

Natural Gas Market Update

August 2025



Pricing Outlook

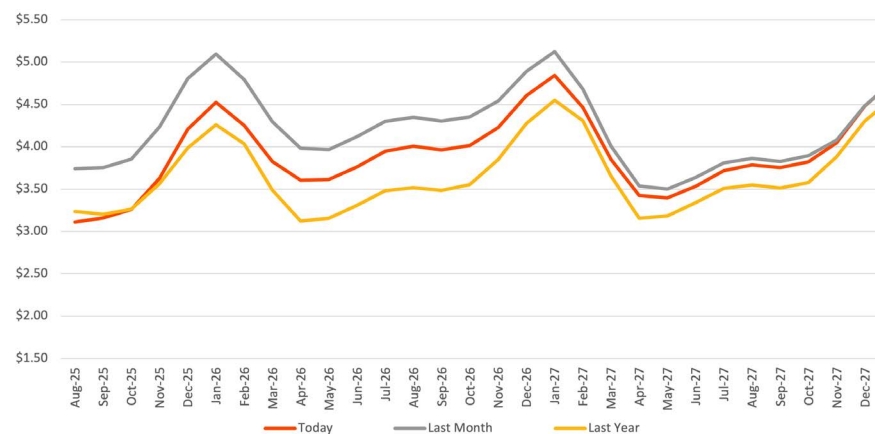
The August NYMEX Futures contract closed at \$3.081/MMBtu, settling 5.52% lower than July. Upon opening as prompt month at \$3.739/MMBtu, the contract settled below that figure all the way until August gas delivery. It reached a low of \$2.988 on July 28 due to pricing pressure from the healthy amount of gas in storage and decreased LNG feedgas deliveries amid mild weather forecasts. The contract averaged a close of **\$3.352/MMBtu** during its front-month reign.

In The News

On July 25, the U.S. House of Representatives introduced a bipartisan bill aiming to codify and clarify the use of the Natural Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) after last month's landmark Eagle County Supreme Court decision. The Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED) Act is sponsored by House Committee on Natural Resources Chairman Bruce Westerman, of Arkansas, and U.S. Representative Jared Golden, of Maine. If passed, it intends to clarify and amend the language of NEPA to "clarify ambiguous provisions and facilitate a more efficient, effective, and timely environmental review process." The bill strikes certain wording from the 1969 Act and appends language explicitly defining the scope of a NEPA review, the standard of finding a project in violation of NEPA and limits the timeline of the process to 150 days.

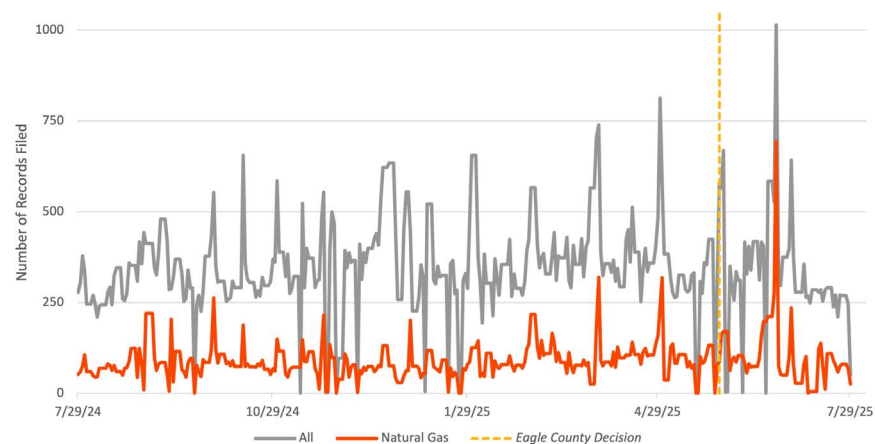
In particular, the bill establishes that an environment document needs only to consider "effects that share a reasonably close causal relationship to, and are proximately caused by, the immediate project", eliminating considerations of "effects that are speculative" or separated "in time or place." The line is also drawn on the court's ability to vacate an agency-issued approval, capping their punitive authority at remanding a given approval. Overall, this motion, if passed, looks to provide efficiencies to the approval and "construction of critical infrastructure such as roads, bridges, highways, ports, irrigation systems, forest management, transmission lines, energy projects, broadband and water infrastructure". The energy sector might expect more pipeline construction projects to be proposed and approved should these measures be enacted.

