

North Dakota Weekly Gas Price Update

Average gasoline prices in North Dakota have fallen 1.9 cent per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.47/g Monday, according to GasBuddy's survey of 493 stations in North Dakota. Prices in North Dakota are 0.8 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 49.2 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has increased 6.2 cents compared to a week ago and stands at \$3.686 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the least expensive station in North Dakota was priced at \$2.17/g on Sunday while the most expensive was \$2.79/g, a difference of 62.0 cents per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 1.2 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.88/g on Monday. The national average is up 2.8 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 19.5 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than eleven million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Historical gasoline prices in North Dakota and the national average going back five years:

February 23, 2025: \$2.96/g (U.S. Average: \$3.08/g)
 February 23, 2024: \$2.96/g (U.S. Average: \$3.27/g)
 February 23, 2023: \$3.25/g (U.S. Average: \$3.35/g)
 February 23, 2022: \$3.38/g (U.S. Average: \$3.55/g)
 February 23, 2021: \$2.58/g (U.S. Average: \$2.65/g)

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices: Sioux Falls- \$2.53/g, up 13.6 cents from last week's \$2.39/g, Fargo- \$2.33/g, down 5.3 cents from last week's \$2.38/g, South Dakota- \$2.56/g, up 3.1 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.53/g.

"Average gasoline prices continue to drift higher as crude oil trades near its highest level since last summer, driven by mounting geopolitical risk premiums tied to escalating tensions between the United States and Iran," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "While there has been no direct disruption to energy infrastructure, markets are increasingly pricing in the possibility of a broad exchange that could threaten supply flows. Beyond geopolitics, we're also seeing localized supply constraints, including refinery outages and disruptions along the Olympic Pipeline, which have amplified price pressures in the Pacific Northwest. These developments are unlikely to be isolated, as planned refinery maintenance is set to intensify in the weeks ahead. As seasonal supply tightens, the national average is increasingly likely to retest the \$3-per-gallon threshold."

GasBuddy®, a PDI Technologies company, is North America's trusted fuel savings platform, helping consumers fuel up for less for over twenty-five years. With over 100 million app downloads, GasBuddy delivers real-time prices at 150,000+ stations and tangible savings through Pay with GasBuddy™. It is the most authoritative source of station-level fuel pricing data, updating averages 288 times daily from the broadest mix of inputs - spotter reports, direct station integrations, and transactional data. GasBuddy data is accessible at <http://prices.GasBuddy.com>.

The County Clover

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Full category descriptions:
 BA800: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1xjdh6FhZDEpnbDF2dJTGJ6XTi0o3Wxv?dm=1&ec=wgc-drive-footer-goto%27>

Contact your Extension office to register: Mountrail: 701-628-2835 or Lynnette.vachal@ndsu.edu Ward: 701-857-6444 or Emily.burkett@ndsu.edu.

Why Participate?

- Build confidence and leadership
- Strengthen communication and presentation skills
- Explore creative new categories
- Boost school speech experience
- Meet new friends and fellow competitors
- Qualify for district and state opportunities through 4-H
- Have FUN while developing life-long skills!

March Field to Fork Webinar Series!

Are you ready to grow, preserve, and prepare your favorite fruits and vegetables like a pro? NDSU Extension's Field to Fork Webinar Series is back for its 11th year, bringing expert advice straight to your screen!

What's in it for you?

Learn from regional experts on gardening, food safety, and preservation.

Discover new techniques and trends for specialty crops.

Participate live to ask questions and interact with presenters.

Access recordings anytime if you can't attend live.

When & Where: Every Wednesday, February 11 through April 15 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. CDT. Online via Zoom. FREE to attend! Registration required at ag.ndsu.edu/fieldtofork

Final February Topic:

February 25: The prepared consumer: From grocery aisle to emergency plan with Cindy Brison, University of Nebraska Extension Educator

March Topics:

March 4: Food preservation all year with Julie Garden-Robinson, NDSU Food & Nutrition Specialist

March 11: Debunking common vegetable gardening myths with Esther McGinnis, NDSU Extension Horticulturist

March 18: To sous vide or not sous vide? with Byron Chaves, Rutgers University (New Jersey) associate professor

March 25: Roots, fruits, and shoots: Edible plant parts with Susie Thompson, NDSU Dept of Plant Sciences associate professor and potato breeder

The NDSU Field to Fork website (ag.ndsu.edu/fieldtofork) has a wealth of information from growing, preparing and preserving foods from apples to zucchini, plus all the archived Field to Fork webinars from 2016 to present.

