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## Off to the Races: Natural Gas Supply Versus Demand in 2021-22

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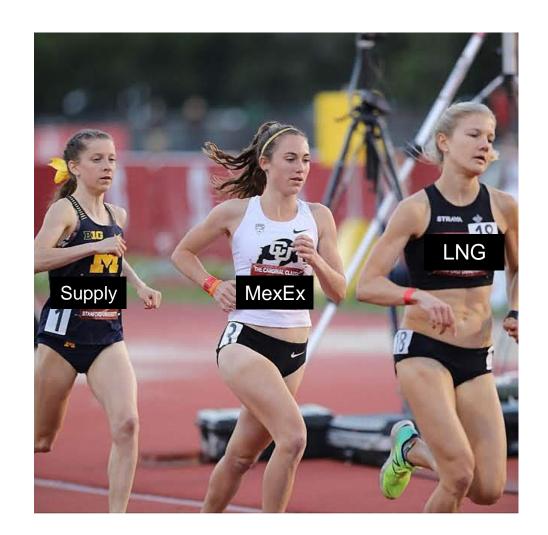
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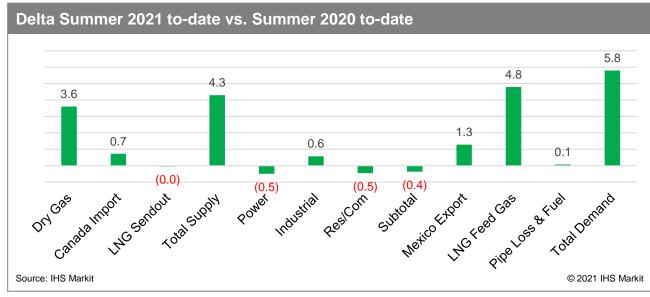
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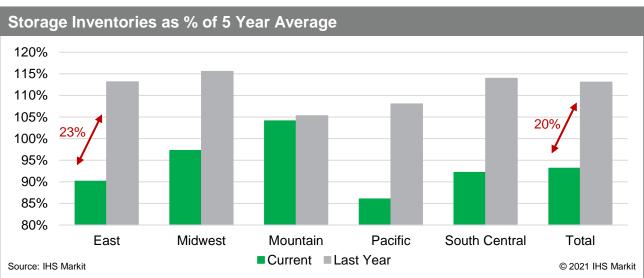
## **Key Market Observations**

- Producers sticking to capex guns for the most part (constrained drilling response)
- Flat gas production through 2021(consistent at ~92 Bcf/d since January 2021)
- Global LNG market has tightened significantly (recovering Asia, Q2 European demand bump)
- Steady domestic demand and surge in Mexican exports (backstops swift pace of demand recovery in relation to supply)
- Price whiplash from sub \$2 in 2020 to supra \$3 in 2021 (upside risk and slower paced storage injections)

