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U.S. Propane Market Update & Outlook

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RBN U.S. PROPANE BILLBOARD SUMMARY

U.S. PROPANE SUPPLY & DEMAND

Table A:			MM	MM gal / month					M bbl / day							
	EIA MO	NTHLY	ESTIM	ATED	FORECAST			EIA MONTHLY		ESTIMATED		FORECAST				
	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23		
Production	2,776	2,518	2,854	2,794	2,899	2,826	2,941	2,132	2,141	2,192	2,218	2,227	2,243	2,259		
Gas Plants	2,431	2,200	2,499	2,444	2,533	2,467	2,565	1,867	1,871	1,920	1,939	1,946	1,958	1,970		
Refinery	345	318	354	350	366	359	376	265	270	272	278	281	285	289		
Imports	214	206	168	95	53	55	69	164	175	129	75	41	44	53		
TOTAL SUPPLY	2,989	2,724	3,021	2,889	2,953	2,881	3,010	2,296	2,316	2,321	2,293	2,268	2,287	2,312		
Demand (Prod. Supplied)	1,427	1,230	1,102	765	781	687	790	1,096	1,046	846	607	600	545	607		
Exports	1,897	1,825	2,162	2,011	2,012	1,937	1,961	1,457	1,552	1,660	1,596	1,545	1,537	1,506		
Stock Change	(335)	(336)	(242)	114	160	258	260	(257)	(286)	(186)	90	123	204	199		
TOTAL DISPOSITION	2,989	2,719	3,022	2,889	2,953	2,881	3,010	2,296	2,312	2,321	2,293	2,268	2,287	2,312		
TOTAL INVENTORY*	2.9	2.5	2.3	2.4	2.6	2.8	3.1	68.6	60.6	54.8	57.5	61.4	67.5	73.7		

^{*} Inventories are shown in billion gallons and million barrels respectively.

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

- Propane production growth continues to be weak with year-to-date volumes relatively flat. Propane gas plant production for February, as reported by the EIA, was 1,871 Mb/d, an increase of only 4 Mb/d from January and 90 Mb/d below September's all-time high. (See the Monthly Market Spotlight section of this report, where we analyze the propane production growth mystery of 2023.)
- > The propane market was down for the second month in a row as prices declined by more than 4%, pressured by high inventory levels. Propane was also weaker relative to crude oil with the ratio to WTI falling to 38% as of May 1, only slightly above the 5-year minimum for the month.
- ➤ U.S. propane stocks built by 2.7 MMbbl for the first month of the 2023 storage injection season, with April ending inventories at 57.5 MMbbl, which is 10 MMbbl, or 22%, above the 5-year average.
- Energy Transfer announced an expansion of its NGL marine terminal in Nederland, TX, which would add up to 250 Mb/d of export capacity. The company estimated the project cost at \$1.25 billion with a planned in-service date in mid-2025. They are the third midstream company to announce an LPG export expansion project along with Targa (Galena Park in mid-2023) and Enterprise (Houston Ship Channel in H1 2025).
- > U.S. propane exports remained robust in April as weak Mont Belvieu propane prices kept the export arbitrage window to Asia open.

MARKET OVERVIEW

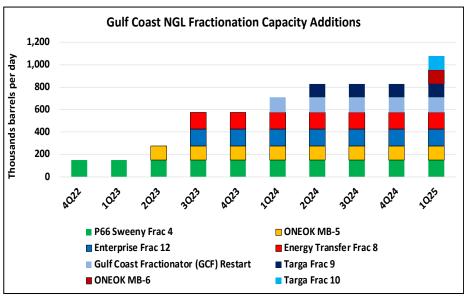
Strong overseas export demand and lackluster production growth continued to be the dominant propane market themes in April. On a fundamental basis, U.S. propane supplies are healthy with total stocks well above last year and the 5-year average. The market was decidedly bearish during the month, mainly due to high inventory levels, with propane prices plunging to 63 c/gal in early May, the lowest since December 2020. Lastly, we remain concerned about the lack of recent propane production growth. As a result, we have trimmed our 2023 production forecast but continue to be optimistic that growth will pick up in the second half of the year with a significant amount of new gas processing plant capacity scheduled to come online in the Permian Basin.

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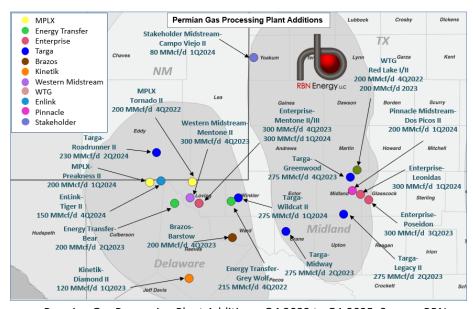
MONTHLY MARKET SPOTLIGHT

The Propane Production Growth Mystery of 2023

We expected propane production to grow at a strong rate in 2023. However, EIA reported production growth has been a no show so far this year, with the most recent EIA monthly data for February relatively unchanged from January and about 90 Mb/d, or 3%, below the September 2022 all-time high. What happened to all of the production growth? And how can propane inventories still be so high with soaring exports and flat production? Something just doesn't add up. More importantly, what does all of this mean for the trajectory of propane production over the next year or two? While we remain concerned about the lack of recent production growth, we continue to be optimistic that growth will pick up in the second half of 2023 given the significant amount of new NGL fractionation and gas processing capacity scheduled to come online on the Gulf Coast by the end of year. As shown on the left-hand chart below, a total of eight new NGL fractionation projects have been announced which will add over 1 million barrels per day of frac capacity on the Texas Gulf Coast between 4Q22-1Q25. Also, during this period, 22 new natural gas processing plants (as shown on the right-hand figure below), will come online in the Permian Basin that will add a total of 5 Bcf/d of processing capacity. We calculate that this new midstream infrastructure could increase propane production by 230 Mb/d over the next two years. However, due to the slow growth in the first half of the year, we have lowered our 2023 propane production forecast by 27 Mb/d to 1,954 Mb/d, which is 98 Mb/d, or 5.3%, higher than the 2022 annual average.



Gulf Coast NGL Frac Additions, Q4 2022 to Q1 2025. Source: RBN



Permian Gas Processing Plant Additions, Q4 2022 to Q1 2025. Source: RBN

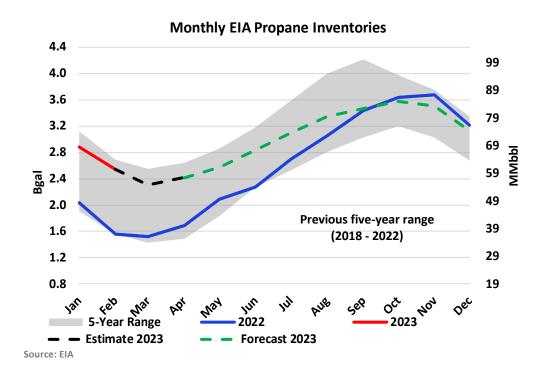
RBN U.S. PROPANE BILLBOARD INVENTORIES

U.S. PROPANE INVENTORIES

Table B:	MM gal										
	M	ONTHLY E	A	ESTIM	ATED	FORECAST					
	Jan-23	Feb-23	M/M	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23					
PADD 1 (East Coast)	267	237	(30)	196	207	239					
PADD 2 (Midwest)	838	619	(219)	484	538	638					
PADD 3 (Gulf Coast)	1,642	1,574	(68)	1,534	1,571	1,580					
PADD 4 (Rocky Mountains)	86	81	(5)	61	68	83					
PADD 5 (West Coast)	48	33	(15)	28	32	36					
TOTAL PROPANE	2,882	2,545	(337)	2,303	2,417	2,577					
Propylene	40	35	(5)	37	31	32					
TOTAL INVENTORIES	2,922	2,580	(342)	2,340	2,448	2,609					

