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**Market** March natural gas futures expired last week at \$.3793 per therm; April is now the front month. Natural gas traded mixed to lower this week. Crude oil and other energy liquids are influenced higher by the unrest in the Middle East. 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 this year and beyond. The North American rig count is 906 this week. After a general rise in count starting a year ago the rig count has leveled off and increased 1 this week.

The Crude oil price for March is higher this week at \$101.28 per barrel. Heating oil is higher at \$3.04 per gal. Unleaded gasoline futures are higher this week at \$2.99 and gasoline at the pump is around \$3.49...in Indiana. The natural gas storage report today was a withdrawal of 85 BCF. Storage is 9 BCF lower than last year and 15 BCF lower than the 5 year average.

Weather - **Thu:** More clouds than sun. Slight chance of a shower late. High 42F. Winds SE at 15 to 25 mph. **Fri:** Rain. High 48F. Winds ESE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 70%. **Sat:** Windy with a few snow showers. Highs in the upper 30s and lows in the upper 20s. **Sun:** Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 30s and lows in the upper 20s. **Mon:** Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 30s with temperatures nearly steady overnight.

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

This Week	Last Year	5 Year Ave.
1,745	1,754	1,760

The total of 1,745 BCF is a decrease of 85 BCF from last week.

**Comparative Fuels: Futures Prices for Apr**

	Price	Compared to Nat Gas
Natural Gas (therm)	<b>\$.3847</b>	<b>\$.3847</b>
Propane (gal)	<b>\$1.38</b>	<b>\$1.50</b>
Crude Oil (barrel)	<b>\$101.28</b>	
Heating Oil (gal)	<b>\$3.04</b>	<b>\$2.18</b>
Unleaded Gas (gal)	<b>\$2.99</b>	

**North American Natural Gas Rig Count:**

This week	906
Last week	905
Year Ago this week	905

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

**\$.4986** per therm.

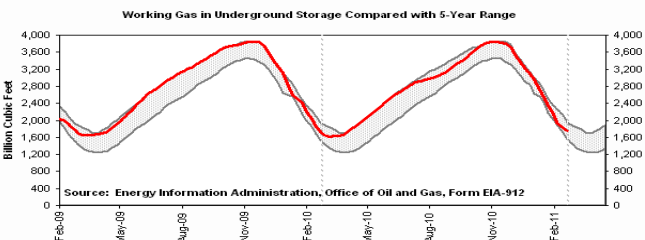
**NYMEX Futures Strip Price for 1 YR- Apr 11-Mar 12:**

**\$.4854** per therm.

**NGI for March 2011 \$.3950** per therm

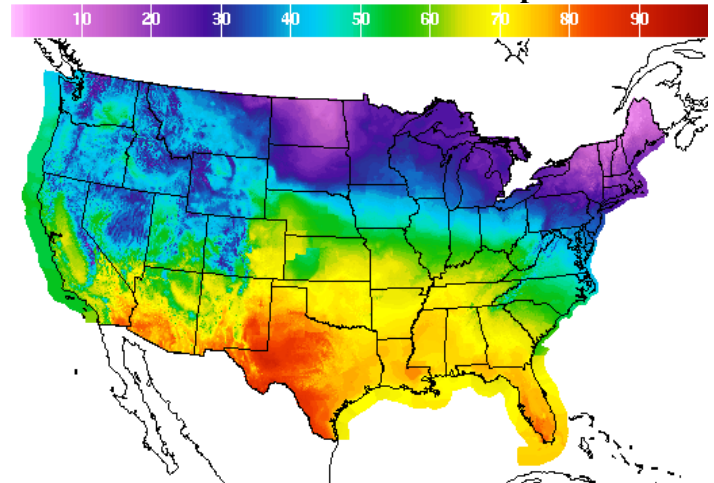


Above Graph – April 2011 NYMEX gas futures



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

**Current Weather Map**



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



National Digital Forecast Database  
14z issuance Graphic created-Mar 03 9:15AM EST



**Extended Temperature Forecast: Chicago Area**

Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
38 - 42	36 - 48	28 - 37	27- 34	34 - 35