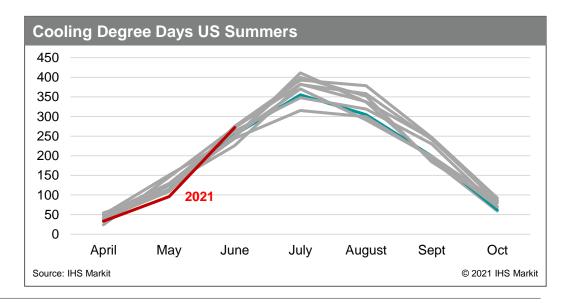


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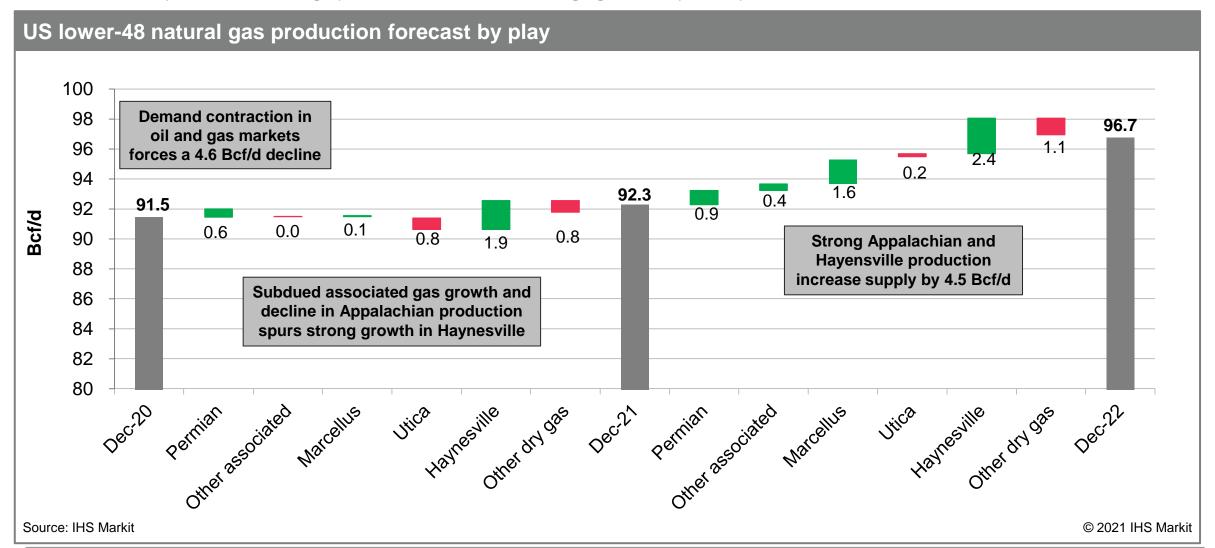
- The export market has eclipsed its prior month record in 10 of the past 11 months. Currently averaging a blistering 17.0 Bcf/d over the past 5 months.
- US lower-48 storage continues deficit against lagging five-year average and previous year inventories. Below average injections expected to continue in coming weeks.
- Significant deficits to the 5-year by region are rampant in every region except the Mountain. The East leads with a 23% delta to last year, with the L48 in total down 20%.
- 2021 summer to date cooling degree days rank third lowest of the past 10 years. June was a scorcher – 2<sup>nd</sup> most CDDs on record.



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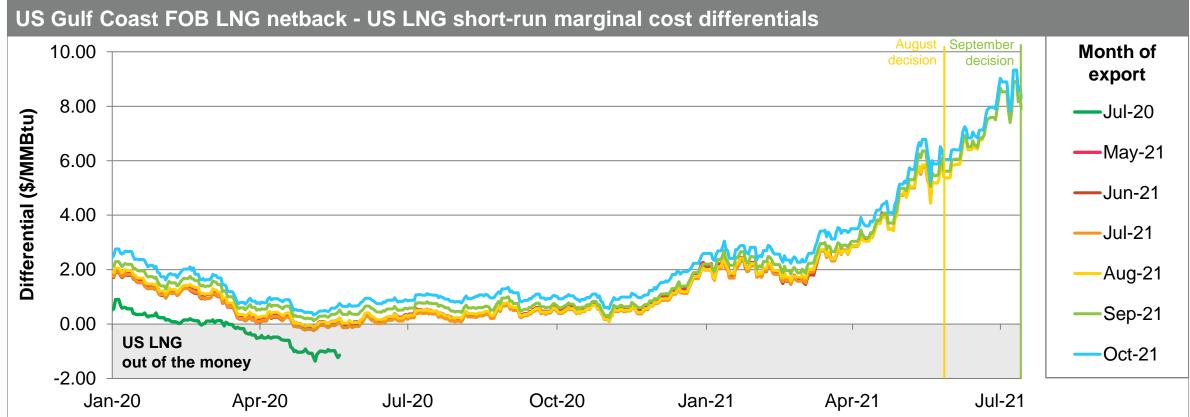
## Haynesville and Marcellus are the marginal supply