		M	bbl		
M	ONTHLY EIA	A	ESTIM	ATED	FORECAST
Jan-23	Feb-23	M/M	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23
6,354	5,648	(706)	4,670	4,930	5,701
19,960	14,748	(5,212)	11,526	12,815	15,201
39,104	37,476	(1,628)	36,517	37,410	37,615
2,041	1,927	(114)	1,460	1,624	1,980
1,153	789	(364)	660	764	859
68,612	60,588	(8,024)	54,832	57,543	61,355
963	845	(118)	876	749	772
69,575	61,433	(8,142)	55,708	58,291	62,126

Figure 1.1



ANALYSIS & INSIGHTS

U.S. propane inventories built by 2.7 MMbbl for the first month of the injection season, which was in line with the 3.0 MMbbl 5-year average increase for the month, bringing ending stocks for April to 57.5 MMbbl (2.4 Bgal), which is 17.4 MMbbl, or 43%, above last year and 22% higher than the 5-year average. PADD 3 had a small stock increase of 0.9 MMbbl for the month, which was below the 2 MMbbl average build for the period. Gulf Coast inventories remain healthy and are 6.7 MMbbl, or 22%, above the 5-year average. PADD 2 inventories rose by 1.3 MMbbl, which was slightly more than the 0.8 MMbbl average draw for the month. Midwest stocks are 3.7 MMbbl above last year and 2.2 MMbbl higher than the 5-year average. PADD 1 inventories grew by 260 Mbbl, which was above the 5-year average draw of 29 Mbbl. PADD 4 stocks rose by 164 Mbbl to 1.6 MMbbl, which is 440 Mbbl below last year and 53 Mbbl below the 5-year average. PADD 5 inventories increased by 104 Mbbl to 764 Mbbl, which is 215 Mbbl more than last year and 52 Mbbl above the 5-year average.

INVENTORY OUTLOOK

U.S. propane inventories in May are projected to build by 3.8 MMbbl, which is well below the 5-year average increase of 8.1 MMbbl. This would bring total stocks to 61.3 MMbbl (2.6 Bgal), which is 11.7 MMbbl more than last year and 5.9 MMbbl above the 5-year average.

RBN U.S. PROPANE BILLBOARD MARKETS

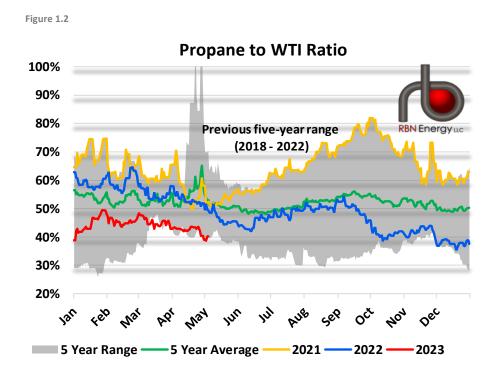
PROPANE MARKET UPDATE

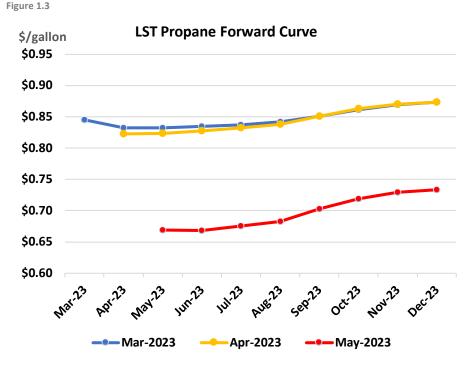
PROPANE PRICES DECLINE AGAIN IN APRIL

West Texas Intermediate (WTI) prices ended April little changed. Crude oil prices rallied early in the month, supported by the surprise OPEC+ production cut, but then gave back the gains on weak economic data out of China and rising U.S. interest rates. WTI closed at \$75.66/bbl on May 1, essentially unchanged from April 1.

U.S. propane prices were weaker than crude, falling by 4.4% during the month. OPIS non-LST (Enterprise, aka non-TET) propane averaged 80.7 c/gal in April, settling at 73.9 c/gal on April 28, down 3.4 c/gal from the beginning of the month. OPIS LST (Energy Transfer, aka TET) propane prices averaged 80.9 c/gal for the month, closing at 75.4 c/gal on April 28, falling 1.1 c/gal from the beginning of the month. The non-TET vs. TET price spread increased by 1.2 c/gal during the month with non-TET trading discount at a 1.5 c/gal on April 28. Conway OPIS propane averaged 79.2 c/gal during the month, which represented a 1.5 c/gal discount to the average non-LST price.

The benchmark propane-to-WTI Cushing ratio settled at 38% as of May 1, down 5 percentage points from April 1. The current forward curves project the propane-to-WTI ratio to average around 42% through September, which is 2 percentage points lower than implied by the forward curves from last month. As shown in Figure 1.3, the forward curve for May (red line) shifted down sharply, falling by about 15 c/gal, from the forward curve from April (yellow line).





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CONWAY VS. MONT BELVIEU PROPANE PRICES

Figure 2.5

CONWAY DISCOUNT TO BELVIEU NARROWS

The Conway spot propane (OPIS) average discount to Mont Belvieu narrowed to 1.5 c/gal during April, compared to a 4.8 c/gal discount in March and a 4.3 c/gal discount in February. In April 2022, Conway was at an average discount of 2.9 c/gal while in 2018 it was at a discount of 14.1 c/gal. The 5-year average Conway discount for April is 6.5 c/gal. As of May 5, the Conway spot propane (OPIS) discount to Mont Belvieu had declined further to 0.4 c/gal.

CONWAY PROPANE SPREAD — FORWARD CURVE ANALYSIS

Figure 2.6 shows the propane forward price curves for Conway (blue line) and Mont Belvieu (red line) on the left-hand axis. The gray area is the differential on the right axis. The Mont Belvieu-Conway price spread is a good indicator whether the market is incenting barrels to flow from PADD 2 to PADD 3 or keep barrels in the Midwest. The current forward curves expect Belvieu to trade at a 1.3 c/gal premium to Conway in June, then gradually narrow through the summer months before flipping to a small discount in October.

For 2023, the forward curves project that Gulf Coast propane prices will trade higher than Conway for most of the year, with Mont Belvieu averaging 1.3 c/gal over Conway compared to a 0.8 c/gal premium last year.