Anhydrous Ammonia Safety Training Sessions Planned

The North Dakota Department of Agriculture and the North Dakota Agriculture Association will be hosting a series of anhydrous ammonia safety training sessions across the state.

"Annual documented safety training is required for any person handling, transferring, transporting or otherwise working with anhydrous ammonia at storage facilities," said Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring. "These training sessions will meet the requirements of the state and attendees will be issued a certificate of completion."

Training sessions will include presentations on the chemical properties and health hazards of anhydrous ammonia; facility and nurse

tank care, inspection, and maintenance; and regulatory updates to name a few topics.

The training sessions are as follows (all times are CT unless noted):
 March 11, Dickinson, Towne-Place Suites by Marriott, 1 p.m. MT
 March 12, Minot, Grand Hotel, 9:30 a.m.

March 30, Valley City, American by Wyndham, 1 p.m.
 March 31, Devils Lake, Spirit Lake Casino, 9:30 a.m.

There is a cost to attend and pre-registration is preferred. For more information, go to <https://ndag.org/events.html>. To register, please contact the North Dakota Agriculture Association at 701-282-9432 or jessicarust@ndag.org.

North Dakota Stockmen's Foundation Enhances 2026 Scholarship Offerings

The North Dakota Stockmen's Foundation (NDSF) is bolstering its scholarship offerings for 2026. At its last quarterly meeting, the NDSF Board of Directors voted to increase the value of six of its scholarships and add two new ones, for a total of twelve to be distributed this year.

"The Stockmen's Foundation highly values education and considers the scholarships it provides as direct investments in the beef industry's future leadership, innovation and success," explained NDSF President Jason Leiseth, an Arnegard, ND, cow-calf producer. "The organization aims to provide hope and opportunity in this generation and the next, and it is our hope that these scholarships will help foster passionate youth, ensure a knowledgeable and skilled talent pipeline and support the long-term viability of the cattle business."

The application deadline for the NDSF scholarships is March 1. Downloadable and fillable application forms can be found at www.ndstockmen.org/foundation.

The 2026 offering will include the following:

Endowment Scholarship
 The NDSF Endowment Scholarship will be given to a student majoring in animal science, range science, pre-vet, agribusiness, ag communications, farm and ranch management or another beef-related discipline at a North Dakota college or university. It is now valued at \$750.

Legacy Scholarships
 NDSF Legacy Scholarships will be given to seven students who are

studying any discipline and who are interested in the livestock industry. Five Legacy Scholarships are now valued at \$750 each, while two new Legacy Scholarships are valued at \$1,000 each.

Jack and Vander Reich Memorial Scholarship

The NDSF Jack and Vander Reich Memorial Endowment Scholarship will be given to a student preparing to study an agricultural major. It honors the memory of the late Jack and Vander Reich of Zap, ND. Preference may be given to applicants with an interest in rodeo and/or shooting sports. It is valued at \$750.

Tokach Angus Ranch Memorial Scholarship

The NDSF Tokach Angus Ranch Memorial Scholarship will be given to a student majoring in animal science, range science, pre-vet, agribusiness, ag communications, farm and ranch management or another beef-related discipline. It honors the memory of the late Richard M. Tokach of St. Anthony, ND. Preference will be given to students who have completed their bachelor's degree and are pursuing a graduate education or professional school. The scholarship is valued at \$1,000.

Myron Wold Memorial Endowment Scholarships

Two NDSF Myron Wold Memorial Endowment Scholarships will be given to students preparing to study an agricultural major. The scholarships honor the memory of the late Myron Wold of Watford City, ND. Each is valued at \$1,000.

WSC Announces Fall Semester President's Honor Roll And Dean's List

Williston State College (WSC) is proud to recognize the outstanding academic achievements of students who earned placement on the President's Honor Roll and the Dean's List for the Fall semester.

