

Summary of Weekly Petroleum Data for the Week Ending September 14, 2012

U.S. crude oil refinery inputs averaged 14.9 million barrels per day during the week ending September 14, 595 thousand barrels per day above the previous week's average. Refineries operated at 88.9 percent of their operable capacity last week. Gasoline production increased last week, averaging 9.1 million barrels per day. Distillate fuel production increased last week, averaging about 4.6 million barrels per day.

U.S. crude oil imports averaged 9.8 million barrels per day last week, up by 1.3 million barrels per day from the previous week. Over the last four weeks, crude oil imports have averaged 9.0 million barrels per day, 227 thousand barrels per day above the same four-week period last year. Total motor gasoline imports (including both finished gasoline and gasoline blending components) last week averaged 458 thousand barrels per day. Distillate fuel imports averaged 159 thousand barrels per day last week.

U.S. commercial crude oil inventories (excluding those in the Strategic Petroleum Reserve) increased by 8.5 million barrels from the previous week. At 367.6 million barrels, U.S. crude oil inventories are above the upper limit of the average range for this time of year. Total motor gasoline inventories decreased by 1.4 million barrels last week and are in the lower half of the average range. Finished gasoline inventories increased while blending components inventories decreased last week. Distillate fuel inventories decreased by 0.3 million barrels last week and are near the lower limit of the average range for this time of year. Propane/propylene inventories increased by 1.3 million barrels last week and are above the upper limit of the average range. Total commercial petroleum inventories increased by 11.4 million barrels last week.

Total products supplied over the last four-week period have averaged 18.6 million barrels per day, down by 2.9 percent compared to the similar period last year. Over the last four weeks, motor gasoline product supplied has averaged 8.9 million barrels per day, down 0.9 percent from the same period last year. Distillate fuel product supplied has averaged 3.4 million barrels per day over the last four weeks, down by 11.2 percent from the same period last year. Jet fuel product supplied is 0.4 percent lower over the last four weeks compared to the same four-week period last year.