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Highlights

Natural Gas Production

In December 2008 preliminary and adjusted Texas natural gas production was 698.28 billion cubic feet (bcf), up from 611.20 bcf produced during the same month in 2007. *Note: Recent oil and gas production data are considered preliminary, incomplete, and subject to revision. See pages 3 and 6 for the most recent production adjustment factors or see the Commission's website at <http://www.rrc.state.tx.us>*

Crude Oil Production

In December 2008 preliminary and adjusted Texas crude oil production averaged 0.981 million barrels per day (mmb/d), up from 0.944 mmb/d reported during the same month in 2007. (See Note above.)

Rotary Rigs Operating in Texas

In February 2009 the average Texas rotary rig count was 468, down from 866 rigs running during the same month last year. The February rig count was down from the January rig count of 701.

Source: Baker Hughes Co.

Permits to Drill

In February 2009 the Railroad Commission issued 943 original permits to drill, down from 1,926 permits issued during the same month last year and down from 1,264 permits issued in January.

Oil and Gas Well Completions

In February 2009 operators reported 777 oil completions, up from 400 oil completions during the same month last year. There were 800 gas completions in February, up from 785 gas completions reported during the same month last year. There were 1,579 wells drilled in Texas in February, up from 1,191 wells drilled during the same month last year.

Trends

EIA Short-Term Outlook for Crude Oil and Natural Gas:

The average price of imported crude for U.S. refiners (an indicator of world oil prices) is expected to fall from the average 2008 level of \$92.60 per barrel to \$39.30 per barrel during the 1st quarter of 2009 and average \$40.00 for the year, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration's (EIA) "Short-Term Energy Outlook" for March, 2009. The price is expected to average \$38.33 per barrel for the 2nd quarter of 2009.

The West Texas Intermediate spot average is expected to fall from the average 2008 level of \$99.57 per barrel to \$40.26 per barrel during the 1st quarter of 2009 and average \$42.06 for the year. The price is expected to average \$40.33 per barrel for the 2nd quarter of 2009.

U.S. petroleum demand is expected to decrease 2.16 percent from 2008 to 2009 at 19.00 million barrels per day, and increase by 1.11 percent from 2009 to 2010 to 19.21 million barrels per day.

U.S. natural gas demand is expected to decrease by 1.34 percent from 2008 to 2009 to 22.86 trillion cubic feet, and increase by 0.35 percent from 2009 to 2010 to 22.94 trillion cubic feet.

EIA projects that natural gas wellhead prices will average \$4.53 per mcf for the 1st quarter of 2009 and average \$4.22 per mcf for the year. This is a 47.77 percent decrease from EIA's 2008 average wellhead price of \$8.08 per mcf.

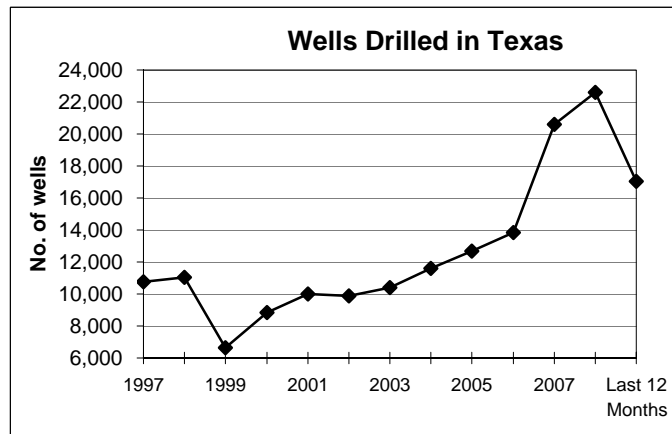
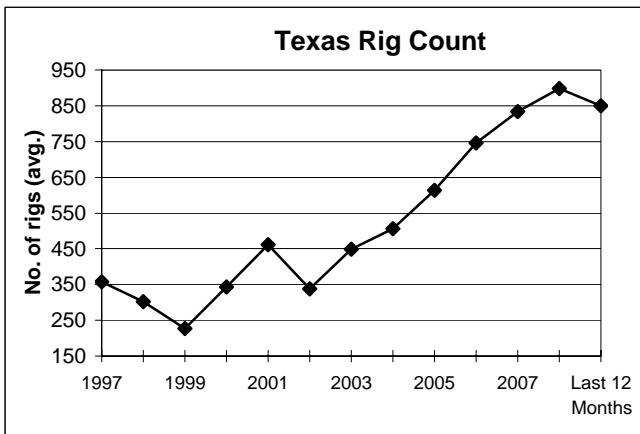
EIA projects an average annual wellhead price of \$5.10 per mcf for 2010, a 20.85 percent increase from the \$4.22 projected average price for 2009.

