

# StoneX®

# **Fuel Hedging – Sunrise Cooperative**

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# **StoneX Overview**





# **Corporate Overview**

- Serving more than 20,000 accounts.
- In more than 130 countries.
- Through a network of more than 3100 professionals.
- Across 91 offices around the world.





# Customers/Markets We Serve

Agriculture	Precious Metals	
Energy	Base Metals	
Softs	Food Service	
Cotton/Textiles	Forest Products	
Renewable Fuels	Merchant Services	Text or part
Dairy	Livestock	
Foreign Exchange	International Securities	A September 19 July 19





# Direct Access to Markets

- **CBOE** Futures Exchange
- Chicago Mercantile Exchange
- Chicago Board of Trade
- COMEX
- Eurex
- Euronext.Amsterdam
- **Euronext.Paris**
- Intercontinental Exchanges— US, New Zealand Exchange Canada and United Kingdom
- London Metal Exchange

- Mercado de Valores de Buenos Aires
- S.A. (Merval)
- Mexican Derivatives Exchange
- Minneapolis Board of Trade
- Nasdag
- NYSE Arca
- New York Mercantile Exchange





Hedging

# Hedging is a generally accepted business practice.





# Hedging

A hedge is a temporary transaction to protect you from adverse price moves until you make the real transaction.





# Reasons for Hedging your Fuel Use

- ➤ Budgeting tool
  - ➤ Basis protection (Chi ULSD/CBOB Swaps)
- ➤ Better supply security
- **≻**Flexibility



