

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

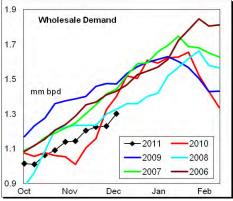
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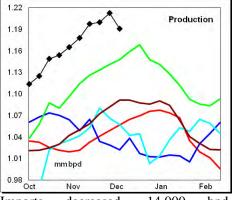
## Summary<sup>1</sup>:



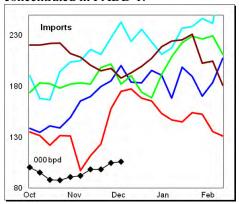
Wholesale demand increased +27,000 bpd on the week, driven by higher seasonal heating demand. The level was below the historic range.



Production fell -62,000 bpd last week, although the level remains well above the historic range.



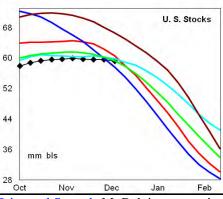
Imports decreased -14,000 bpd, concentrated in PADD 1.



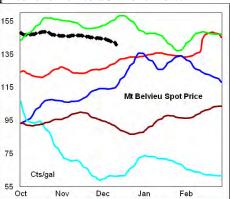
Combined production and imports during the latest 4-wk period were +133,000 bpd above a year ago. Production was +151,000 bpd above last

year (+14.4%), while imports were -18,000 bpd lower. The latest 4-wk average demand was +2,000 bpd above last year, and near 5-year lows.

Stocks decreased -0.5 million barrels last week. The 4-wk stock change was a draw of -0.6 million barrels, a level that matched the lowest of the last 5-years.



Price and Spreads Mt Belvieu spot prices decreased -4 cpg for the week ending 13Dec11 while Conway fell -6 cpg during the same week. The Conway price level fell to a 9-month low.



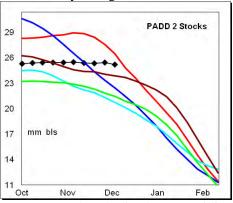
The Conway – Mt Belvieu price spread trended lower last week, in favor of Mt Belvieu. The spread ended the week at a -18 cpg discount, a level which matched record lows for the last 5-years.

The propane to natural gas price spread trended higher last week, to a new record high level on very low gas prices.

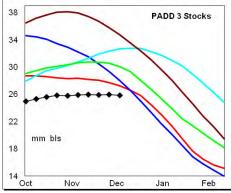
The propane / crude oil price spread extended the longer term downtrend last week. The spread ended the week at a level below the historic range.

PADD 1 stocks increased +0.1 million barrels last week. Stocks remain at a level well above the 5-year range. Supply for the latest 4-wk period was +18,000 bpd above last year.

PADD 2 stocks decreased -0.3 million barrels on the week. Supply decreased -37,000 bpd last week on lower production. The latest 4-wk average supply was +20,000 bpd above a year ago, on record production. Stock levels were near 5-year highs.



PAD 3 stocks declined -0.3 million barrels on the week, with the 4-wk rate of stock building above four of the last 5-years. Stock levels ended the week -5.7% below last year.



PADDs 4 & 5 stocks were unchanged on the week. The stock level was comparable to the last 2-years.

**Emerging Trends** Very low heating degree days in major propane markets has led to record low demand. Combined with production +151,000 bpd above last year and extremely low stock draws; stock levels are now at the 5-year mid range.

An over supplied Midwest propane market has driven spot prices in the region to 9-month lows. Fundamental trends point to further price weakness.

