The seven regions analyzed in this report accounted for 92% of domestic oil production growth and all domestic natural gas production growth during 2011-14.
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**Haynesville Region**

- **New-well oil production per rig**
  - 2008-2017
  - Rig count: 300
  - New-well oil production per rig: 1,400 to 0 bar/day
  - Legacy production change: (1) to (3)

- **Legacy oil production change**
  - 2008-2017
  - Million barrels/day
  - (1) to (3)

- **Indicated change in oil production (Jun vs. May)**
  - Thousand barrels/day
  - New production: +1, Legacy change: -1, Net change: +0

- **Oil production**
  - 2008-2017
  - Thousand barrels/day
  - New production: +0

- **Natural gas production**
  - 2008-2017
  - Million cubic feet/day
  - New production: +130

- **Monthly additions from one average rig**
  - June 33 barrels/day
  - May 33 barrels/day

- **Gas**
  - +66 thousand cubic feet/day

- **Oil**
  - +7,398 thousand cubic feet/day
  - +7,332 thousand cubic feet/day
### Marcellus Region

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Drilling data through April projected production through June

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**Oil production**

- June 2017: 70 barrels/day
- May 2017: 70 barrels/day

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**Legacy oil production change**

- May 2017: 0 thousand barrels/day
- June 2017: 0 thousand barrels/day

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**Indicated change in oil production (Jun vs. May)**

- June 2017: +3 thousand barrels/day
- May 2017: -2 thousand barrels/day
- Net change: +1 thousand barrels/day

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**New-well oil production per rig**

- Rig count: 150
- New-well oil production per rig: 2,400 barrels/day

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**Legacy gas production change**

- May 2017: 0 million cubic feet/day
- June 2017: 0 million cubic feet/day

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**Indicated change in natural gas production (Jun vs. May)**

- June 2017: +624 million cubic feet/day
- May 2017: -602 million cubic feet/day
- Net change: +22 million cubic feet/day

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**New-well gas production per rig**

- Rig count: 150
- New-well gas production per rig: 16,000 thousand cubic feet/day

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**Natural gas production**

- June 2017: 19,258 MMcf/d
- May 2017: 19,236 MMcf/d

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**Month over month**

- Oil: +40 barrels/day
- Gas: +22 million cubic feet/day

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Oil and gas production data is updated as of June 2017.
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**Oil**
- New-well oil production per rig (1,400 barrels/day)
- Legacy oil production change (thousand barrels/day)
- Indicated change in oil production (Jun vs. May) (+47, -40, +7)
- Oil production (thousand barrels/day)

**Gas**
- New-well gas production per rig (8,400 thousand cubic feet/day)
- Legacy gas production change (million cubic feet/day)
- Indicated change in natural gas production (Jun vs. May) (+170, -109, +61)
- Natural gas production (million cubic feet/day)

**Rig count**
- New-well oil production per rig
- Rig count
- New-well gas production per rig
- Rig count

**Additions**
- Monthly additions from one average rig
- June (1,288 barrels/day), May (1,288 barrels/day)
- June (4,621 thousand cubic feet/day), May (4,520 thousand cubic feet/day)

**Production**
- New-well oil production (thousand barrels/day)
- Legacy oil production change (thousand barrels/day)
- Indicated change in oil production (Jun vs. May)
- Oil production (thousand barrels/day)
- New-well gas production (thousand cubic feet/day)
- Legacy gas production change (million cubic feet/day)
- Indicated change in natural gas production (Jun vs. May)
- Gas production (million cubic feet/day)

**Drilling data through April**
- Projected production through June

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**Utica Region**

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**Utica Region**

**Oil** +16 barrels/day month over month

**250** June

**234** May

**Monthly additions from one average rig**

**June** 10,648

**May** 10,559

**Gas** +89 thousand cubic feet/day month over month

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**Utica Region**

**New-well oil production per rig**

barrels/day

2,000

1,750

1,500

1,250

1,000

750

500

250

0


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**Utica Region**

**New-well gas production per rig**

thousand cubic feet/day

12,000

10,000

8,000

6,000

4,000

2,000

0


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**Utica Region**

**Indicated change in oil production (Jun vs. May)**

thousand barrels/day

+5

-4

+1

May 53 Mbbbl/d

Production from new wells

Legacy production change

Net change

Jun 54 Mbbbl/d

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**Utica Region**

**Indicated change in natural gas production (Jun vs. May)**

million cubic feet/day

+232

-183

+49

May 4,382 MMcf/d

Production from new wells

Legacy production change

Net change

Jun 4,431 MMcf/d

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**Utica Region**

**Oil production**

thousand barrels/day

700

600

500

400

300

200

100

0


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**Utica Region**

**Natural gas production**

million cubic feet/day

4,800

4,200

3,600

3,000

2,400

1,800

1,200

600

0


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**Monthly additions from one average rig**

**June** 10,648

**May** 10,559

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**Gas** +89 thousand cubic feet/day month over month

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**Drilling data through April**

**Projected production through June**

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**Drilling data through April**

**Projected production through June**
The Drilling Productivity Report uses recent data on the total number of drilling rigs in operation along with estimates of drilling productivity and estimated changes in production from existing oil and natural gas wells to provide estimated changes in oil and natural gas production for seven key regions. EIA's approach does not distinguish between oil-directed rigs and gas-directed rigs because once a well is completed it may produce both oil and gas; more than half of the wells do that.