These academic honors reflect students' dedication, perseverance, and commitment to excellence in their coursework while balancing the many demands of college life.

To qualify for the President's List, students must have earned at least twelve college-level Williston State College credits and achieved a term grade point average of (GPA) of 3.80-4.00.

Students named to the Dean's List must have earned at least twelve college-level Williston State College credits and achieved a term GPA of 3.50-3.79.

"Recognition on the President's Honor Roll and Dean's List represents a significant academic accomplishment," said Dr. Bernell Hirling, President of Williston State College. "These students have demonstrated exceptional focus, discipline, and determination, and we commend them for their hard work and success."

Williston State College congratulates all students who earned academic honors this fall and applauds their continued commitment to academic excellence.

For more information about academic programs and student success initiatives at Williston State College, visit www.willistonstate.edu.

Students from the area included on the President's list: Adam Boren, Ray, ND; Chloe Carr, Tioga, ND; Andrea Craft, Stanley, ND; Bethany Enander, Stanley, ND; Nathaniel

Haaland, Ray, ND; and Sarah Jensen, Stanley, ND.

Students from the area included on the Dean's list: Morgin Arant, Tioga, ND and Ethan Loveridge, Tioga, ND.

Annual Stanley Picnic Held In Mesa, AZ

The annual Stanley picnic was held Tuesday, February 17. We had a great turnout again.

Attending: Mary (Evans) Pullen, Mesa; Bonnie (Olson) Germundson, Scobey, MT/Mesa; Gordon and Sharon (Olson) Aas, Stanley; Carol Luvaas, Minot; Roger and Renae Gjellstad, Stanley; Jody (Rochesters), Mesa/ Wyoming; Susan (Matson) and Dennis Eliason, Pelican Rapid, MN; Bob Nisson, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Doug Niemitalo, New Town; Gerald and LuAnn Roise, Minot; Diane (Wright) Halvorson, Brooklyn Park, MN; Dian (Nelson) Pecora, Eureka, CA; Gary Newnam, Surprize, AZ; Elaine (Severson) Sandry, Mesa, AZ; Sandra Sandry, MN; Mary Aal, CA; Helen (Hukkanen) Overbo, ND/AZ; Margie Galindo, CA; Kelly Vachal, Portland, OR; Richard Carter and Ethel Miller, Royal City, WA; Ray and Sandy Anderson, Bismarck, ND; Ken and Cleo Bykonen, Stanley; Sheila (Hovda) and Larry Monson, Reno, NV; Jim and Sharon Holter, Grand Forks, ND; Cindy (Gray) and Dan Irmen, Sun City, AZ; Jack and Aneda (Lee) Fladeland, New Town, ND; Jacqui (Fladeland) Snyder, New Town, ND; Judy (Holter) Erickson, Apache Junction, AZ; Gary Vaage, Mesa, AZ; Jim and Gail Chamley, Gold Canyon, AZ; Daryl Bykonen, Underwood, ND; Jan Aardahl, Minot, ND; Dick Wick, Aurora, CO; Ione (Evans) Gustafson, Gillette, WY; Laurie Rauschenberger, Bismarck, ND; Joanne (Roise) and Lynn Erickson, Prairie du Sac, WI; Doug Anderson, Arthur, ND; Diane (Hynek) Winn, Portland, OR; Doug Hynek, Hopkins, OR; Roger and Sheryl Sorenson, Ross, ND; and Helenann Omar, Chandler, AZ.

Next year the picnic is scheduled for Tuesday, February 16th, 2027. The picnic is always the 3rd Tuesday in February.

Golden Age Club News

Friday, February 27th: Dinner of roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, salad, fruit and birthday cake served at 12:00 p.m.

Monday, March 2nd: Dinner of chicken cordon bleu casserole, vegetables, salad, fruit and dessert served at 12:00 p.m.

Happy Birthday to our February friends!

Notice Of Filing Deadline

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing to have a candidate's name printed on the ballot for the City of Palermo is April 6, 2026 by 4:00 P.M.

