

Pricing Outlook

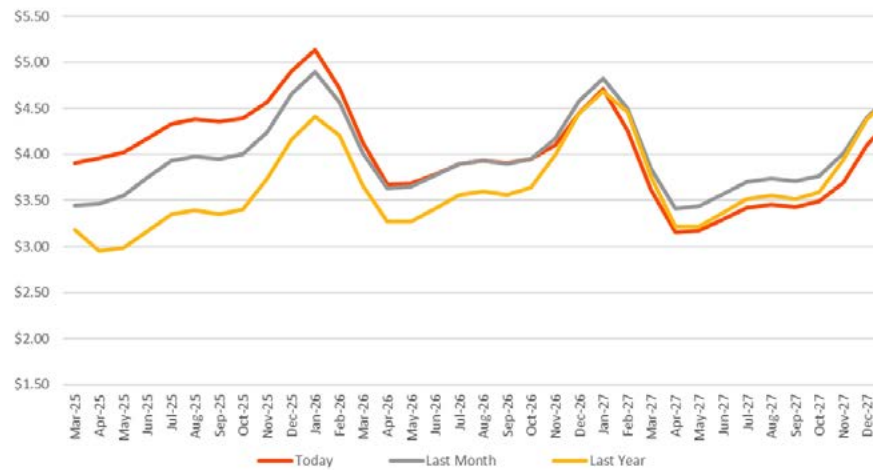
The March NYMEX futures contract opened as the prompt contract at a relatively bearish \$3.100/MMBtu on mild weather forecasts. Cold weather materialized in the third week of the month, rallying the contract as high as \$4.450/MMBtu before settling at **\$3.906/MMBtu**. Healthy draws from the United States' natural gas storage inventory prolonged the deficit to the 5-year average, supporting the elevated price. Other contributing factors include record LNG feed gas deliveries and bullish market fundamentals.

In The News

Market participants closely monitored the natural gas producer's quarterly earnings guidance to gauge the timeline and volume of curtailed gas returning to the market and the capital allocation for any 2025 expansion efforts. The newly merged Expand Energy, now the U.S.'s largest producer by volume, announced plans to bring deferred wells to market in the first half of this year and invest in new wells in the latter half. This return of capital expenditure will likely be a theme across the production landscape as the Henry Hub calendar strip for 2025 sits at \$4.306/MMBtu and its 2026 counterpart at \$4.090/MMBtu. This is well above the general \$3.00/MMBtu threshold that can signal a green light for increased production.

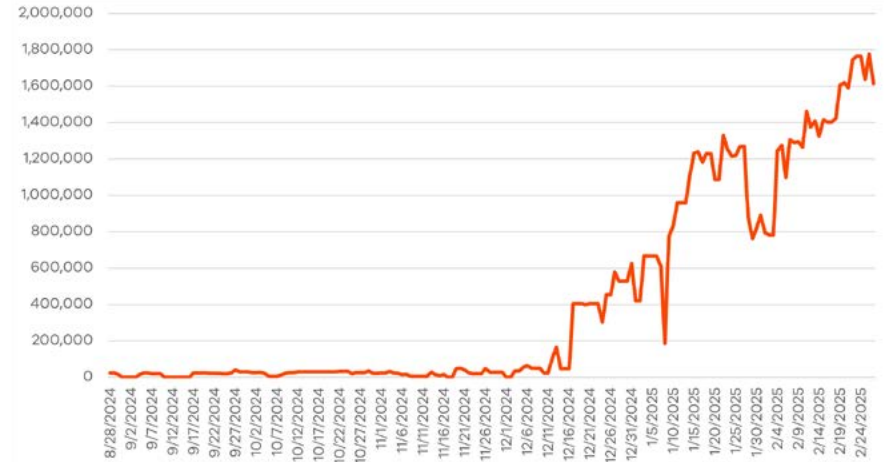
The Trump administration has wasted no time acting on a campaign promise to catalyze change in the energy sector. The blizzard of executive activity includes declaring an "energy emergency" that survived a congressional repeal attempt, as well as efforts to end the Biden-era pause on LNG export permits, open up more land for oil and gas lease sales, pause lease sales on offshore wind farms, end tax credits for renewable energy sources, and cut the federal workforce—with the EPA in the crosshairs. Proponents of these directives argue these measures will decrease the energy costs seen by the American consumer, while opponents see the measures pushing climate targets further out of reach.

