- Shale plays saved U.S. oil production from a peak-oil outcome in the first decade of this century.
- Today, U.S. output has regained pre-Covid highs.
- 70% of U.S. oil is tight oil and 47% is from the Permian basin.
- EIA expects 2024 oil output to average 13 mmb/d.
- Much of this good news is about to change.
- An 18-24 month lag between drilling and first oil production masks the potential urgency of the situation.
- Permian per-well EUR has fallen about 50% since 2019.
- The most-likely reason is that the play has been over-drilled and wells are interfering with each other. This was anticipated by engineering studies but operators believed that the Permian basin was different.
- 2023 wells require about \$100 per barrel oil to break even including all costs at an 8% discount rate.
- Bakken and Eagle Ford well performance has fallen by similar amounts.
- The situation is one of diminishing returns. Production may continue to increase or flatten if enough wells are drilled.
- This is the pattern for all fields and plays, and was anticipated by many a decade ago.
- The oil and gas industry struggles for outside investment even with record free cash flow in 2022 and 2023.

Tight oil estimated to be 69% of U.S. oil production in 2023 Alaska fading toward zero



U.S. oil output slightly exceeded its February 2020 peak of 13 mmb/d in November 2023 Tight oil accounts for 70% of U.S. output and Permian is 68% of tight oil output Permian accounts for 47% of U.S. oil production



Source: EIA & Labyrinth Consulting Services, Inc.

EIA Current/DUC-DPR/dpr-data_MASTER

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EIA expects U.S. oil production to average 13.1 mmb/d in 2024 Stronger production growth in the last quarter of 2024 to 13.44 mmb/d





U.S. tight oil has accounted for all world crude + condensate growth since 2010

Source: EIA, Cansim, Enverus & Labyrinth Consulting Services, Inc

EIA/EIA International/International_data MASTER_2020.xlsx



Source: Enverus & Labyrinth Consulting Services, Inc.

OIL & GAS SUPPLY/TX-ND-NM-OK-FO/TX-ND-NM-OK-FO WELLS NOV 2023

EUR* for the average Texas well decreased to only 21,000 barrels of oil in 2000 before increasing to 324,000 barrels in 2020 and decreasing to 222,000 barrels in 2022



Permian basin well performance has decreased by about 50% since 2019 Oil EUR* has fallen -151,000 barrels (-50%) from 305,000 to 154,000 barrels per well Gas EUR has fallen -755 million cubic feet (-66%) from 1,152 to 397 mmcf per well



Permian Basin wells have reached boundary-dominated flow



Boundary-Dominated Flow









Permian oil EUR* declined -151 kb (-50%) from 305 kb in 2018 to 154 kb in 2023 per well EUR for top operators declined -763 kb (-57%) from 428 to 185 kb per well



Source: Enverus & Labyrinth Consulting Services, Inc.

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Permian Basin Economic Data

ALL OPERATORS	OIL EUR	GAS EUR	WELLS	EUR BOE	B/E
2017	302,091	1,353,126	3098	386,661	\$68
2018	304,607	1,152,017	4325	376,608	\$70
2019	288,877	1,149,181	4943	360,701	\$73
2020	275,087	1,063,014	3688	341,525	\$77
2021	285,755	918,658	4023	343,171	\$77
2022	217,968	648,129	4915	258,476	\$100
2023	153,982	397,340	3310	178,816	\$141
WTD AVG	262,396	952,999	4,156	321,958	\$82
KEY OPERATORS	OIL EUR	GAS EUR	WELLS	EUR BOE	B/E
2017	433,144	1,673,976	972	537,768	\$50
2018	423,570	1,417,024	1367	512,134	\$51
2019	428,309	1,462,462	1708	519,712	\$51
2020	373,641	1,410,181	1245	461,778	\$57
2021	386,316	1,255,185	1507	464,765	\$57
2022	264,352	896,018	1772	320,353	\$82
2023	185,049	457,884	1241	213,667	\$120
WTD AVG	354,365	1,209,262	1,450	429,944	\$62

Drilling & Completion	\$8.75 mm	
Operating Expenses	\$13/barrel	
Severance Tax	5%	
Net Revenue Interest	80%	
\$700/lateral ft	12500 ft lateral	



Eagle Ford oil EUR has declined 139,000 barrels (-50%) per average well since 2020 Gas EUR has declined 0.97 bcf (-62%)



Bakken oil EUR has declined 161,000 barrels (-42%) per average well since 2018 Gas EUR has declined 1.1 bcf (-74%)

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Many Eagle Ford wells have reached boundary-dominated flow



Bakken wells have reached boundary-dominated flow





