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**Market** The February natural gas futures contract expired last Thursday at \$.4316 per therm; March is now the front month. Natural gas traded higher this week. Crude oil and other energy liquids were higher. Production levels due mostly to on-shore shale drilling are causing an over-supply condition. Industrial demand is recovering. Natural gas is attractive to fix at this time to protect the winter period and beyond. The North American rig count is 913 this week. After a general rise in count starting a year ago the rig count has leveled off and increased by 7 this week.

The Crude oil price for March is higher this week at \$91.16 per barrel. Heating oil is higher at \$2.87 per gal. Unleaded gasoline futures are higher this week at \$2.52 and gasoline at the pump is around \$3.19...in Indiana. The natural gas storage report today was a withdrawal of 189 BCF. Storage is 69BCF lower than last year and 5 BCF higher than the 5 year average.

**Weather Thu:** Sunny. Cold. High 16F. Winds SW at 15 to 25 mph. **Fri:** Mainly sunny. High near 25F. Winds SW at 15 to 25 mph. **Sat:** Snow showers at times. Highs in the upper 20s with temperatures nearly steady overnight. **Sun:** A few snow showers. Highs in the low 30s and lows in the mid 20s. **Mon:** Snow showers at times. Highs in the upper 20s and lows in the upper single digits.

**Gas Storage Statistics: (BCF) Billion Cubic Feet**

This Week	Last Year	5 Year Ave.
2,353	2,422	2,348

The total of 2,353 BCF is a decrease of 189 BCF from last week.

**Comparative Fuels: Futures Prices for Mar**

	Price	Compared to Nat Gas
Natural Gas (therm)	<b>\$.4461</b>	<b>\$.4461</b>
Propane (gal)	<b>\$1.28</b>	<b>\$1.38</b>
Crude Oil (barrel)	<b>\$91.16</b>	
Heating Oil (gal)	<b>\$2.87</b>	<b>\$2.07</b>
Unleaded Gas (gal)	<b>\$2.52</b>	

**North American Natural Gas Rig Count:**

This week	913
Last week	906
Year Ago this week	861

**NYMEX Futures Price for Winter – Nov 11-Mar 12**

**\$.5393** per therm.

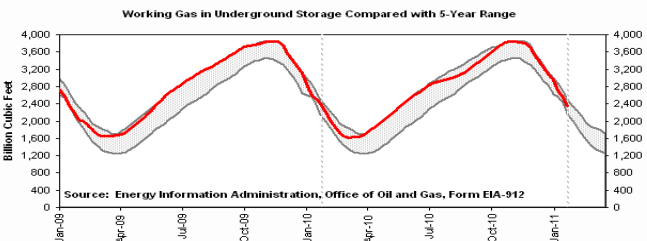
**NYMEX Futures Strip Price for 1 YR- Mar 11-Feb 12:**

**\$.5188** per therm.

**NGI for February 2011 \$ .4610** per therm

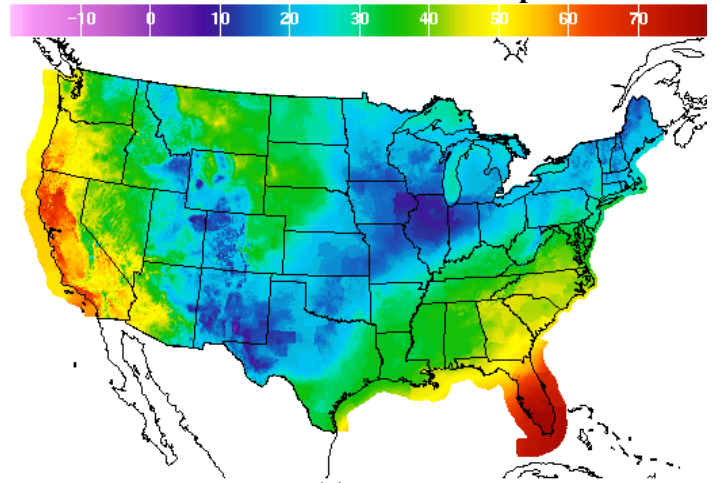


Above Graph – March 2011 NYMEX gas futures



The graph above shows storage levels as of 2-3-11

**Current Weather Map**



High Temperature(F) Ending Thu Feb 03 2011 7PM EST  
(Fri Feb 04 2011 00Z)



National Digital Forecast Database  
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**Extended Temperature Forecast: Chicago Area**

Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
7- 17	23- 25	23 - 29	26- 33	8 - 27