

#### WEEKLY PROPANE SUPPLY-DEMAND-PRICE TRENDS

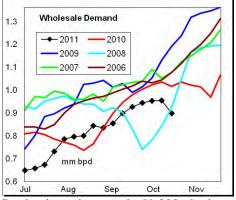
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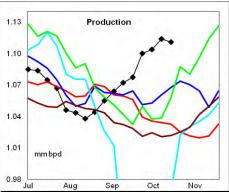
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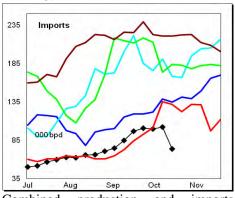
Wholesale demand fell -172,000 bpd on the week, the result of mild weather that reduced heating and grain drying demand.



Production decreased 59,000 bpd as refinery maintenance reduced crude oil runs.



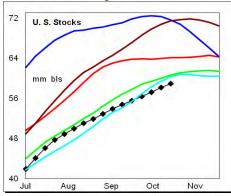
Imports decreased -17,000 bpd on the week, with the fall concentrated in PADD 3.



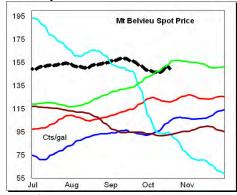
Combined production and imports during the latest 4-wk period were +75,000 bpd above a year ago.

Production was +73,000 bpd above last year, while imports were +2,000 bpd higher. The latest 4-wk average demand was -74,000 bpd below last year.

Stocks increased +1 million barrels last week. The 4-wk stock change was a build of +3.5 million barrels, a level just above the mid range.



Price and Spreads Mt Belvieu spot prices increased +3.75 cpg for the week ending 18Oct11, while Conway spot prices declined -1.25 cpg for the same period. The price level ended the week at the upper end of the 5-year range for this time of year.



The Conway – Mt Belvieu price spread trended lower last week, in favor of Mt Belvieu. The spread ended the week at levels well below the historic range for this time of year.

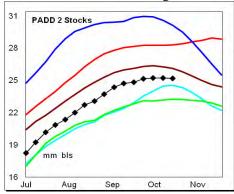
The propane to natural gas price spread trended higher last week, with the level at new record highs.

The propane / crude oil price spread trended lower on the week. The level was slightly above the historic range due to strength in WTI crude oil prices.

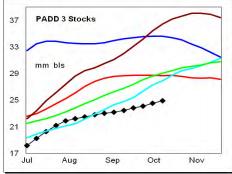
PADD 1 stocks increased +0.1 million barrels last week. Stock levels were

above the historic range. Supply for the latest 4-wk period was +39,000 bpd above last year.

PADD 2 stocks decreased -0.1 million barrels on the week. Supply increased +4,000 bpd. The latest 4-wk average supply was -13,000 bpd below a year ago, on extremely low imports. Stock levels are below the mid range.



PAD 3 stocks increased +0.9 million barrels on the week, with the 4-wk rate of stock building well above the last 2-years. Supply fell -69,000 bpd on a sharp drop in production. Stock levels ended the week -10% below last year.



PADDs 4 & 5 stocks increased +0.1 million barrels on the week. The stock level was slightly above the last 2-years.

**Emerging Trends** Demand continues to lag behind previous years, the result of mild temperatures and dry weather. Production has increased +73,000 bpd above a year ago, leading to an above average rate of stock building during the latest 4-wk period. Stock levels remain at the low end of the historic range.

