

New Study: Kansas Benefits from Natural Gas Use

The **Kansas Petroleum Council**, Topeka (KS) has just released a new study on the benefits natural gas brings to the state in terms of consumer savings, family-sustaining jobs and economic growth. The study shows that all 50 states benefit from natural gas produced domestically, including non-producing states.

Natural gas powers the Kansas farming industry,” said Executive Director Kent Eckles. “The state’s 20,000 wheat farmers rely on natural gas and oil – not only to harvest their crop, but in transporting and milling their wheat into flour for food products as well. Kansas farmers produce enough wheat to bake an average of 36 billion loaves of bread every year, which could feed everyone on the planet for two weeks. It’s no wonder that Kansas is known as the ‘breadbasket of the world’ thanks to the benefits of natural gas.”

The study by **ICF International** examined the economic benefits and opportunities from the entire natural gas value chain, including the production of natural gas, its transportation and end uses like power generation and manufacturing. “From power generation for homes and businesses that benefit from affordable and reliable electricity, to the industry’s skilled workforce that produces natural gas, to pipelines and the workers who build them, the advantages of natural gas are wide-ranging,” said API President and CEO Jack Gerard. “With energy week in full swing, this study is another example of the job and consumer benefits of natural gas across the country.” Natural gas benefited Kansas in 2015 in the following ways:

- Supported 43,160 or 3.2 percent of jobs in the state
- Contributed \$5.34 billion to the state’s economy

The study found that consumers in all 50 states will save an estimated \$655 by 2040 from natural gas production, transportation and other uses such as electricity generation. Other report highlights on the benefits of natural gas production, its transportation and end uses throughout the value chain include:

- By 2040, consumers across the country will save an estimated \$100 billion, or \$655 per household, from the increased use of natural gas throughout our economy – from manufacturing to generating affordable electricity.
- In 2015, the natural gas supply chain supported 3 percent of the U.S. economy, including direct, indirect and induced activities and jobs associated with natural gas.
- In 2015, natural gas supported more than 4 million jobs across the country from production to end uses like manufacturing. That number is expected to rise to 6 million jobs by 2040.

The Kansas Petroleum Council is a division of the American Petroleum Institute (API), which represents all segments of America’s oil and natural gas industry. Its more than 625 members produce, process, and distribute most of the nation’s energy. The industry supports 9.8 million U.S. jobs and is backed by a growing grass roots movement of more than 40 million Americans.