Balance sheet repair consumes large portion of cash flow and hedging limits impact of price moves



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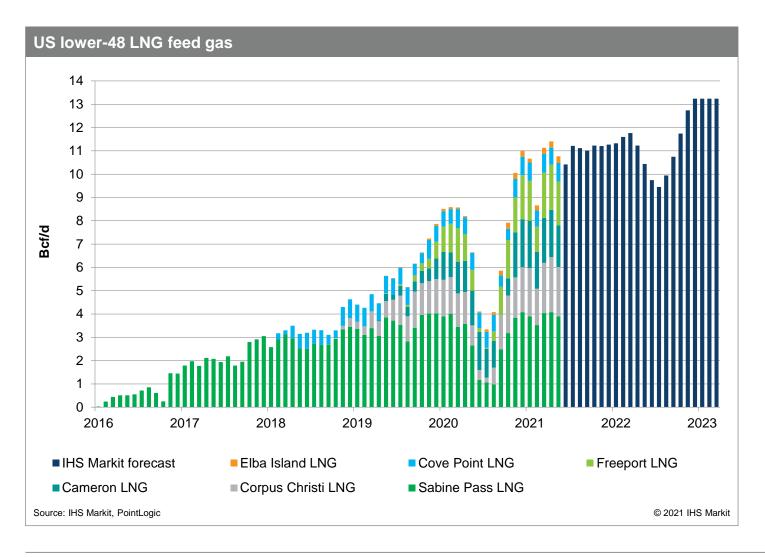
## Strong Asian Demand and a Bump in European Consumption Lead to Continued Health in Forward Netbacks



Notes: US Gulf Coast FOB LNG netback is calculated as the higher of the netbacks from JKM and TTF. TTF prices used are an average of zero and one months ahead of US LNG cargo loading. JKM prices used are one month ahead of US LNG cargo loading. We have assumed variable shipping costs of \$1.30/MMBtu from the US Gulf coast to Northeast Asia and \$0.70/MMBtu (including regasification and entry costs) to Northwest Europe. Netbacks and short-run marginal costs will vary by customer and depend on contract terms, shipping portfolio, and regasification access.

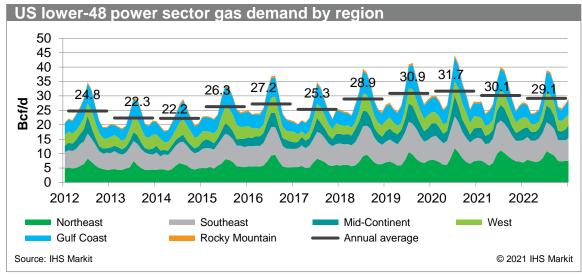
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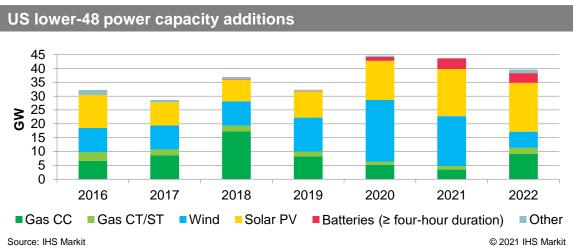
## US LNG exports should hold stable during late summer thanks to tight global LNG market fundamentals



- Tighter global LNG market fundamentals are made up of higher demand from Asian markets (owing partly to a stronger GDP outlook for mainland China) and Latin America (weaker hydro-electric power) along with a bump in Q2 European demand.
- US LNG exports bounced back in July after maintenance lowered feed gas for exports in June. Feed gas volumes returned to 10.7 Bcf/d, almost twice the previous July record of 6.0 Bcf/d
- We expect monthly feed gas demand for exports to hold approximately flat, at about 11 Bcf/d, during the third quarter of 2021, with any supply surplus too minor to cause a price collapse or induce shut-ins.