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Table 1. Texas Drilling and Completion Summary

Period	Rotary Rigs Active *		Permits #	Wells Completed		Wells Drilled **	
	Texas	U. S.		Oil	Gas		
1990	348	1,009	14,033	5,593	2,894	11,231	
1991	315	860	12,494	6,025	2,755	11,295	
1992	251	721	12,089	5,031	2,537	9,498	
1993	264	754	11,612	4,646	3,295	9,969	
1994	274	775	11,030	3,962	3,553	9,299	
1995	251	723	11,244	4,334	3,778	9,785	
1996	283	779	12,669	4,061	4,060	9,747	
1997	358	945	13,933	4,482	4,594	10,778	
1998	303	827	9,385	4,509	4,907	11,057	
1999	226	622	8,430	2,049	3,566	6,658	
2000	343	918	12,021	3,111	4,580	8,854	
2001	462	1,156	12,227	3,082	5,787	10,005	
2002	338	830	9,716	3,268	5,474	9,877	
2003	449	1,032	12,664	3,111	6,336	10,420	
2004	506	1,192	14,700	3,446	7,118	11,587	
2005	614	1,383	16,914	3,454	7,197	12,664	
2006	746	1,649	18,952	4,761	8,534	13,854	
2007	834	1,769	19,994	5,084	8,643	20,619	
2008	898	1,880	24,073	6,208	10,361	22,615	
Last 12 Months	850	1,809	22,594	6,605	10,381	17,029	
2008	Feb	866	1,765	1,926	400	785	1,191
	Mar	881	1,797	1,754	456	800	1,259
	Apr	887	1,829	2,207	403	827	1,235
	May	906	1,863	1,899	334	857	1,195
	Jun	923	1,902	2,444	432	813	1,248
	Jul	920	1,932	2,183	453	1,065	1,522
	Aug	934	1,987	2,129	357	696	1,057
	Sep	946	2,014	2,335	384	704	1,090
	Oct	911	1,971	2,693	988	1,277	2,269
	Nov	899	1,935	1,517	824	842	1,670
	Dec	826	1,782	1,226	641	819	1,462
2009	Feb	701	1,553	1,264	556	881	1,443
	Feb	468	1,148	943	777	800	1,579



* Source: Baker Hughes Inc.

Totals shown are number of drilling permits issued.

