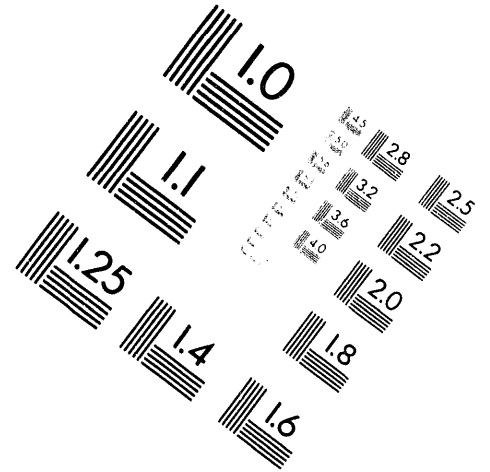
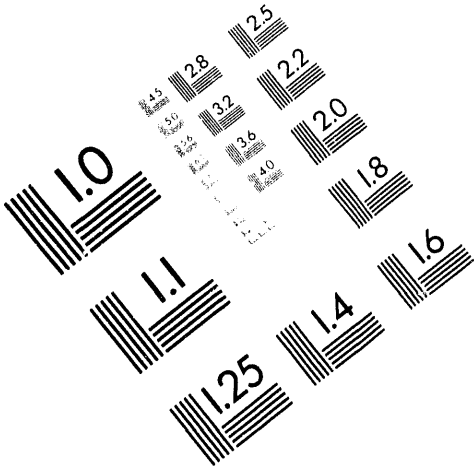




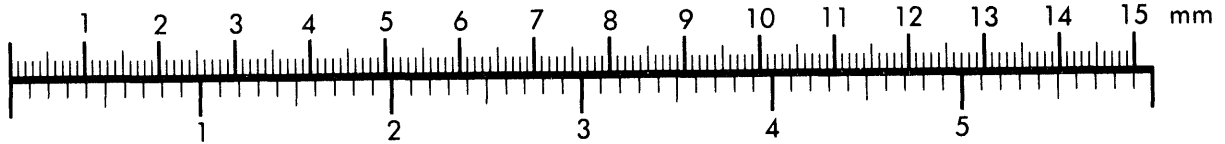
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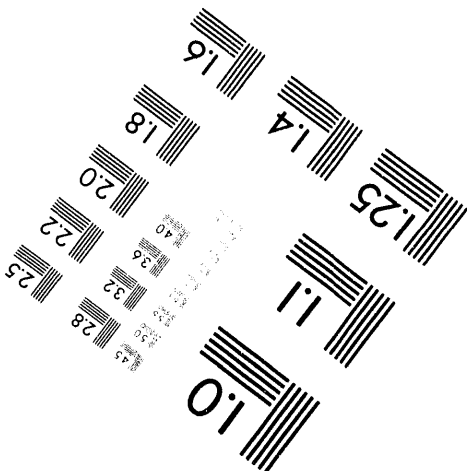
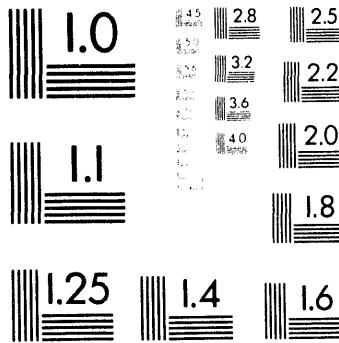
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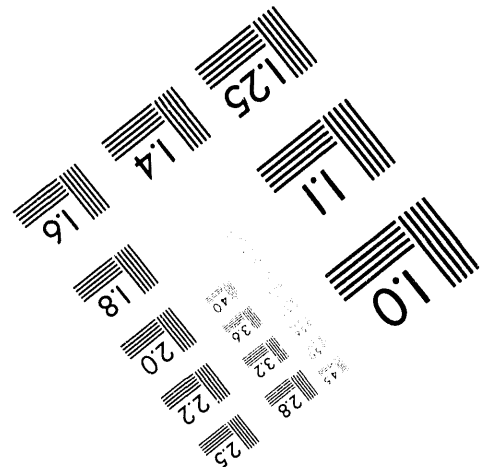
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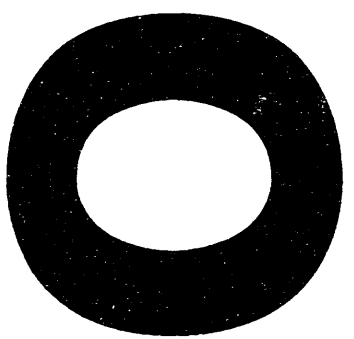


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**1993 - 1994 Heating Season**

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# **PENNSYLVANIA HEATING OIL & PROPANE PRICE SURVEY**

1993 - 1994

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The State Heating Oil and Propane Price (SHOPP) survey for the 1993-1994 heating season was conducted by the Pennsylvania Energy Office (PEO) in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration (DOE/EIA). The objective of the program was to collect price information for residential No. 2 heating oil and propane. Prices were to be collected on the first and third Mondays of each month, starting on October 4, 1993, and extending through March 21, 1994.