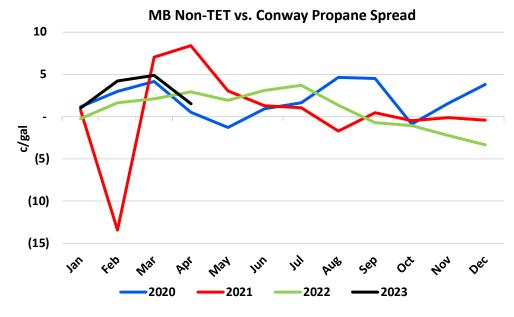
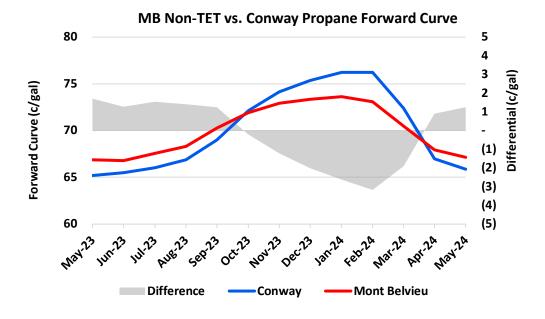


Figure 2.6



RBN U.S. PROPANE BILLBOARD DEMAND

U.S. PROPANE DEMAND

Table C:			MM gal	/ month								
		MONTHLY		ESTIM	ATED	FORECAST	MONTHLY			ESTIM	ATED	FORECAST
	Jan-23	Feb-23	M/M	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jan-23	Feb-23	M/M	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23
ResCom	812	703	(108)	771	560	387	623	598	(25)	592	444	297
Crop Drying	77	57	(20)	40	40	40	59	48	(11)	30	31	30
Industrial	120	100	(20)	105	91	89	92	85	(7)	80	72	68
Petrochemicals	243	218	(25)	218	205	222	187	185	(2)	168	163	171
PDH	72	71	(1)	85	88	111	55	60	5	65	70	85
Balancing	103	81	(22)	(117)	(219)	(328)	79	69	(10)	(90)	(174)	(252)
TOTAL PROPANE	1,427	1,230	(197)	1,102	765	520	1,096	1,046	(50)	846	607	400
Propylene	340	288	(52)	331	336	395	261	245	(16)	255	267	303
TOTAL DEMAND **	1,767	1,518	(249)	1,433	1,101	915	1,357	1,291	(66)	1,101	874	703
Weekly***	1,716	1,630	(86)	1,399	1,142		1,318	1,386	68	1,075	906	
Variance	(50)	112	162	(34)	41		(39)	95	134	(26)	33	

^{*} EIA reports purity propane product supplied in monthly data, while weekly data includes propylene.

RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL

Figure 3.1 shows our forecast for Residential & Commercial ("ResCom") propane demand. ResCom demand was sharply lower in April at 444 Mb/d, down 148 Mb/d from March. ResCom demand for May is expected to decline again to 297 Mb/d, a decrease 147 Mb/d from April.

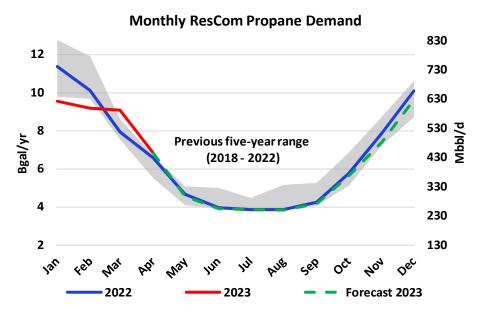
AGRICULTURAL (CROP DRYING) DEMAND

Crop drying is expected to be relatively flat around 30 Mb/d (39 MMgal/m) through July. We should see crop-drying demand start to pick up in August and peak in October-November, especially in the Midwest, where about 90% of the U.S. corn crop is grown.

PETROCHEMICAL DEMAND WEAK

Steam cracker demand for propane remained weak in April at 163 Mb/d, mainly due to spring maintenance turnarounds and poor margins. We expect cracker demand for propane to stay low as ethane remains the highest-margin feedstock. PDH demand was slightly higher in April at 70 Mb/d as the Enterprise and Invista PDH units restarted after completing maintenance outages. PDH demand is expected to ramp up in in the second half of the year with the startup of Enterprise's new PDH 2 plant in Q2 (30 Mb/d propane).

Figure 3.1



^{**} Total Demand" is the equivalent of product supplied as reported by the EIA.

^{***} Monthly product supplied from EIA through February, weekly through the week of April 28, 2023.

RBN U.S. PROPANE BILLBOARD EXPORTS

U.S. PROPANE EXPORTS

Table D:	U.	S. Propane	Exports I	Monthly a	nd Weekl	у*
	IV	ONTHLY EL	A	ESTIM	ATED	FORECAST
(Mbbl/d)	Jan-23	Feb-23	M/M	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23
Gulf Coast	1,324	1,409	85	1,440	1,382	1,350
East Coast	105	107	2	180	179	165
West Coast	24	33	9	35	30	25
Other	4	3	(1)	5	5	5
TOTAL EXPORTS	1,457	1,552	95	1,660	1,596	1,545
Weekly	1,496	1,609	113	1,611	1,559	
Variance	39	57	18	(50)	(38)	

^{*}Monthly data from EIA through February, weekly through the week of April 28, 2023. See RBN's NGL Voyager Report for additional details on propane exports.

EAST COAST EXPORTS

East Coast propane exports from Marcus Hook in Pennsylvania remained strong at 179 Mb/d in April, essentially unchanged from March. PADD 1 exports are expected to decline by 14 Mb/d in May to 165 Mb/d, which is 14 Mb/d higher than May 2022. East Coast exports (green bars in Figure 4.1) are forecast to

grow at a healthy rate in 2023, averaging 154 Mb/d, up 20 Mb/d from 2022. No propane cargoes were imported into the Newington, NH, or Providence, RI, terminals in April.

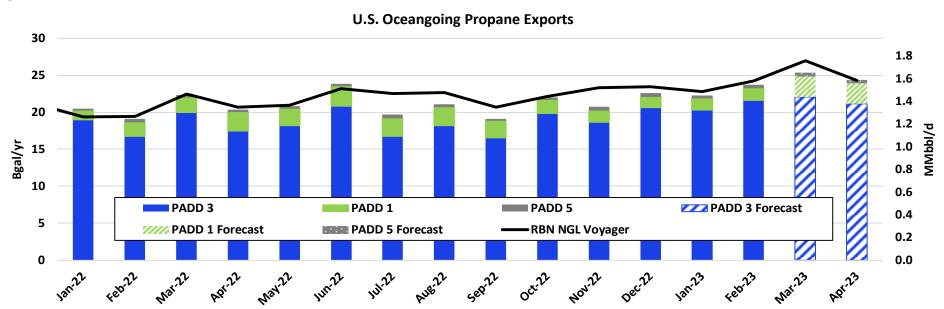
GULF COAST EXPORTS

Gulf Coast propane exports were also robust in April at 1,382 Mb/d, falling 58 Mb/d from March's record high but 194 Mb/d more than May 2022. For May, we expect PADD 3 exports to remain strong at 1,350 Mb/d. Gulf Coast exports (blue bars in Figure 4.1) are forecast to grow at a healthy clip in 2023, averaging 1,350 Mb/d, up 139 Mb/d, or 11%, from 2022.

WEST COAST EXPORTS

On the West Coast, propane exports were down 5 Mb/d from the prior month to 30 Mb/d. PADD 5 exports are projected at 25 Mb/d for May and average 28 Mb/d for 2023, up 1 Mb/d from last year. All West Coast exports are destined for Asia (via the Ferndale, WA, terminal) or Mexico (railcars/trucks).