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

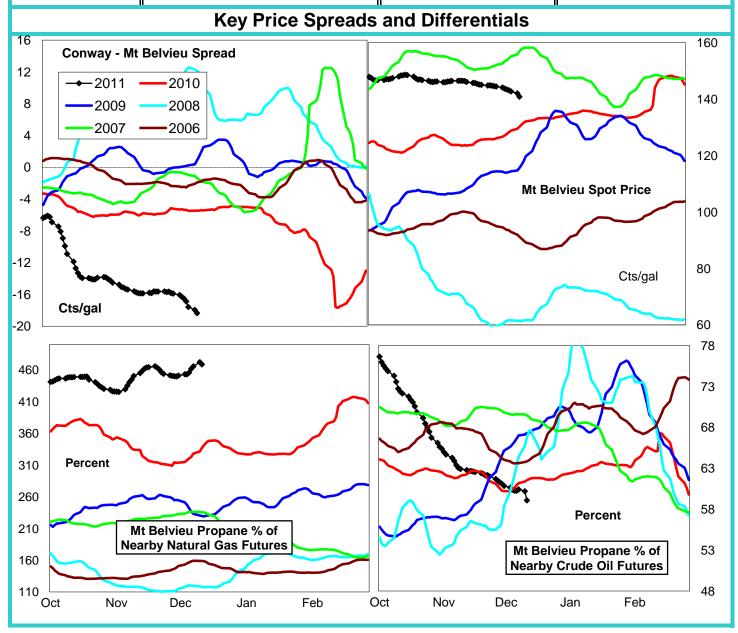


# **PROPANE: Graph Link and Weekly Summary**

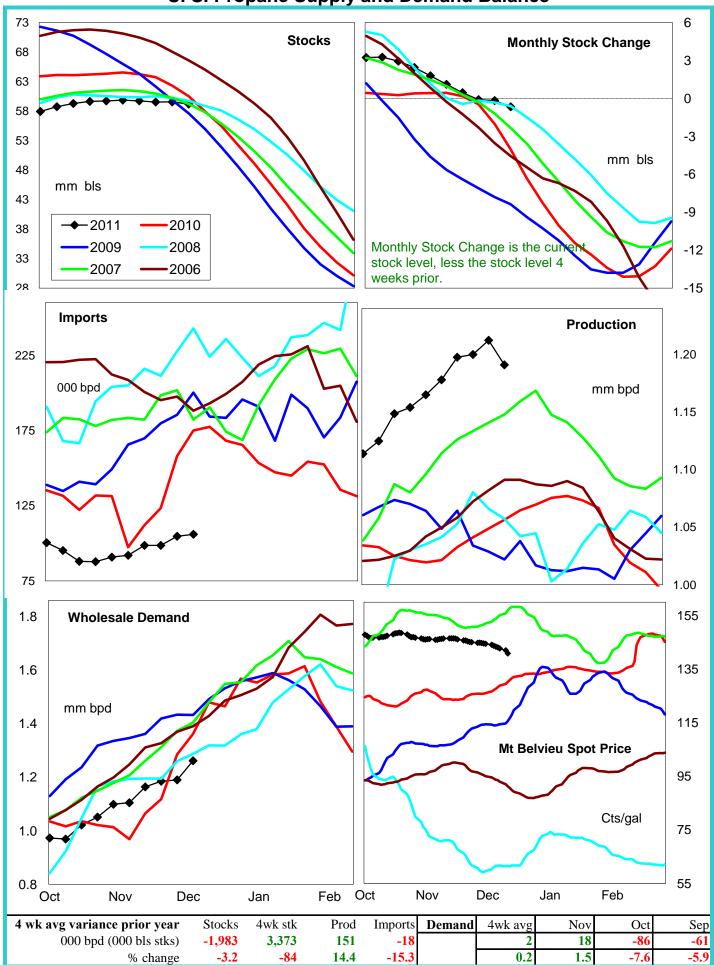
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| Fundamental Trends for the Week Ending: Friday, December 09, 2 |                      |       |        |        |       |                         |      |      |      | 9, 2011 |
|--|----------------------|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------------------------|------|------|------|---------|
| 000 bpd<br>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   | 59,183               | 6,167 | 25,197 | 25,836 | 1,983 | -495                    | 87   | -278 | -270 | -34     |
| Propylene Stocks   | 4,945                |       |        |        |       | 314                     |      |      |      |         |
| Production   | 1,191                | 79    | 261    | 728    | 123   | -62                     | 21   | -37  | -52  | 6       |
| Imports  | 106                  | 31    | 57     | 0      | 18    | -14                     | -12  | 0    | 0    | -2      |
| Whsle Demand   | 1,301                |       |        |        |       | 27                      |      |      |      |         |

