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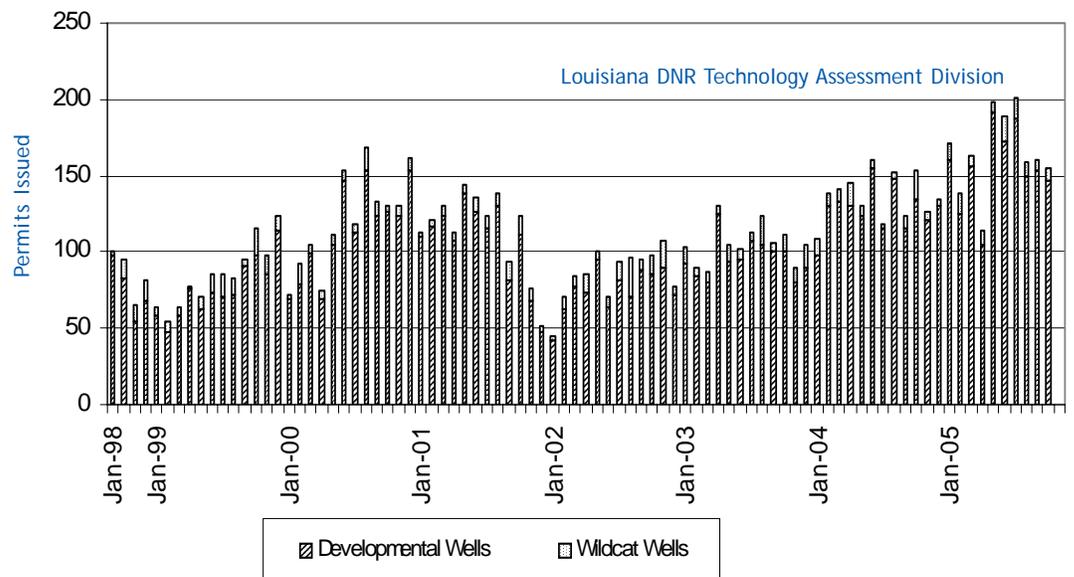
Highlights DECEMBER 2005

Louisiana crude spot market oil price is falling. The November 2005 average was \$58.59 per barrel which is 14.7% lower than the September 2005 peak. The Energy Intelligence Group attributes the decline to easing demand growth, a continued increase in exports from Russia, resurgence of drilling in the North Sea. The expected growth in US supplies was interrupted by summer hurricanes which delayed new field start-ups in the Gulf of Mexico. The delay was worsened by a lack of available drilling rigs; Hurricanes Katrina and Rita destroyed more than 90 rigs and platforms in the Gulf.

Oil & Gas Drilling Permits Issued by the State of Louisiana

Month							% Change	
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	03/04	04/05
January	72	113	45	103	109	171		56.88%
February	92	121	70	89	138	138		0.00%
March	105	130	84	87	141	163		15.60%
April	75	113	86	130	145	114		-21.38%
May	112	144	100	104	131	198		51.15%
June	154	136	71	102	161	189		17.39%
July	118	123	94	113	118	201		70.34%
August	169	139	96	124	152	159		4.61%
September	133	94	95	106	124	161		29.84%
October	131	124	98	112	154	155		0.65%
November	130	76	108	89	126		41.57%	
December	162	52	78	105	134		27.62%	
Year Average	121	114	85	105	136	165 *		

* Partial Year



Current Oil & Gas Data

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PRODUCTION	JUN 05	MAY 05	APR 05	JUN 04
LOUISIANA FEDERAL OFFSHORE (OCS)				
Crude Oil & Condensate ^C (MMB)	42	45	43	38 ²
Natural Gas & Casinghead ^C (BCF)	241	243 ²	240	247 ²
THE UNITED STATES TOTAL				
Crude Oil & Condensate ^C (MMB)	163	170	165	162
Natural Gas & Casinghead ^C (BCF)	1,517	1,554 ²	1,525 ²	1,524 ²
IMPORTS				
U.S. Crude Oil ^C (MMB)	322	315	309 ²	315
U.S. Natural Gas ^C (BCF)	323	336 ²	329 ²	342 ²
BAKER HUGHES RIG COUNTS				
U.S. Gas ^A	1,179	1,170	1,163	1,011
U.S. Oil ^A	148	150	171	164
U.S. Offshore ^A	93	90	93	95
U.S. Total ^A	1,355	1,320	1,334	1,176
PRICES				
CRUDE OIL (\$/barrel)				
OPEC Average ^C (F.O.B.)	50.73	44.44	45.33	32.46 ²
U.S. Imports Average ^C (F.O.B.)	49.66	42.88	43.91	34.37 ²
U.S. Wellhead Average ^C	49.87	44.00	47.23	34.53
Gulf OCS Wellhead Average ^C	49.44	45.42	49.25	35.75
State Severance Wellhead Average ^E	43.21	49.67 ²	49.84	35.36
NATURAL GAS (\$/MCF)				
U.S. City Gates Average ^C	7.20	7.43 ²	7.83	6.92
U.S. Imports Average ^C (F.O.B.)	6.36	6.58 ²	6.93 ²	6.06 ²
U.S. Wellhead Average ^C	6.15	6.02	6.44	5.85
State Royalty Wellhead Average	6.87	7.03 ²	7.58	6.70 ²
NYMEX Henry Hub End of the Month Settle Gas Price ^B (\$/MMBTU)	6.12	6.75	7.32	6.68

Key

1	Estimated	MCF	Thousand Cubic Feet
2	Revised	MMB	Million Barrels
BCF	Billion Cubic Feet	N/A	Not Available
BTU	British Thermal Unit	OCS	Outer Continental Shelf
F.O.B.	Free on Board		

Data Sources

A	Oil & Gas Journal	D	Natural Gas Week
B	Wall Street Journal	E	LA Dept. of Revenue
C	U. S. Dept. of Energy		

Note: Unless otherwise specified, data is from the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources and excludes Federal OCS.

Note from the Editors

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SPOT MARKET PRICES	Nov 05	Oct 05	Nov 04
Louisiana Natural Gas ^D (\$/MMBTU)	10.55	13.61	6.33
NYMEX Henry Hub Last Settle Gas Price ^B (\$/MMBTU)	13.83	13.91	7.63
Louisiana Sweet Crude - St. James ^B (\$/Barrel)	58.59	62.17 ²	48.14
BAKER HUGHES RIG COUNTS	Oct 05	Sep 05	Oct 04
North Louisiana ^A	51	54	46
South Louisiana Inland Waters ^A	19	21	18
South Louisiana Inland ^A	34	36	33
Louisiana State Offshore	5	4	3
Louisiana Federal OCS Offshore	68	72	70
Total Louisiana ^A (OCS included)	177	187	170
PRODUCTION (State Jurisdiction Only)	Oct 05	Sep 05	Oct 04
Louisiana Crude Oil & Condensate (MMB)	2.9	2.6 ²	6.7
Louisiana Natural Gas & Casinghead (BCF)	57.9	49.8	116.3
DRILLING PERMITS (State Jurisdiction Only)	Oct 05	Sep 05	Oct 04
Total Louisiana Oil and Gas	155	161	154
Louisiana Wildcats	8	8	20
Louisiana Offshore (Wildcats included)	11	4	5