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## EXPECT HIGHER-THAN-AVERAGE NATURAL GAS PRICES THIS WINTER, EIA SAYS

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Natural gas prices are projected to be higher than average this winter amid low inventories and strong demand globally, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA). LNG (liquefied natural gas) exports are expected to jump 17% in the fourth quarter.

The EIA released Wednesday (Sept. 7) the September Short-Term Energy Outlook that shows the U.S. natural gas spot price at the Henry Hub will rise this winter, reaching a monthly average of \$9.10 per million British thermal units in January 2023. The price will be the highest inflation-adjusted monthly average price since 2008. Natural gas demand is expected to remain strong despite the high prices for the commodity.

"There are limited options for replacing natural gas in the short term, especially for electricity generation," said EIA Administrator Joe DeCarolis. "We expect electricity producers — particularly in Europe — will have to generate some electricity from oil-based fuels this winter."

In Europe and Asia, natural gas prices set records in August as pipeline exports from Russia to Europe fell to the lowest level in 40 years, and U.S. liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports remained limited because of the outage at the Freeport LNG facility.

In the United States, natural gas inventories are projected to be 7% below the previous five-year average at the end of October. Natural gas is the primary source of heat for 46% of U.S. households. In 2023, U.S. natural gas prices are expected to fall as production rises.

Following are other highlights from the Short-Term Energy Outlook:

- U.S. LNG exports are expected to rise by 17% to an average of 11.7 billion cubic feet per day in the fourth quarter, from the third quarter. DeCarolis said the exports are expected to return to record levels if the Freeport facility resumes partial operations as expected in November.
- Oil prices are projected to be flat for the remainder of this year, but DeCarolis noted the various factors that could affect the prices in the fourth quarter, including changes in OPEC production, conflict in Libya and U.S. production and transportation disruptions as a result of late-season hurricanes.
- U.S. households consumed 1.7% more electricity this past summer (between June and August), compared to summer 2021. The increase is largely because the summer was hotter than summer 2021.

### Is it time to replace that old water heater?



Depending on several factors, water heaters generally last 8 to 10 years. As with most appliances, there are signs to look for that can help you determine if it is time to replace your water heater.

✓ **Age** – Water heaters usually have a manufacturer decal on the front of the tank. Generally, you will find the manufacture date on this decal. If you can't find the date. Call the manufacturer and give them the serial number and they

will be able to tell you when it was made.

✓ **Puddles** – If you see any water puddling on the floor beneath or around the water heater, you will probably need to replace the water heater very soon.

✓ **Noises** – Rumbling, clanging or banging noises coming from within the water tank are signs that sediment may be building up inside the tank.

✓ **Rust Colored Water** – If the water in your shower or sink starts to look rusty or dirty it could be a sign that the inside of the water heater is beginning to rust.

✓ **It Doesn't Work Like It Used To** – Do you have to the temperature knob higher every day to get the same amount of heat? This can indicate that the water heater is working too hard to keep up with your hot water demands.

If you are experiencing any of these signs, call a licensed plumber to check out the issue.

Wyoming Gas would like to wish all a very Happy Holiday Season.

# 2023

*happy new year!*

Our offices will be closed on Monday, December 26th in observance of Christmas and, again on Monday, January 2nd 2023, in observance of New Year's Day.

# Recipe

DIRECTIONS

## Baked French Toast Casserole with Maple Syrup

### Ingredients:

1 loaf of French bread (13 to 16 oz)	¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon
8 large eggs	¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
2 ½ cups half and half	Dash of salt
1 cup milk	Maple Syrup
2 tablespoons granulated sugar	Praline Topping (recipe below)
1 teaspoon vanilla extract	

### Praline Topping

½ pound butter (2 sticks)	2 tablespoons light corn syrup
1 cup packed light brown sugar	½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 cup chopped pecans	½ teaspoon ground nutmeg

### Directions

Slice French bread into 20 – 1-inch pieces. Arrange slices into two overlapping rows in a generously buttered 9” X 13” flat baking dish. In a large bowl, combine the eggs, half and half, milk, sugar, vanilla cinnamon, nutmeg, and salt and beat with a rotary beater or whisk until blended but not too bubbly. Pour the mixture over the bread slices, making sure all are covered evenly with the milk-egg mixture. Spoon some of the mixture between the slices.