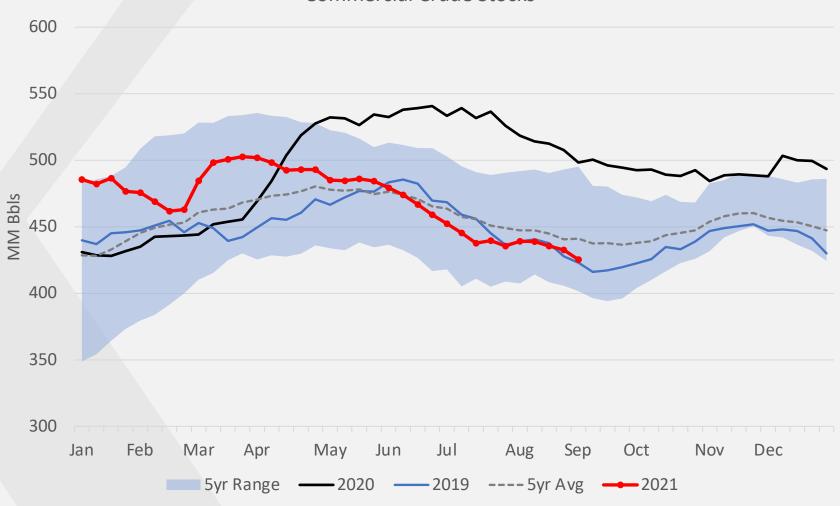


# **Energy Market Overview**





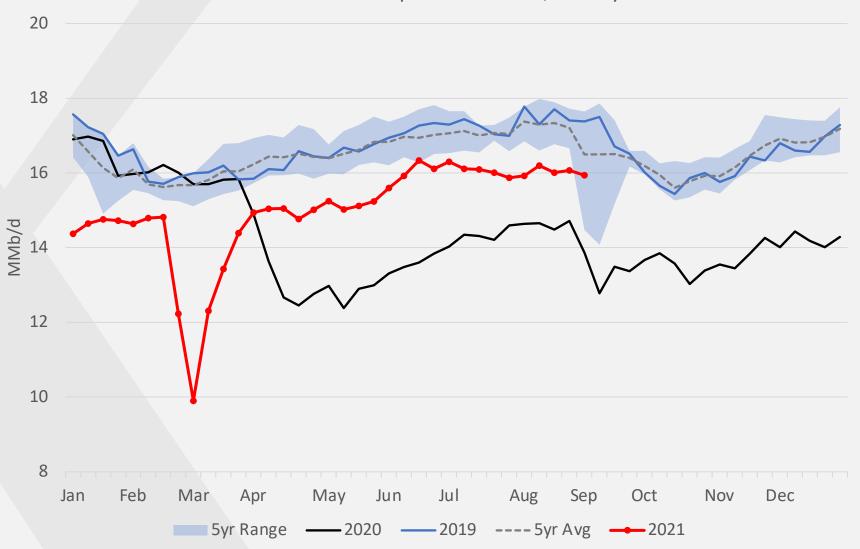
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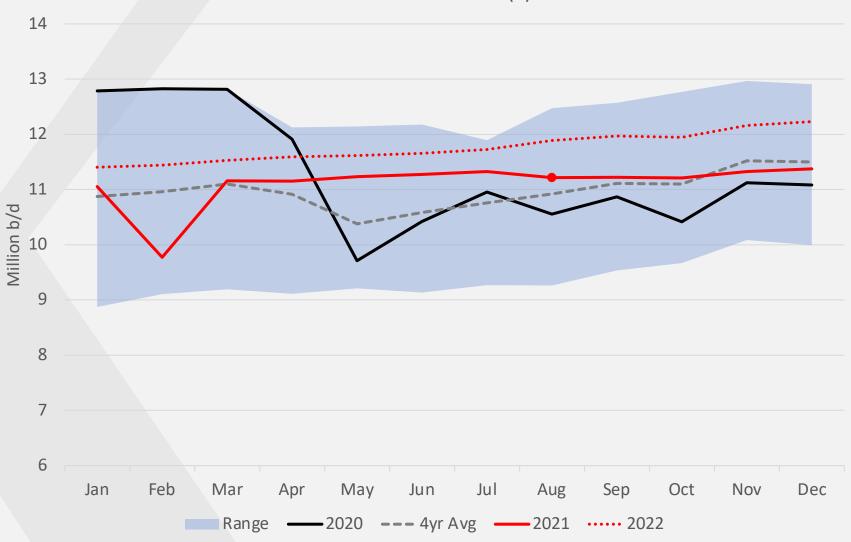
#### U.S. Refiner Net Input of Crude Oil, Weekly







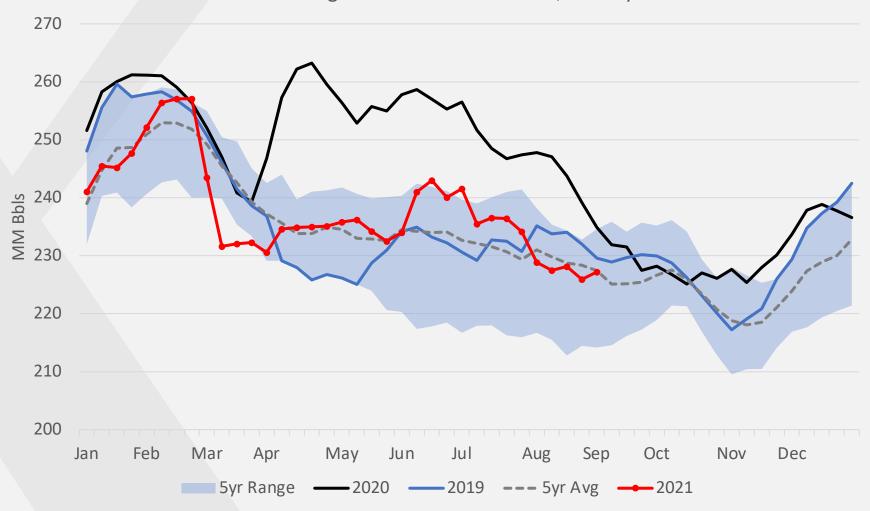
#### Crude Oil Production (a)







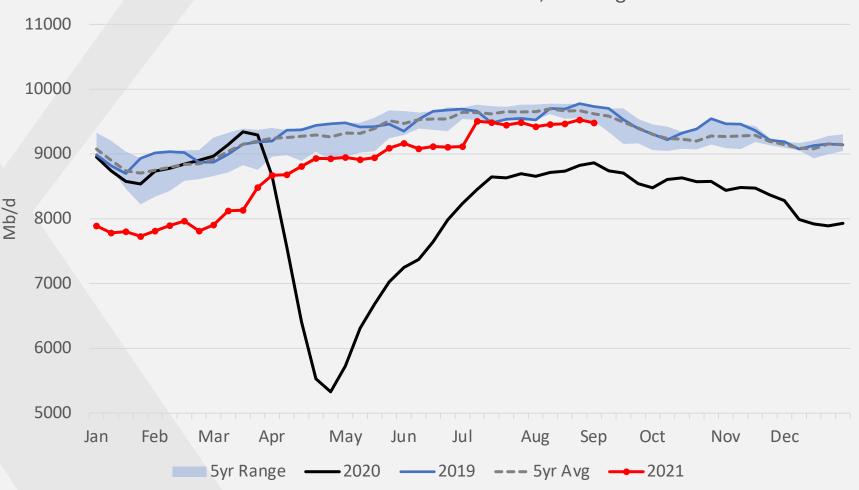
#### U.S. Ending Stocks of Total Gasoline, Weekly







