

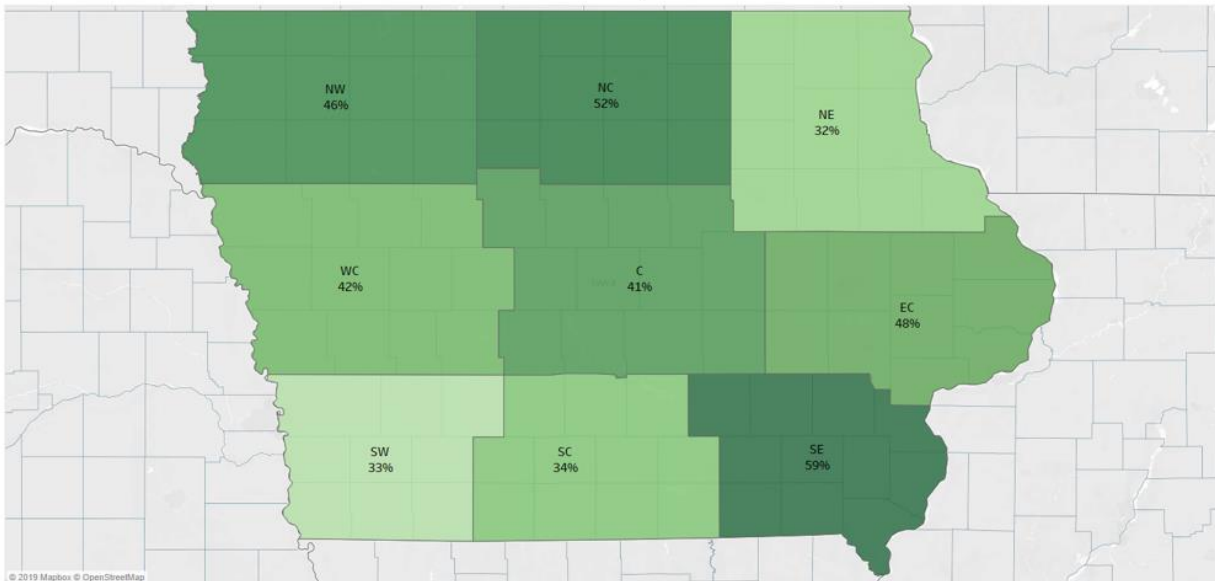
Liquid Propane Shortage in Iowa

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With colder than average temperatures dropping to 12.6 degrees below Iowa's normal 33.0 degree average for this time of year, and slow harvests in Iowa's corn fields, there have been resulting shortages of propane when needed most.

Much of Iowa's corn crop remains unharvested, ranging from 32% complete in the North East crop reporting district, and up to 59% complete in the South East crop reporting district. This time last year, 69% of corn was harvested.

Corn Crop Progress by CRD
November 3, 2019

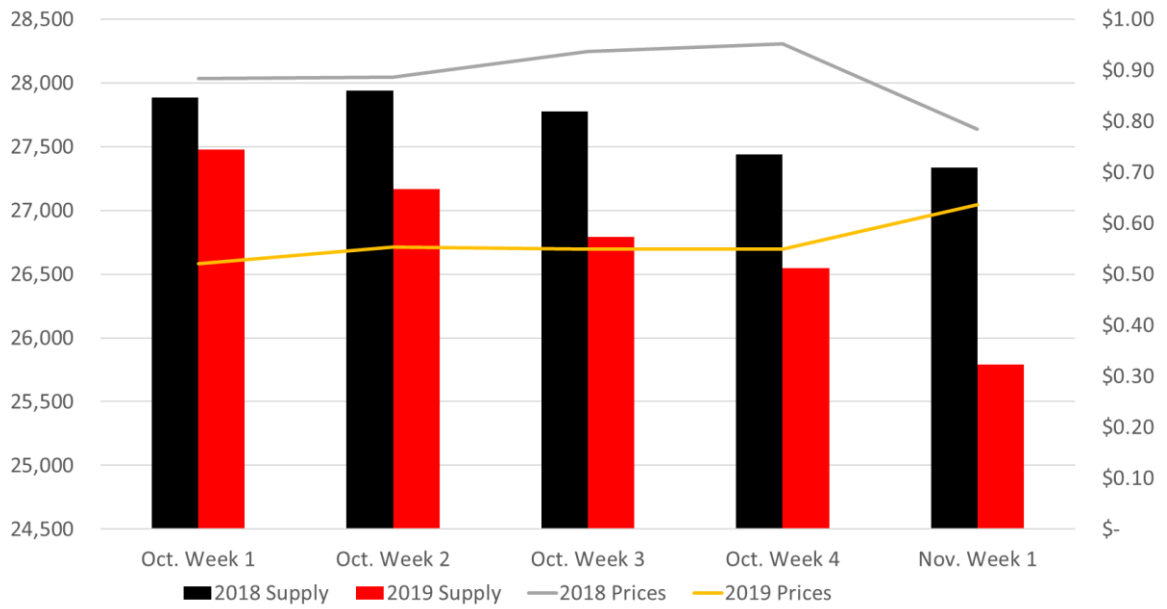


Source: USDA, NASS, IFBF Agriculture Research & Analytics



According to data released by the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) on November, 6th, residential prices are up 6% from last week. Wholesale propane prices are up by 15% from last week's prices. While the propane prices reported by EIA are lower than last year, the demand for additional supplies are pressuring prices to move higher as compared with last year's decline during this week. Colder temperatures and the need to dry down a larger share of the corn crop that was planted later in this year, on average, across Iowa and the Midwest could force a greater relative shortage of propane supplies and continue to support higher prices.

2018 & 2019 Iowa Wholesale Propane Prices and Midwest Supply



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