North Dakota Oil & Gas Producing Counties

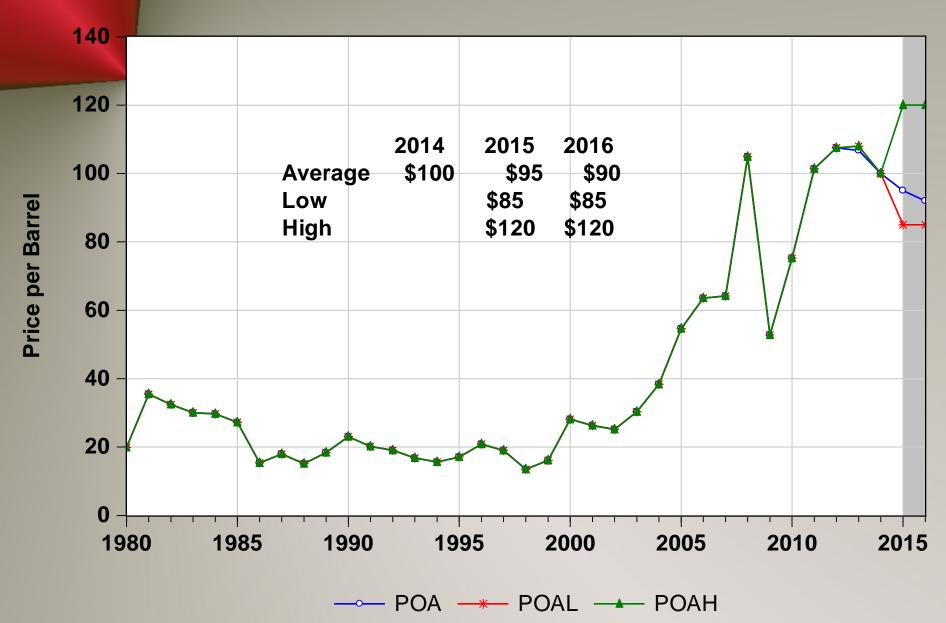
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Energy Prices

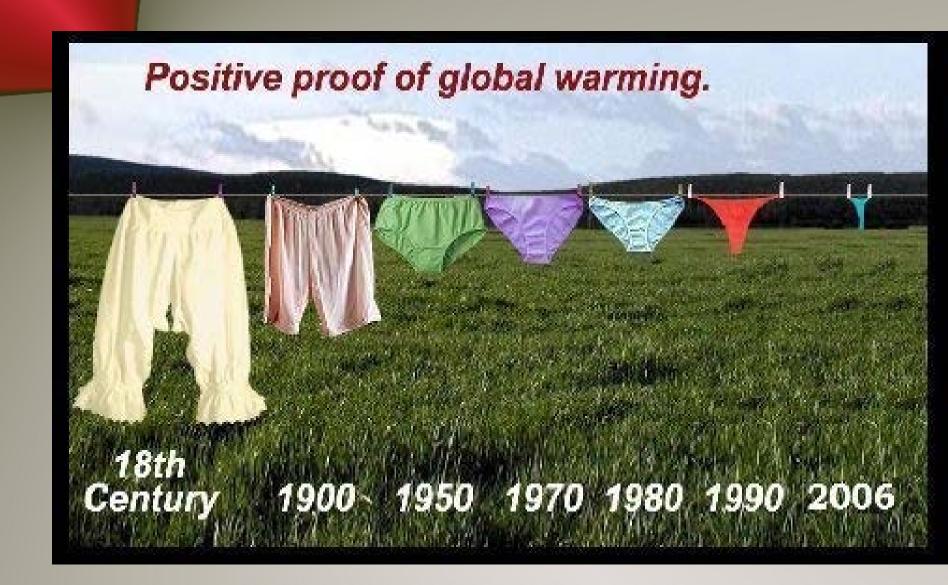
Our Forecast in Early September

Fig. 6: Oil Prices





Want clear evidence of global warming?