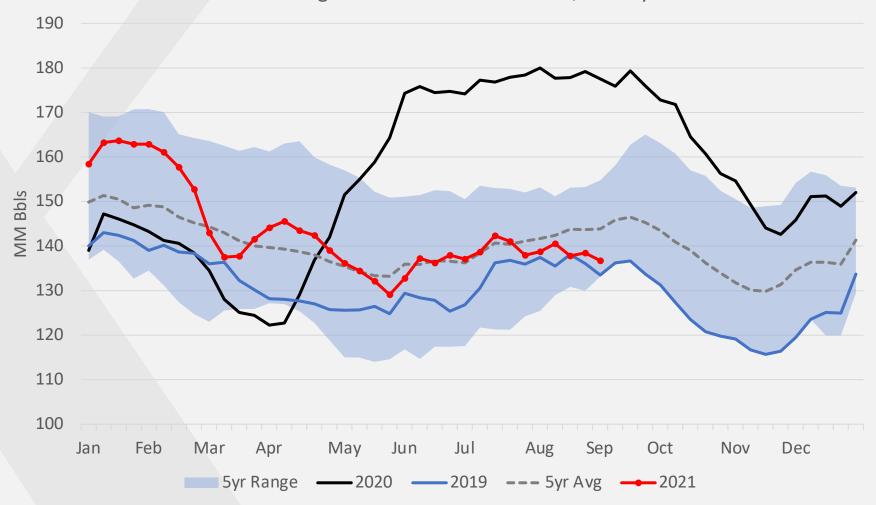
#### Motor Gasoline Domestic Demand, 4wk Avg







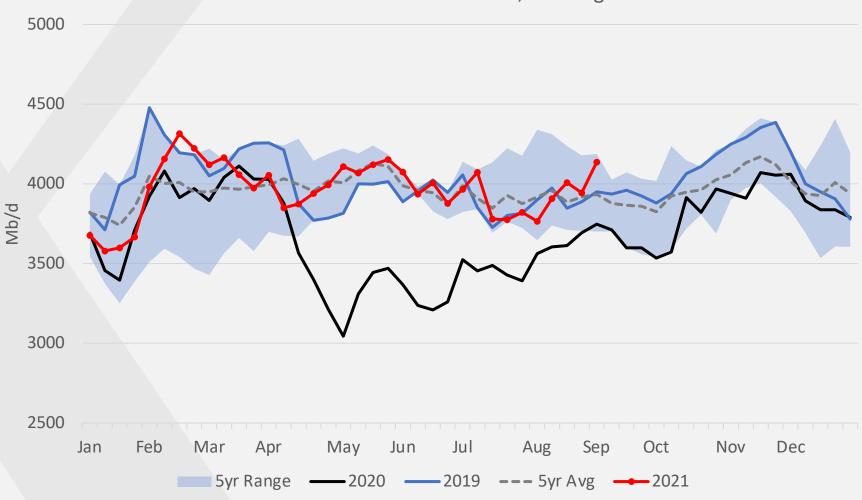
#### U.S. Ending Stocks of Distillate Fuel Oil, Weekly







