



North Dakota Department of Mineral Resources March 2025 Director’s Cut and Release January 2025 Production Numbers

Oil Production Numbers

January	36,340,859 barrels	= 1,172,286 barrels/day (final) RF+6.6% -1.7%
December	36,959,684 barrels	= 1,192,248 barrels/day RF +8.4%
	1,519,037	all-time high Nov 2019
	1,144,545 barrels/day	= 98% from Bakken and Three Forks
	27,741 barrels/day	= 2% from Legacy Pools

Revenue Forecast **1,100,000 barrels/day**

Crude Price (\$barrel)	ND Light Sweet	WTI	ND Market
January		75.74	67.64 RF -3.4%
December		70.12	62.69 RF -10.4%
Today		67.95	
All-time high (6/2008)		134.02	126.75
Revenue Forecast			70.00

Gas Production and Capture

January	103,066,289 MCF	= 3,324,719 MCF/Day -1.6%
95% Capture	97,582,003 MCF	= 3,147,807 MCF/Day
December	104,692,665 MCF	= 3,377,183 MCF/Day -2.7% (final)
94% Capture	98,676,789 MCF	= 3,183,122 MCF/Day

**3,582,821 MCF/day all-time high
 production Dec 2023**
**3,355,110 MCF/day all-time high capture
 Dec 2023**

Wells Permitted

February	90
January	102
December	87

All-time high 370 in 10/2012

Rig Count

February	33	
January	33	
December	36	
Today	32	All-time high 218 on 5/29/2012
Federal Surface	0	

Other Relevant Rig Counts

United States 592

States

TX	281
NM	102
OK	51
WY	21

Basins

Permian	301
Eagle Ford/South Texas	48
Williston	≈34
Marcelus/Utica (Dry Gas)	35

Waiting on Completions

January	281
December	288
November	301

Inactive

January	1,628
December	1,643
November	2,012

Completed

February	79 (Preliminary)
January	78
December	89

Producing

January	19,059 (Preliminary)	All-time high 19,334 October/2024
December	19,238	
	16,989 wells	89% are now unconventional
	2,070 wells	Bakken/Three Forks Wells
		11% produced from legacy conventional pools

IJA Initial Grant	Wells PA	Sites Reclaimed
January 2023	1	0
February	4	0
March	1	0
April	8	0
May	17	0
June	12	1
July	15	5
August	15	13
September	0	15
October	0	14
November	0	8
December	0	3
January 2024	0	0
February	0	0
March	0	0
April	0	0
May	0	3
June	0	6
July	0	11
August	0	11
September	0	13
October	0	3
November	0	4
December	0	2
Total	73	112

Weekly updates are available at [Initial Grant Information - Plugging and Reclamation | Department of Mineral Resources, North Dakota](#)

Fort Berthold Reservation Activity

	Total	Fee Land	Trust Land
Oil Production (barrels/day)	163,986	64,744	99,242
Drilling Rigs	2	0	2
Active Wells	2,956	712	2,244
Waiting on Completion	1		
Approved Drilling Permits	126	7	119

Comments:

The drilling rig count remains steady and is expected to remain at similar levels through 2025.

Mergers and acquisitions continue to occur, and it is expected that integrations of these companies occur in the coming year.

There are 12 frac crews currently active.

Drilling permits - operators continue to maintain a permit inventory of approximately 12 months while DMR permit timing remains steady around 40 days. DMR continues to see longer lateral permit applications trending from 2 mile laterals to 3 and 4 mile laterals.

Seismic - 2 actively recording, 0 NDIC reclamation projects, 1 remediating, 0 permitted, 4 suspended surveys, and 0 pending.

The state-wide gas flared volume from December to January decreased 17.1 MMCFD to 176.9 MMCF per day, the statewide gas capture increased 1% to 95% while Bakken gas capture remained steady at 95%. The historical high flared percent was 36% in September 2011.

Gas capture details are as follows:

Statewide	95%
Statewide Bakken	95%
Non-FBIR Bakken	95%
FBIR Bakken	96%
Trust FBIR Bakken	97%
Fee FBIR	92%
Fertile Valley	68%
Burg	85%
Hanks	32%
Bar Butte	37%
Zahl	59%
Green Lake	77%
Little Muddy	76%
Round Prairie	94%
Painted Woods	84%
Ft. Buford	69%
Lake Trenton	72%
Sixmile	51%
Buford	32%
Briar Creek	46%
Assiniboine	73%
Lone Butte	90%
Ranch Creek	9%
Twin Buttes	53%
Charlson	90%

The Commission has established the following gas capture goals:

74% October 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014

77% January 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016

80% April 1, 2016 through October 31, 2016

85% November 1, 2016 through October 31, 2018

88% November 1, 2018 through October 31, 2020

91% beginning November 1, 2020