The risk of slower global economic growth that reduces export demand may partially offset higher heating demand, constraining the seasonal price uptrend.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source is latest EIA Weekly Statistics



# **PROPANE: Graph Link and Weekly Summary**

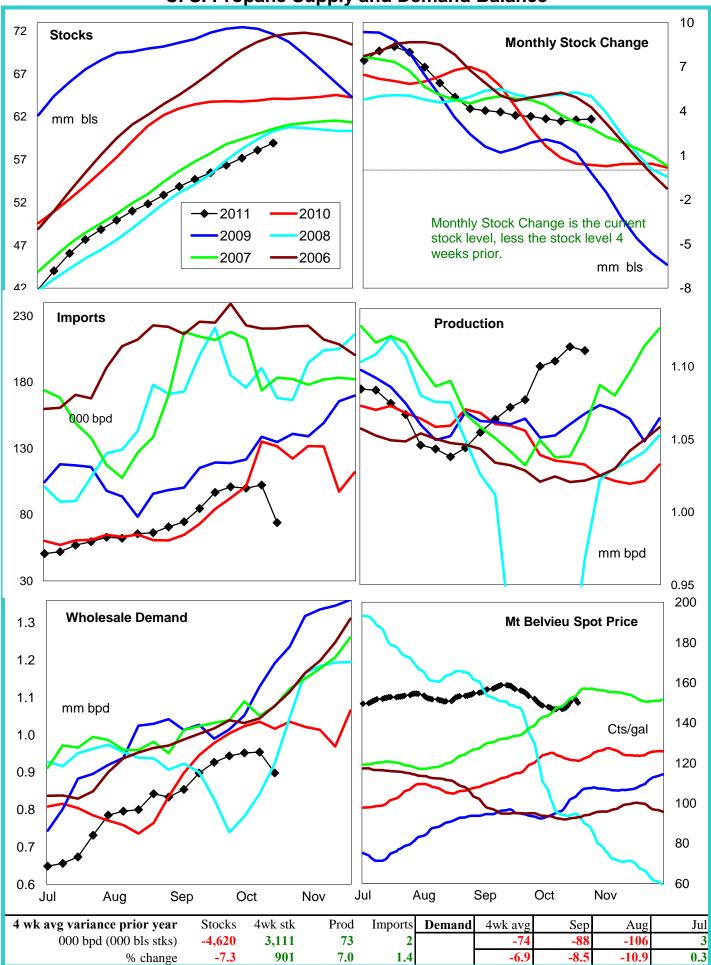
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Fundamental Trends for the Week Ending: Friday, October 14, 2011										, 2011
000 bpd Stocks 000 bls	Weekly Supply-Demand					Change from prior week:				
	U.S.	PADD				U.S.	PADD			
	Total	1	2	3	4&5	Total	1	2	3	4&5
Stocks	58,929	5,588	25,188	25,848	2,305	1,036	108	-70	933	65
Propylene Stocks	3,536					115				
Production	1,111	65	269	664	113	-59	-12	10	-57	0
Imports	74	25	38	0	11	-17	3	-6	-12	-2
Whsle Demand	938					-172				