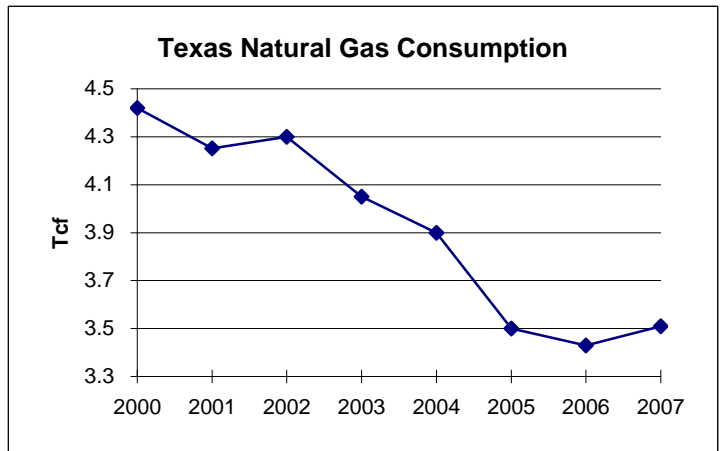
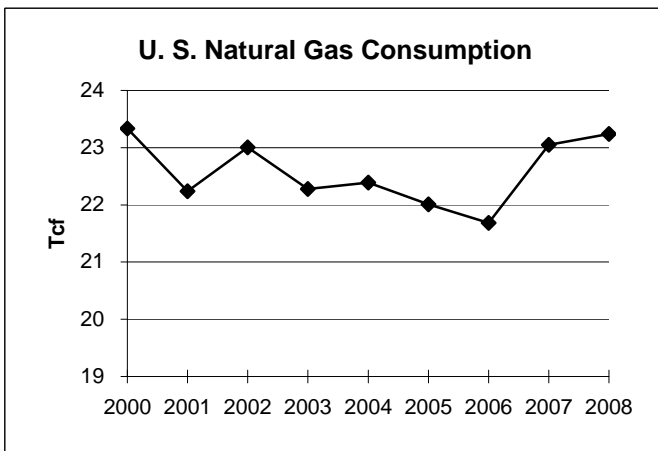
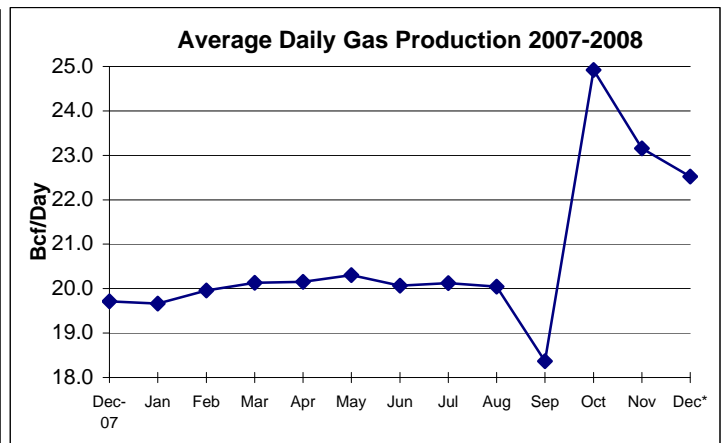
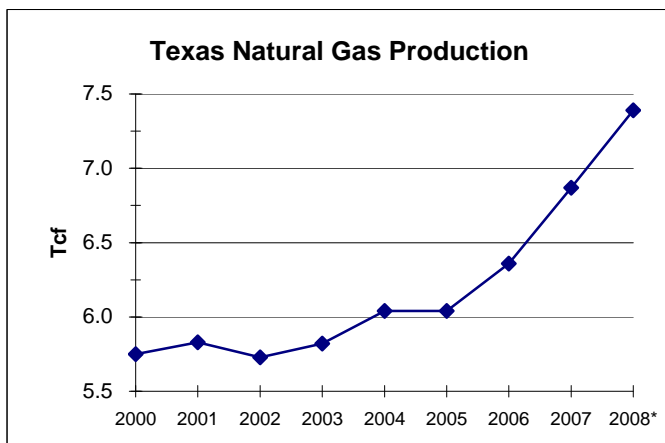
** Wells drilled are oil and gas well completions and dry holes drilled/plugged.

Table 2. Texas Natural Gas (Trillion CF)

Period	Total Production	Proved Reserves #	Consumption #	Producing Wells	Wellhead Price **
1990	5.54	41.4	3.60	49,989	\$1.43
1991	5.52	39.3	3.56	49,825	\$1.39
1992	5.45	38.1	3.48	49,839	\$1.45
1993	5.61	37.8	3.74	50,794	\$1.80
1994	5.69	39.0	3.67	52,614	\$1.68
1995	5.69	39.7	3.80	53,612	\$1.36
1996	5.85	41.6	3.99	55,052	\$1.76
1997	5.85	41.1	3.95	56,736	\$2.14
1998	5.82	40.8	4.20	58,436	\$1.96
1999	5.60	43.4	4.01	59,088	\$1.86
2000	5.75	45.4	4.42	60,486	\$3.51
2001	5.83	43.5	4.25	63,598	\$4.00
2002	5.73	44.3	4.30	65,686	\$2.95
2003	5.82	45.7	4.05	68,488	\$4.88
2004	6.04	49.9	3.90	72,237	\$5.46
2005	6.04	56.5	3.50	76,510	\$7.33
2006	6.36	61.8	3.43	83,218	\$6.39
2007	6.87	72.0	3.51	88,311	\$6.37
2008*	7.39	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$8.07

