

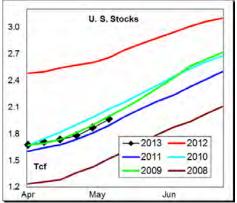
#### WEEKLY NATURAL GAS SUPPLY and PRICE TRENDS

#### A Fundamental Petroleum Trends Weekly Report

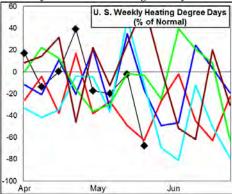
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Summary <sup>1</sup> The stock build of +99 Bcf for the week was a 5-year high for the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive week.



Heating degree days for the week ending 11May13 were -20% below normal, -2% below normal for the week ending 18May13 and forecast to be -68% below normal for the week ending 25May13.



In the East Region stocks increased +55 Bcf for the week, a build near 5-year weekly highs. Stocks increased +13 Bcf in the West Region, a build also near historic highs for the week. Stocks were +31 Bcf higher on the week in the Producing region, the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive weekly record build.

Heating degree days were -28% below normal in the East Region, -22% below normal in the West Region and +104% above normal in the Producing Region for the week ending 11May13.

**Heating degree days** were -20% below normal for the week ending 11May13, -2%

Related Web Sites:

Data Source is EIA Weekly Statistics

National Weather Service 6-10 Day

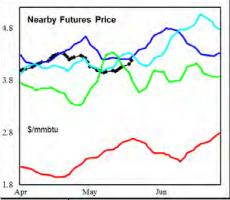
National Weather Service 10-14 Day

below normal for the week ending 18May13, and forecast to be -68% below normal for the week ending 25May13.

The 6-10 day NWS forecast for the week ending 30May13 is for below normal heating degree days in the eastern 2/3rds of the country.

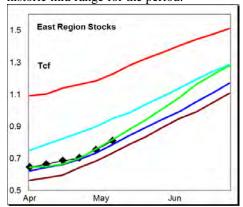
The 8-14 day NWS forecast for the week ending 03Jun13 is for below normal heating degree days in the eastern 2/3rds of the country.

Prices: Nearby gas futures prices increased +\$0.16/mmbtu for the week ending 21May13. The current price level is near the average of 2009 through 2011.



The 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> month forward price curve traded sideways last week, at record high for this time of year.

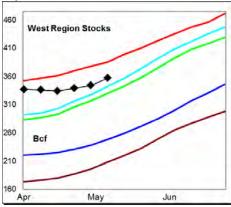
**East Region** stocks increased +55 Bcf for the week, a build near 5-year weekly highs. The current stock level matched the historic mid range for the period.



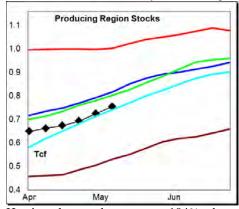
Heating degree days in the region were -28% below normal for the week ending 11May13, +9% above normal for the week ending 18May13, and forecast to be -73% below normal for the week ending 25May13. Heating degree days are forecast to be much below normal in the region for the next 10-days.

West Region stocks increased +13 Bcf last week, a build also near historic highs for

the week. Stock levels ended the week - 7% below last year. Heating degree days were -22% below normal for the week ended 11May13, -53% below normal for the week ending 18May13, and forecast to be -38% below normal for the week ended 25May13. Heating degree days are forecast to be near normal for the next 10-days.



Producing Region stocks increased +31 Bcf for the week, the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive weekly record build. Stock levels ended the week well below the 5-year mid range.



Heating degree days were +104% above normal for the week ended 11May13, -17% below normal for the week ending 18May13, and forecast to be -87% below normal for the week ending 25May13. Well 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, with residual fuel demand -14% below last year. Outlook: Stock builds for the last 2-wks were near record highs on mild temperatures and increased production. However, carry out stock levels are below the 5-year mid range. Start of the summer peak in gas powered electricity demand and below average stocks should provide support to prices.

