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Highlights November 2026

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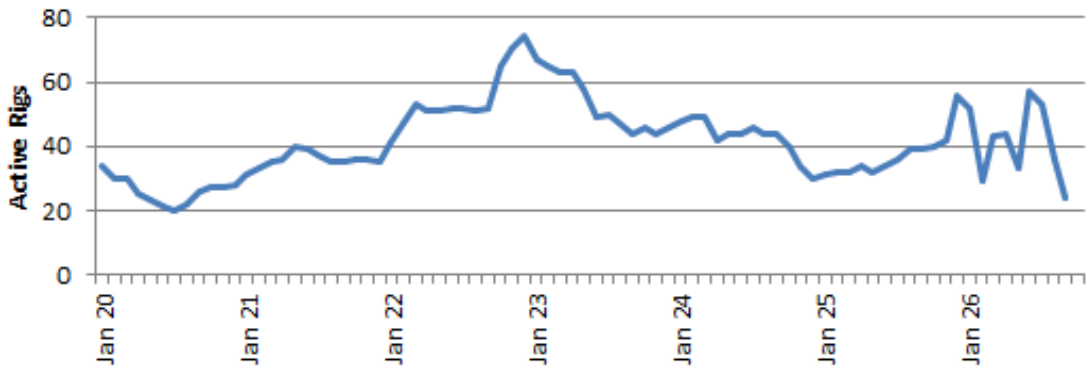
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The Louisiana natural gas spot price has been $3.48 per MMBTU in the first 10 months of 2026, $0.04 higher, or 1.5% higher than the first 10 months of 2025. The higher price is caused by an outlier in price from January 2026 while production in the United States remains steady. Working gas in storage was 3,882 BCF as of November 19, 2026, according to the EIA estimates. This represents a net increase of 20 BCF from the previous week, and it was 66 BCF lower than last year at this time, and 80 BCF lower the five-year average of 3,802 BCF. The expected average natural gas prices for the rest of 2026 and into 2027 is expected to be around $3.25 per MMBTU, based on current production and demand levels.

Louisiana Average Active Rigs in Areas Under State Jurisdiction (Monthly Average Active Rigs

							% Change	
Month	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**	**2026**	**24/25**	**25/26**
January	31	41	67	48	31	52	-35.42%	67.74%
February	33	47	65	49	32	29	-34.69%	-9.38%
March	34	53	63	49	32	43	-34.69%	34.38%
April	37	51	63	42	34	44	-19.05%	29.41%
May	39	51	58	44	32	33	-27.27%	3.13%
June	39	52	49	44	34	57	-22.73%	67.65%
July	37	52	50	46	36	53	-21.74%	47.22%
August	36	51	47	44	39	36	-11.36%	-7.69%
September	36	52	44	44	39	24	-11.36%	-38.46%
October	36	65	46	40	40		0.00%	-100.00%
November	36	70	44	34	42		23.53%	-100.00%
December	35	74	46	30	56		86.67%	-100.00%
Year Average	**36**	**55**	**54**	**43**	**37**	**41** **		

** Partial Year



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Current Oil & Gas Data

Louisiana DC&E Technology Assessment Division

PRODUCTION	MAY 26	APR 26	MAR 26	MAY 25
GOM CENTRAL FEDERAL OFFSHORE [F] (OCS)				
Crude Oil & Condensate (MMB)	58	59	62	52
Natural Gas & Casinghead (BCF)	57	59	58	54
THE UNITED STATES TOTAL				
Crude Oil & Condensate [C] (MMB)	428	419	425	416
Natural Gas & Casinghead [C] (BCF)	3,424	3,328	3,433	3,306
IMPORTS				
U.S. Crude Oil [C] (MMB)	185	187	203	194
U.S. Natural Gas [C] (BCF)	224	217	239	241
BAKER HUGHES RIG COUNTS				
U.S. Gas [A]	127	128	131	101
U.S. Oil [A]	426	417	419	474
U.S. Offshore [A]	16	12	13	12
U.S. Total [A]	553	545	550	573
PRICES				
CRUDE OIL ($/barrel)				
OPEC Average [C] (F.O.B.)	124.85	93.90	110.65	67.16
U.S. Imports Average [C] (F.O.B.)	90.26	90.99	77.86	57.96
U.S. Wellhead Average [C]	105.01	97.99	88.15	59.91
Gulf OCS Wellhead Average [C]	105.97	99.30	81.22	62.94
State Severance Wellhead Average [E]	97.35	59.18	69.46	57.27
NATURAL GAS ($/MCF)				
U.S. City Gates Average [C]	4.33	4.34	4.80	4.63
U.S. Imports Average [C] (F.O.B.)	1.67	1.82	2.13	2.02
U.S. Spot Market Average [D]	2.18	1.86	2.46	2.10
State Royalty Wellhead Average	2.41	2.72	2.80	2.91
NYMEX Henry Hub End of the Month Settle Gas Price [B] ($/MMBTU)	2.56	3.10	2.97	3.17

Key

1	Estimated	MCF	Thousand Cubic Feet
2	Revised	MMB	Million Barrels
BCF	Billion Cubic Feet	N/A	Not Available
BTU	British Thermal Unit	OCS	Outer Continental Shelf
F.O.B	Free on Board	MMBTU	Million British Thermal Units

Data Sources

A	Oil & Gas Journal	D	Natural Gas Week
B	Wall Street Journal	E	LA Dept of Revenue
C	U. S. Dept. of Energy	F	BOEM

Note: Unless otherwise specified, data is from the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources and excludes Federal OCS.

