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- The November month expiry contract for natural gas is now trading at \$5.333, a significant drop from the recent high of \$6.4660 set on September 6th due to change in weather forecast for coming weeks. Forecasts from NOAA suggest normal temperatures across most of the U.S. over the next 60 days, which will reduce gas consumption and will increase inventory. Gas prices, on the other hand, are still higher than they have been since March 2014. Natural Gas prices found some ground on Tuesdays due to milder weather forecast from NOAA for Oct 17-21 across most of U.S. Southeast and West Coast which.
- The net short of natural gas futures fell by -12972 contracts to 133708 contracts during the week, according to the CFTC Commitments of Traders report for the week ended October 5.
 Speculative longs increased by +1470 contracts, while shorts decreased by -11502.
- US production, weak domestic demand, and last week's inventory report are all negative factors for gas prices. According to Bloomberg, US gas production on Sunday was 92.7 billion cubic feet, up 11.8 percent year over year. On Sunday, natural gas consumption was 58.2 bcf, down -2.0 percent year over year. Furthermore, the EIA report was negative for natural gas prices. Natural gas inventories in the United States increased by 118 billion cubic feet to 3,288 billion cubic feet in the week ended October 1, exceeding expectations of 108 billion cubic feet and the 5-year average of 81 billion cubic feet. Inventories, on the other hand, are down -14.2 percent year over year and -5.1 percent below their 5-year average.
- Natural gas prices are expected to remain stable due to a rally in global gas prices, increased export demand, and increased US domestic electricity production. Following a drop in inventory, European natural gas prices soared to a new high. Natural gas inventories in Europe are at their lowest point in more than a decade. According to BNEF, gas flows to US LNG export terminals were 10.5 bcf on Monday, up +2.8 percent w/w. Furthermore, electricity output in the United States increased by 6.1 percent year on year to 75,020 GWh in the week ending October 2. (gigawatt hours).
- Meanwhile, Baker Hughes reported last Friday that the number of active U.S. natural gas drilling rigs in the week ended October 8 was unch at 99, just below the one-and-a-quarter-year high of 104 rigs set on July 23.

Outlook

A Natural gas prices are expected to remain firm as long as they remain above the key support level of the 50-day exponential moving average of \$4.933, while immediate resistance is seen around \$5.975-\$6.151.





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