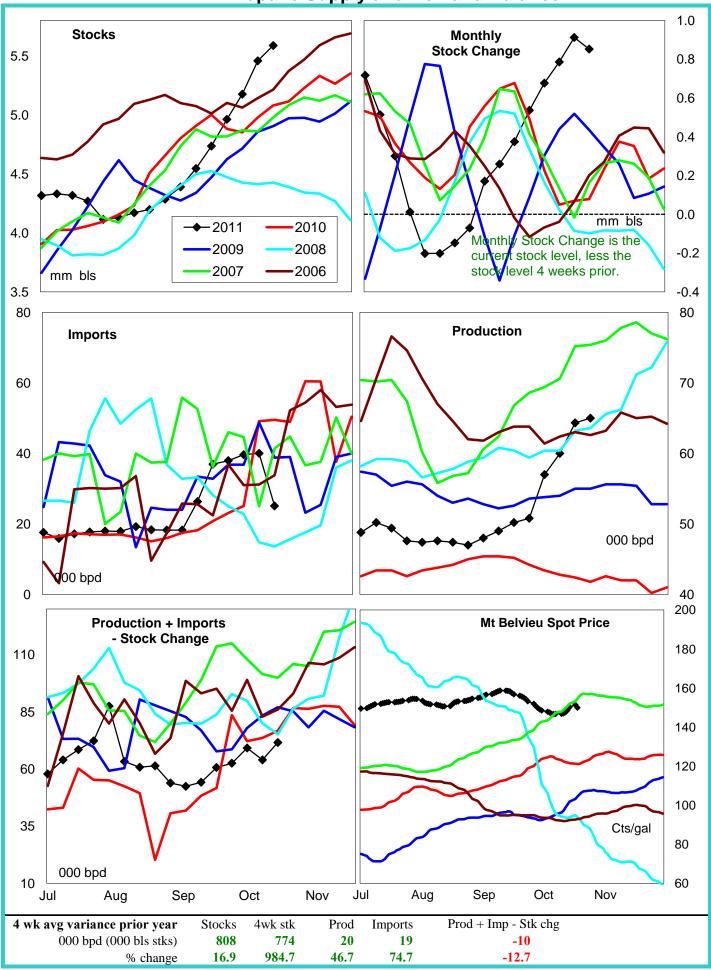
#### **Price Trends for the Week Ending:** Tuesday, October 18, 2011 Average for week ending: **Change from:** % change from: Cents/gal 10/18/11 10/11/11 9/19/11 10/20/10 10/11/11 9/19/11 10/20/10 10/11/11 9/19/11 10/20/10 Mont Belvieu Spot 150.2 144.5 159.2 119.2 5.76 40.06 4.0 33.6 -14.75 -9.3 **Conway Spot** 138.4 139.4 142.3 114.4 -1.00 27.85 -0.7 -2.0 24.3 -2.85

#### **Key Price Spreads and Differentials** 4 200 Conway - Mt Belvieu Spread Mt Belvieu Spot Price 0 180 Cts/gal -4 160 -8 140 -12 -16 120 -20 100 2011 2010 -24 2009 2008 80 -28 2006 2007 Cts/gal -32 60 460 Mt Belvieu Propane % of **Nearby Crude Oil Futures** 78 Mt Belvieu Propane % of 410 **Nearby Natural Gas Futures** 73 360 68 310 63 260 58 210 53 160 **Percent Percent** 48 110 Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov