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INTERNATIONAL PROPANE



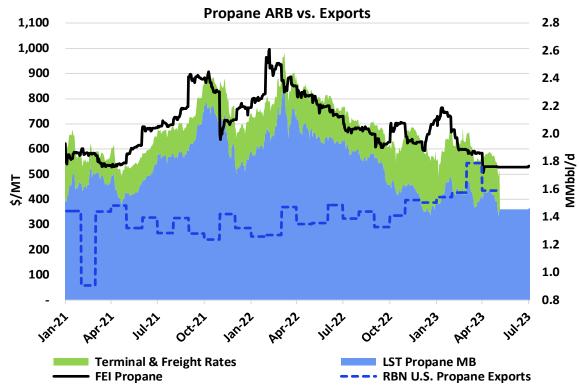
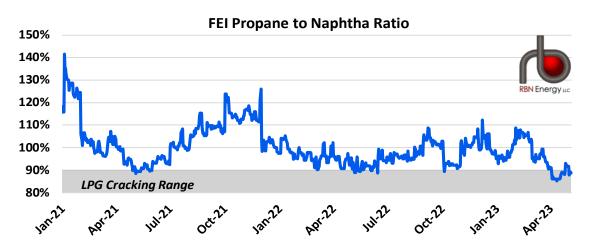


Figure 4.3



U.S.-ASIA EXPORT ARB OPEN

Saudi Aramco LPG contract prices (CP) for May were little changed amid ample supplies from the U.S. and Middle East. The May CP for propane was unchanged from the April CP at \$555/MT while normal butane increased by \$10/MT to \$555/MT.

VLGC freight rates moved higher in April, supported by robust export demand. Spot VLGC freight rates from the U.S. Gulf Coast to Chiba, Japan, (via Panama Canal) increased by \$29/MT to \$131/MT as of April 28, which is 28.4% higher than the rate on April 3. Congestion at the Panama Canal eased during the month, with wait times of only two days northbound and two days southbound as of May 2. Spot terminal fees declined during the month, falling by 1 c/gal to 5 c/gal (H2 May) as of April 28.

Figure 4.2 compares the Asian arb to U.S. propane exports. The arb is open (economic) when the forward month of FEI propane (black line) is higher than the sum of the terminal and freight rates (green area) and the price of Lone Star (LST) propane at Mont Belvieu (blue area). Over the last month, the LST propane price at Mont Belvieu declined by \$37/MT to close at \$367/MT, or 70.4 c/gal, on May 1, while the June FEI propane forward curve fell by \$31/MT, which resulted in a slightly wider spread between U.S. and Asian prices. Thus, the arb for May-June increased to \$176/MT, or 33.8 c/gal, as of May 1.

Taking into consideration terminal fees and freight costs, the arb for May-June was open (negative, thus economic) at -\$19.6/MT, or -3.8 c/gal.

Figure 4.3 shows the ratio of the Asian FEI propane price to naphtha in the same region. On May 5, the ratio sat at 89%, which implies that Asia crackers will tend to favor propane feed over naphtha.

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Figure 5.1

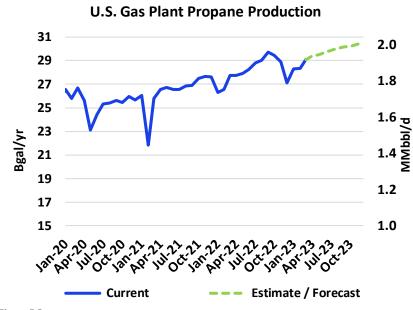


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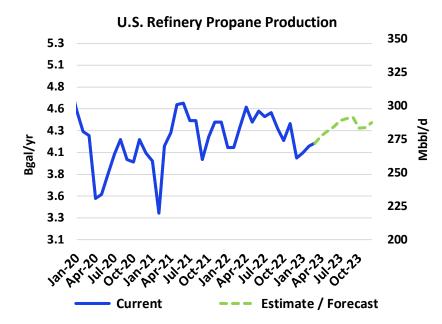


Table E:	U.S. Propane Production Monthly and Weekly*											
	M	ONTHLY E	IA	ESTIM	FORECAST							
(Mbbl/d)	Jan-23	Feb-23	M/M	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23						
Gas Plant	1,867	1,871	4	1,920	1,939	1,946						
Refinery	265	270	5	272	278	281						
TOTAL PROPANE	2,132	2,141	9	2,192	2,218	2,227						
Propylene	234	225	(9)	239	245	286						
TOTAL PRODUCTION	2,366	2,366	-	2,430	2,463	2,513						
Weekly**	2,377	2,384	8	2,407	2,462							
Variance	11	18	8	(24)	(0)							

^{*} EIA reports purity propane production separately in monthly data, while weekly data includes propylene.

GAS PLANT PRODUCTION HOLDS RELATIVELY FLAT

Propane gas plant production for February, as reported in the EIA Petroleum Supply Monthly issued April 28, was below our estimates, coming in relatively unchanged from the prior month. Total U.S. propane production was 1,871 Mb/d, up only 4 Mb/d from January and about 90 Mb/d below September's record rate. PADD 3 production was weaker at 1,071 Mb/d, down 14 Mb/d from January and 78 Mb/d below September's record rate. Based upon the latest EIA weekly data, we estimate that April gas plant production should rebound to 1,939 Mb/d. Our forecast model projects gas plant production to continue to recover in May to 1,946 Mb/d, only 13 Mb/d below September's record high. For 2023, we have lowered propane production growth forecast by 26 Mb/d to 1,954 Mb/d, up 98 Mb/d, or 5.3%, from 2022. Almost all production growth for the year is in PADD 3, primarily in the Permian Basin, with more than nine new gas processing plants scheduled to come online by the end of 2023.

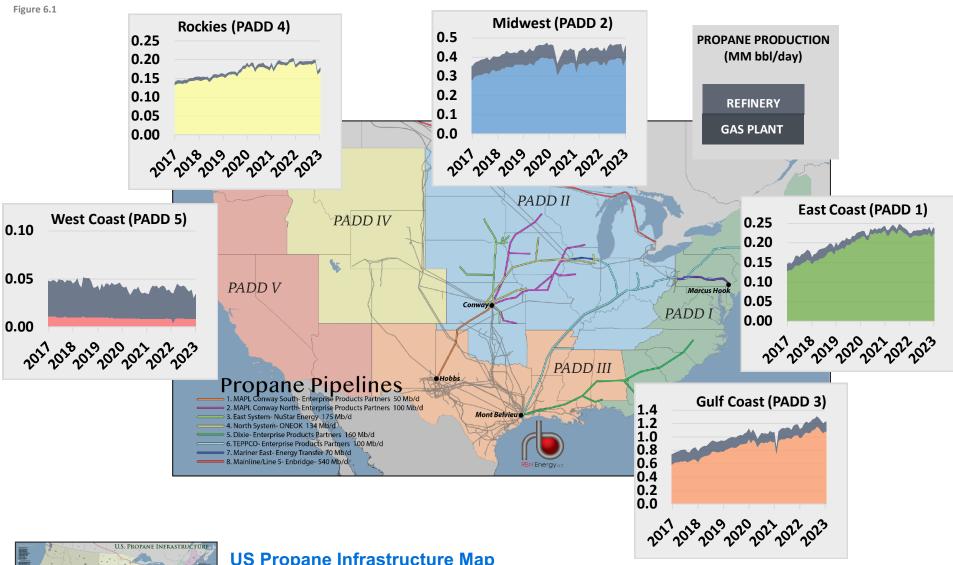
REFINERY PRODUCTION INCREASES ON HIGHER UTILIZATION

April refinery propane production increased by 6 Mb/d to 278 Mb/d as capacity utilization increased by 1.4 percentage points to 90.6%. We forecast that production in May will increase to 281 Mb/d as refinery utilization improves to slightly above 91%. For 2023, we expect refinery propane production will be relatively flat and average 281 Mb/d for the year, down 2 Mb/d from 2022, due to slightly lower capacity utilization.