HIS - Shale plays Responsible for:

U.S. oil production up 85% since 2008--highest growth of any country in world over that period

Impact on Imports of Crude Oil

- 2015e:
 - U.S. Production: 9.4 mmb/d
 - U.S. Imports: 7.2 mmb/d (43%)
- · 2008:
 - U.S. Production: 5.0 mmb/d
 - U.S. Imports: 9.8 mmb/d (66%)
- Guess who lost 2 mmb/d in sales to U.S.?

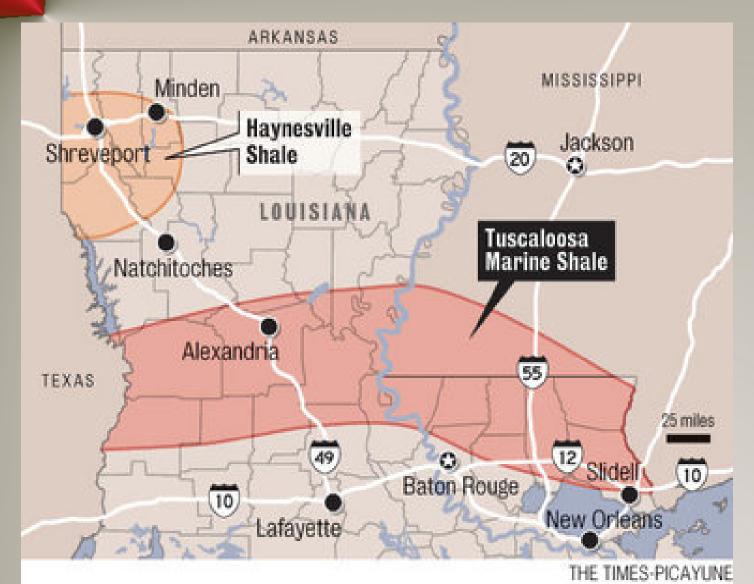
Each shale play is different

Technology not as easily transferable

North Dakota's Bakken Field: A Hard Rock Shale

- 2003: 10,000 b/d produced
- 2015: 1,200,000 b/d produced---120-fold increase
- ND surpassed Alaska as 3rd largest source of domestic oil in 3/12

Tuscaloosa Marine Shale: A Clayey Shale



Result: Different Plays

Different Breakeven Prices

Breakeven Oil Prices by Play

(Rodgers Oil & Gas Consulting)

 Monterey (CA) 	\$36
• Eagle Ford (TX)	\$49
• Bakken (ND)	\$50
• Granite Wash (OK)	\$57
• Niobrara (CO)	\$66
• Tuscaloosa (MS)	\$69

Tuscaloosa (LA)

Declining Breakeven Prices

- Fracking costs down 32% over last year
 - The "Shoveling Down Effect"
- Drilling costs down 20%
- Time to <u>drill</u> well:

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EOG (Bakken)

- 2009: 18 days

2012: 22.7 days

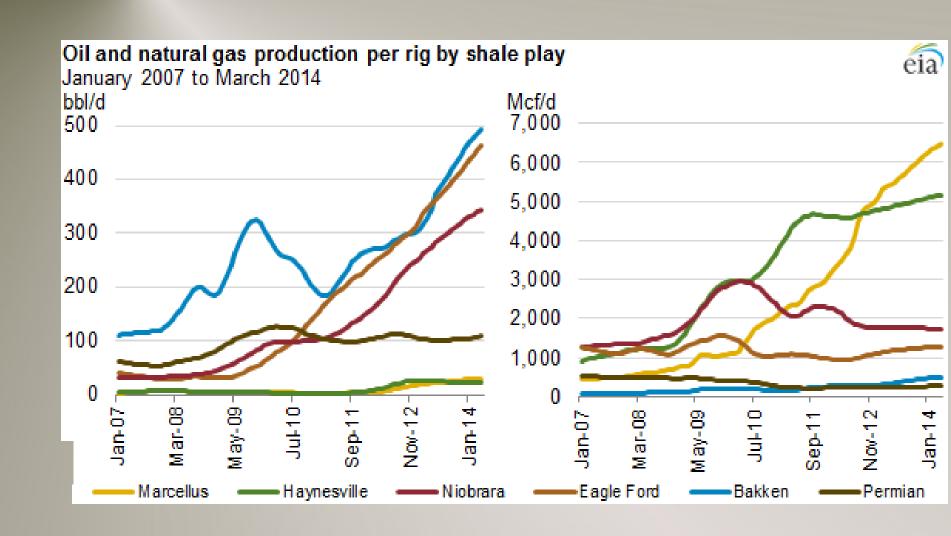
- 2015: 7.5 days

2015: 7.1 days

• Completion:

