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## **Decline in U.S. oil production won't be as steep**

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Although total U.S. crude oil production is expected to continue declining, the drop in output this year and in 2017 won't be as steep, because of improved efficiency at drilling rigs and more drilling overall.

In its new monthly forecast, the U.S. Energy Information Administration revised up its estimate for domestic daily oil output for this year by about 100,000 barrels to 8.8 million barrels per day. Daily production for next year was given a 200,000-barrel boost to 8.5 million barrels per day.

In addition to more rigs drilling for oil, well operators are seeing improved productivity, lower breakeven costs, and forecast higher oil prices.

While onshore oil production is forecast to decline through the middle of 2017, output in the Gulf of Mexico is expected to continue increasing.

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