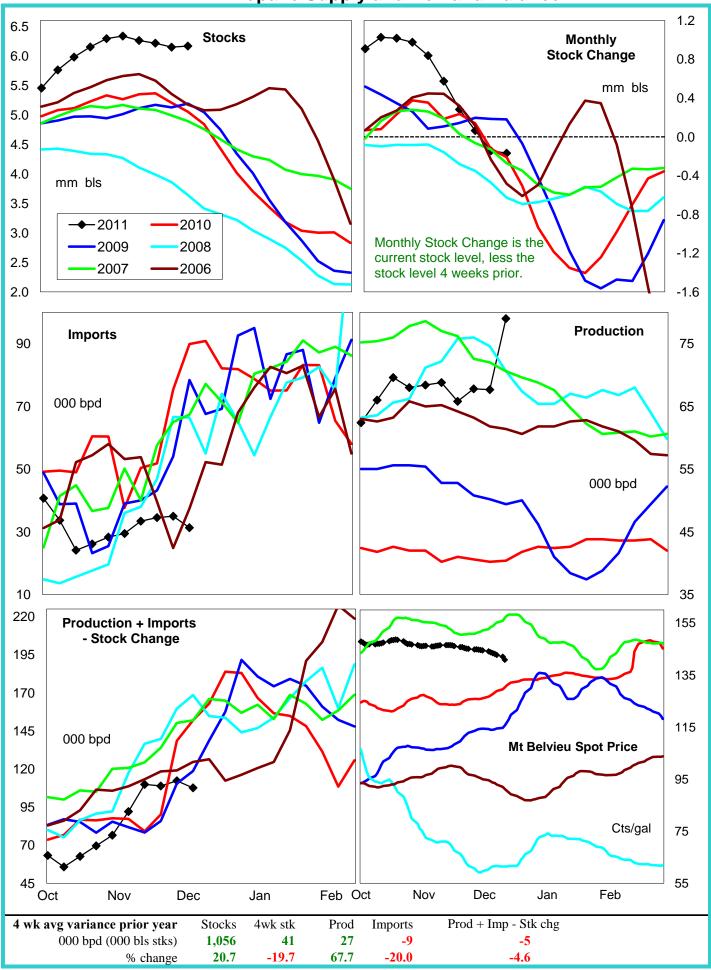
#### **Price Trends for the Week Ending:** Tuesday, December 13, 2011 Average for week ending: **Change from:** % change from: Cents/gal 12/13/11 12/6/11 11/15/11 12/15/10 12/6/11 11/15/11 12/15/10 12/6/11 11/15/11 12/15/10 Mont Belvieu Spot 142.7 144.3 147.6 128.9 18.78 14.6 -1.53-3.37-1.1 -2.3 **Conway Spot** 125.2 129.2 131.3 124.0 7.34 -3.1 -4.05 -2.10-1.6 5.9