NYMEX Forwards



NYMEX forwards have run higher in the previous month through Q2 2026 as the cold winter, LNG feedgas demands and increase in power generation demand see last winter's contangoed curve shape into an increasingly backwarddated outlook.

Plaquemines LNG Deliveries



Record LNG feedgas deliveries topped 16 Bcf/day as Plaquemines increases liquefaction capacity and other facilities undergo expansion efforts.

NYMEX Prompt History



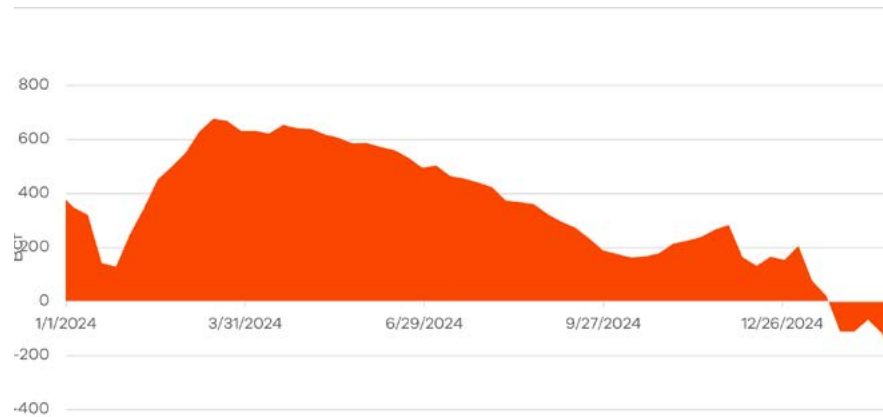
NYMEX futures have traded between \$3.00-\$4.20 so far in 2025. This is elevated from the \$1.60-\$3.00 levels seen for large stretches of 2024.

February Heating Demand



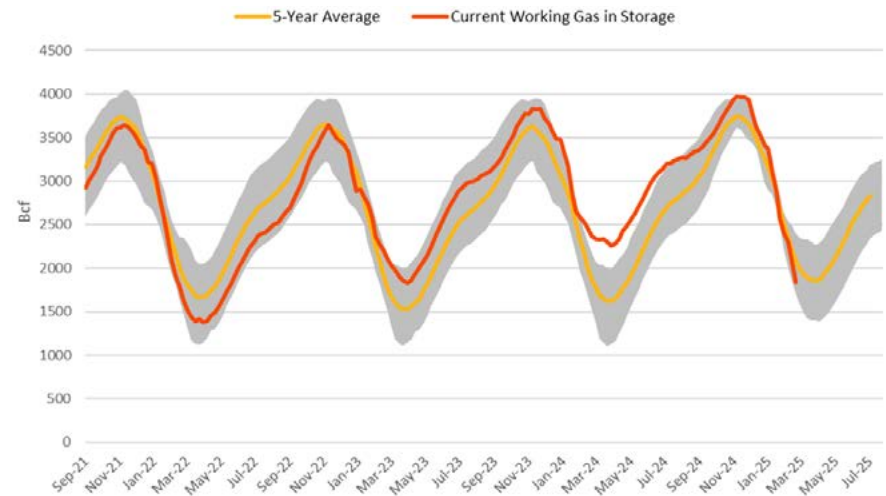
The aggregate national average heating degree days (HDDs) for February 2025 was the 12th highest this century. This offered the market some relief after last month recorded the most heating demand for any January this century.

Storage Deficit to 5-Year Rolling Average



A consistently cold January and a lone cold blast in late February helped ensure current levels of working gas are in storage facilities in deficit to the 5-year average, opposite to the storage conditions of the previous winter season.

Storage Inventory



The lone cold weather event in February saw an unseasonably large 261 Bcf withdrawal in the week ending 2/21, expanding the storage deficit to the 5-year rolling average and giving firm footing for the NYMEX 2025 calendar strip.

News From Gas South

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