

Emissions & Storage Factors for Non-Energy Uses Natural Gas, 1980-2010

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EIA, Table 1.15 Fossil Fuel Consumption for Nonfuel Use, 1980-2010

Note: This table amends EIA data on non-energy uses to show storage & emissions

Natural Gas										
Total Non-fuel	Nitrogenous Fertilizers		Other, e.g. methanol		Total Non-fuel		Total Natural Gas	Non-energy uses,	Non-energy emissions,	Non-energy storage
Non-energy use	Non-energy use	Amnt Emitted	Non-energy use	Amnt Emitted	Non-energy use	Amnt Emitted	Supplied	Percent of total supplied	Percent of total supplied	Percent of total supplied
		42.0%		42.0%						

Year	EIA										
	Billion cubic feet (Bcf)										
1980	639	320	134	320	134	639	268	19,877	3.2%	1.4%	1.86%
1981	468	234	98	234	98	468	197	19,404	2.4%	1.0%	1.40%
1982	403	202	85	202	85	403	169	18,001	2.2%	0.9%	1.30%
1983	390	195	82	195	82	390	164	16,835	2.3%	1.0%	1.34%
1984	441	221	93	221	93	441	185	17,951	2.5%	1.0%	1.42%
1985	500	250	105	250	105	500	210	17,281	2.9%	1.2%	1.68%
1986	423	212	89	212	89	423	178	16,221	2.6%	1.1%	1.51%
1987	474	237	100	237	100	474	199	17,211	2.8%	1.2%	1.60%
1988	554	277	116	277	116	554	233	18,030	3.1%	1.3%	1.78%
1989	489	245	103	245	103	489	205	19,119	2.6%	1.1%	1.48%
1990	547	274	115	274	115	547	230	19,174	2.9%	1.2%	1.65%
1991	573	287	120	287	120	573	241	19,562	2.9%	1.2%	1.70%
1992	603	302	127	302	127	603	253	20,228	3.0%	1.3%	1.73%
1993	618	309	130	309	130	618	260	20,790	3.0%	1.2%	1.72%
1994	673	337	141	337	141	673	283	21,247	3.2%	1.3%	1.84%
1995	668	334	140	334	140	668	281	22,207	3.0%	1.3%	1.74%
1996	681	341	143	341	143	681	286	22,609	3.0%	1.3%	1.75%
1997	706	353	148	353	148	706	297	22,737	3.1%	1.3%	1.80%
1998	762	381	160	381	160	762	320	22,246	3.4%	1.4%	1.99%
1999	752	376	158	376	158	752	316	22,405	3.4%	1.4%	1.95%
2000	724	362	152	362	152	724	304	23,333	3.1%	1.3%	1.80%
2001	626	313	131	313	131	626	263	22,239	2.8%	1.2%	1.63%
2002	657	329	138	329	138	657	276	23,007	2.9%	1.2%	1.66%
2003	611	306	128	306	128	611	257	22,277	2.7%	1.2%	1.59%
2004	607	304	127	304	127	607	255	22,389	2.7%	1.1%	1.57%
2005	629	315	132	315	132	629	264	22,011	2.9%	1.2%	1.66%
2006	627	314	132	314	132	627	263	21,685	2.9%	1.2%	1.68%
2007	665	333	140	333	140	665	279	23,097	2.9%	1.2%	1.67%
2008	642	321	135	321	135	642	270	23,268	2.8%	1.2%	1.60%
2009	605	303	127	303	127	605	254	22,840	2.6%	1.1%	1.54%
2010	626	313	131	313	131	626	263	24,133	2.6%	1.1%	1.50%

Average carbon storage rate 1980-2010 for non-energy uses of natural gas (USA) - EIA approach **1.650%**

3-Feb-12 Note: the EPA and EIA data on natural gas in non-energy uses differ - (EPA 2009: 0.366 Qbtu/EIA 2009: 0.620 Qbtu, or 59%) CMS applies the EPA sequestration rate 0.59 (see Table A-252 at right). This factor may be revised. The EPA rate suggests an average sequestration rate of 1.711 percent. However, the EPA cites 0.366 Q Btu of natural gas as non-energy use, whereas EIA shows 0.62 Q Btu (both for 2009). Normalizing to EPA non-energy use suggests a sequestration rate of 34.25 percent on non-energy (0.994% of all gas uses).