	Total Gas Production (Bcf)			
	Monthly	Daily	Gas Well	Casinghead
Dec-07	611.20	19.72	551.93	59.27
Jan	609.68	19.67	550.29	59.39
Feb	578.83	19.96	521.42	57.41
Mar	624.13	20.13	561.97	62.16
Apr	604.56	20.15	543.70	60.86
May	629.48	20.31	565.51	63.97
Jun	601.93	20.06	540.91	61.02
Jul	623.87	20.12	557.15	66.72
Aug	621.44	20.05	555.29	66.15
Sep	551.11	18.37	495.70	55.41
Oct	747.69	24.92	685.63	62.06
Nov	717.87	23.16	656.58	61.29
Dec*	698.28	22.53	636.14	62.14

*Note: The most recent 12 months of production data is preliminary and subject to revision. The most recent month of data is incomplete and may underestimate the final and complete total; a production adjustment factor of 1.2490 has been applied to reported December gas well production to obtain an estimate of final gas well production.



**Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. Wellhead price is average net taxable price (\$/Mcf) and excludes federal offshore production.

Source for 2001 and after is U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) and wellhead price is national average.

Source: EIA's reserve estimates for 1986 and after exclude federal offshore and are wet after lease separation.

Table 3. Texas Gas Storage Operations

Productive or Depleted Reservoirs			Reported Max Withdrawal Rate (MMCF/DAY)	Working Gas* Inventory 02/28/09 (MMCF)	Working Gas* Inventory 02/28/08 (MMCF)	Change From One Year Ago (MMCF)	Preliminary Working Gas* Inventory 03/15/09 (MMCF)
Operator	Field	County Location					
Oneok TX Gas Storage LP	Felmac (Yates)	Gaines	45	2,422	1,282	1,140	2,531
Oneok TX Gas Storage LP	Loop (Yates)	Gaines	75	800	800	-	800
Enbridge Pipeline LLC	Pickton (Bacon Lime)	Hopkins	15	-	-	-	-
Houston Pipe Line Co.	Bammell	Harris	1,300	31,290	31,736	(446)	31,081
Cago, Inc.	Ambassador	Clay	40	80	80	-	80
Hill Lake Gas Storage LP	Hill-Lake Sand	Eastland	450	7,221	4,232	2,989	7,020
ATMOS Pipeline - Texas	Lake Dallas	Denton	120	3,082	3,367	(285)	3,108
ATMOS Pipeline - Texas	La-Pan-Miss	Clay	120	1,782	963	819	1,946
Cummings Company, Inc.	Leeray Strawn	Stephens	20	-	-	-	-
ATMOS Pipeline - Texas	New York City	Clay	120	3,807	3,099	708	3,676
Fort Concho Gas Storage, Inc.	Pecan Station	Tom Green	28	393	396	(3)	393
ATMOS Pipeline - Texas	Tri-Cities Bacon	Henderson	275	17,990	17,425	565	17,363
ATMOS Pipeline - Texas	Tri-Cities Rodessa	Henderson	50	84	305	(221)	75
Lower Colorado River Authority	Hilbig	Bastrop	100	3,529	2,196	1,333	3,119
Natural Gas Pipeline Co.	North Lansing	Harrison	1,100	85,727	62,839	22,888	85,830
Devon Gas Services LP	Lone Camp	Palo Pinto	28	350	304	46	373
Pelican Transmission LLC	Clear Lake	Harris	900	38,595	39,074	(479)	41,709
Energy Transfer Fuel LP	Bryson	Jack	100	4,789	4,762	27	5,137
Worsham-Steed Gas Storage, Inc.	Worsham Steed	Jack	25	20,478	8,299	12,179	20,094
Katy Storage and Transportation LP	Pottsville	Hamilton	200	-	-	-	-
Enstor Katy Storage and Transportation LP	Katy Hub & Storage	Fort Bend	700	20,542	12,671	7,871	20,951
	Subtotals		5,811	242,961	193,830	49,131	245,286
Salt Caverns							
Oneok TX Gas Storage LP	Salado (Loop Yates)	Gaines	500	1,796	1,377	419	1,708
Kinder Morgan Tejas Pipeline LP	Stratton Ridge	Brazoria	250	817	465	352	861
Centana Intrastate Pipeline LLC	Spindletop	Jefferson	400	900	2,113	(1,213)	1,446
Dow Chemical Co.	Stratton Ridge #34	Brazoria	200	-	-	-	-
Dow Chemical Co.	Stratton Ridge #6	Brazoria	180	624	1,186	(562)	556
Kinder Morgan Texas Pipeline LP	North Dayton	Liberty	750	1,574	1,886	(312)	1,384
ATMOS Pipeline - Texas	Bethel	Anderson	600	4,369	4,353	16	3,179
Moss Bluff Hub Partners LP	Moss Bluff	Liberty	1,000	5,306	5,029	277	4,325
Chevron Phillips Chemical Co	Clemens	Brazoria	75	1,513	1,200	313	1,659
PB Energy Storage Services, Inc.	Spindletop	Jefferson	480	7,135	6,833	302	6,745
Underground Services Markham, LP	Markham	Matagorda	500	13,961	10,930	3,031	11,259
Energy Transfer Fuel LP	Bethel Salt Dome	Anderson	600	4,360	2,847	1,513	3,936
Enterprise Products Operating LP	Wilson	Wharton	800	4,143	1,526	2,617	3,690
Union Oil Co. of California	Keystone Gas Storage	Winkler	350	4,404	2,703	1,701	3,761
Underground Storage, LLC	Pierce Junction	Harris	350	1,269	896	373	1,262
Tres Palacios Storage LLC	Markham	Matagorda	2,500	8,071	-	8,071	8,983
	Subtotals		9,535	60,242	43,344	16,898	54,754
Source: RRC Form G-3		TOTALS	15,346	303,203	237,174	66,029	300,040