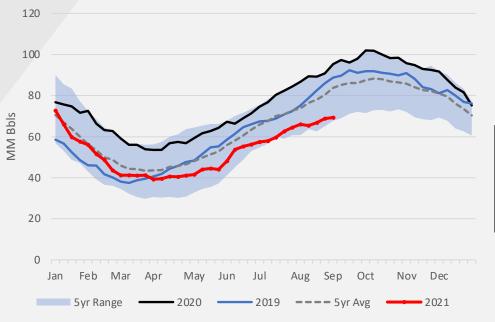
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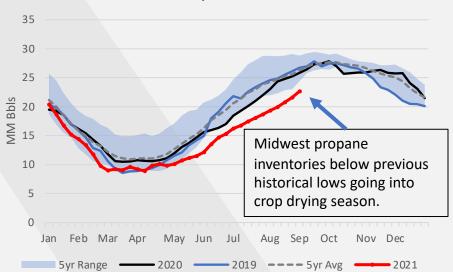




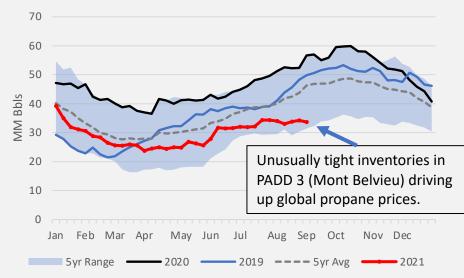


Total U.S. propane inventories are at seasonal lows with little time left for builds before demand picks up.

#### Midwest Propane Inventories



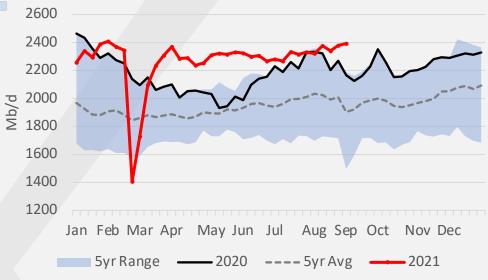
#### **Gulf Coast Propane Inventories**





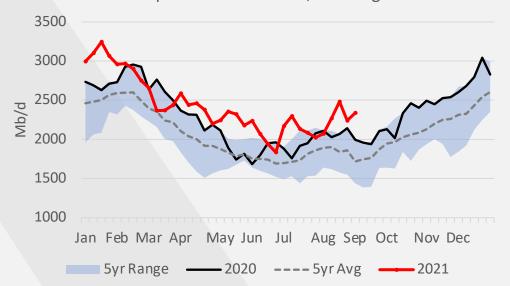
#### U.S. Propane/Propylene Production





YTD production up 4.5% year/year with growth slowing.

#### Propane Total Demand, 4wk Avg



YTD total demand is up 8% y/y.

