



	SEP 02	AUG 02	JUL 02	SEP 01
<b>PRODUCTION</b>				
<u>LOUISIANA FEDERAL OFFSHORE (OCS)</u>				
Crude Oil & Condensate <sup>C</sup> (MMB)	45	46	47	44
Natural Gas & Casinghead <sup>C</sup> (BCF)	330	340	342	305 <sup>2</sup>
<u>THE UNITED STATES TOTAL</u>				
Crude Oil & Condensate <sup>C</sup> (MMB)	161	181	179	175
Natural Gas & Casinghead <sup>C</sup> (BCF)	1,565	1,595	1,680	1,575 <sup>2</sup>
<b>IMPORTS</b>				
U.S. Crude Oil <sup>C</sup> (MMB)	264	296	279	272
U.S. Natural Gas <sup>C</sup> (BCF)	335	351	329	317 <sup>2</sup>
<b>BAKER HUGHES RIG COUNTS</b>				
U.S. Gas <sup>A</sup>	736	721	716	972
U.S. Oil <sup>A</sup>	122	125	133	220
U.S. Offshore <sup>A</sup>	114	112	111	143
U.S. Total <sup>A</sup>	860	848	851	1,193
<b>PRICES</b>				
<u>CRUDE OIL (\$/barrel)</u>				
OPEC Average <sup>C</sup> (F.O.B.)	25.12	24.12	23.44	18.88 <sup>2</sup>
U.S. Imports Average <sup>C</sup> (F.O.B.)	25.20	24.57	23.71	20.54 <sup>2</sup>
U.S. Wellhead Average <sup>C</sup>	26.08	24.76 <sup>2</sup>	23.51	22.37
Gulf OCS Wellhead Average <sup>C</sup>	26.65	25.97	24.45	23.95
State Severance Wellhead Average <sup>E</sup>	24.11	33.06	23.90	25.73
<u>NATURAL GAS (\$/MCF)</u>				
U.S. City Gates Average <sup>C</sup>	3.75	3.59	3.90	3.66
U.S. Imports Average <sup>C</sup> (F.O.B.)	3.05	2.90	3.11	2.63
U.S. Wellhead Average <sup>C</sup>	2.95	2.77	2.89	2.55
State Royalty Wellhead Average	3.24	3.00	3.26	2.32 <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Estimated	<sup>2</sup> Revised
BCF: Billion Cubic Feet	BTU: British thermal unit
F.O.B.: Free on board	MCF: Thousand Cubic Feet
MMB: Million Barrels	MMBTU: Million BTU
OCS: Outer Continental Shelf	N/A: Not Available
<b>DATA SOURCES</b>	
A: Oil and Gas Journal	B: Wall Street Journal
C: U.S. Department of Energy	D: Natural Gas Week
E: Louisiana Department of Revenue and Taxation	
<b>Note:</b> Unless otherwise specified, data is from the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources and excludes Federal OCS.	

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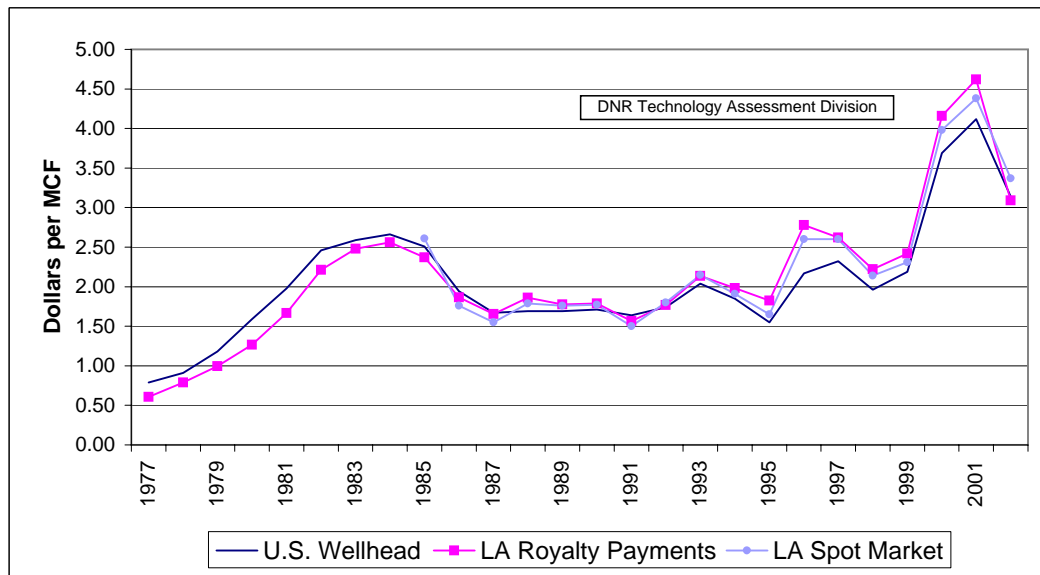
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# NATURAL GAS AVERAGE PRICES

