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Preface

The *Natural Gas Annual 2015 (NGA)* provides information on the supply and disposition of natural gas to a wide audience including Congress, federal and state agencies, industry analysts, consumers, and educational institutions. The 2015 data are presented in a sequence that follows natural gas (including supplemental supplies) from its production to its end use. Tables summarizing natural gas supply and disposition from 2011 to 2015 for each state follow these tables. Annual historical data are shown at the national level.

Data Sources: The data in the *Natural Gas Annual 2015* are primarily taken from surveys conducted by the Energy Information Administration (EIA), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). Most of the sector-level consumption data in the *NGA* are derived from responses to the mandatory Form EIA-176, “Annual Report of Natural and Supplemental Gas Supply and Disposition.” Production data for all natural gas producing states were obtained directly from state and federal agencies, state-sponsored public record databases, or commercial data vendors such as PointLogic Energy, DrillingInfo, and Ventyx. Other sources of production data include responses to the mandatory Form EIA-914, “Monthly Crude Oil, Lease Condensate, and Natural Gas Production Report.” See Appendix A for more information.

Other EIA surveys that provided information for this report are:

- Form EIA-816, “Monthly Natural Gas Liquids Report,” and Form EIA-64A, “Annual Report of the Origin of Natural Gas Liquids Production,” for gas processed, plant fuel, and natural gas plant liquids production data.
- Form EIA-191, “Monthly Underground Gas Storage Report,” for underground natural gas storage injections, withdrawals, and capacities.
- Form EIA-857, “Monthly Report of Natural Gas Purchases and Deliveries to Consumers,” for citygate prices.
- Form EIA-923, “Power Plant Operations Report,” for the quantity of gas consumed by the electric power sector and the price of natural gas consumed by electric power; for 2015, electric power data in this publication are preliminary and shown as of the July 2015 *Electric Power Monthly*.
- Form EIA-910, “Monthly Natural Gas Marketer Survey,” for natural gas prices paid by residential and/or commercial end-use customers in the states of Georgia, New York, and Ohio.
- Office of Fossil Energy report, *Natural Gas Imports and Exports*, for the quantity and price of natural gas imports and exports.

More discussion of data sources and methodology is provided in Appendix A.

EIA’s ongoing data quality efforts have resulted in revisions to the 2014 data series. Production volumes have been revised for several states. Several data series based on the Form EIA-176, including deliveries to end-users in several states, were also revised.

What’s New

The *Natural Gas Annual 2015* includes several changes and enhancements to the data. For example, Table 5 has been updated to include number of oil wells that produce natural gas, in addition to the previously shown gas wells.

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