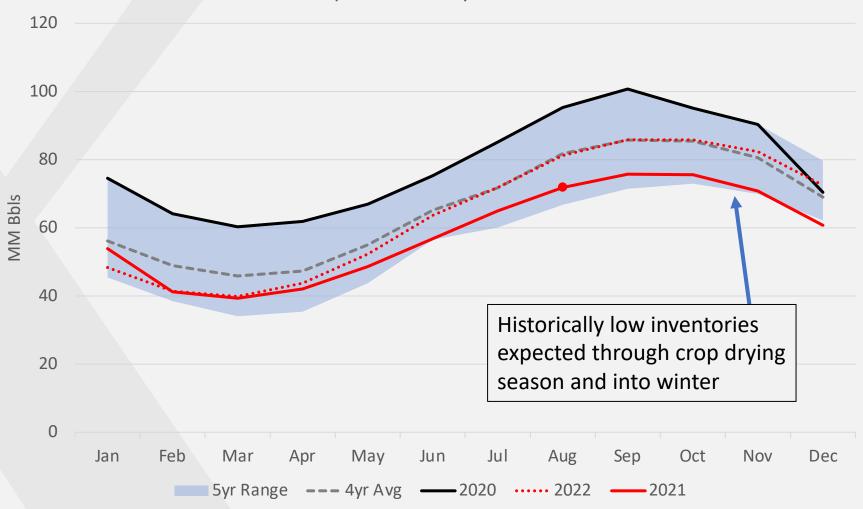
Exports: +9%

Domestic Demand: +7%





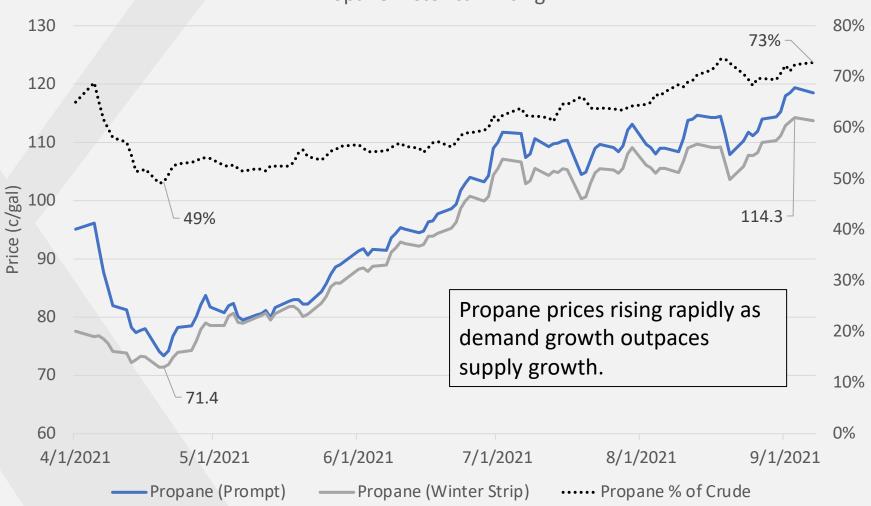
#### Propane Inventory Forecast







#### **Propane Historical Pricing**







### Forecast of potential market movers

- COVID-19 variants: Delta, others
- 18+ months of limited investment in upstream sector
- Lower production, slower growth ahead for U.S. producers
- OPEC+ growing its share of global production
- Pipeline shutdowns, cybersecurity concerns
- Hurricanes, other natural disasters
- Sanctions on Iran & Venezuela





### **Hedging Benefits**

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# **Strategies**





## **Strategy 1: Fixed Forward Contracts – Market at \$1.90**

Market at \$1.90

<sup>\*</sup> Educational example only, does not include commissions and fees





### **Strategy 1: Fixed Forward Contracts – Market Higher**

Price fixed at \$1.90

**Financial:** You receive the difference between where the market is and what you initially locked in your fuel cost.

**Physical:** You pay the higher cost when pulling fuel from the rack.

**Net:** You locked in your fuel cost below

market at time of receipt.





### **Strategy 1: Fixed Forward Contracts – Market Lower**

#### Price fixed at \$1.90

**Financial:** You pay the difference between where the market is and what you initially locked in your fuel cost.

**Physical:** You pay the lower cost when pulling fuel from the rack. **Net:** You locked in your fuel cost above market at time of receipt.

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### **Strategy 1: Fixed Forward**

#### **Pros**

- If market prices rise, you've locked in your fuel cost.
- You can protect yourself against rising basis (asymmetric risk to the upside)
- You can lock in fuel cost for a variety of physical purchase agreements (Euro, Asian, etc.)
- You can easily enter and exit swap agreements for up to 2 years out.

#### Cons

• If market prices decline, you've locked in your fuel cost.





### **Strategy 2: Max Price Contract – Market at \$1.90**

Buy \$2.00 10 cent out of the money calls for -.0150

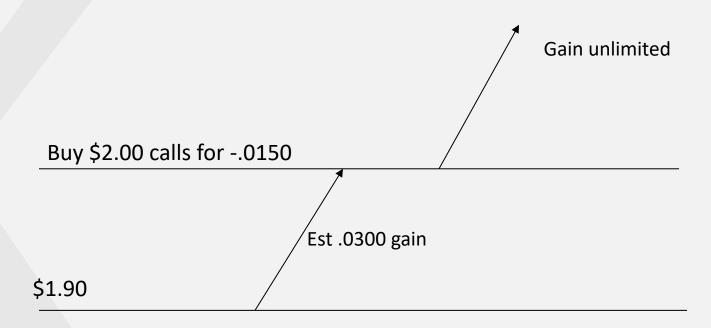
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## **Strategy 2: Market Higher**



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## **Strategy 2: Market Lower**

Buy \$2.00 calls for -.0150

\$1.90

Maximum loss is -.0150 premium paid





### **Strategy 2: Max Price Contract**

#### Pros

- If market prices rise, you gain on call option and have locked in the maximum price for your fuel cost.
- If market prices fall, you benefit from lower fuel costs.
- You can easily enter and exit options up to two years out, but we recommend shorter term protection.

#### Cons

• You pay initial option premium.





# Questions?





### **Conclusion – Fuel Hedging**

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