## Renewable capacity growth limits 2021 power sector demand





- US power sector demand is expected to fall in 2021 as prices rise above \$3.00/MMBtu.
- Power sector gas burns likely peaked in 2020 at 31.7 Bcf/d as renewable generation continues to expand.
- Power demand will become more-peaky (i.e Texas) with larger seasonal variation. The swing between the shoulder months and summers will be especially pronounced.
- Natural gas storage, particularly high deliverability storage, will increase in value but compete with swinging supply particularly in the Marcellus.
- The market will not need incremental storage capacity to shift volumes between seasons but may need the incremental capacity to provide deliverability.

## Storage injections can't keep pace due to heavy exports

### US lower-48 summer 2021 versus 2020 natural gas supply and demand (Bcf/d)

	Supply				Demand				Exports				
<u>Season</u>	Production	<u>Imports</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>	Res/ Com/ Ind	Power	<u>Other</u>	Domestic Total*	LNG Feed gas	Mexico	<u>Total</u> Demand	Storage Injections	<u>Henry</u> <u>Hub</u>
Summer 2020	89.0	4.0	0.3	93.3	32.6	34.0	6.6	73.1	5.7	5.5	84.3	8.8	\$1.87
Summer 2021	92.3	4.5	0.4	97.2	32.7	32.8	6.4	72.0	10.9	6.3	89.2	8.1	\$2.98
Delta	3.3	0.4	0.1	<b>3.9</b>	0.1	(1.2)	(0.2)	(1.1)	5.2	0.7	<b>4.8</b>	(0.8)	\$1.11

\* Includes EIA imbalance

Source: PointLogic

Production Rebound

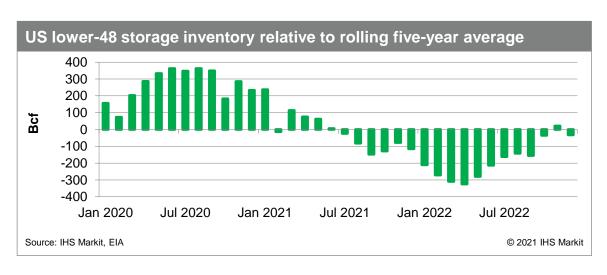
Power Decline

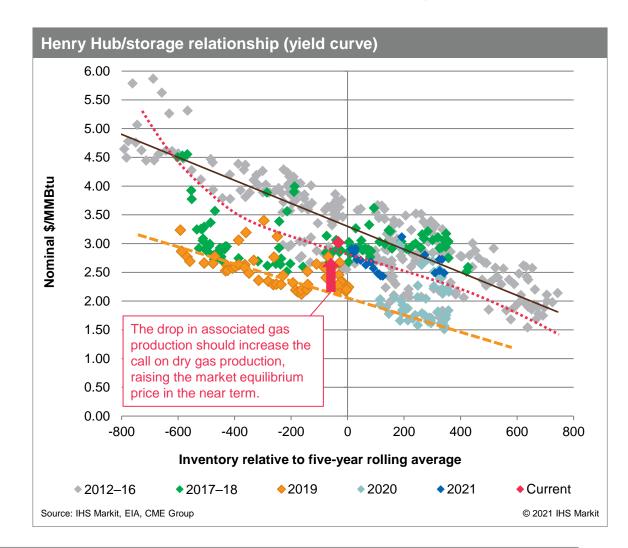
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LNG & Mex Surge

## The gas inventory-to-price relationship equilibrium has shifted higher for now, and stronger associated gas production could push it lower again

- Associated gas production is off more than 3 Bcf from December 2020 peak of 27 Bcf. Robust LNG exports, and increased need for dry gas production has increased the yield curve equilibrium price. Higher WTI oil prices and potentially stronger-than-expected associated gas production could reverse this increase.
- LNG feed gas demand, summer weather, and production trends are key signposts to watch as we move through 2021.





### **Question and Answer**



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