

Summary of Weekly Petroleum Data for the Week Ending December 18, 2015

U.S. crude oil refinery inputs averaged about 16.5 million barrels per day during the week ending December 18, 2015, 143,000 barrels per day less than the previous week's average. Refineries operated at 91.3% of their operable capacity last week. Gasoline production decreased last week, averaging over 9.3 million barrels per day. Distillate fuel production decreased last week, averaging over 4.9 million barrels per day.

U.S. crude oil imports averaged over 7.3 million barrels per day last week, down by 986,000 barrels per day from the previous week. Over the last four weeks, crude oil imports averaged about 7.9 million barrels per day, 3.4% above the same four-week period last year. Total motor gasoline imports (including both finished gasoline and gasoline blending components) last week averaged 334,000 barrels per day. Distillate fuel imports averaged 168,000 barrels per day last week.

U.S. commercial crude oil inventories (excluding those in the Strategic Petroleum Reserve) decreased by 5.9 million barrels from the previous week. At 484.8 million barrels, U.S. crude oil inventories remain near levels not seen for this time of year in at least the last 80 years. Total motor gasoline inventories increased by 1.1 million barrels last week, but are in the lower half of the average range. Finished gasoline inventories decreased while blending components inventories increased last week. Distillate fuel inventories decreased by 0.7 million barrels last week but are in the upper half of the average range for this time of year. Propane/propylene inventories fell 1.3 million barrels last week but are well above the upper limit of the average range. Total commercial petroleum inventories decreased by 5.3 million barrels last week.

Total products supplied over the last four-week period averaged over 20.0 million barrels per day, down by 0.8% from the same period last year. Over the last four weeks, motor gasoline product supplied averaged 9.3 million barrels per day, up by 0.7% from the same period last year. Distillate fuel product supplied averaged 3.6 million barrels per day over the last four weeks, down by 7.4% from the same period last year. Jet fuel product supplied is up 2.9% compared to the same four-week period last year.