The following city offices are up for election:

City Council Member, 4 year term
City Council Member, 4 year term

A Candidate for a city office must turn in a completed SFN 02704 Petition/Certificate of Nomination and a completed SFN 10172 Statement of Interests to the City Auditor by the above deadline date and time. All forms are available from the City Auditor or can be obtained online at <http://www.nd.gov/sos/electvote/elections/forms.html>

Notice Of Filing Deadline for City Election to be held Tuesday, June 9, 2026

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing to have a candidate's name printed on the ballot for the City of Stanley is April 6, 2026 by 4:00 P.M. The following city offices are up for election:

City Offices:	Terms:
Mayor	4-Year Term
Municipal Judge	4-Year Term
3 - Council Members	4-Year Term
3 - Park Board Members	4-Year Term

A Candidate for a Stanley City office must turn in a completed SFN 02704 Petition/Certificate of Nomination and a completed SFN 10172 Statement of Interests to the Stanley City Auditor by the above deadline date and time. Individuals seeking to have their name on the ballot for one of these offices may obtain these forms from the Stanley City Auditor at City Hall located at 221 S. Main Street, Stanley, ND or forms can be obtained online at <http://www.sos.nd.gov/elections/candidate/become-candidate/local-government>

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
Stanley Rural Ambulance District
Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.
at Stanley City Hall
Agenda includes annual and any other business that comes before the meeting.

Mountrail County Medical Center Clinic is starting to give the annual flu vaccine.

Get Your Flu Shot

Everyone ages 6 months and older should get an annual flu vaccine. A flu vaccine is especially important if you have a chronic health condition such as heart disease or diabetes

Please call today to get your annual flu vaccine - 701-628-2505.
 The regular flu vaccine will be \$35 and High Dose will be \$90 at time of visit or billed to your insurance at the same rate.

We have the higher-dose flu vaccine specifically designed for ages 65 and older.

Mountrail County Health Center
 Many Avenues - One Goal... Your Health

Mountrail Community Food Pantry March Hours

The Mountrail Community Food Pantry, located at the Memorial Building, 18 2nd Ave SE, is open Mondays, 12:30 until 3:00 p.m. Our door is in the southeast corner of the building. Please come no later than 2:30 p.m. so that the volunteers can go home at 3:00 p.m. Mountrail County residents are welcome to visit once a month. The Food Pantry will be open all Mondays in March. HOWEVER, we will be closed Monday, April 6th, for Easter Monday. Please plan ahead! Please check out our Facebook page at Mountrail Community Food Pantry for closings due to holidays or weather this winter.

Memorial Received By Stanley Library

In memory of Roger Evans from Chuck and Jan Repnow. All donations and memorials are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the library or mailed to Box 249, Stanley, ND 58784.

Stanley Commerical Club Meeting
Wednesday, Mar. 4
at Noon
 at Microtel Inn and Suites
 901 Jarard St. SE, Stanley

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 8147 Hwy 2, Stanley, ND

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10 Reasons Why Classical Christian Education Is Needed in Today's World #4: Because Virtue Must Be Taught Early

Good character does not develop by accident. Children need guidance, practice, and examples to learn how to live well. Parents often hope schools will reinforce lessons about honesty, kindness, and responsibility.

At Christian Crossroads Academy, virtue is part of everyday learning. Teachers intentionally model godly behavior and help students practice good habits throughout the day. Children learn what it means to tell the truth, treat others with respect, and take responsibility for their actions.

Rather than vague messages, students are given clear examples of what is good and why it matters. Scripture, prayer, and thoughtful discussion help children understand how faith shapes daily life.

The early years are especially important. Habits formed young often last a lifetime. When children are taught virtue with care and consistency, they gain a strong moral compass. That foundation helps them make wise choices, build healthy relationships, and grow into people of character and integrity.

REDUCE YOUR 2026 PROPERTY TAX BILL BY UP TO \$1600!

Eligibility requirements for the Primary Residence Property Tax Credit:

- Must own a home in ND and reside in it as your primary residence
- One credit per household, no age or income restrictions
- Must apply and be approved annually to receive the credit

Application Deadline: April 1, 2026
Apply Online: www.tax.nd.gov/prc