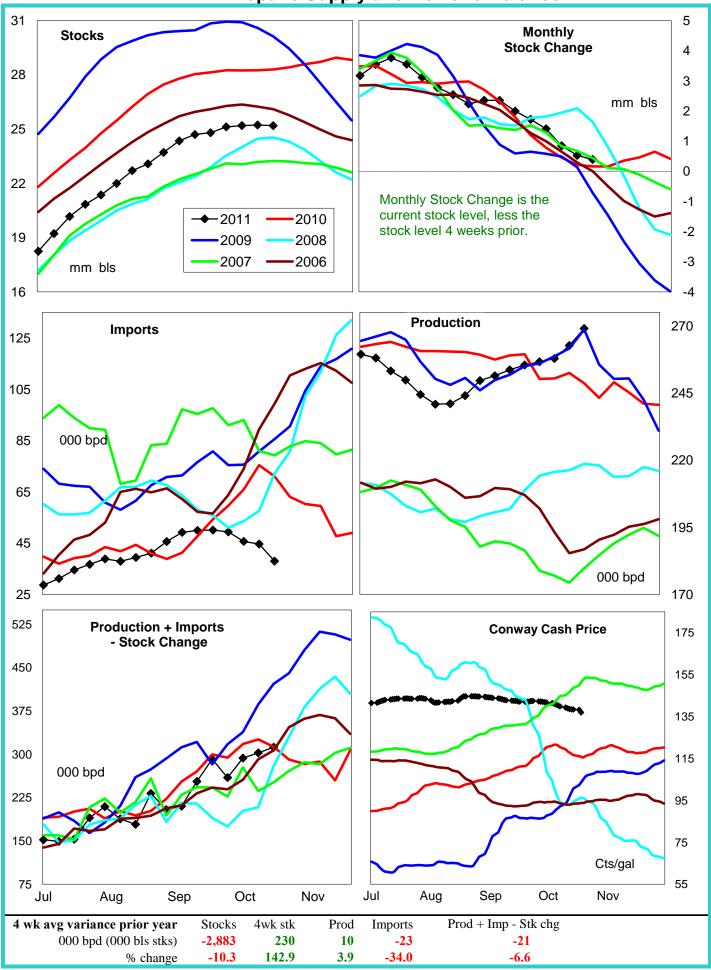
U. S. Propane Supply and Demand Balance



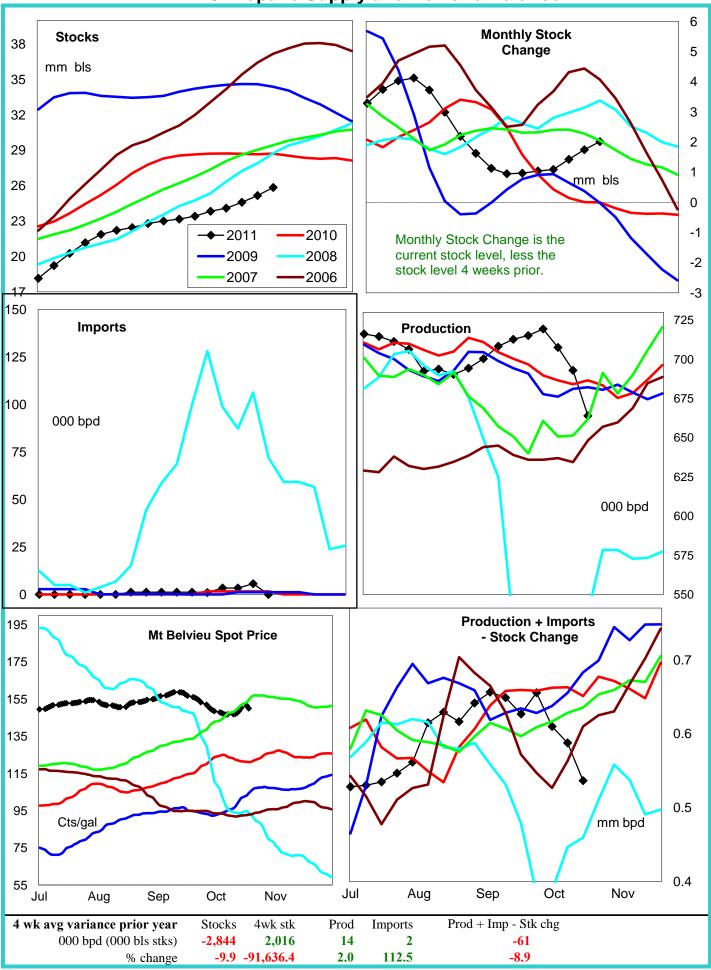
### **PADD 1 Propane Supply and Demand Balance**



