Review of EIA oil production outlooks

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Overview

- Drilling Productivity Report performance review
 - Permian
 - Eagle Ford
 - Bakken
- Crude oil production projections
 - Short-Term Energy Outlook
 - Annual Energy Outlook
 - International tight oil outlook
- New DPR region highlights: Utica



Drilling Productivity Report review – major tight oil plays



DPR covers production trends in key U.S. regions





Challenges of measuring forecast performance

- Most well-level production data still incomplete for 2013Q4
 - Changing state data lags
 - Corrections impacting historical data
- Redefining geographic DPR regions (counties)
- 'Event forecasting' outside scope of DPR methodology



Data lags caused Permian drilling productivity to appear flat

Permian region million barrels per day



Source: EIA Drilling Productivity Report



Underestimation - slow productivity growth compared to Bakken, Eagle Ford





Eagle Ford – Early changes to regional boundary caused errors, forecasts stabilized with steady drilling activity, incr. productivity

Eagle Ford region million barrels per day



Source: EIA Drilling Productivity Report



Bakken – Changing completion techniques lead to mid-2013 growth, 'event' related decline in Dec. 2013, trends intact

Bakken region million barrels per day



Source: EIA Drilling Productivity Report



Production from new completions not unusually low in Dec. 2013, decline driven by shut-ins

Bakken month-to-month change thousand barrels per day



Source: EIA Drilling Productivity Report



December 2013: 30 mb/d of decline caused by shutting-in existing wells (Tioga gas plant expansion and weather-related)

Bakken crude oil production million barrels per day



Source: EIA, DrillingInfo



Potential 'events' which limit ability to forecast the near future

- Regulations (eg. ND flaring limits)
- Infrastructure maintenance/upgrades
- Winter weather
- Hurricanes
- Well spacing
- New sweet spots or drilling in non-core acreage



EIA U.S. crude oil production outlook



Changes in resource assumptions between the reference and high resource case lead to a 76% increase in oil production rates



Source: EIA, Annual Energy Outlook 2014 and July 2014 Short-Term Energy Outlook



U.S. tight oil production – selected plays

tight oil production million barrels of oil per day



Sources: EIA derived from state administrative data collected by DrillingInfo Inc. Data are through May 2014 and represent EIA's official tight oil estimates, but are not survey data. State abbreviations indicate primary state(s).



Projected tight oil production in EIA's three *AEO2014* resource cases span the range of most other estimates

tight oil production million barrels per day



Source: EIA, Annual Energy Outlook 2014, and external forecasts



EIA Reference scenario shows international tight oil production increasing to 3 million b/d in 2025

tight oil production million barrels per day



Source: EIA, Annual Energy Outlook 2014, IEO2014 draft



New DPR region starting 8/2014: Utica



Utica natural gas outpacing oil production



Source: EIA Drilling Productivity Report



Utica natural gas production growth on par with Eagle Ford

production growth, first 36 months since 'start' billion cubic feet per day



Source: EIA Drilling Productivity Report



Productivity per rig increasing faster than earlier plays

production per rig growth, first 36 months since 'start' thousand cubic feet per day



Source: EIA Drilling Productivity Report



Most Utica production growth moving on interstate pipeline rather than supplying intrastate demand

Ohio natural gas

billion cubic feet per day



Source: EIA, DrillingInfo, Ventyx Energy Velocity



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