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LOUISIANA ESTIMATED CRUDE OIL IMPORTS AND EXPORTS
(Barrels)

YEAR	Domestic Imports	Foreign Imports	Total Imports	Total Exports
2006	178,801,461	823,410,311	1,002,211,772	557,047,242
2007	174,554,670	816,896,435	991,451,105	481,788,044
2008	168,730,922	767,894,191	936,625,113	454,085,373
2009	182,258,937	607,792,864	790,051,801	428,186,575
2010	199,457,627	650,091,329	849,548,956	453,340,592
2011	224,516,717	604,090,791	828,607,508	470,330,446
2012	251,713,325	558,733,899	810,447,224	311,769,084
2013	343,133,879	419,087,598	762,221,477	270,802,771
2014	438,543,962	351,264,763	789,808,725	261,600,829
2015	478,773,258	358,099,808	836,873,066	256,695,969
2016	425,135,131	395,685,405	820,820,536	264,776,055
2017	507,957,916	326,975,746	834,933,662	287,040,373
2018	509,672,251	261,358,281	771,030,532	297,596,482
2019	545,698,327	259,072,691	804,771,018	312,958,367
2020	714,327,956	287,364,197	1,001,692,153	277,659,814
2021	847,362,486	160,788,562	1,008,151,048	444,053,587
2022	826,845,892	147,570,419	974,416,311	248,304,989
2023	835,393,214	72,052,294	907,445,508	310,381,236
2024	757,598,646	183,209,725	940,808,371	397,815,472
2025	702,700,816	58,599,730	761,300,546	208,830,517

LOUISIANA ESTIMATED NATURAL GAS IMPORTS AND EXPORTS
(MCF)

YEAR	Domestic Imports	Foreign Imports	Total Imports	Total Exports
2006	1,495,315,465	n/a	1,495,315,465	3,333,525,104
2007	1,799,629,628	n/a	1,799,629,628	3,816,135,033
2008	2,416,147,366	9,306,010	2,425,453,376	3,819,251,975
2009	2,871,992,733	21,246,016	2,893,238,749	4,374,100,574
2010	2,968,917,248	37,981,236	3,006,898,484	4,903,836,122
2011	2,942,300,217	14,315,238	2,956,615,455	5,235,594,099
2012	2,921,306,407	10,271,538	2,931,577,945	5,202,884,633
2013	2,614,810,990	7,231,826	2,622,042,816	4,316,459,899
2014	2,482,102,996	5,016,324	2,487,119,320	3,775,998,381
2015	2,275,276,676	5,879,794	2,281,156,470	3,426,848,532
2016	2,050,211,214	1,751,740	2,051,962,954	3,075,203,915
2017	2,187,275,983	152,454	2,187,428,437	2,779,327,955
2018	2,643,507,875	91,332	2,643,599,207	3,412,655,118
2019	3,882,109,657	0	3,882,109,657	4,956,615,872
2020	2,624,598,313	1,284,625	2,625,882,938	5,097,183,518
2021	2,975,093,687	0	2,975,093,687	3,769,919,561
2022	3,401,267,684	0	3,401,267,684	4,587,803,507
2023	3,690,375,437	0	3,690,375,437	5,390,669,121
2024	10,803,568,121	0	10,803,568,121	8,059,681,121
2025	7,236,790,876	0	7,236,790,876	6,614,271,105

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SPOT MARKET PRICES	**Oct 26**	**Sep 26**	**Oct 25**
Louisiana Natural Gas[D] ($/MMBTU)	3.06	3.33	3.19
NYMEX Henry Hub Last Settle Gas Price[B]($/MMBTU)	2.99	2.95	3.20
Louisiana Sweet Crude - St. James[B] ($/Barrel)	101.63	102.55	73.66
BAKER HUGHES RIG COUNTS	**Sep 26**	**Aug 26**	**Sep 25**
North Louisiana[A]	27	26	25
South Louisiana Inland Waters[A]	0	0	3
South Louisiana Inland[A]	1	1	3
Louisiana State Offshore	0	0	0
Louisiana Federal OCS Offshore	6	9	9
Total Louisiana[A] (OCS included)	34	36	39
PRODUCTION (State Jurisdiction Only)	**Sep 26**	**Aug 26**	**Sep 25**
Louisiana Crude Oil & Condensate (MMB)	1.9 [1]	2.4 [2]	2.2 [2]
Louisiana Natural Gas & Casinghead (BCF)	310.7 [1]	302.6 [2]	304.8 [2]
DRILLING PERMITS (State Jurisdiction Only)	**Sep 26**	**Aug 26**	**Sep 25**
Total Louisiana Oil and Gas	24	36	62
Louisiana Wildcats	2	0	0
Louisiana Offshore (Wildcats included)	0	0	0