

News : Monthly natural gas prices hit all-time lows across country

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- **Algonquin city-gates** hits all-time low
- Pacific inventories 90% higher than year-ago levels

Monthly natural **gas** prices hit all-time lows across the country Wednesday amid low demand and ample volumes of **gas** in storage.

The cash price for **gas** at **Algonquin city-gate** was around \$1.47/MMBtu for April. This is the lowest the contract has ever reached and 62 cents below March prices. It is also \$1.46/MMBtu lower than April last year.

Northeast demand sat at 21.71 Bcf on Wednesday, according to S&P Global Platts Analytics. Demand is expected to fall to 17.17 Bcf/d the next two weeks. The decline in demand is expected to add a bearish sentiment to the market.

Adding even more downward pressure, East inventories sat at 398 Bcf for the week ending March 20, according to the **US Energy Information Administration** . This level is 72.3% higher than year ago levels and 32.2% higher than the five-year average.

Looking further south, the cash price for **Houston Ship Channel** changed hands at \$1.57/MMBtu for the month of April. This is also the lowest level this location has ever reached. Northeast and **Texas** had similar fundamentals at play with lower demand and increased inventories.

Texas demand is expected to average 10.37 Bcf/d the next two weeks, according to Platts Analytics. Population-weighted average temperatures are expected to be 4 degrees Fahrenheit above average at this time.

In the west, the cash price for **SoCal city-gate** changed hands around \$1.64/MMBtu for April, this level is around 60 cents lower than what the location averaged in March. April's levels are the lowest by 15 cents. The location changed hands at \$1.79/MMBtu for March 2016.

Pacific region inventories sat at 194 Bcf for the week ending March 20. This level is 90% higher than what inventories were at this time last year, according to the **EIA** .

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