NYMEX Forwards



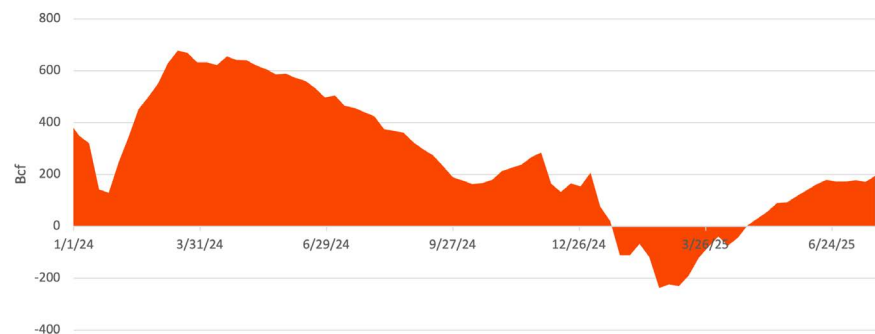
In the short term, a healthily supplied market shows flashbacks to last year's price deflated run on account of a firm storage surplus. However, the contango market remains bullish for Winter '25/26 and beyond.

Natural Gas FERC Filings



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission saw a spike in filings submitted to the agency after the May 29th Eagle County Supreme Court decision promised to lower costs and legal friction associated with major infrastructure projects.

Storage Deficit to 5-Year Rolling Average



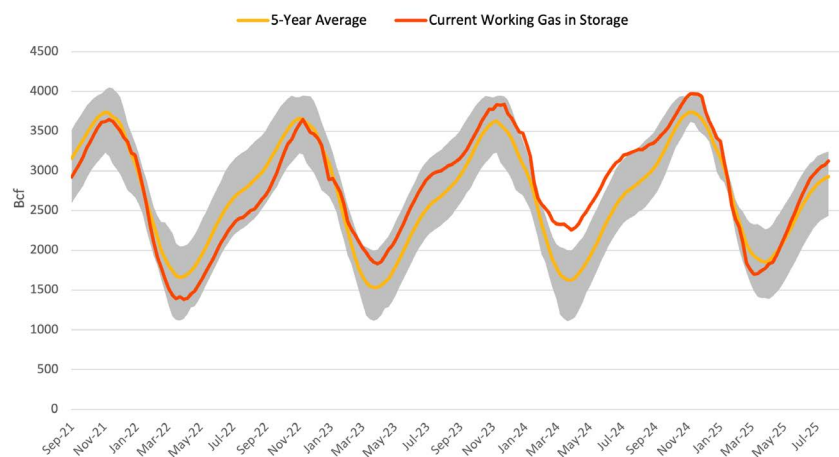
Storage injections have mostly followed the 5-year average in recent weeks, allowing the surplus plateau to remain below 200 Bcf.

NYMEX Prompt History



NYMEX daily trading sunk to approach the psychological level of \$3.00/MMBtu during July, breaking the resistance threshold for one day before returning above the mark.

Storage Inventory



Gas in the ground continues to remain bearish to the 5-year average but bullish to last year's figure.

July CDDs



An abnormally hot July, the national average cooling degree days were consistently higher than the 5-year average of 9.66 degrees over 65 degrees Fahrenheit. Even so, record production saw fundamentals lengthen through the month.

News From Gas South

We're pleased to announce that Gas South recently had another successful employee volunteer week campaign, contributing 895 hours of service with more than 250 employees taking part in this annual volunteer push. Although we give back to help support children in need all year long, we come together for a week each year to make a special effort. This year, we partnered with 19 different charitable organizations in 29 different events, all aimed at supporting childhood basic needs, education and health.