- EOG (Bakken)
- 2012: \$10.5 mm
- 2015: \$8.2 mm
- Plus more output per well

Daily Output Per Well



Breakeven Within Each Play: These Are <u>Averages</u>

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Breakeven Within Plays: Bakken

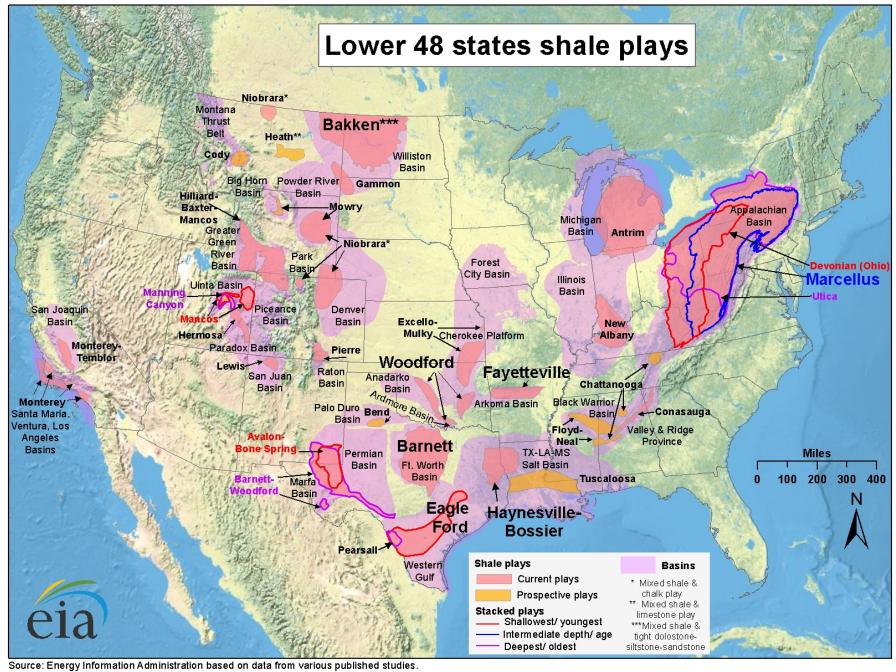
• County	<u>BE</u>	• County	<u>BE</u>
• Dunn	\$29	• BOT-REN	\$52
 McKenzie 	\$30	• Burke	\$62
• Williams	\$36	 Divide 	\$73
• Stark	\$37	• BOW-SLP	\$75
• Mountrail	\$41	• McLean	\$77
• Billings	\$44		

• Only 6 rigs outside green in 2/15

We're not exaggerating the edges...