# **NATURAL GAS: Graph Link and Weekly Summary**



Report prepared as of: May 21, 2013

For the week ending: 10-May-13

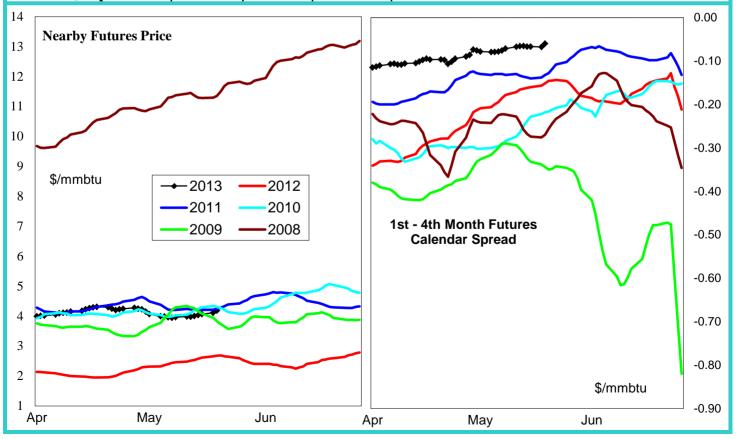
weekly frends in Stocks and Heating Degree Days for the week ending:									
Week ending:		10-May-13		11-Ma	y-13	18-May	y-13	25-May	y <b>-13</b>
Weekly Stocks Weekly Heating Degree Day						ys			
Region		Change	vs prior:	Change vs	% of	Change vs	% of	Change vs	% of
	Bcf	Week Bcf	Year (%)	prior week	normal	prior week	normal	prior week	normal
U.S. Total	1,964	99	-26.1	-11	-20%	-1	-2%	-29	-68%
East	811	55	-34.0	-11	-28%	8	9%	-41	-73%
West	357	13	-7.3	-14	-22%	-25	-53%	2	-38%
Producing	796	31	-23.8		104%	-21	-17%	-7	-87%
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Seasonal Trends in Stocks and Heating Degree Days

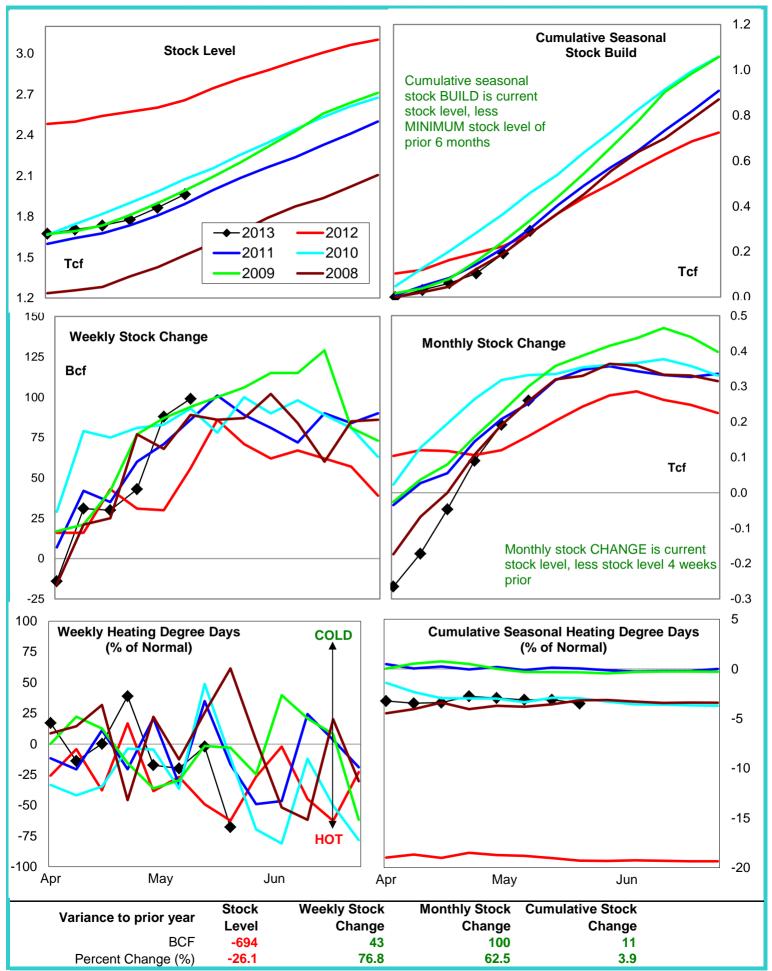
	Cumula	tive Stock	Change		Cumul	ative Heating	g Degree I	<b>D</b> ays	
		Change vs	prior year	CHDD's vs	% of	CHDD's vs	% of	CHDD's vs	% of
	Bcf	Bcf	%	normal	normal	normal	normal	normal	normal
U.S. Total	291	11	3.8	40	-3.1	39	-3.1	10	-3.5
East	165	-14	-8.5	42	-2.9	50	-2.8	9	-3.2
West	27	-14	-51.9	51	-3.6	26	-4.1	28	-4.4
Producing	106	27	25.5	29	-3.8	8	-3.9	1	-4.1