^{**} Monthly production from EIA through February, weekly through the week of April 28, 2023.

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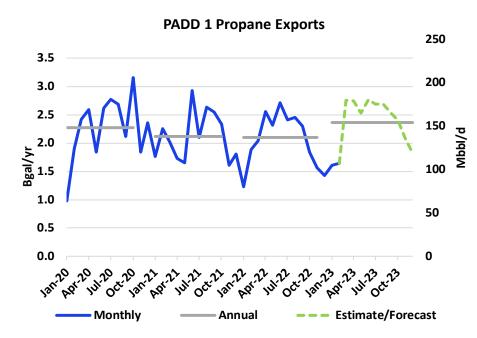
US Propane Infrastructure Map

Click on the link above for RBN's U.S. Propane Infrastructure Map, which fits together all the pieces of an opaque and regionally fragmented propane market to reveal the extensive domestic propane network in a clear, concise map.

PADD 1: PROPANE SUPPLY & DEMAND

Table F:			MN	1 gal / m	onth			M bbl / day							
	EIA MC	ONTHLY	ESTIMATED		FORECAST			EIA MONTHLY		ESTIMATED		FORECAST			
	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	
Production	312	275	314	312	323	315	327	240	234	242	248	248	250	251	
Gas Plants	292	261	299	293	304	296	307	224	222	230	233	234	235	236	
Refinery	21	14	15	19	19	19	20	16	12	12	15	14	15	15	
Imports	57	60	52	19	16	18	18	44	51	40	15	13	14	14	
Net Inter-PADD Transfers	273	249	247	233	198	184	197	210	212	190	185	152	146	151	
TOTAL SUPPLY	643	584	614	564	538	516	541	494	497	472	447	413	410	416	
Demand (Prod. Supplied)	526	488	421	327	290	255	286	404	415	323	260	223	202	220	
Exports	137	126	234	226	215	227	228	105	107	180	179	165	181	175	
Stock Change	(21)	(29)	(41)	11	32	34	27	(16)	(25)	(32)	9	25	27	21	
TOTAL DISPOSITION	642	584	614	564	538	516	541	493	497	472	447	413	410	416	
TOTAL INVENTORY	267	237	196	207	239	273	300	6,354	5,648	4,670	4,930	5,701	6,512	7,149	

Figure 7.1



INSIGHTS & ANALYSIS

PADD 1 (East Coast) inventories built by 260 Mbbl in April, which was above the 770-Mbbl draw last year and the 5-year average draw of 29 Mbbl. Higher production was the primary reason for the larger build, leaving stocks at 4.9 MMbbl (207 MMgal). This puts PADD 1 inventory 1.7 MMbbl above April 2022 and 1.3 MMbbl higher than the 5-year average. Exports remained strong at 179 Mb/d, down 1 Mb/d from March. Gas plant production in the Northeast continued to move higher, increasing by 3 Mb/d to 233 Mb/d.

PADD 1 OUTLOOK

Our propane model estimates East Coast inventories will increase by 771 Mbbl in May to 5.7 MMbbl (239 MMgal), leaving stocks 0.9 MMbbl, or 19%, above the 5-year average. As shown in Figure 7.1, East Coast exports are expected to decline to 165 Mb/d in May, which is 11 Mb/d above the 2022 average rate and 14 Mb/d higher than in May 2022. Exports are projected to average 154 Mb/d in 2023, an increase of 20 Mb/d from last year.

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Table G:			MM	gal / mo	onth			M bbl / day								
	EIA MO	NTHLY	ESTIM	IMATED FOR			ORECAST EIA MONT			NTHLY ESTIMATED			FORECAST			
	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23		
Production	594	553	597	584	598	583	605	456	470	459	463	460	463	465		
Gas Plants	500	465	503	495	506	492	510	384	395	387	393	389	390	391		
Refinery	94	88	94	88	92	91	96	72	75	72	70	71	73	74		
Imports	60	61	38	20	10	4	10	46	52	29	16	8	4	8		
Net Inter-PADD Transfers	(319)	(483)	(487)	(427)	(398)	(376)	(396)	(245)	(411)	(374)	(339)	(306)	(299)	(304)		
TOTAL SUPPLY	335	131	148	177	210	211	220	257	111	114	141	161	168	169		
Demand (Prod. Supplied)	460	345	277	117	103	76	66	353	293	213	93	79	61	51		
Exports	5	4	7	6	7	7	7	4	3	5	5	5	6	6		
Stock Change	(129)	(219)	(135)	54	100	128	146	(99)	(186)	(104)	43	77	102	112		
TOTAL DISPOSITION	336	129	148	177	210	211	220	258	110	114	141	161	168	169		
TOTAL INVENTORY	838	619	484	538	638	766	912	19,960	14,748	11,526	12,815	15,201	18,246	21,725		

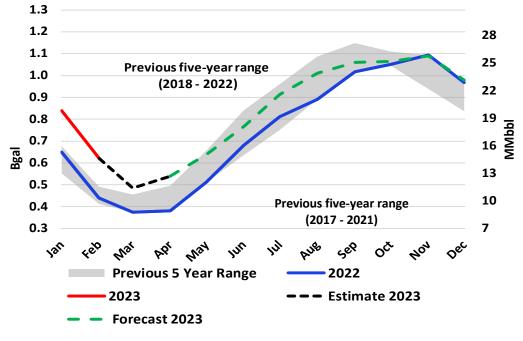
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PADD 2 (Midwest) inventories built by 1.3 MMbbl during April, which was above the 139-Mbbl increase last year and the 5-year average build of 852 Mbbl, with stocks ending at 12.8 MMbbl (538 MMgal). The Midwest market is in a more comfortable supply position compared to last year with 3.7 MMbbl more in storage. Production was marginally higher in April at 463 Mb/d. Imports declined sharply to 16 Mb/d, which is 19 Mb/d less than last year and 29 Mb/d below the 2022 average rate.

PADD 2 OUTLOOK

Midwest inventories are forecast to build by 2.4 Mbbl in May compared to a 5-year average increase of 3.3 MMbbl, bringing ending inventories to 15.2 MMbbl (638 MMgal), 3 MMbbl above last year and 1.3 MMbbl above the 5-year average. Canadian imports into the Midwest are projected to average 24 Mb/d in 2023, down 21 Mb/d from last year, primarily due to the ramp-up of Inter Pipeline's propane dehydrogenation (PDH) plant in Western Canada (22 Mb/d propane demand).

