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Highlights

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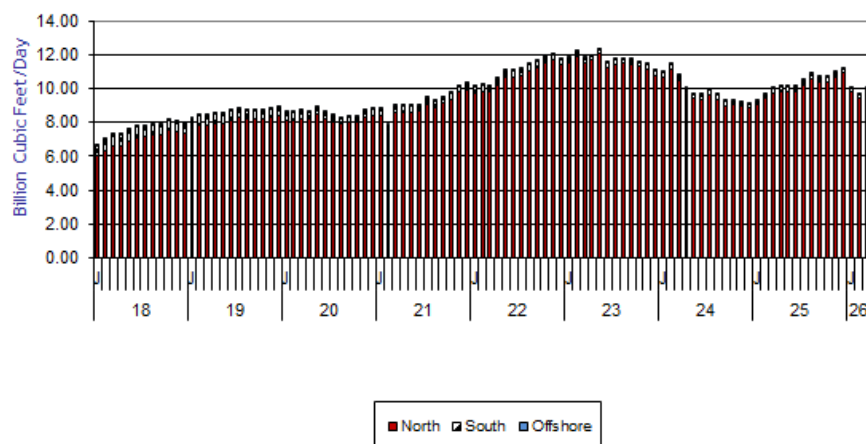
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West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude oil spot price is under \$80 per barrel. On August 6, 2026, WTI settled at \$78.88 per barrel. The most recent (July 7, 2026) EIA forecasts expects WTI prices to average around the \$76 per barrel for the rest of 2026. Brent crude prices are expected to have a premium as compared to WTI prices, averaging \$82 for the rest of 2026. The EIA has a downward outlook for the end of 2026, with the second half of the year's price falling, but domestic production to increase marginally throughout the rest of 2026 and 2027. Uncertainty dealing with supply from the Middle East and Eastern Europe, and ultimately prices, could continue pressure on prices in throughout 2026 and 2027, the trajectory depending upon what happens in both those theaters.

Louisiana Natural Gas & Casinghead Production Excluding Federal OCS (Billion Cubic Feet/Day)

Month	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	% Change	
							24/25	25/26
January	8.79	10.12	11.84	10.98	9.27	10.03		8.22%
February	7.83	10.22	12.23	11.39	9.67	9.63		-0.39%
March	8.96	10.16	11.83	10.77	10.00	10.01		0.09%
April	8.95	10.63	11.92	10.04	10.12	9.66	0.71%	-4.53%
May	8.98	11.04	12.31	9.67	10.12		4.69%	
June	9.04	11.08	11.54	9.62	10.12		5.14%	
July	9.50	11.13	11.69	9.92	10.44		5.20%	
August	9.27	11.40	11.75	9.67	10.84		12.09%	
September	9.48	11.64	11.69	9.24	10.64		15.18%	
October	9.76	11.88	11.56	9.30	10.64		14.48%	
November	10.16	12.03	11.42	9.21	10.93		18.68%	
December	10.32	11.72	11.09	9.10	11.14		22.47%	
Year Average	9.25	11.09	11.74	9.91	10.33	9.83 **		

** Partial Year



Current Oil & Gas Data

Louisiana DC&E Technology Assessment Division

PRODUCTIONGOM CENTRAL FEDERAL OFFSHORE ^F (OCS)

Crude Oil & Condensate (MMB)

Natural Gas & Casinghead (BCF)

THE UNITED STATES TOTAL

Crude Oil & Condensate ^C (MMB)Natural Gas & Casinghead ^C (BCF)**IMPORTS**U.S. Crude Oil ^C (MMB)U.S. Natural Gas ^C (BCF)**BAKER HUGHES RIG COUNTS**U.S. Gas ^AU.S. Oil ^AU.S. Offshore ^AU.S. Total ^A**PRICES**

CRUDE OIL (\$/barrel)

OPEC Average ^C (F.O.B.)U.S. Imports Average ^C (F.O.B.)U.S. Wellhead Average ^CGulf OCS Wellhead Average ^CState Severance Wellhead Average ^E

NATURAL GAS (\$/MCF)