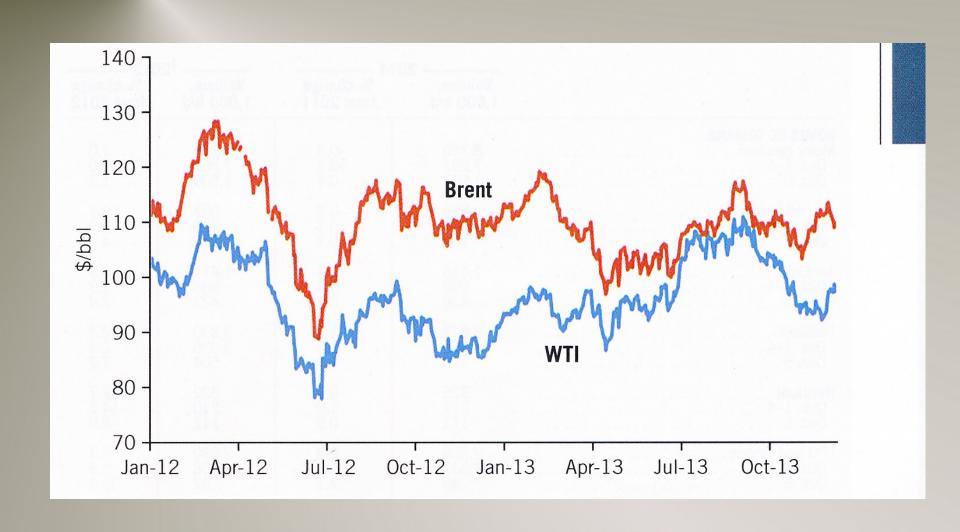


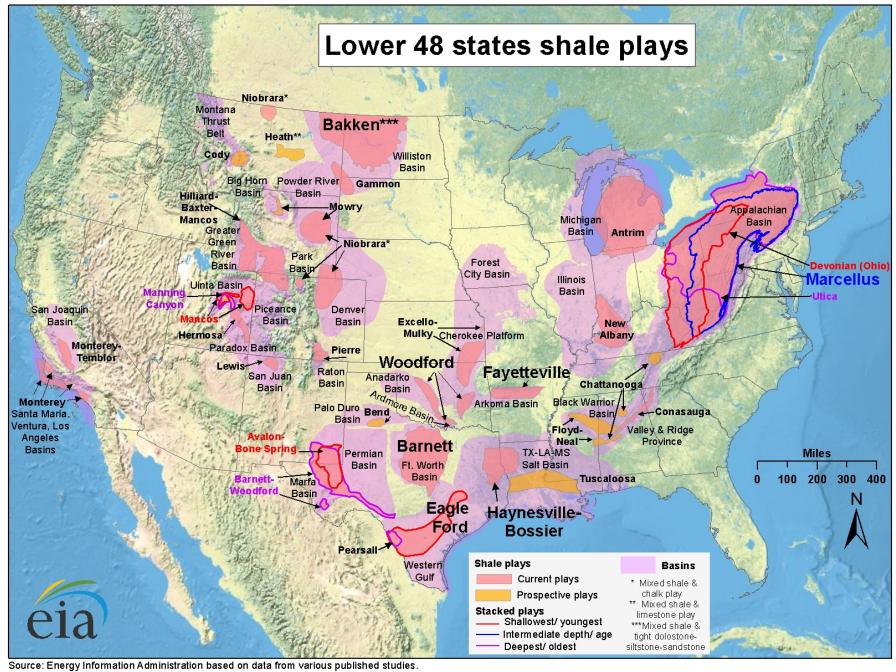
Weird Bakken Effect on Oil Prices



Source: Energy Information Administration based on data from various published studies Updated: May 9, 2011

