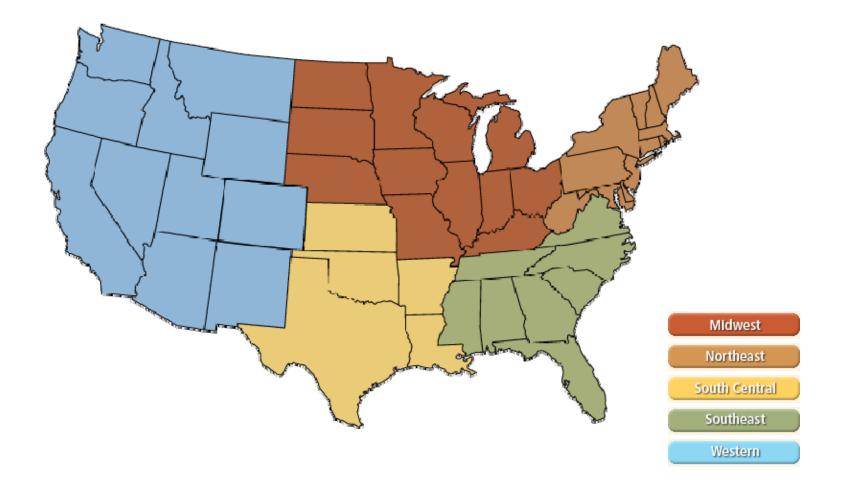
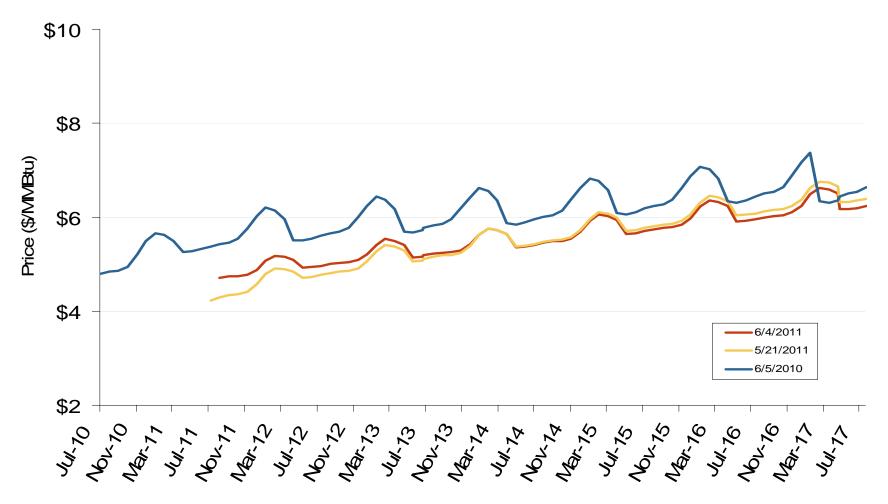
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## **NYMEX Natural Gas Forward Price Curve**



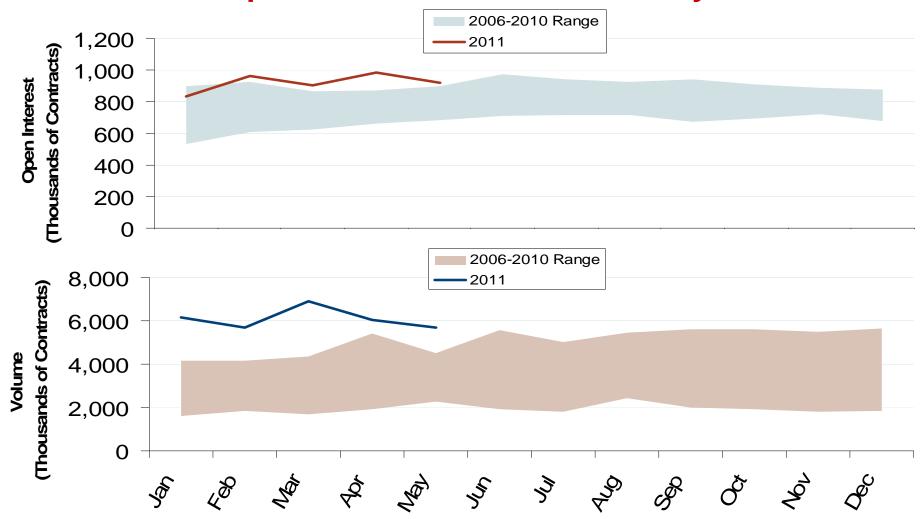
The NYMEX futures contract trades in 10,000 million Btu units. The blue series shows the forward price curve for these contracts 1-year ago. The red and yellow curves show prices for contracts traded on the current and previous months.

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#### **Natural Gas Trading: Futures Open Interest and Volume**

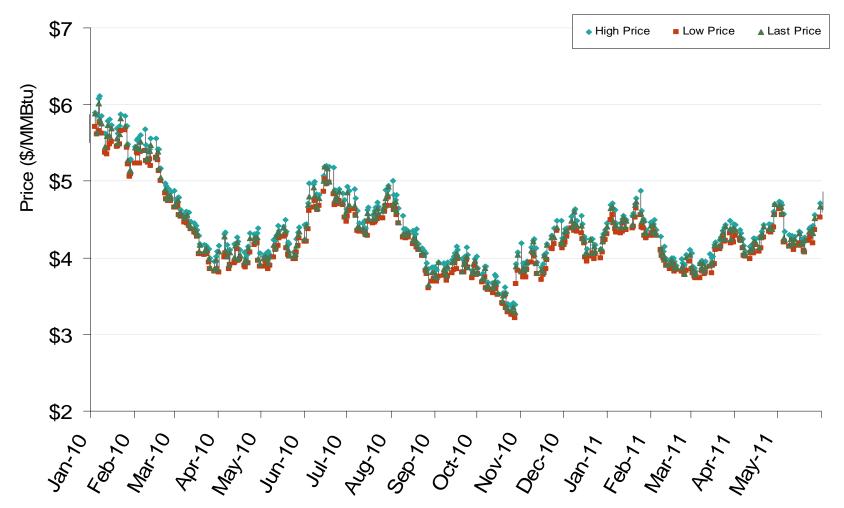
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#### NYMEX Natural Gas Futures Month-End Open Interest and Total Monthly Volume