#### **Futures Market Price Trends**

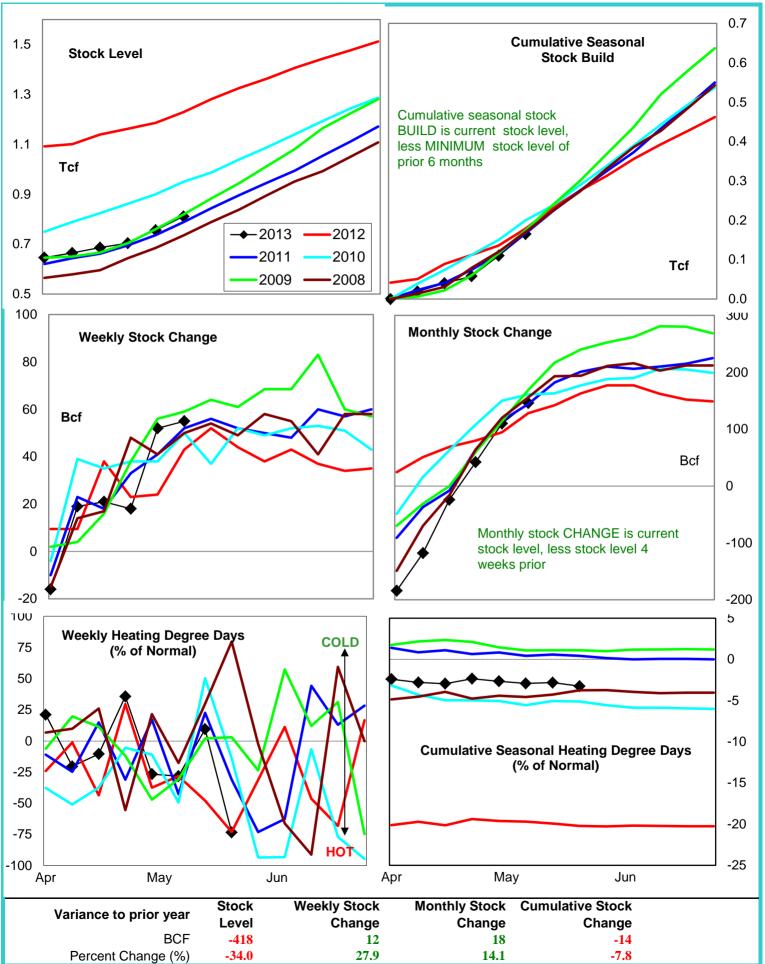
Date:	21-May-13	Change vs prior week, month, year				
Date.	21-May-13	15-May-13	24-Apr-13	30-May-12		
1st month						
<b>Futures</b>	4.18	0.11	0.01	1.77		
% change	XXXXX	2.7	0.3	73.1		



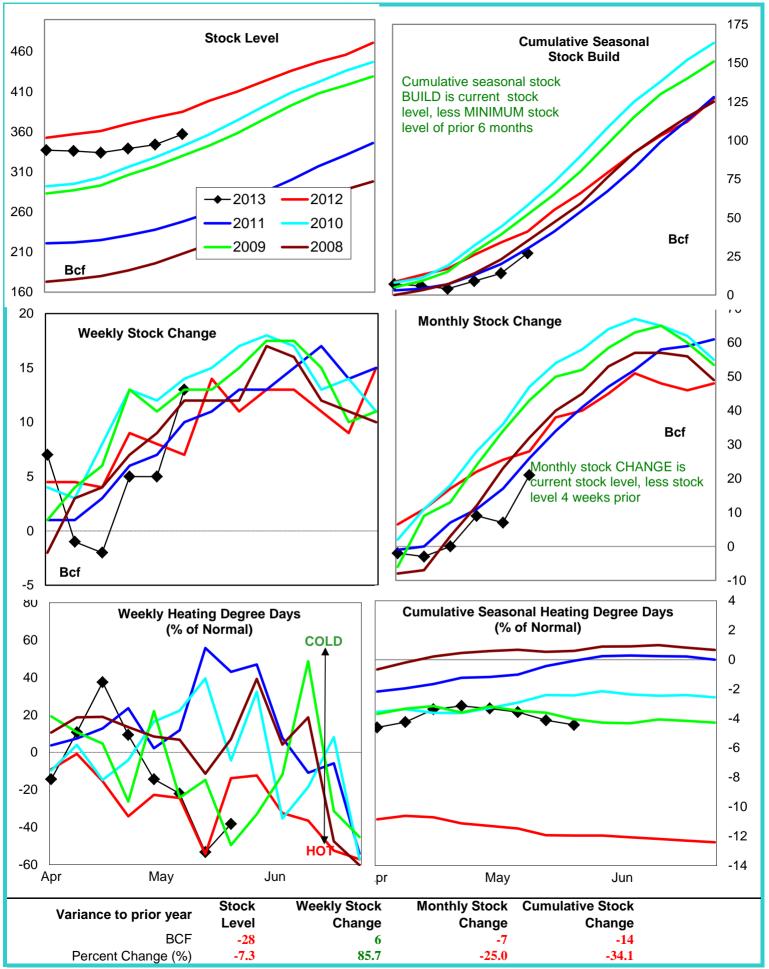
#### **United States Natural Gas Stock and Weather Trends**