* Note: Native Gas volumes are included in Working Gas volumes with the exception of Houston Pipe Line's Bammell facility and Natural Gas Pipeline Co. of America's North Lansing facility. (The Native Gas in the Bammell and North Lansing facilities is part of the non-working resident gas.)

Table 4. Texas Gas Storage Operations, 2008 - 2009

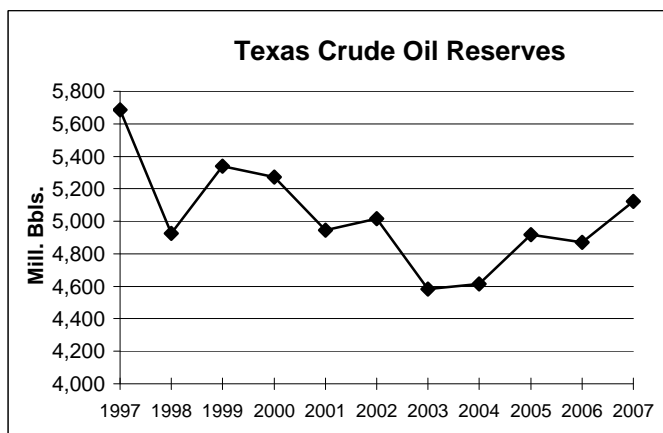
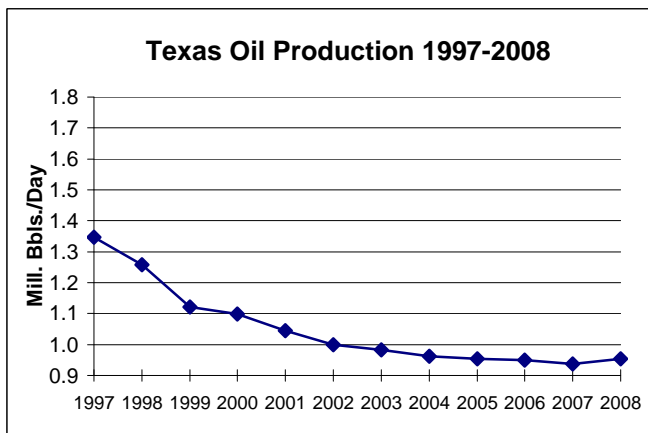
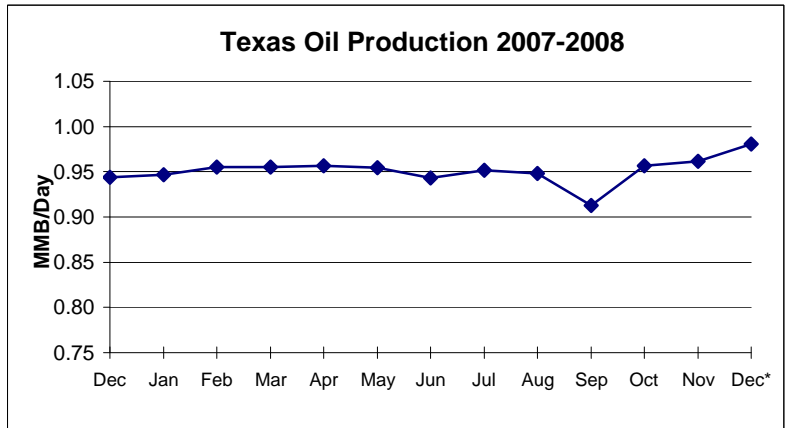
	Depleted Reservoirs			Salt Caverns			Total		
	Beginning Balance (Mmcf)	Injections/ (Withdrawals) (Mmcf)	Ending Balance (Mmcf)	Beginning Balance (Mmcf)	Injections/ (Withdrawals) (Mmcf)	Ending Balance (Mmcf)	Beginning Balance (Mmcf)	Injections/ (Withdrawals) (Mmcf)	Ending Balance (Mmcf)
Feb-08	243,068	(49,237)	193,831	52,623	(8,244)	44,379	295,691	(57,481)	238,210
Mar-08	193,831	(20,301)	173,530	44,379	5,342	49,721	238,210	(14,959)	223,251
Apr-08	173,530	20,005	193,535	49,721	5,340	55,061	223,251	25,345	340,663
May-08	193,535	25,219	218,754	55,061	7,810	62,871	248,596	33,029	281,625
Jun-08	218,754	(6,162)	212,592	62,871	1,148	64,019	281,625	(5,014)	276,611
Jul-08	212,592	(11,664)	200,928	64,019	3,728	67,747	276,611	(7,936)	268,675
Aug-08	200,928	1,418	202,346	67,747	(3,587)	64,160	268,675	(2,169)	266,506
Sep-08	202,346	23,365	225,711	64,160	1,305	65,465	266,506	24,670	291,176
Oct-08	225,711	22,650	248,361	65,465	1,185	66,650	291,176	23,835	315,011