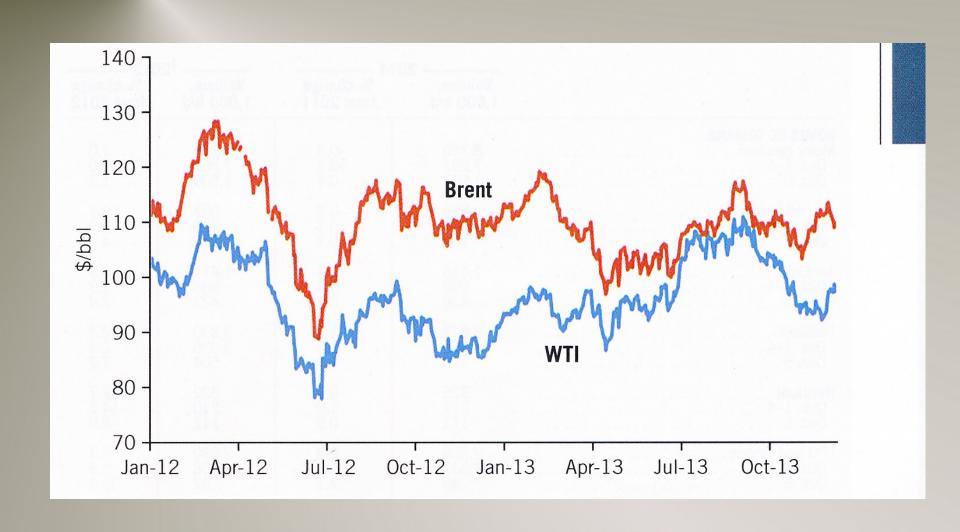
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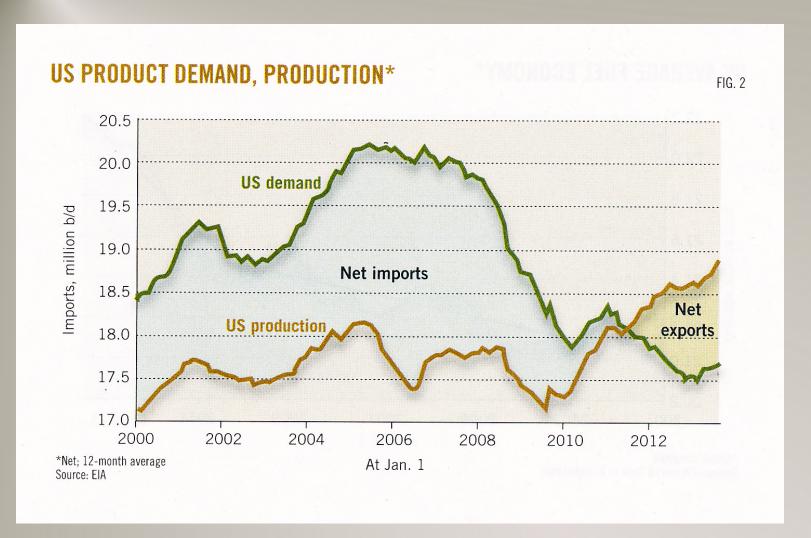
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Desire to **Export Oil**

- Key to recent price decline
- Export of petroleum illegal since 1970s (Swaps now allowed with MX)
- Export of petroleum <u>products</u> is legal

Oil <u>Product</u> Demand/Production



What is a "product"?

Is a field-level \$500K to \$5mm facility to strip off volatile propane and butane so condensate can safely flow through pipelines make it a "product"?

Why have oil prices declined?

Why did they drop so quickly?

Was it rising U.S. Production?

Quick drop: Look to Saudis

Saudis & OPEC

Is it a desire to enforce discipline within OPEC---a' la 1982?

Or a desire to maintain market share?

Main restraint on consistently lower oil prices:

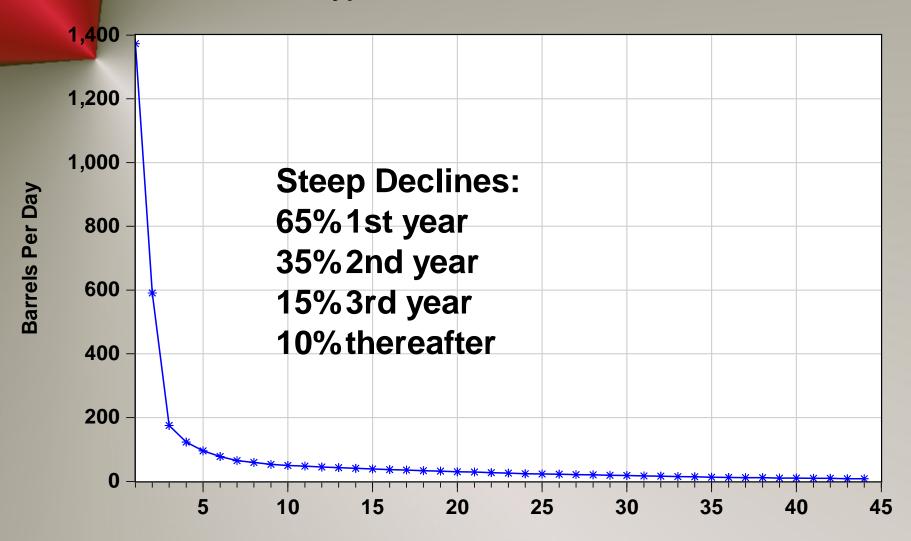
"Lets have a meeting!"

Kill the Edges:

Impact on U.S. production will be swift.