U.S. City Gates Average ^CU.S. Imports Average ^C (F.O.B.)U.S. Spot Market Average ^D

State Royalty Wellhead Average

NYMEX Henry Hub End of the Month Settle Gas Price ^B (\$/MMBTU)

FEB 26 JAN 26 DEC 25 FEB 25

54 61 59 47

55 62 60 48

381 412 423 371

3,080 3,371 3,460 2,939

181 200 198 169

276 340 328 295

133 124 128 101

418 421 420 489

17 16 17 14

551 545 548 590

Withheld Withheld 62.24 74.20

56.20 51.81 50.34 64.08

62.44 58.44 56.31 70.10

61.34 58.93 57.76 72.97

64.41 58.93 59.85 73.53

6.55 6.74 5.10 4.83

4.37 6.94 4.64 4.36

5.30 15.60 5.45 4.40

6.35 5.46 4.04 3.50

7.46 4.69 4.42 3.54

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	MMBTU	Million British Thermal Units

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	F	BOEM

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

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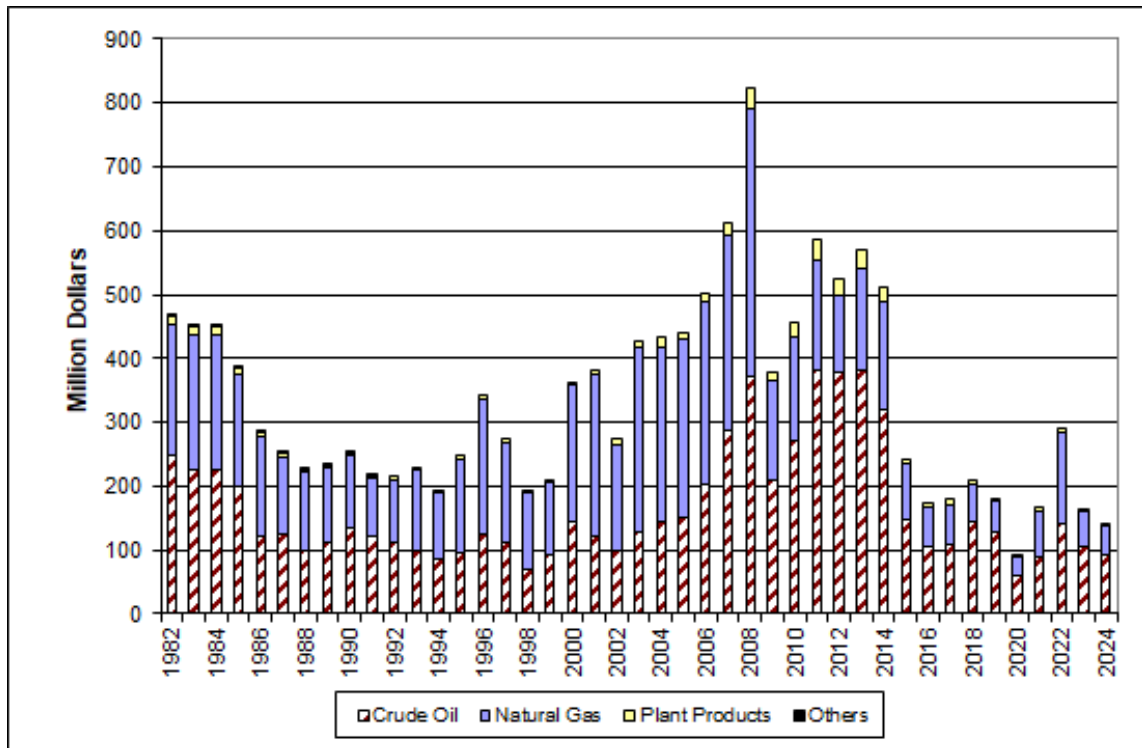
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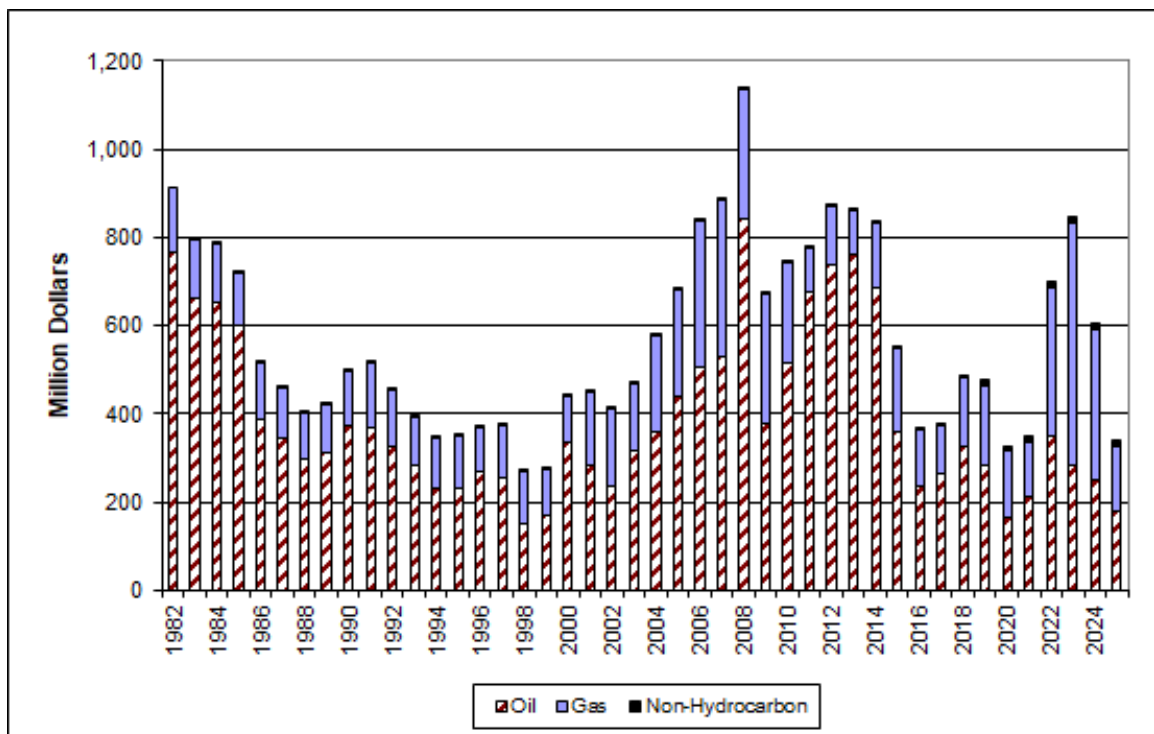
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Louisiana Mineral Royalty Revenue by Source Excluding Federal OCS



