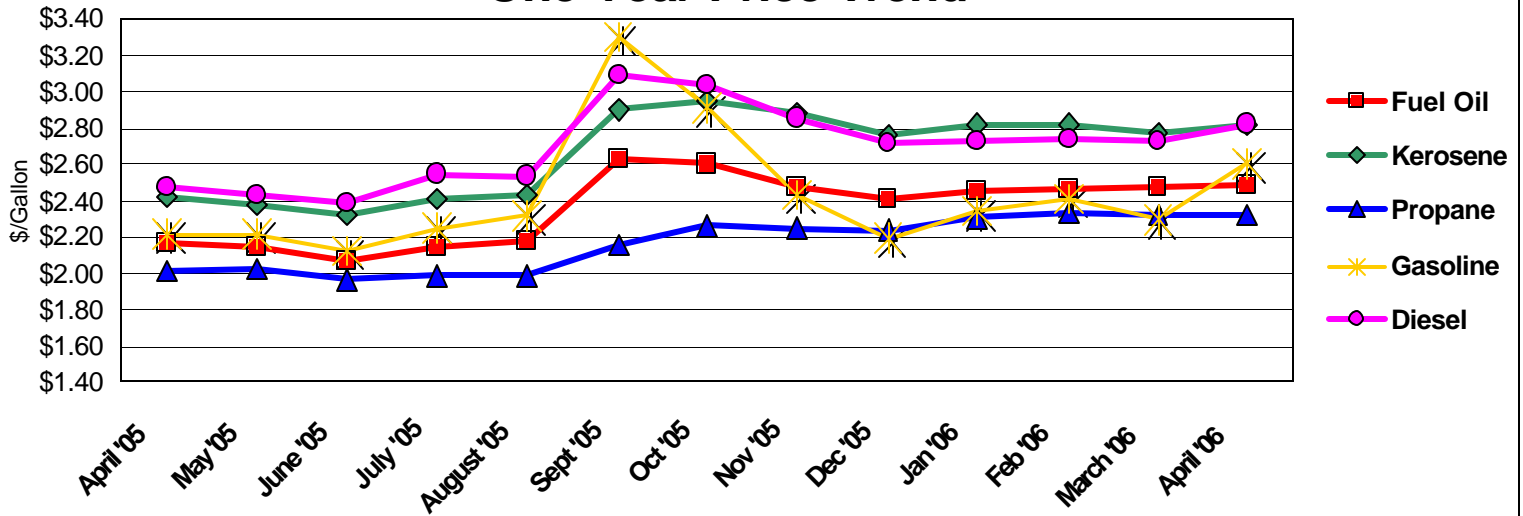


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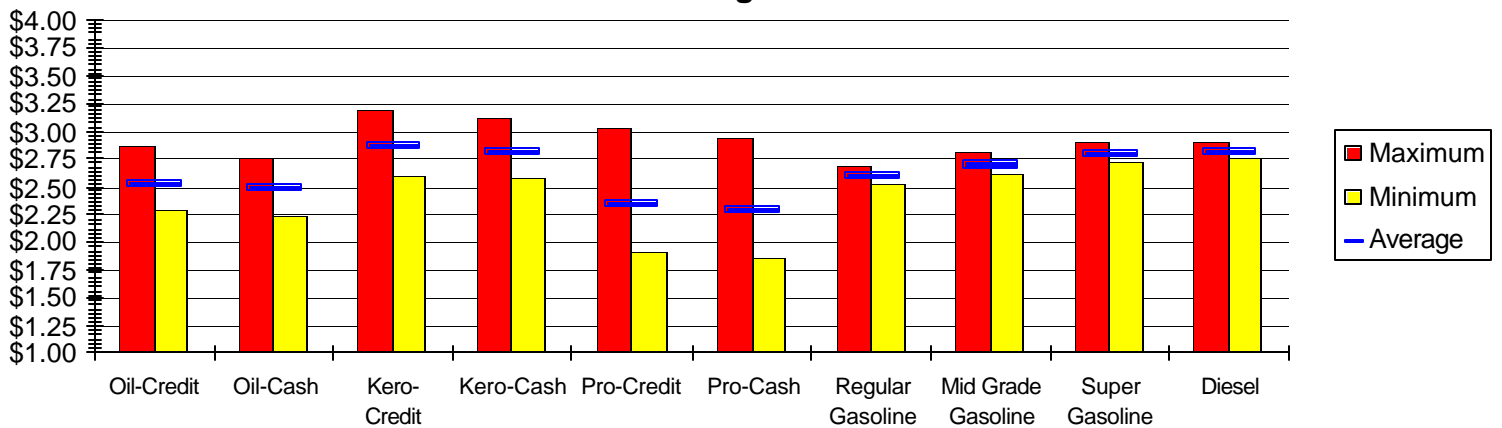
One-Year Price Trend