Figure 7.2 PADD 2 Monthly EIA Propane Inventories



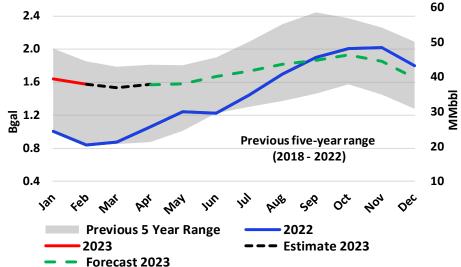
Source: EIA

PADD 3: PROPANE SUPPLY & DEMAND

Table H:			MN	1 gal / m	onth			M bbl / day							
	EIA MO	NTHLY	ESTIMATED		FORECAST			EIA MONTHLY		ESTIMATED		FORECAST			
	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	
Production	1,603	1,438	1,653	1,610	1,676	1,635	1,705	1,231	1,223	1,269	1,278	1,287	1,298	1,310	
Gas Plants	1,413	1,259	1,450	1,407	1,467	1,432	1,492	1,085	1,071	1,114	1,117	1,127	1,136	1,146	
Refinery	190	179	203	203	209	203	213	146	152	156	161	161	161	164	
Imports	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Net Inter-PADD Transfers	220	396	444	381	349	349	371	169	337	341	303	268	277	285	
TOTAL SUPPLY	1,823	1,835	2,096	1,992	2,025	1,984	2,076	1,400	1,560	1,610	1,581	1,556	1,575	1,595	
Demand (Prod. Supplied)	255	245	262	213	259	226	322	196	208	201	169	199	179	247	
Exports	1,724	1,657	1,875	1,741	1,758	1,670	1,693	1,324	1,409	1,440	1,382	1,350	1,325	1,300	
Stock Change	(156)	(68)	(40)	38	9	89	62	(120)	(58)	(31)	30	7	71	48	
TOTAL DISPOSITION	1,823	1,833	2,096	1,992	2,025	1,984	2,076	1,400	1,559	1,610	1,581	1,556	1,575	1,595	
TOTAL INVENTORY	1,642	1,574	1,534	1,571	1,580	1,669	1,731	39,104	37,476	36,517	37,410	37,615	39,736	41,209	

Figure 7.3

PADD 3 Monthly EIA Propane Inventories



Source: EIA

INSIGHTS & ANALYSIS

PADD 3 had a small stock increase of 0.9 MMbbl for the month, which was below the 4.4-MMbbl build in April 2022 and the 5-year average increase for the month of 2 MMbbl. The small build brought Gulf Coast inventories to 37.4 MMbbl (1.6 Bgal) at month's end, 12.1 MMbbl higher than last year and 6.7 MMbbl, or 22%, above the 5-year average. Propane exports from the Gulf Coast were robust at 1,382 Mb/d, up 244 Mb/d from April 2022. PADD 3 gas plant production increased modestly to 1,117 Mb/d in April, up 3 Mb/d from March, slowly recovering from the winter weather-related curtailments in late 2022.

PADD 3 OUTLOOK

May inventories are forecast to be relatively flat, as exports remain strong, increasing by just 205 Mbbl, compared to the 5-year average build of 3.1 Mbbl. That would leave May ending stocks at 37.6 MMbbl (1.6 Bgal), which is 8 MMbbl more than last year and 3.7 MMbbl above the 5-year average. Gulf Coast propane production is expected to grow by 10 Mb/d in May to 1,127 Mb/d, which is 22 Mb/d below September's all-time high.

PADD 4: PROPANE SUPPLY & DEMAND

Table I:			MN	1 gal / m	onth			M bbl / day							
	EIA MC	NTHLY	ESTIM	ATED	FORECAST			EIA MO	NTHLY	ESTIMATED		FORECAST			
	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	
Production	223	213	244	245	253	246	254	171	181	187	194	195	195	195	
Gas Plants	216	206	236	237	245	238	246	166	175	181	188	188	189	189	
Refinery	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	5	6	6	6	6	6	7	
Imports	40	38	25	17	7	8	14	31	32	19	14	5	6	11	
Net Inter-PADD Transfers	(201)	(183)	(223)	(205)	(171)	(176)	(192)	(154)	(156)	(171)	(163)	(131)	(140)	(147)	
TOTAL SUPPLY	62	67	46	57	89	77	77	48	57	36	45	68	61	59	
Demand (Prod. Supplied)	78	71	66	50	74	73	69	60	60	51	39	57	58	53	
Exports	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Stock Change	(14)	(5)	(20)	7	15	4	8	(11)	(4)	(15)	5	11	3	6	
TOTAL DISPOSITION	64	66	46	57	89	77	77	49	56	36	45	68	61	59	
TOTAL INVENTORY	86	81	61	68	83	87	95	2,041	1,927	1,460	1,624	1,980	2,067	2,253	

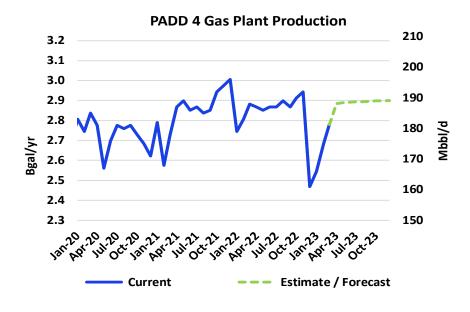
INSIGHTS & ANALYSIS

PADD 4 (Rocky Mountain) inventories built by 164 Mbbl in April to 1.6 MMbbl (68 MMgal), which is 440 Mbbl less than last year and 53 Mbbl below the 5-year average. Gas plant production continued to recover in April, increasing to 188 Mb/d, up 7 Mb/d from March. Imports were seasonally weaker at 14 Mb/d, down 5 Mb/d from the prior month.

PADD 4 OUTLOOK

PADD 4 inventories are projected build by 356 Mbbl during the second month of the storage injection season (April-September), bringing May stocks to 2 MMbbl (83 MMgal), which is 208 Mbbl below last year but 152 Mbbl above the 5-year average. As shown in Figure 7.4, PADD 4 gas plant production is expected to remain flat in May at 188 Mb/d and average 185 Mb/d for the year, unchanged from 2022.

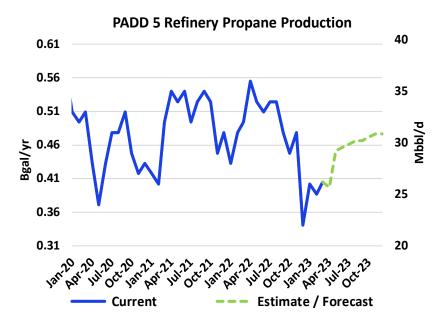
Figure 7.4



PADD 5: PROPANE SUPPLY & DEMAND

Table J:	MM gal / month							M bbl / day						
	EIA MC	EIA MONTHLY ESTIMATED		FORECAST			EIA MC	EIA MONTHLY ESTIMATED		ATED	FORECAST			
	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23
Production	44	39	45	43	49	47	49	34	33	34	34	37	38	38
Gas Plants	10	9	11	11	11	10	11	8	8	8	9	8	8	8
Refinery	34	29	34	32	38	37	39	26	25	26	26	29	30	30
Imports	56	47	52	39	21	26	27	43	40	40	31	16	21	21
Net Inter-PADD Transfers	26	22	19	19	21	20	20	20	19	15	15	16	16	15
TOTAL SUPPLY	126	108	116	101	91	93	96	97	92	89	80	70	74	74
Demand (Prod. Supplied)	108	82	76	59	54	57	46	83	70	59	46	42	46	36
Exports	31	39	46	38	33	33	33	24	33	35	30	25	26	25
Stock Change	(14)	(15)	(5)	4	4	3	17	(11)	(13)	(4)	3	3	2	13
TOTAL DISPOSITION	125	106	116	101	91	93	96	96	90	89	80	70	74	74
TOTAL INVENTORY	48	33	28	32	36	39	56	1,153	789	660	764	859	927	1,333

Figure 7.5



INSIGHTS & ANALYSIS

PADD 5 (West Coast) inventories grew by 104 Mbbl in April to 764 Mbbl (32 MMgal), leaving stocks 215 Mbbl higher than last year and 52 Mbbl above the 5-year average. Refinery production was unchanged at 26 Mb/d as capacity utilization remained at 84%. West Coast exports were weaker than the prior month at 30 Mb/d but in line with imports, which fell to 31 Mb/d.