Natural Gas							
Non-energy use	Carbon Coefficient	Carbon Content	Quant emitted	Quantity stored	Total natural gas emissions	Non-energy emission rate	Non-energy storage rate
QBtu	MtC/QBtu	MtC	MtCO2	MtCO2	MtCO2	Percent	Percent
			41.0%	59.0%			
EIA	EPA	calculated	calculated	calculated	EIA	calculated	calculated

1980	0.65	14.45	9.39	14.12	20.32	1,063	1.33%	1.91%
1981	0.48	14.45	6.94	10.43	15.01	1,036	1.01%	1.45%
1982	0.41	14.45	5.92	8.91	12.82	963	0.92%	1.33%
1983	0.40	14.45	5.78	8.69	12.51	901	0.96%	1.39%
1984	0.45	14.45	6.50	9.78	14.07	962	1.02%	1.46%
1985	0.52	14.45	7.51	11.30	16.26	926	1.22%	1.76%
1986	0.44	14.45	6.36	9.56	13.76	866	1.10%	1.59%
1987	0.49	14.45	7.08	10.65	15.32	920	1.16%	1.67%
1988	0.57	14.45	8.24	12.38	17.82	962	1.29%	1.85%
1989	0.50	14.45	7.23	10.86	15.63	1,022	1.06%	1.53%
1990	0.56	14.45	8.09	12.17	17.51	1,025	1.19%	1.71%
1991	0.59	14.45	8.53	12.82	18.45	1,047	1.22%	1.76%
1992	0.62	14.45	8.96	13.47	19.39	1,082	1.25%	1.79%
1993	0.64	14.46	9.25	13.91	20.02	1,110	1.25%	1.80%
1994	0.69	14.46	9.98	15.00	21.58	1,134	1.32%	1.90%
1995	0.69	14.46	9.98	15.00	21.59	1,184	1.27%	1.82%
1996	0.70	14.46	10.12	15.22	21.90	1,205	1.26%	1.82%
1997	0.72	14.46	10.41	15.65	22.52	1,211	1.29%	1.86%
1998	0.79	14.44	11.41	17.15	24.68	1,189	1.44%	2.08%
1999	0.77	14.46	11.13	16.74	24.09	1,192	1.40%	2.02%
2000	0.74	14.47	10.71	16.10	23.17	1,241	1.30%	1.87%
2001	0.64	14.46	9.25	13.91	20.02	1,187	1.17%	1.69%
2002	0.68	14.46	9.83	14.78	21.27	1,229	1.20%	1.73%
2003	0.63	14.44	9.10	13.68	19.68	1,191	1.15%	1.65%
2004	0.62	14.46	8.97	13.48	19.40	1,194	1.13%	1.62%
2005	0.65	14.46	9.40	14.13	20.34	1,175	1.20%	1.73%
2006	0.64	14.46	9.25	13.91	20.02	1,157	1.20%	1.73%
2007	0.68	14.46	9.83	14.78	21.27	1,235	1.20%	1.72%
2008	0.66	14.46	9.54	14.35	20.65	1,243	1.15%	1.66%
2009	0.62	14.46	8.97	13.48	19.40	1,218	1.11%	1.59%
2010	0.64	14.46	9.25	13.91	20.02	1,285	1.08%	1.56%

EPA non-energy use in 2009 of 0.366 Qbtu and 0.222 Qbtu in 2010.

averages:	0.61	14.45	8.80	13.24	19.05	1,108	1.19%	1.71%
simple 31-yr average								

Average carbon storage rate 1980-2010 for non-energy uses of natural gas (USA) **1.711%**

Carbon storage rate in CDIAC's global emissions database 1751-2010 **2.000%**

Average of CDIAC & US average 1980-2010 carbon storage rate **1.856%**

linked to "Gas Emissions Factor Calc"

Non-energy uses

Cell: W12

Comment: Rick Heede:

EPA uses carbon storage factor of 59 percent for the proportion of natural gas used for non-energy uses (vs 58 percent in 2009).

U.S. EPA (2012) Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks: 1990 – 2010, (Draft), Annex 4 IPCC Reference Approach for Estimating CO2 Emissions from Fossil Fuel Combustion, Table A-256: 2010 Non-Energy Carbon Stored in Products.

Cell: E13

Comment: Rick Heede:

Revision, Feb12: CMS applies the 58 percent sequestration rate (EPA, 2011, Annex 4: Table A-252) but uses the extensive data from EIA on non-energy uses of natural gas 1980-2010 (EIA 2011 Annual Energy Review 2010, Table 1.15 for both nitrogenous fertilizer and methanol.