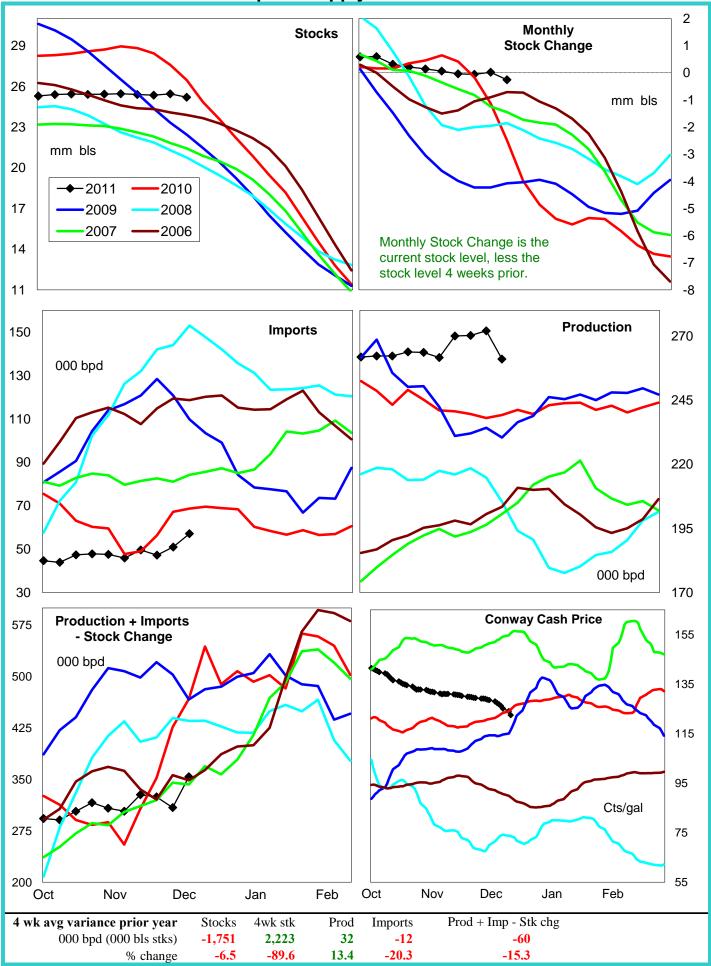
U. S. Propane Supply and Demand Balance



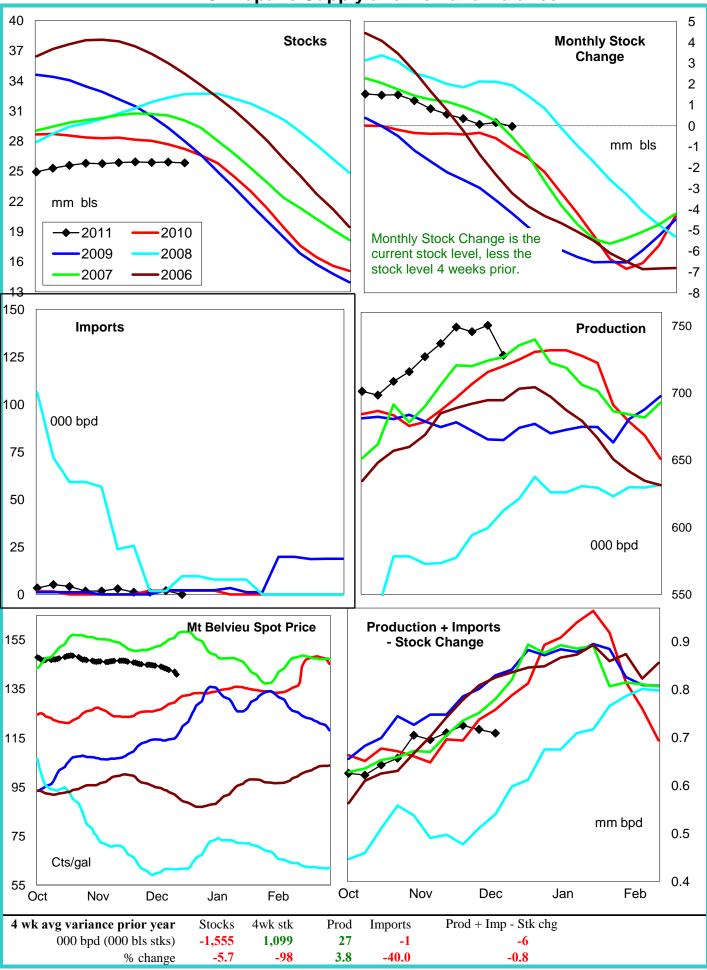
#### **PADD 1 Propane Supply and Demand Balance**