PADD 5 OUTLOOK

Our propane model projects West Coast inventories to increase modestly in May to 859 Mbbl (36 MMgal), leaving stocks 202 Mbbl below the 5-year average. As shown in Figure 7.5, refinery production in PADD 5 is expected to increase slightly to 30 Mb/d in May as capacity utilization improves to 85%. Imports are projected to decline to 16 Mb/d and average 28 Mb/d for the year, up 1 Mb/d from 2022. West Coast exports for May are estimated at 25 Mb/d, down 5 Mb/d from the prior month. PADD 5 exports are forecast to average 28 Mb/d for the year, up 1 Mb/d from 2022.

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KEY ENERGY PRICES

Table K:					Prices							
		Current	Prior Week			P	Prior Month		Prior Year			
Product	Units	5-May-23	28-Apr-23	W/W	W/W %	5-Apr-23	M/M	M/M %	5-May-22	Y/Y	Y/Y %	
Brent Crude	\$/bbl	75.3	79.5	(4.2)	-5.3%	85.0	(9.7)	-11.4%	110.9	(35.6)	-32.1%	
WTI Cushing Crude	\$/bbl	71.3	76.8	(5.4)	-7.1%	80.6	(9.3)	-11.5%	108.3	(36.9)	-34.1%	
Henry Hub Natural Gas	\$/MMbtu	2.14	2.41	(0.27)	-11.3%	2.16	(0.02)	-0.8%	8.78	(6.65)	-75.7%	
Propane												
Mont Belvieu Non-TET	c/gal	68.2	73.9	(5.7)	-7.7%	82.5	(14.3)	-17.3%	127.2	(59.0)	-46.4%	
Mont Belvieu TET	c/gal	69.0	75.4	(6.4)	-8.5%	82.5	(13.5)	-16.3%	127.5	(58.5)	-45.9%	
Conway	c/gal	68.7	71.5	(2.8)	-3.9%	80.5	(11.8)	-14.7%	125.8	(57.1)	-45.4%	
Edmonton*	c/gal	48.5	54.9	(6.4)	-11.7%	61.4	(12.9)	-21.1%	101.1	(52.6)	-52.0%	
European (ARA)	\$/MT	441.7	506.2	(64.5)	-12.7%	516.5	(74.9)	-14.5%	763.0	(321.3)	-42.1%	
Asian (FEI)	\$/MT	529.7	583.9	(54.2)	-9.3%	586.7	(57.0)	-9.7%	826.2	(296.5)	-35.9%	



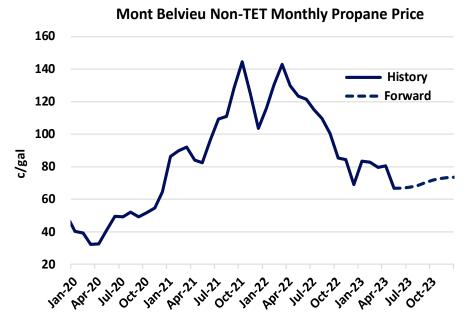
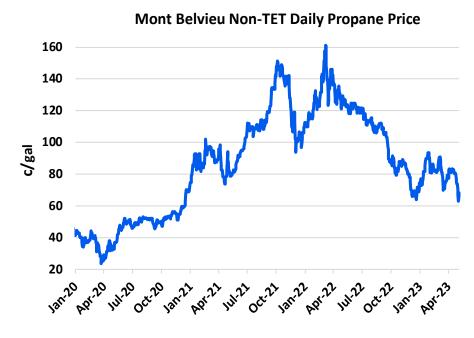


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MONTHLY PROPANE PRICE TRENDS

Figure 8.3

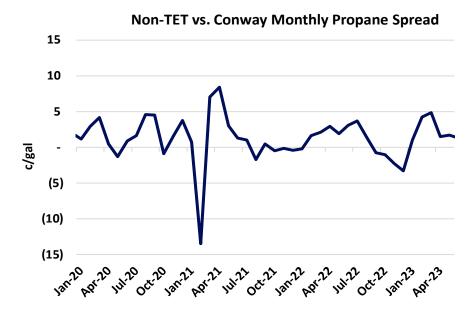


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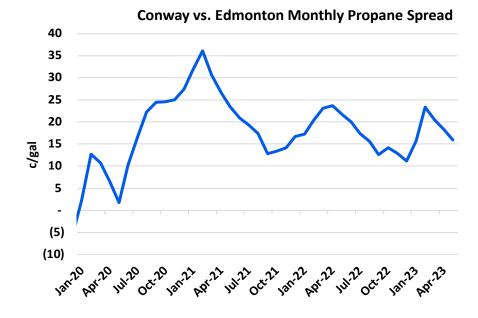


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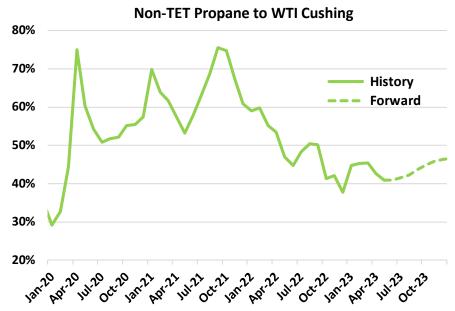


Table L:	MB TET Propane / WTI Cushing												
%	2020	2021	2022	2023	Y/Y %								
Feb	32.8%	65.0%	60.4%	44.7%	-26.0%								
Mar	45.3%	62.0%	55.6%	45.6%	-18.1%								
Apr	67.6%	56.5%	54.2%	42.7%	-21.2%								
Q1	36.6%	65.8%	58.3%	45.0%	-22.9%								
Q2	60.5%	55.5%	48.8%	42.3%	-13.2%								
Q3	50.6%	69.2%	49.5%										
Q4	56.0%	67.7%	40.8%										
Year	51.0%	64.6%	49.3%	44.2%	-10.3%								

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INTERNATIONAL PROPANE PRICE SPREADS

Figure 9.1

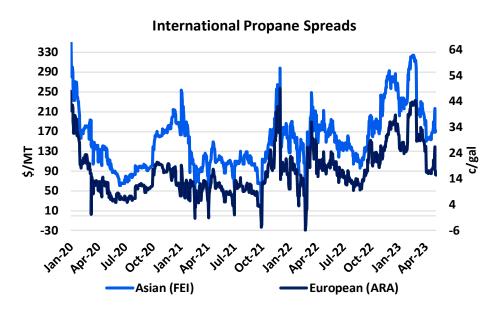


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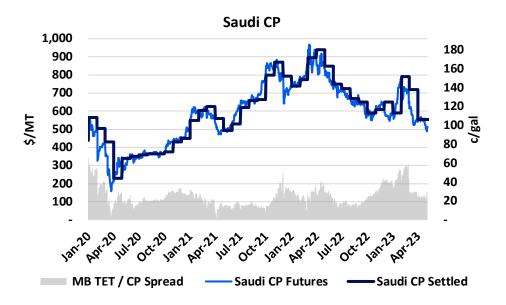