Nov-08	248,361	22,416	270,777	66,650	10,868	77,518	315,011	33,284	348,295
Dec-08	270,777	(16,278)	254,499	77,518	(2,543)	74,975	348,295	(18,821)	329,474
Jan-09	254,499	(16,834)	237,665	74,975	(11,966)	63,009	329,474	(28,800)	300,674
Feb-09	237,665	5,296	242,961	63,009	(2,767)	60,242	300,674	2,529	303,203

Table 5. Texas Crude Oil (million barrels)

Period	Total Production	Daily Average	% of U.S. Production	Proved Reserves #	% of U.S. Reserves	Producing Wells *	WTI Spot Price **
1990	646	1.77	24.2	7,106	27.1	194,962	\$19.74
1991	644	1.77	24.0	6,797	27.5	196,292	\$21.48
1992	614	1.68	23.5	6,441	27.1	193,310	\$18.61
1993	576	1.58	22.9	6,171	26.9	186,342	\$17.30
1994	542	1.49	22.3	5,847	26.0	179,955	\$14.73
1995	513	1.40	21.5	5,743	25.7	177,397	\$16.31
1996	500	1.37	21.0	5,736	26.0	175,277	\$18.77
1997	491	1.35	21.0	5,687	25.2	175,475	\$20.01
1998	460	1.26	20.1	4,927	23.4	170,288	\$14.06
1999	409	1.12	19.1	5,339	24.5	162,620	\$14.31
2000	401	1.10	18.8	5,273	23.9	161,097	\$28.71
2001	381	1.04	18.0	4,944	22.0	159,357	\$24.62
2002	365	1.00	17.4	5,015	22.1	155,865	\$24.33
2003	359	0.98	17.4	4,583	20.9	153,461	\$31.08
2004	351	0.96	17.7	4,613	21.5	151,205	\$41.51
2005	348	0.95	18.4	4,919	19.0	151,286	\$56.64
2006	347	0.95	18.6	4,871	23.4	151,832	\$66.05
2007	342	0.94	18.5	5,122	24.0	153,223	\$72.34
2008	348	0.95	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$99.67

