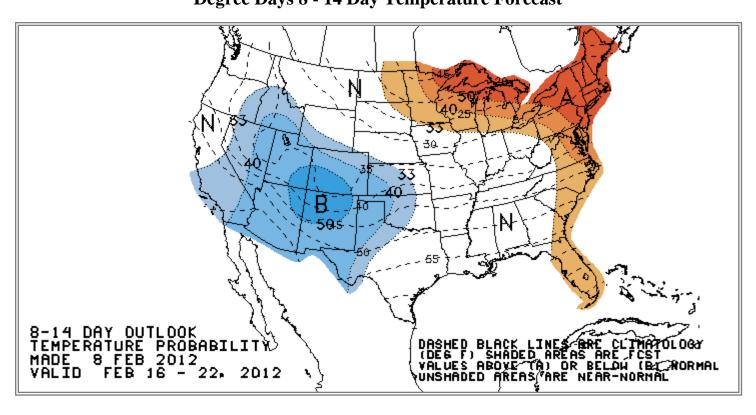


## **National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center**

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



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