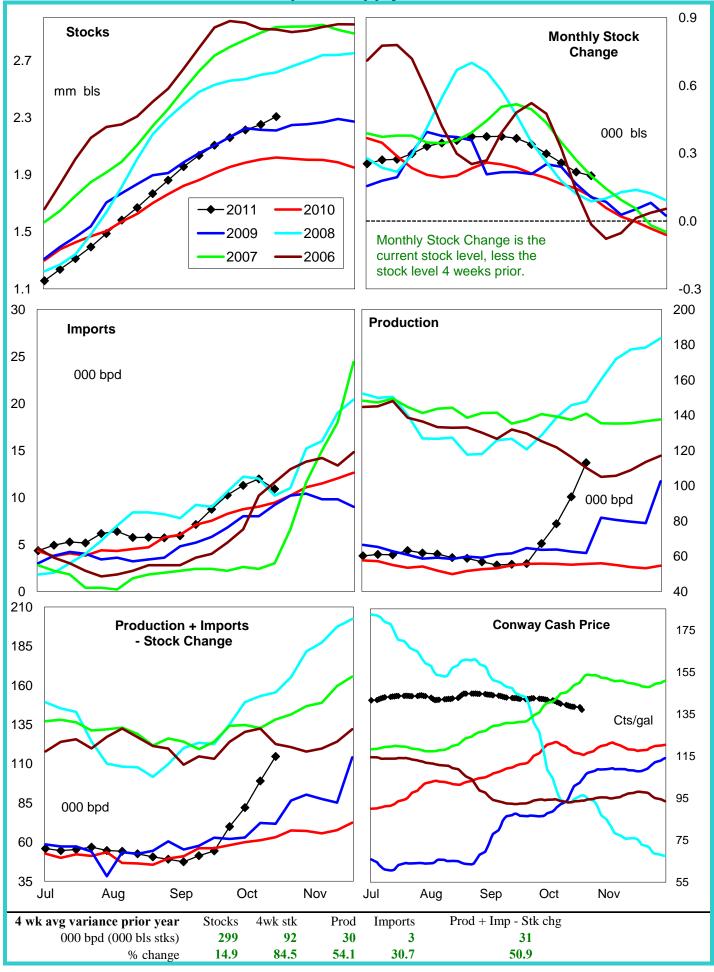
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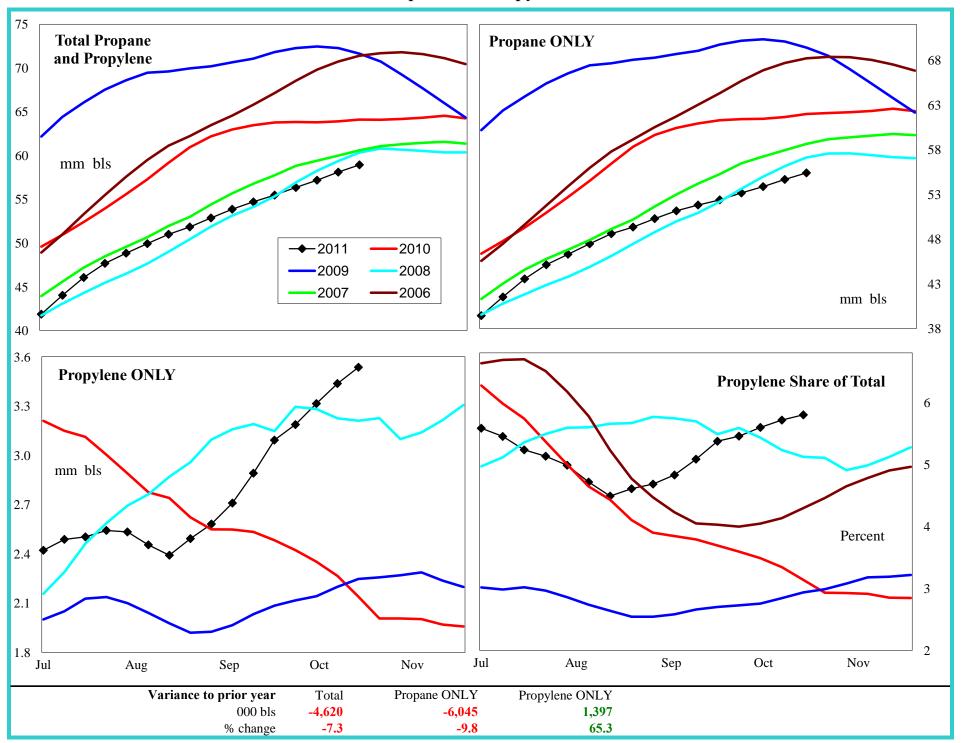
#### **PADD 3 Propane Supply and Demand Balance**



#### **PADDs 4 and 5 Propane Supply and Demand Balance**



## U. S. Propane and Propylene Stocks



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