U.S. EPA (2011) Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks: 1990 – 2009, Annex 4 IPCC Reference Approach for Estimating CO2 Emissions from Fossil Fuel Combustion, Table A-252: 2009 Non-Energy Carbon Stored in Products; Table A-253: Sequestered CO2 and Oxidation factors.

Older cell note (retained for background): EIA(2004) Documentation for Emissions of Greenhouse Gases in the United States 2002, p. 29-30: EIA states that the use of natural gas feedstocks to make nitrogenous fertilizers "is considered a non-sequestering use, because the underlying chemical is ammonia (NH3), which is manufactured by steam reforming of natural gas and reacting the synthesis gas with atmospheric nitrogen, literally leaving the carbon in the feedstock `up in the air.'" Other pathways, e.g., recovering the carbon for urea production, only delays the carbon's release to the atmosphere.

Cell: G13

Comment: Rick Heede:

See cell note under "nitrogenous fertilizers."

Cell: J13

Comment: Rick Heede:

EIA (2011) Annual Energy Review 2010, Table 6.1 Natural Gas Overview, 1949-2010.

Cell: T14

Comment: Rick Heede:

One reviewer of our methodology report pointed out that the sequestration rate used by EPA (59 percent) is probably too high, and thus the final sequestration rate of 1.71 percent also high, and leads to underestimating final emissions from natural gas production. CMS contacted Perry Lindstrom (US Energy Information Administration, Office of Energy Analysis) in Sep12. The agency is reviewing natural gas non-energy uses with the US EPA, and while the sequestration rate does appear too high, Mr Lindstrom cannot release any data until the procedure is reviewed by external experts and final changes are approved -- presumably in time for the EPA's completion of its US emission inventory in April 2013.

Fertilizer use of natural gas is now considered non-sequestered. the only natural gas use that is sequestered is methanol for the plastics industry. A revised sequestration rate is thus not available.

This project will retain the use of the existing result of 1.711 percent overall sequestration rate, and note that a downward revision is probable in the future when data becomes available.

Cell: C19

Comment: Rick Heede:

Data from EIA (2011) Annual Energy Review 2010, Table 1.15 Fossil Fuel Consumption for Nonfuel Use, 1980-2010.

Cell: P19

Comment: Rick Heede:

U. S. Energy Information Administration (2011) Annual Energy Review 2010 Table 1.15 Fossil Fuel Consumption for Nonfuel Use Estimates, 1980-2010, www.eia.gov/totalenergy/data/annual

The 2011 AER (Sep12) revises natural gas for non-combustion uses, mostly slightly downward, for many years 1980-2010. CMS has not adjusted the table or the calculations below.

Note: Perry Lindstrom (former inventory manager at US EPA, now EIA) notes that the EPA is analyzing non-energy uses, and emissions and sequestration rates. He noted in a personal communication 27Sep2012 that natural gas non-energy usage rates are probably high and likely to be revised downward, and that net sequestration rates are probably high and likely to be revised downward.** The effect will be to lower sequestration quantities and rates. However, the new data will not be released until ~April 2013. CMS therefore cannot modify the non-energy factors developed and applied in this analysis at this point. Revisions may follow at a later date.

** Natrual gas non-combustion fuel use was revised from 0.64 Q Btu to 0.41 Q Btu.

Cell: Q19

Comment: Rick Heede:

CMS uses the latest EPA data (Nov2011): Climate leaders Emission Factor Hub at www.epa.gov/climateleaders/guidance/ghg-emissions.html

Cell: U19

Comment: Rick Heede:

U. S. Energy Information Administration (2011) Annual Energy Review 2010, page 317: Table 11.2 Carbon Dioxide Emissions From Energy Consumption by Source, Selected Years, 1949-2010 (Million Metric Tons of Carbon Dioxide). Note: "Data are estimates for carbon dioxide emissions from energy consumption, including the nonfuel use of fossil fuels."

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Comment: Rick Heede:

EPA (2011) Annex 4: table A-252 shows 0.366 Q Btu of natural gas for non-energy uses vs EIA's 0.62 Q Btu. Using the EIA data set and the EPA sequestration rate of 58 percent means a higher quantity of stored carbon (19.07 MtCO2 vs EPA's 11.26 MtCO2 in 2009), as well as a higher overall carbon sequestration rate (1.57 percent of all natural gas supplied in the U.S. in 2009, or 1.682 percent if averaged for 1980-2010).

Cell: P51

Comment: Rick Heede:

EPA cites EIA data for 2010 of 221.9 TBtu that differs from final results in EIA's Table 1.15 listed here. EIA and EPA tables are reproduced at right.