Vermont Average Retail Petroleum Prices (per gallon)

	April '06	March '06	%change	April '05	%change
No. 2 Fuel Oil	\$2.49	\$2.47	0.51%	\$2.17	14.52%
Kerosene	\$2.82	\$2.77	1.58%	\$2.42	16.36%
Propane	\$2.32	\$2.31	0.16%	\$2.01	15.27%
Reg. Unleaded Gasoline	\$2.60	\$2.29	13.69%	\$2.22	17.39%
Diesel	\$2.81	\$2.73	3.09%	\$2.47	13.74%

Fuel Price Ranges in Vermont

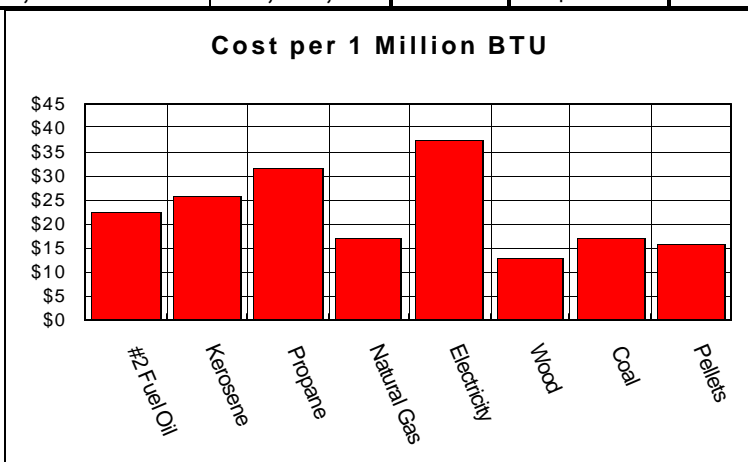


Gasoline and Diesel Prices

The Energy Information Administration (EIA) has reported that as of April 3rd (which is when the VT fuel survey was conducted) the national average retail price of regular gasoline was \$2.59 per gallon, and the New England average price was \$2.57 per gallon. As of April 10th the national average price of gasoline had increased to \$2.68 and the New England average price had increased to \$2.66.

As of April 3rd the national average retail price of diesel was \$2.62 and the New England average price was \$2.73 per gallon. On April 10th the national average price of diesel increased to \$2.65 and the New England average price increased to \$2.77.

Comparing the Cost of Heating Fuels				
Type of Energy	BTU/unit	Adj Effic	\$/unit	\$/MMBtu
Fuel Oil, gallon	138,200	80%	\$2.49	\$22.48
Kerosene, gallon	136,600	80%	\$2.82	\$25.76
Propane, gallon	91,600	80%	\$2.32	\$31.61
Natural Gas, therm	100,000	80%	\$1.36	\$17.00
Electricity, kwh	3,412	100%	\$0.13	\$37.51
Wood, cord (green)	22,000,000	60%	\$170.00	\$12.88
Coal, ton	24,000,000	60%	\$242.50	\$16.84
Pellets, ton	16,400,000	80%	\$210.00	\$16.01



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The EIA also reports that prices are expected to stay high throughout the summer driving season (April-September). Gasoline prices will be impacted by the following factors: high crude oil prices due to increased world demand with only small increases in world oil production capacity; uncertainty in Iraq, Iran, and Nigeria; final implementation of the EPA Tier 2 gasoline program, which requires lower sulfur content in gasoline; and the phase-out of MTBE, which will likely be replaced by ethanol and may cause temporary supply disruptions and have slightly higher costs.

The EIA is projecting that the national retail price of regular gasoline will average \$2.62 during the summer driving season, with prices peaking in May and decreasing in September.

National retail diesel prices are also predicted to average \$2.62 per gallon this summer, which is 21 cents higher than last summer. Fluctuations in diesel prices will partly depend on difficulties encountered during the transition to ultra low sulfur diesel, which must be completed by October 15th of this year.

Additional information is available in the EIA “Short-term Energy Outlook” and “This Week in Petroleum” available at: www.eia.doe.gov.

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