For each heating oil distributor, the PEO was asked to collect charge prices for a standard delivery quantity of No. 2 heating oil. The propane price surveyed was for a customer using between one thousand and fifteen hundred gallons during the heating season.

The PEO agreed to forward the survey results to the DOE/EIA within three days of the date of each survey. DOE/EIA's responsibility was to compile the data from all states and distribute a semi-monthly report. In addition, DOE/EIA took responsibility for the collection of primary stock information for No. 2 heating oil.

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## **PREPARATIONS FOR SURVEY**

The DOE/EIA elected to use the companies that participated in the 1992-1993 survey. Current contact information was provided by the PEO to the DOE. The EIA sent a letter to each company notifying it of its continuation in the survey.

The PEO continued to use the PEDRO program to conduct the survey.

## **THE SURVEY**

The survey phone calls were made on the first and third Mondays of the months October, 1993 through March, 1994. Prices of No. 2 heating oil were obtained from thirty-one (31) dealers. In the case of propane, nineteen (19) dealers were contacted.

## **RESULTS**

The results that are presented in Table 1 and Figures 1 and 2 are unweighted averages. Consequently, they may be different from the summary results reported by DOE/EIA.

**No. 2 Fuel Oil**

When the survey started on October 4, 1993, the average No. 2 charge price for residential customers was 85.0 cents per gallon. On January 31, the DOE requested that the survey be conducted on a weekly basis. An extended period of extremely cold weather had increased demand for petroleum products. The seasonal high of 94.7 cents was reached on February 14, 1994. The price average declined to 91.8 cents on March 21, at the conclusion of the survey. This was an increase of 8.0 percent for the season.

**Propane**

The results of the October 4, 1993, price survey indicated an average unweighted price of 108.9 cents per gallon for a residential customer. The average price rose to 116.2 cents on March 21, for a seasonal increase of 6.7 percent.

TABLE 1

## PENNSYLVANIA HEATING OIL &amp; PROPANE PRICE SURVEY

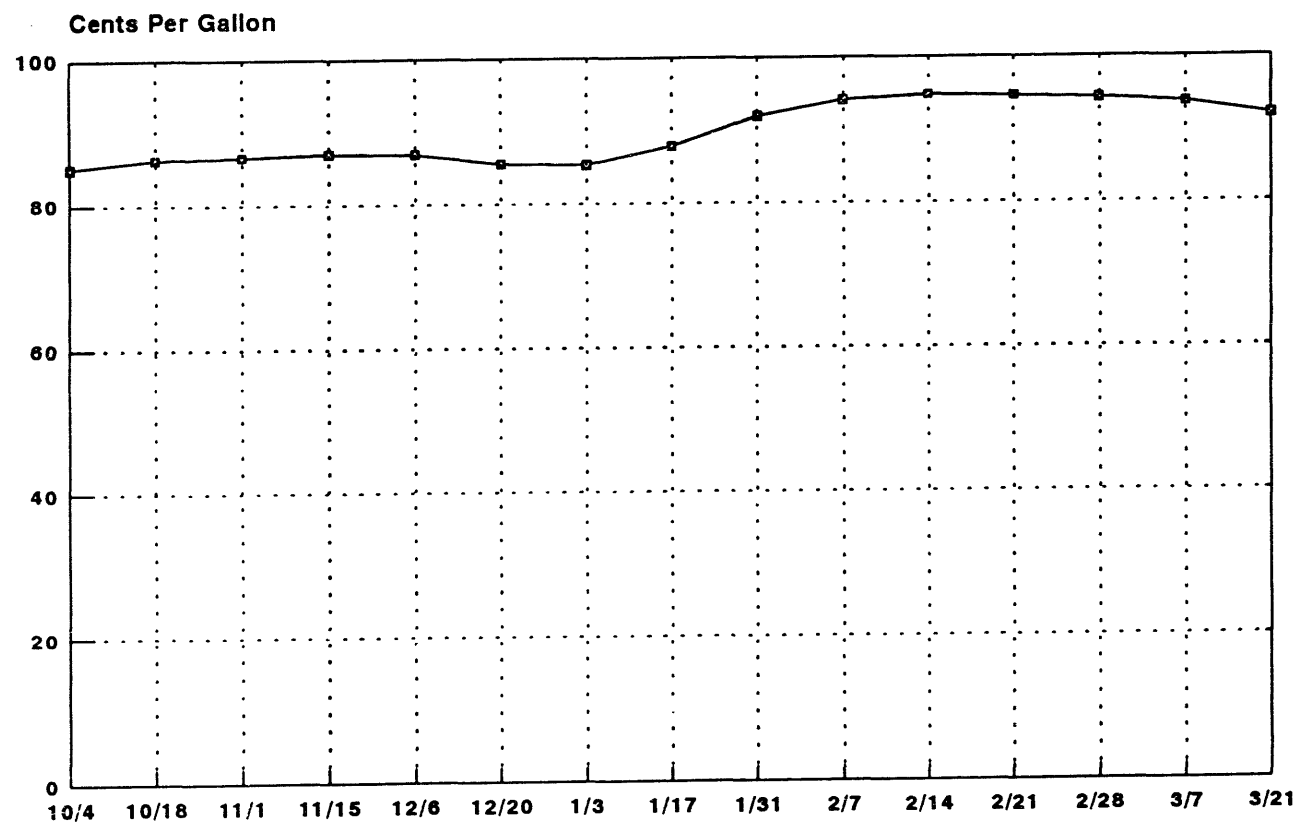
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(dollars per gallon)

