Louisiana Energy Facts

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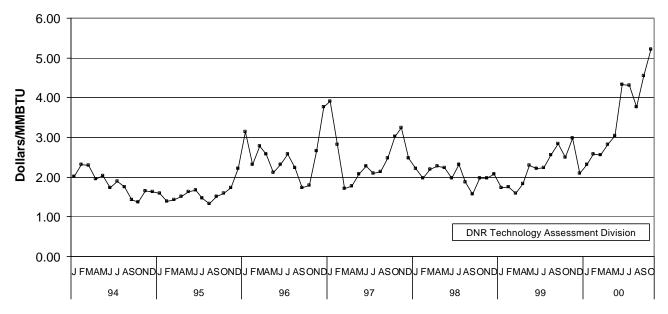
Percentage

The natural gas spot market price is at its highest level since natural gas prices were first published. The average natural gas spot market price for the first 9 months of 2000 is above that of the same period in 1999. The average from January through September 2000 is \$3.50 per MMBTU, \$1.38 (65 percent) above that of the same period in 1999. The rising price is attributed to low storage levels, a decrease in domestic production, and an increase in demand.

Louisiana Natural Gas Average Spot Prices (Dollars/MMBTU)

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Month	<u> 1995</u>	<u> 1996</u>	<u> 1997</u>	<u> 1998</u>	<u> 1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>98/99</u>	or 99/00
January	1.59	3.15	3.91	2.22	1.73	2.31		33.64%
February	1.39	2.31	2.83	1.97	1.75	2.59		48.00%
March	1.43	2.79	1.71	2.19	1.60	2.56		60.00%
April	1.51	2.59	1.76	2.27	1.84	2.82		53.62%
May	1.63	2.12	2.06	2.24	2.30	3.04		32.17%
June	1.66	2.32	2.28	1.98	2.21	4.33		96.18%
July	1.48	2.59	2.10	2.31	2.24	4.31		92.78%
August	1.32	2.24	2.13	1.88	2.56	3.77		47.02%
September	1.51	1.74	2.47	1.57	2.84	4.56		60.81%
October	1.60	1.79	3.02	1.98	2.50	5.21		108.40%
November	1.74	2.65	3.24	1.97	2.95^{2}		49.74%	
December	2.21	3.76	2.47	2.07	2.10		1.38%	
Year Average	1.59	2.50	2.50	2.05	2.22	3.55*		
* Partial Year	¹ Estimated	² I	Revised					

Louisiana Natural Gas Average Spot Prices



	AUG 00	JUL 00	AUG 99	SOURCE
SPOT MARKET PRICES				
Louisiana Natural Gas Average (\$/MMBTU)	3.77	4.31	2.56	E
Louisiana Sweet Crude - St. James (\$/barrel)	31.49	29.61	21.35	В
BAKER HUGHES RIG COUNTS				
North Louisiana	23	24	16	A
South Louisiana Inland Waters	14	18	16	A
South Louisiana Inland	37	35	16	A
Louisiana Offshore (State + OCS)	131	130	87	A
Total Louisiana (OCS included)	205	207	135	A
The United States Total	987	942	639	A
PRODUCTION				
LOUISIANA STATE JURISDICTION ONLY				
Crude Oil & Condensate (MMB)	9.1	9.1	9.7 ²	
Natural Gas & Casinghead (BCF)	112.7	112.0	125.5 ²	

	APR 00	MAR 00	APR 99	SOURCE
PRODUCTION				
LOUISIANA FEDERAL OFFSHORE (OCS)				
Crude Oil & Condensate (MMB)	35	36	40 ²	C
Natural Gas & Casinghead (BCF)	320	330	346 ²	C
THE UNITED STATES TOTAL				
Crude Oil & Condensate (MMB)	176	182	183 ²	C
Natural Gas & Casinghead (BCF)	1,552	1,610	1,530 ²	C
IMPORTS				
THE UNITED STATES TOTAL				
Crude Oil (MMB)	273	268	269 ²	C
Natural Gas (BCF)	295	307	280 ²	C
PERMITS				
LOUISIANA STATE JURISDICTION ONLY				
Total Oil and Gas	75	105	78	
Wildcats	6	6	2	
State Offshore (Wildcats included)	11	8	8	
PRICES				
CRUDE OIL (\$/barrel)				
OPEC Average (F.O.B.)	22.14	24.17	13.68	C
U.S. Imports Average (F.O.B.)	22.75	25.72	14.14	C
U.S. Wellhead Average	23.18	26.19	12.84	C
Gulf OCS Wellhead Average	24.30	26.66	13.70	C
State Severance Wellhead Average	30.79	28.52	12.07	D
NATURAL GAS (\$/MCF)				
U.S. City Gates Average	3.66	3.54	2.91 2	C
U.S. Imports Average	2.65	2.62	1.86 ²	C
U.S. Wellhead Average	2.55	2.36	1.93	C
State Royalty Wellhead Average	2.76	2.75	1.99 2	

 1 Estimated
 2 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

DATA SOURCES

A: Oil and Gas Journal B: Wall Street Journal C: U.S. Department of Energy

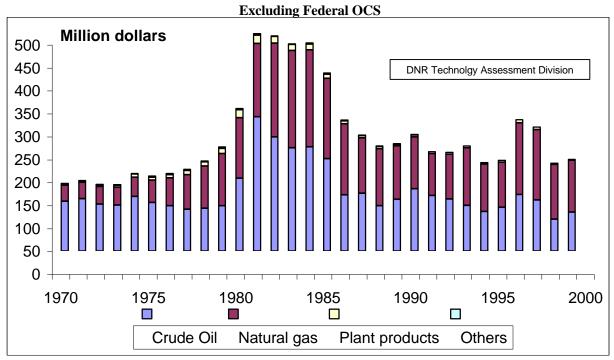
Unless otherwise specified, data is from the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources and excludes Federal OCS.

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Louisiana Mineral Severance Tax Revenue by Source

Excluding Federal OCS Million dollars 1,200 DNR Technolgy Assessment Division 1,000 800 600 400 200 0 1970 1975 1980 1985 1990 1995 2000 □Oil ■Gas □Non-Hydrocarbon

Louisiana Mineral Royalty Revenue by Source



October 2000

Spot Market Price Monthly Average	
	October 2000
Louisiana Natural Gas	5.21
(\$/MMBTU)	
	September 2000
Louisiana Sweet Crude-St. James	33.78
(\$/Barrel)	
PERMITS - Louisiana Jurisdiction Only	
	August 2000
Total Oil and Gas	169
Wildcats	16
State Offshore (Wildcats included)	25

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