(Dollars per MCF)

Year	UNITED STATES			LOUISIANA	
	Wellhead <sup>C</sup>	Foreign Imports <sup>C</sup>	City Gate <sup>C</sup>	Royalty Payments	Spot Market <sup>D</sup>
1977	0.79	1.99	1.31	0.61	N/A
1978	0.91	2.21	1.47	0.79	N/A
1979	1.18	2.60	1.81	1.00	N/A
1980	1.59	4.42	2.41	1.27	N/A
1981	1.98	4.84	2.89	1.67	N/A
1982	2.46	4.94	3.60	2.21	N/A
1983	2.59	4.51	4.04	2.48	N/A
1984	2.66	4.08	3.95 <sup>2</sup>	2.56	N/A
1985	2.51	3.19	3.75	2.37	2.61
1986	1.94	2.53	3.22	1.87	1.76
1987	1.67	2.17	2.87	1.65	1.55
1988	1.69	2.00	2.92	1.86	1.79
1989	1.69	2.04	3.01	1.77	1.76
1990	1.71	1.94	3.03	1.79 <sup>2</sup>	1.77
1991	1.64	1.83	2.90	1.57	1.50
1992	1.74	1.85	3.01	1.77	1.80
1993	2.04	2.03	3.21	2.14	2.15
1994	1.85	1.87	3.07	1.98	1.91
1995	1.55	1.49	2.78	1.82	1.65
1996	2.17	1.97	3.27	2.78 <sup>2</sup>	2.60
1997	2.32	2.17	3.66	2.62 <sup>2</sup>	2.60
1998	1.96	1.97	3.07	2.22 <sup>2</sup>	2.14
1999	2.19	2.24	3.10	2.42 <sup>2</sup>	2.31
2000	3.69 <sup>2</sup>	3.94 <sup>2</sup>	4.62	4.16 <sup>2</sup>	3.98
2001	4.12 <sup>2</sup>	4.34 <sup>2</sup>	5.77 <sup>2</sup>	4.62 <sup>2</sup>	4.38
2002 <sup>1</sup>	3.14	3.07	4.26	3.09	3.37

**Natural Gas Average Prices**



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<b>SPOT MARKET PRICES</b>	<b>Feb 03</b>	<b>Jan 03</b>	<b>Feb 02</b>
Louisiana Natural Gas <sup>D</sup> (\$/MMBTU)	6.89	5.33 r	1.98
Louisiana Sweet Crude - St. James <sup>B</sup> (\$/Barrel)	35.81	33.57	21.06
<b>BAKER HUGHES RIG COUNTS</b>	<b>Jan 03</b>	<b>Dec 02</b>	<b>Jan 02</b>
North Louisiana <sup>A</sup>	22	25	24
South Louisiana Inland Waters <sup>A</sup>	19	14	15
South Louisiana Inland <sup>A</sup>	31	32	32
Louisiana Offshore <sup>A</sup> (State + OCS)	90	90	98
Total Louisiana <sup>A</sup> (OCS included)	163	160	169
<b>PRODUCTION (State Jurisdiction Only)</b>	<b>Jan 03</b>	<b>Dec 02</b>	<b>Jan 02</b>
Louisiana Crude Oil & Condensate (MMB)	7.7	7.8	8.2
Louisiana Natural Gas & Casinghead (BCF)	110.7	108.6	117.1 r
<b>DRILLING PERMITS (State Jurisdiction Only)</b>	<b>Jan 03</b>	<b>Dec 02</b>	<b>Jan 02</b>
Total Louisiana Oil and Gas	103	78	45
Louisiana Wildcats	11	6	3
Louisiana Offshore (Wildcats included)	6	11	3