Date	No. 2 Heating Oil	Propane
04-Oct-93	0.850	1.089
18-Oct-93	0.862	1.091
01-Nov-93	0.865	1.093
15-Nov-93	0.869	1.096
06-Dec-93	0.868	1.106
20-Dec-93	0.854	1.108
03-Jan-94	0.852	1.107
17-Jan-94	0.877	1.109
31-Jan-94	0.918	1.131
07-Feb-94	0.940	1.150
14-Feb-94	0.947	1.150
21-Feb-94	0.945	1.154
28-Feb-94	0.942	1.154
07-Mar-94	0.936	1.157
21-Mar-94	0.918	1.162

**Figure 1**

**Pennsylvania No. 2 Prices (1993 - 1994)**



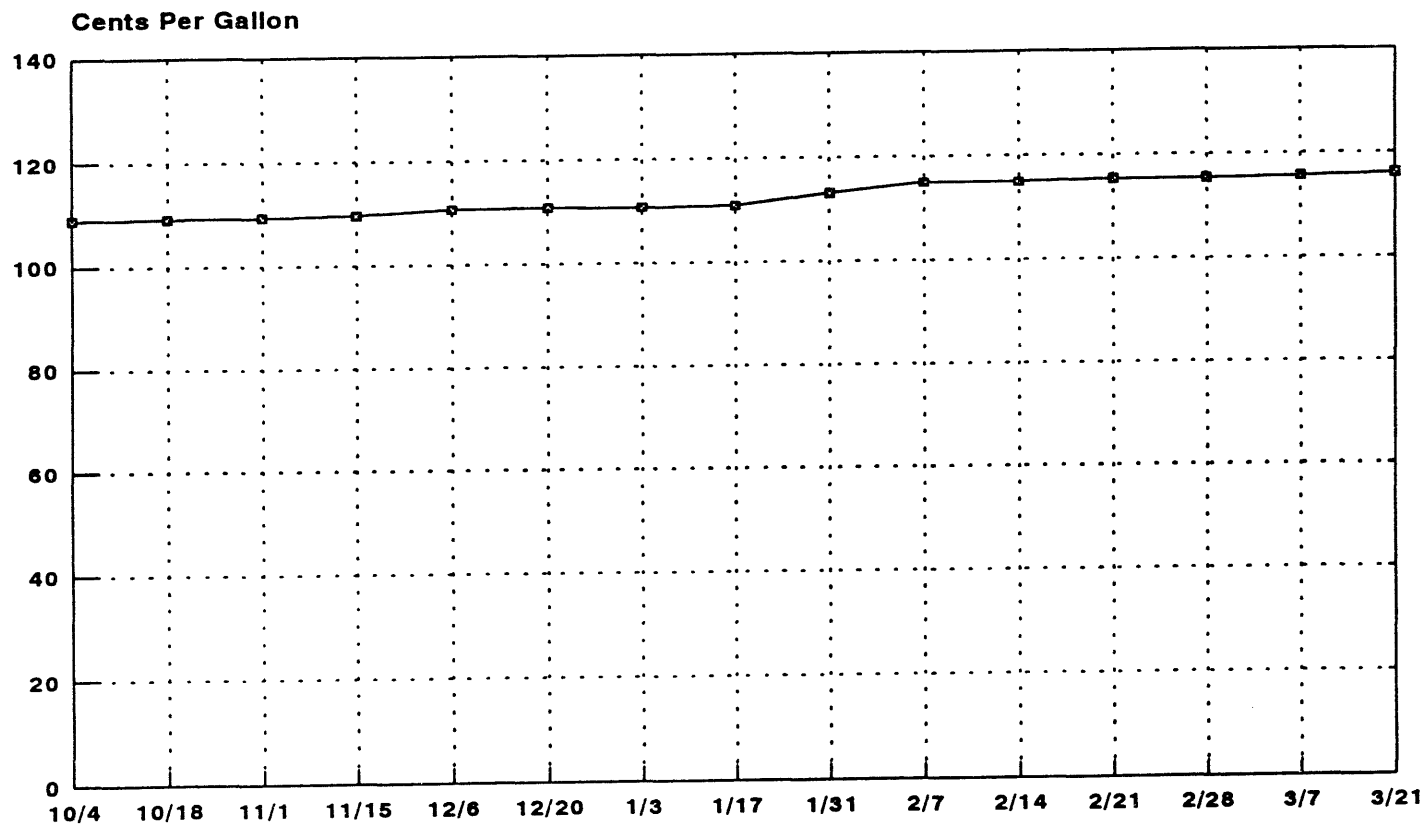
—■— Survey Dates

Price is for standard home delivery



**Figure 2**

**Pennsylvania Propane Prices (1993 - 1994)**



—□— Survey Dates

Prices are for 1,000 - 1,500 gallons use

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