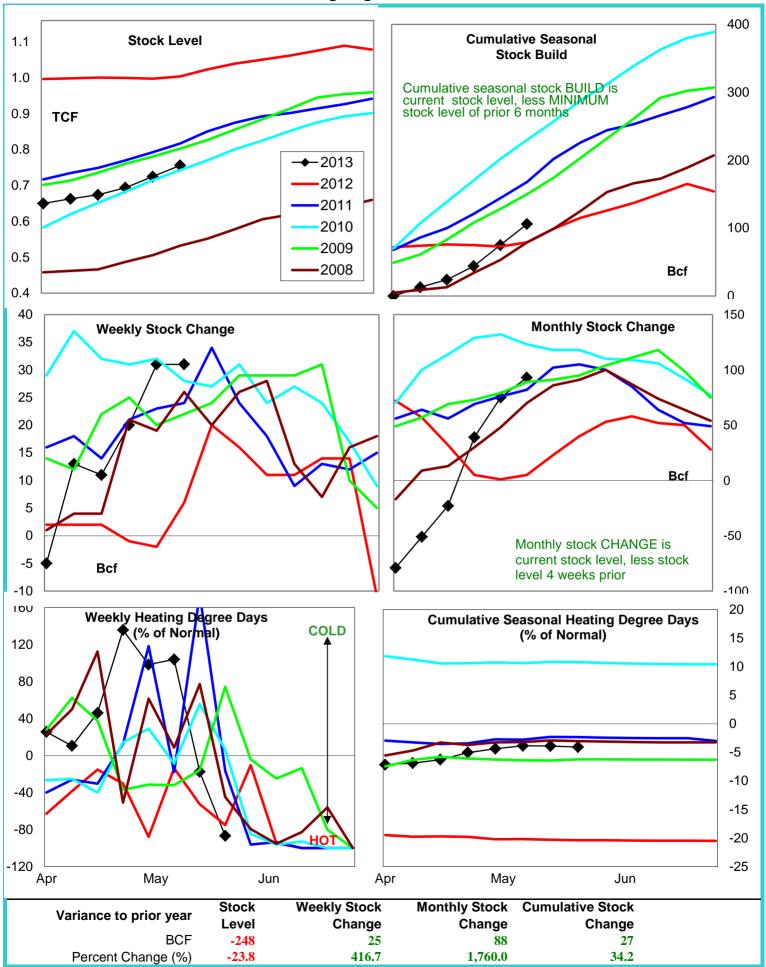
## **Natural Gas East Region Stock and Weather Trends**