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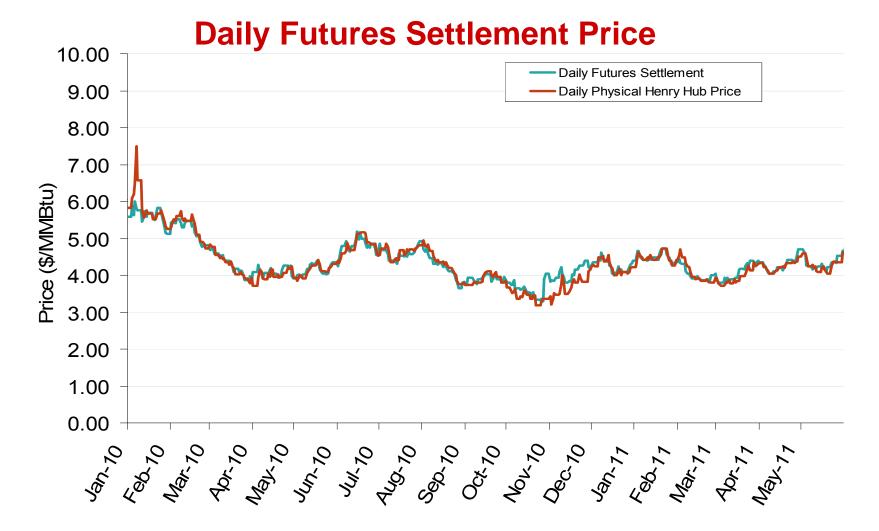
# NYMEX Natural Gas Futures Prompt Month Daily Settlement Price and Price Range



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## Daily Physical Index Price and



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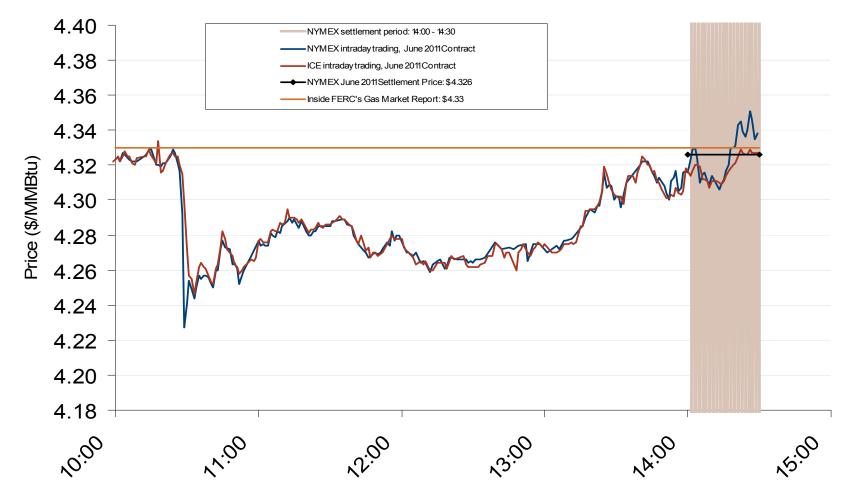
# **Deviation Between Monthly Physical Index and Monthly Futures Expiration Price at Henry Hub**



#### Gas Futures Trading: NYMEX Contract and ICE Look-alike Settlement

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## May 2011 NYMEX and ICE Contract Final Settlement Day



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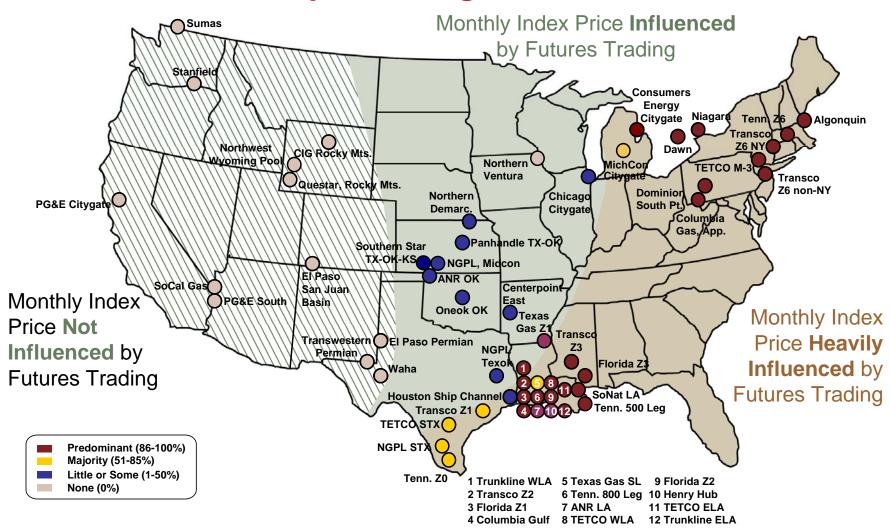
May 26, 2011 Trade Time

Note: The final settlement day for the Nymex contract is three business days before the start of the contract term (which is the 1st day of the month).

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## Use of Physical Basis in Natural Gas Price Indices at Major Trading Points, 2009



Source: Derived from Platts data for January through June 2009 indices.