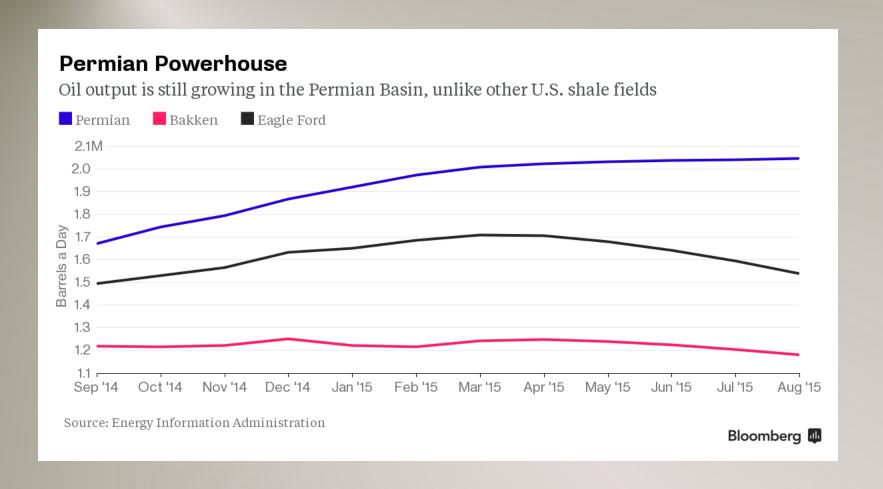
Bakken oil production already peaking

Typical Bakken Well Production

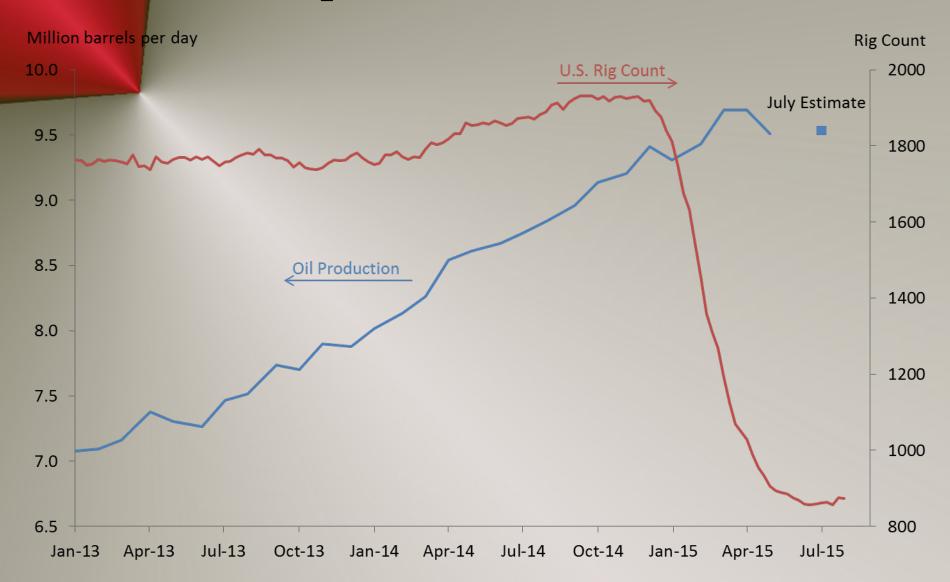


Year
Source: ND Dept of Mineral Resources

Production Trends: Shales Plays



Oil production levels off

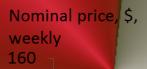


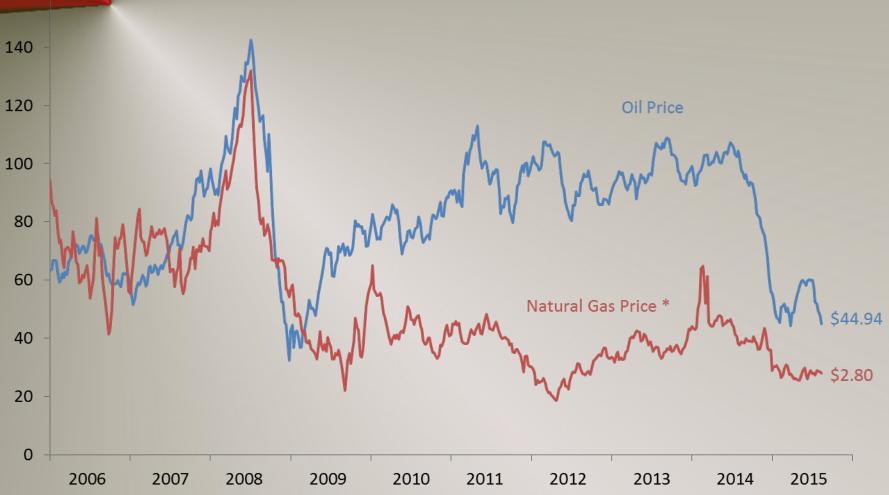
Source: Oil and Gas Journal; Baker Hughes.

Oil Production

• By August, oil production from shale areas will have fallen for 4th month in a row (EIA <u>forecast</u>)

The "W" in Oil Prices Plunge





Responses to Latest Price Decline

The rig count

Responses to Latest Price Decline

- <u>BP</u>: Reducing spending from \$26 billion to \$20 billion
- Shell: laying off 6,500 & reducing capital budget by \$7 billion
- Chevron: eliminating 1,500 jobs & cutting spending by \$1 billion
- ConocoPhillips: cutting spending from \$16.5 billion to \$11 billion