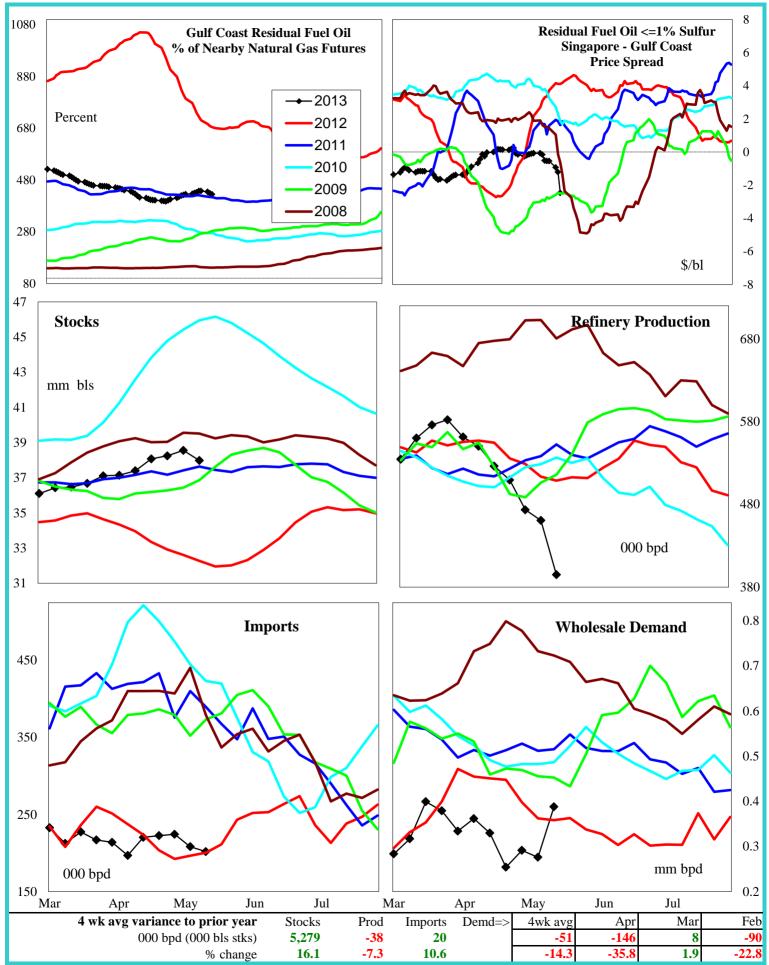
### **Natural Gas West Region Stock and Weather Trends**



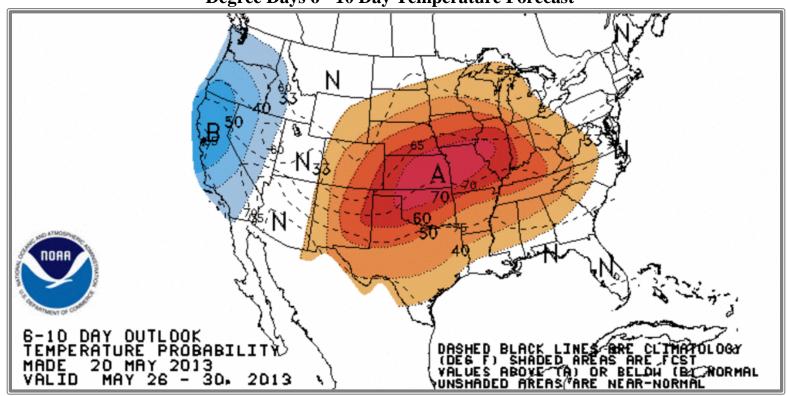
### **Natural Gas Producing Region Stock and Weather Trends**



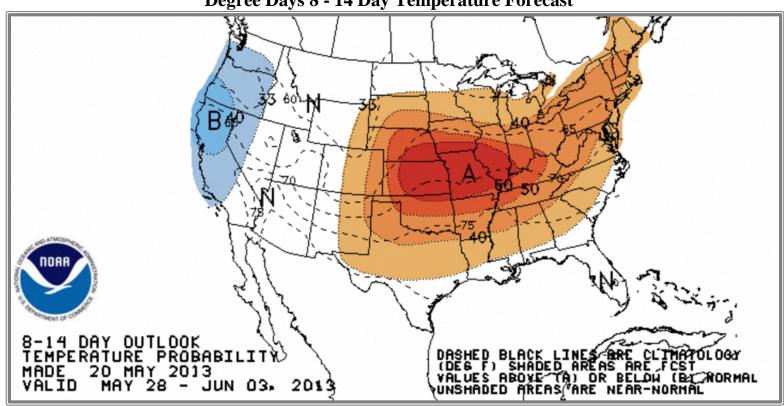
### U.S. Residual Fuel Oil Price Spreads and Supply Balance



## National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center Degree Days 6 - 10 Day Temperature Forecast



## National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center Degree Days 8 - 14 Day Temperature Forecast



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