Cover with foil and refrigerate over-night. The next day, preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Spread Praline toping evenly over the bread and bake for 40 minutes, until puffed and lightly golden. Serve with Maple syrup

#### Praline Topping:

Combine all of the Praline topping ingredients in a medium bowl and blend well. Makes enough for Baked French Toast Casserole

# LIEAP

LIEAP (Low Income Energy Assistance Program) is a federally funded program that will help people pay heating bills from November 2022 through May 2023. The program is open to home owners and renters. It helps cover the cost of electricity, natural gas, propane, wood, diesel heating oil, coal and pellets when these are used for heating a home.

If you or someone you know needs assistance with heating bills this winter, please contact the Department of Family Services (DFS) at 800-457-3659 or Wyoming LIEAP at 800-246-4221 to get more information. Applications for LIEAP are available online from DFS starting the first week in September 2022. Applications may also be picked up from the local DFS office beginning the second week in September 2022. Applications are accepted until February 28, 2023.

The programs top priority is given to households whose members are elderly, disabled or households with children under the age of six. Visit [www.dfsweb.wyo.gov/economic-assistance/lieap](http://www.dfsweb.wyo.gov/economic-assistance/lieap) to download and application or to get additional information.



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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**December** – Thermopolis – Messiah’s Mall. Open and free to the public. Clothing and household goods giveaway! Monday, Wednesday and Friday from Noon to 4pm at the Risen Son Baptist Church.

**December 1** – Thermopolis – **Soup with Santa** Join us at Children’s Resource Center for a soup dinner, crafts and Santa! This is a fundraiser for Dolly Parton Imagination Library - providing free books to kids in Hot Springs County from birth to five years old! 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM 307-864-9227

**December 3** – Kirby – **Wyoming Whiskey 10th Anniversary** Starting at noon at the old Kirby Bar and Grill. Open to the public. They will be releasing a 10-year aged Bourbon. Raffles and giveaways.

**December 3** – Thermopolis – **Saturday Night Steak Special** SonRise Grass Creek Guest Ranch. 4 PM to 9 PM Reservation only! They are serving a 12oz hand cut ribeye, twice baked potatoes, fresh baked bread, broccoli and carrots for the side, and for dessert homemade cheesecake. \$35.00 per plate they will also have an open bar.

**December 3** – Worland – **WTS Chamber Parade of Lights** Big Horn Ave. 6 pm. Entry Forms Available/Return at Thermopolis- Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce 307.864.3192

**December 6** – Thermopolis – **Lighted Christmas Parade** 6 pm. Contact Ruth, Coordinator 307-347-3226

**December 10** – Manderson – **Craft Show** • 10:00 AM 4:00 PM Manderson Town Hall , 9 to 3 or 4.... \$20 a table. Info, Contact Gail 307-272-4419

**December 10** – Worland – **Soup and Cookie Fair** 11 AM - 2 PM Washakie Museum and Cultural Center

**December 10** – Basin – **Basin Area Chamber’s Christmas Bazaar and Little Shoppers** 9 AM - 2 PM This is where children 10 and under shop for just \$1 a gift. The local FFA groups help the children shop and wrap gifts. No adults allowed in the designated area. Children should come with gift tags already made out. They may purchase up to 10 gifts. For more information contact the chamber at 307-568-3055.

**December 12-17** – Worland – **Gingerbread House Contest** at the library in Worland - 801 Big Horn Ave. Sponsored by Friends of the Washakie County Library. Rules and entry forms are available at the Washakie County Library and entries are due no later than Dec. 12th. Call (307)347-2231 for more information.

**December 13** – Worland – **Washakie County Dems Meeting.** 5-6:30 PM 801 Big Horn Avenue in the upstairs conference room.

**December 13** – Thermopolis – **Middle School and High School Band Concert.** 7:00 PM MST HS Auditorium

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