**Monthly additions from one average rig**
Monthly additions from one average rig represent EIA's estimate of an average rig's contribution to production of oil and natural gas from new wells. The estimation of new-well production per rig uses several months of recent historical data on total production from new wells for each field divided by the region's monthly rig count, lagged by two months. Current- and next-month values are listed on the top header. The month-over-month change is listed alongside, with +/- signs and color-coded arrows to highlight the growth or decline in oil (brown) or natural gas (blue).

**New-well oil/gas production per rig**
Charts present historical estimated monthly additions from one average rig coupled with the number of total drilling rigs as reported by Baker Hughes.

**Legacy oil and natural gas production change**
Charts present EIA's estimates of total oil and gas production changes from all the wells other than the new wells. The trend is dominated by the well depletion rates, but other circumstances can influence the direction of the change. For example, well freeze-offs or hurricanes can cause production to significantly decline in any given month, resulting in a production increase the next month when production simply returns to normal levels.

**Projected change in monthly oil/gas production**
Charts present the combined effects of new-well production and changes to legacy production. Total new-well production is offset by the anticipated change in legacy production to derive the net change in production. The estimated change in production does not reflect external circumstances that can affect the actual rates, such as infrastructure constraints, bad weather, or shut-ins based on environmental or economic issues.

**Oil/gas production**
Charts present all oil and natural gas production from both new and legacy wells since 2007. This production is based on all wells reported to the state oil and gas agencies. Where state data are not immediately available, EIA estimates the production based on estimated changes in new-well oil/gas production and the corresponding legacy change.

**Footnotes:**
1. Oil production represents both crude and condensate production from all formations in the region. Production is not limited to tight formations. The regions are defined by all selected counties, which include areas outside of tight oil formations.
2. Gas production represents gross (before processing) gas production from all formations in the region. Production is not limited to shale formations. The regions are defined by all selected counties, which include areas outside of shale formations.
3. The monthly average rig count used in this report is calculated from weekly data on total oil and gas rigs reported by Baker Hughes.
4. A new well is defined as one that began producing for the first time in the previous month. Each well belongs to the new-well category for only one month. Reworked and recompleted wells are excluded from the calculation.
5. Rig count data lag production data because EIA has observed that the best predictor of the number of new wells beginning production in a given month is the count of rigs in operation two months earlier.
The data used in the preparation of this report come from the following sources. EIA is solely responsible for the analysis, calculations, and conclusions.

**Drilling Info** ([http://www.drillinginfo.com](http://www.drillinginfo.com)) Source of production, permit, and spud data for counties associated with this report. Source of real-time rig location to estimate new wells spudded and completed throughout the United States.

**Baker Hughes** ([http://www.bakerhughes.com](http://www.bakerhughes.com)) Source of rig and well counts by county, state, and basin.

**North Dakota Oil and Gas Division** ([https://www.dmr.nd.gov/oilgas](https://www.dmr.nd.gov/oilgas)) Source of well production, permit, and completion data in the counties associated with this report in North Dakota

**Railroad Commission of Texas** ([http://www.rrc.state.tx.us](http://www.rrc.state.tx.us)) Source of well production, permit, and completion data in the counties associated with this report in Texas

**Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection** ([https://www.paoilandgasreporting.state.pa.us/publicreports/Modules/Welcome/Welcome.aspx](https://www.paoilandgasreporting.state.pa.us/publicreports/Modules/Welcome/Welcome.aspx)) Source of well production, permit, and completion data in the counties associated with this report in Pennsylvania

**West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection** ([http://www.dep.wv.gov/oil-and-gas/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.dep.wv.gov/oil-and-gas/Pages/default.aspx)) Source of well production, permit, and completion data in the counties associated with this report in West Virginia

**Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission** ([http://cogcc.state.co.us](http://cogcc.state.co.us)) Source of well production, permit, and completion data in the counties associated with this report in Colorado

**Wyoming Oil and Conservation Commission** ([http://wogcc.state.wy.us](http://wogcc.state.wy.us)) Source of well production, permit, and completion data in the counties associated with this report in Wyoming

**Louisiana Department of Natural Resources** ([http://dnr.louisiana.gov](http://dnr.louisiana.gov)) Source of well production, permit, and completion data in the counties associated with this report in Louisiana

**Ohio Department of Natural Resources** ([http://oilandgas.ohiodnr.gov](http://oilandgas.ohiodnr.gov)) Source of well production, permit, and completion data in the counties associated with this report in Ohio