Louisiana Mineral Severance Tax Revenue by Source Excluding Federal OCS



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www.denr.louisiana.gov/tad**SPOT MARKET PRICES**Louisiana Natural Gas^D (\$/MMBTU)NYMEX Henry Hub Last Settle Gas Price^B (\$/MMBTU)Louisiana Sweet Crude - St. James^B (\$/Barrel)**BAKER HUGHES RIG COUNTS**North Louisiana^ASouth Louisiana Inland Waters^ASouth Louisiana Inland^A

Louisiana State Offshore

Louisiana Federal OCS Offshore

Total Louisiana^A (OCS included)**PRODUCTION (State Jurisdiction Only)**

Louisiana Crude Oil & Condensate (MMB)

Louisiana Natural Gas & Casinghead (BCF)

DRILLING PERMITS (State Jurisdiction Only)

Total Louisiana Oil and Gas

Louisiana Wildcats

Louisiana Offshore (Wildcats included)

Jul 26	Jun 26	Jul 25
2.97	3.10 ²	3.29
2.89	3.16	3.20
81.36	83.32	69.63
Jun 26	May 26	Jun 25
26	28	21
1	2	4
3	4	1
0	0	0
6	9	9
37	43	35
Jun 26	May 26	Jun 25
2.5 ¹	2.6 ¹	2.3 ²
308.6 ¹	312.2 ¹	283.2 ²
Jun 26	May 26	Jun 25
56	30	55
0	0	0
0	0	0