Dec	29.27	0.944
Jan	29.34	0.946
Feb	27.71	0.956
Mar	29.62	0.955
Apr	28.69	0.956
May	29.58	0.954
Jun	28.29	0.943
Jul	29.50	0.952
Aug	29.40	0.948
Sep	27.38	0.913
Oct	29.66	0.957
Nov	28.85	0.962
Dec*	30.41	0.981

*Note: The most recent 12 months of production data is preliminary and subject to revision. The most recent month of data is incomplete and may underestimate the final and complete total; a production adjustment factor of 1.0650 has been applied to reported December crude oil production to obtain an estimate of final crude oil production.



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA). Reserve estimates for 1985 and after exclude federal offshore.

* Source: Railroad Commission of Texas, December Active Oil Well Counts

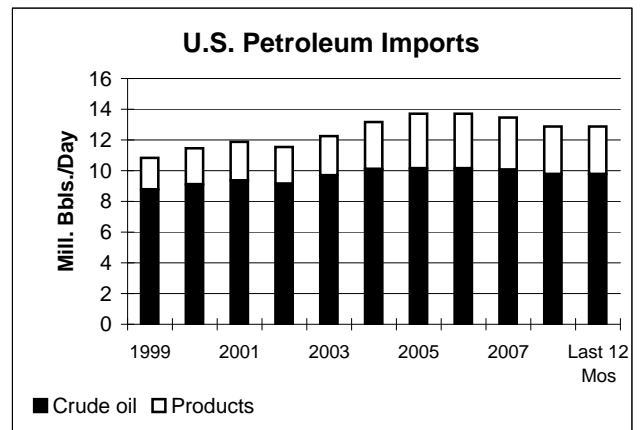
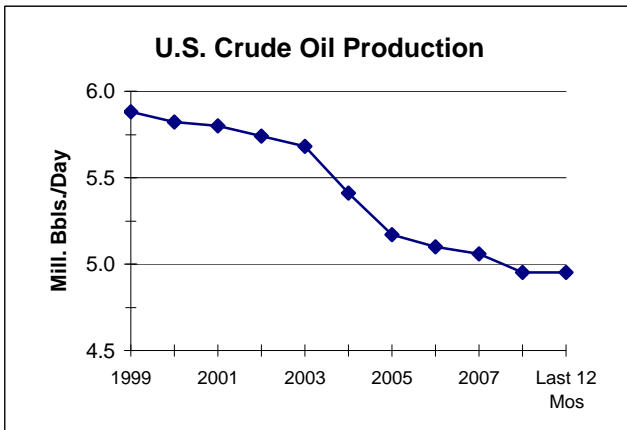
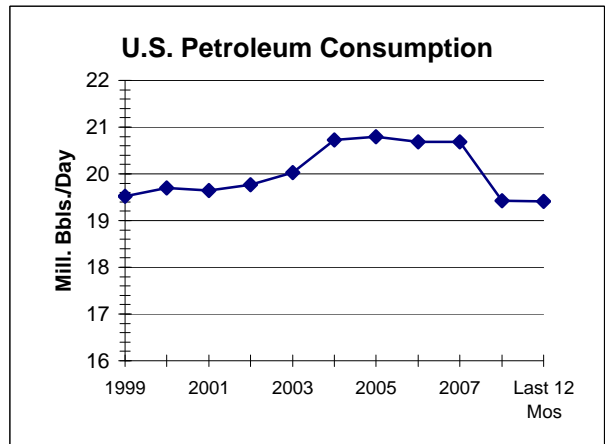
** Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. Wellhead price is average net taxable price (\$/bbl.) and excludes federal offshore production.