Table M:	Asian FEI / MB TET Spread											
\$/MT	2020	2021	2022	2023	Y/Y %							
Feb	174.1	96.5	115.0	311.6	171.0%							
Mar	151.8	102.4	181.7	209.4	15.2%							
Apr	125.8	112.7	175.1	166.2	-5.0%							
Q1	192.9	129.5	151.5	247.9	63.6%							
Q2	97.6	106.1	163.8	168.2	2.7%							
Q3	91.0	101.1	134.0									
Q4	175.0	163.6	232.5									
Year	139.1	125.1	170.6	225.6	32.2%							

Table N:	European ARA / MB TET Spread												
\$/MT	2020	2021	2022	2023	Y/Y %								
Feb	110.5	46.5	44.4	221.3	398.9%								
Mar	72.0	56.6	134.5	156.4	16.2%								
Apr	60.1	60.6	99.3	96.1	-3.2%								
Q1	121.6	53.5	90.5	171.3	89.2%								
Q2	44.8	50.7	98.3	96.4	-2.0%								
Q3	49.8	48.3	79.3										
Q4	89.5	111.3	147.9										
Year	76.4	66.0	104.1	150.3	44.4%								

Table O:	Saudi CP / MB TET Spread											
\$/MT	2020	2021	2022	2023	Y/Y %							
Feb	197.3	116.7	112.8	275.7	144.4%							
Mar	97.1	95.5	150.8	150.0	-0.6%							
Apr	123.5	65.2	174.7	128.7	-26.3%							
Q1	189.7	118.4	136.5	216.9	58.9%							
Q2	103.4	74.8	135.3	131.5	-2.8%							
Q3	107.5	77.5	91.6									
Q4	150.0	144.3	178.4									
Year	137.6	103.7	135.4	193.0	42.5%							

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Table P:	MM gal / month							M bbl / day						
	EIA MONTHLY ESTIMATED		FORECAST			EIA MO	EIA MONTHLY EST			MATED FO		ORECAST		
	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23
Gas Processing	2,431	2,200	2,499	2,444	2,533	2,467	2,565	1,867	1,871	1,920	1,939	1,946	1,958	1,970
Refinery Propane	345	318	354	350	366	359	376	265	270	272	278	281	285	289
Imports	214	206	168	95	53	55	69	164	175	129	75	41	44	53
TOTAL SUPPLY	2,989	2,724	3,021	2,889	2,953	2,881	3,010	2,296	2,316	2,321	2,293	2,268	2,287	2,312
Product Supplied	1,427	1,230	1,102	765	781	687	790	1,096	1,046	846	607	600	545	607
ResCom	812	703	771	560	387	322	327	623	598	592	444	297	255	251
Crop Drying	77	57	40	40	40	40	40	59	48	30	31	30	31	30
Industrial	120	100	105	91	89	87	90	92	85	80	72	68	69	69
Petrochemicals	243	218	218	205	222	218	224	187	185	168	163	171	173	172
PDH	72	71	85	88	111	113	130	55	60	65	70	85	90	100
Balancing	103	81	(117)	(219)	(68)	(92)	(21)	79	69	(90)	(174)	(52)	(73)	(16)
Exports	1,897	1,825	2,162	2,011	2,012	1,937	1,961	1,457	1,552	1,660	1,596	1,545	1,537	1,506
Stock Change	(335)	(336)	(242)	114	160	258	260	(257)	(286)	(186)	90	123	204	199
TOTAL DISPOSITION	2,989	2,719	3,022	2,889	2,953	2,881	3,010	2,296	2,312	2,321	2,293	2,268	2,287	2,312
TOTAL INVENTORY	2,882	2,545	2,303	2,417	2,577	2,835	3,094	68,612	60,588	54,832	57,543	61,355	67,488	73,670
Last Year Inventory	2,031	1,559	1,522	1,688	2,085	2,272	2,693	48,357	37,128	36,244	40,185	49,644	54,099	64,130
Stock M/M Δ	(335)	(336)	(242)	114	160	258	260	(7,967)	(8,008)	(5,756)	2,711	3,812	6,134	6,182
Last Year Stock M/M Δ	(642)	(473)	(38)	165	397	188	419	(15,283)	(11,256)	(899)	3,930	9,455	4,470	9,982

^{*} Inventories are shown in billion gallons and million barrels respectively.

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PADD AVERAGE HEATING DEGREE DAYS (HDDs)

Figure 10.1

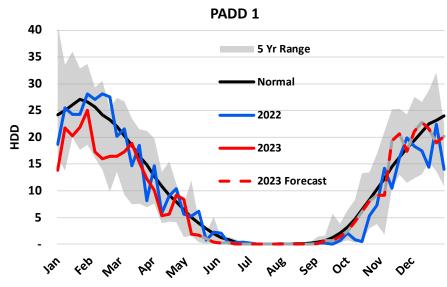


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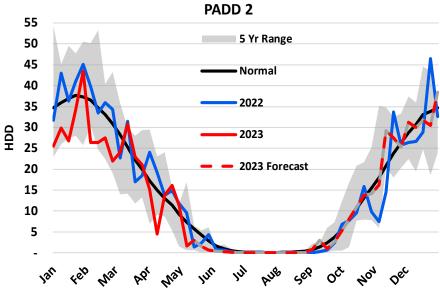
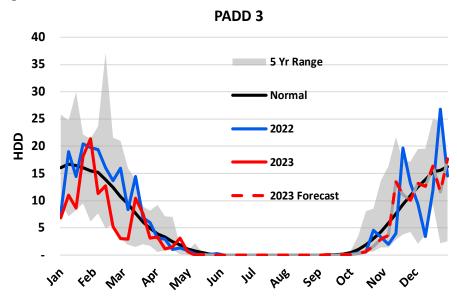


Figure 10.3



2022-23 WINTER SEASON RECAP

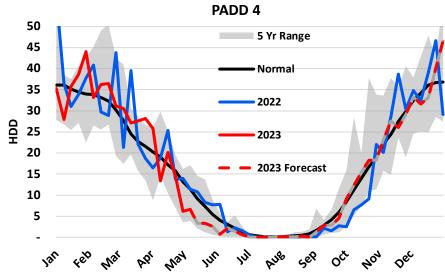
The 2022-23 winter season (October–March) was 4% colder than last year and in line with the 5-year average, according to our weather data. We estimate that total ResCom demand for the winter season was 2% above last winter and on par with the 5-year average. Overall, our weather data indicated it was a fairly average winter, with PADD 5 being with only region with colder-thannormal temperatures and higher heating demand.

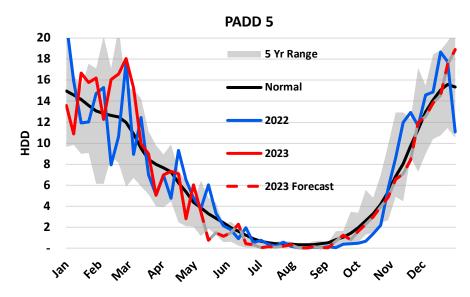
In contrast, the EIA reported that U.S. propane consumption (measured as product supplied) for the winter heating season averaged 33.6 million barrels per month, the lowest on record. The EIA said that average propane consumption during the three coldest winter months (December-February) averaged 1.1 million b/d, the lowest since they started collecting the data. The EIA also said that above-average temperatures reduced propane consumption in the residential and commercial sectors, particularly in the Midwest and Northeast, where 54% of the more than 6 million U.S. households that report using propane as a primary space heating fuel are located.

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Figure 10.4 Figure 10.5





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