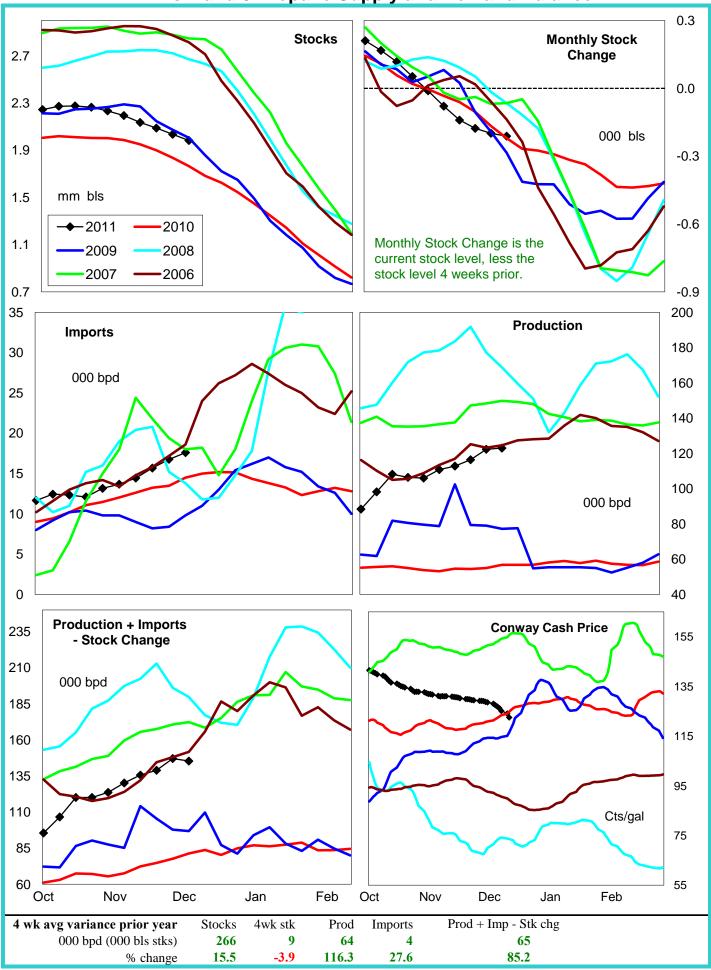
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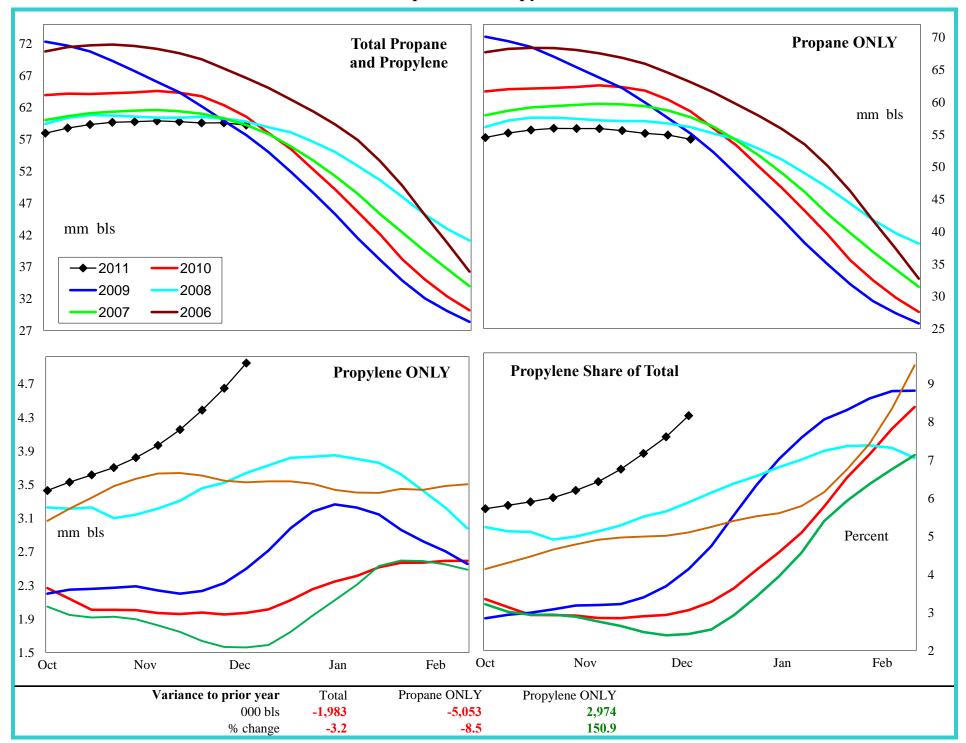
# PADD 3 Propane Supply and Demand Balance



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



### **U. S. Propane and Propylene Stocks**



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