Source for 2001 and after is (EIA) and wellhead price is West Texas Intermediate spot average.

Table 6. U. S. Petroleum Overview (million barrels per day)

Period	Production *	Imports **			Products Supplied #	Proved Reserves **	Wells Drilled **	Wellhead Price **
		Total	Crude Oil	Products				
1990	7.36	8.02	5.89	2.12	16.99	26,254	32,067	\$20.03
1991	7.42	7.63	5.78	1.84	16.71	24,682	29,528	\$16.54
1992	7.17	7.89	6.08	1.81	17.03	23,745	23,608	\$15.99
1993	6.85	8.62	6.79	1.83	17.24	22,957	25,451	\$14.25
1994	6.66	9.00	7.06	1.93	17.72	22,457	22,255	\$13.19
1995	6.56	8.84	7.23	1.61	17.72	22,351	21,600	\$14.62
1996	6.47	9.48	7.51	1.97	18.31	22,017	23,886	\$18.46
1997	6.45	10.16	8.23	1.94	18.62	22,546	27,586	\$17.23
1998	6.25	10.71	8.71	2.00	18.92	21,034	22,911	\$10.87
1999	5.88	10.85	8.73	2.12	19.52	21,765	18,939	\$15.56
2000	5.82	11.46	9.07	2.39	19.70	22,045	29,038	\$26.72
2001	5.80	11.87	9.33	2.54	19.65	22,446	35,303	\$21.84
2002	5.74	11.53	9.14	2.39	19.76	22,677	27,655	\$22.51
2003	5.68	12.26	9.66	2.60	20.03	21,891	32,511	\$27.56
2004	5.41	13.15	10.09	3.06	20.73	21,371	36,379	\$36.77
2005	5.17	13.72	10.13	3.59	20.80	21,757	42,673	\$50.28
2006	5.10	13.71	10.12	3.59	20.69	20,972	50,081	\$59.69
2007	5.06	13.47	10.03	3.44	20.68	21,317	50,582	\$66.52
2008	4.95	12.86	9.75	3.11	19.42	n/a	55,669	\$94.03
Last 12 Mos	4.95	12.87	9.75	3.11	19.42			

Dec	5.07	12.88	9.84	3.04	20.72
Jan	5.09	13.49	10.00	3.49	20.11
Feb	5.11	12.61	9.61	3.00	19.78
Mar	5.13	12.55	9.62	2.93	19.73
Apr	5.16	13.25	9.92	3.33	19.77
May	5.16	12.86	9.66	3.20	19.73
Jun	5.10	13.36	9.99	3.37	19.55
Jul	5.11	13.06	10.10	2.96	19.41
Aug	4.89	13.06	10.28	2.78	19.27
Sep	3.96	11.51	8.41	3.10	17.80
Oct	4.64	13.21	10.11	3.10	19.64
Nov	4.93	12.85	9.92	2.93	19.00
Dec*	5.12	12.60	9.42	3.18	19.20



* Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA). Recent production data is preliminary and subject to revision.

Source: EIA. Petroleum products supplied is a measure of domestic consumption.

** Source: EIA. Wells drilled includes crude oil, natural gas, and dry wells drilled. U.S. average wellhead (first purchase) price is dollars per barrel.

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Created in 1891 by the Texas Legislature, the Railroad Commission today is known principally as a leader in the regulation and conservation of oil and natural gas in Texas. For more than 85 years, the Commission has been charged with preventing waste and pollution while safeguarding property rights.

We believe the people of Texas continue to have a vital stake in the orderly production and conservation of the state's natural resources. Across the state, crude oil and natural gas are produced in 237 of 254 counties. About 250,000 persons are employed in oil and gas exploration, production, refining, and related industries. In all, businesses involved with the Texas oil and gas industry contribute about \$201 billion annually to the state's more than one trillion-dollar economy.

As an oil and gas producer, the state of Texas ranks among the nations of the world. Texas leads the United States in the production of crude oil and natural gas, and its marketed production of natural gas represents one-third of total U. S. supply. Texas produces an average of nearly one million barrels of oil a day; natural gas production in the state exceeds 6 trillion cubic feet a year.

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