Responses to Latest Price Decline

- Woods McKenzie: Oil companies have canceled or delayed \$200 billion in projects since mid-2014
 - 50% in deepwater projects
 - 30% in Canadian oil sands
- Oil Service Companies
 - Less work to do with fewer rigs
 - Plus "shoving down"

Where Is Price Going?

• Demand Side: Credit Suisse

	2015	2016	2017
- OECD	-1.0%	0.9%	0.5%
- Emerging	3.0%	2.5%	2.6%
- Total	1.0%	1.7%	1.6%

Where Is Price Going?

- Supply Side: Countervailing Moves
 - US Down
 - OPEC pressures down?
 - Iran???
 - Treaty?
 - In December putting out to auction 45 properties to show international exploration companies
 - Bump production from 3.1 to 5.7 mmb/d

What Is the "Market" Saying

Futures market is in "contango"

- Spot August 28, 2015 = \$45.22

- Future June 2016 = \$50.52

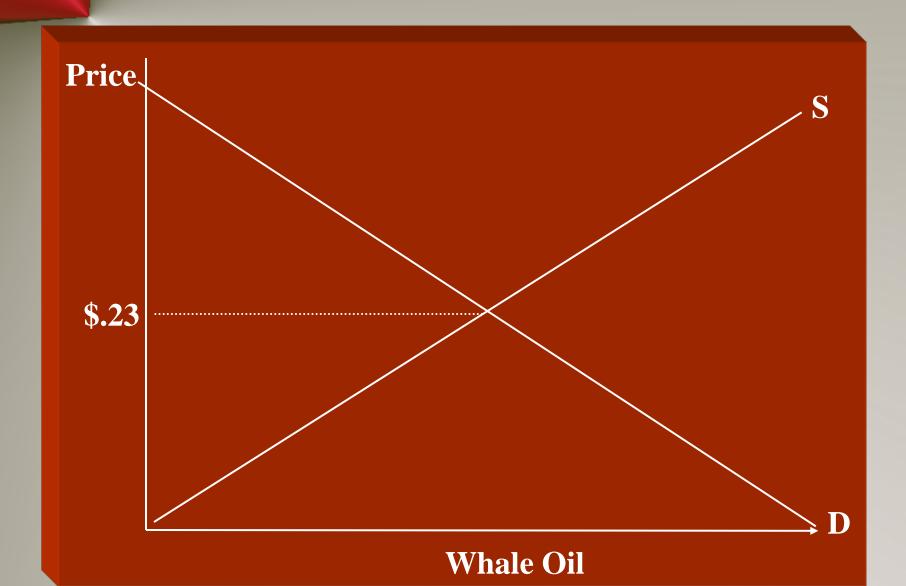
- Future December 2016 = \$52.79

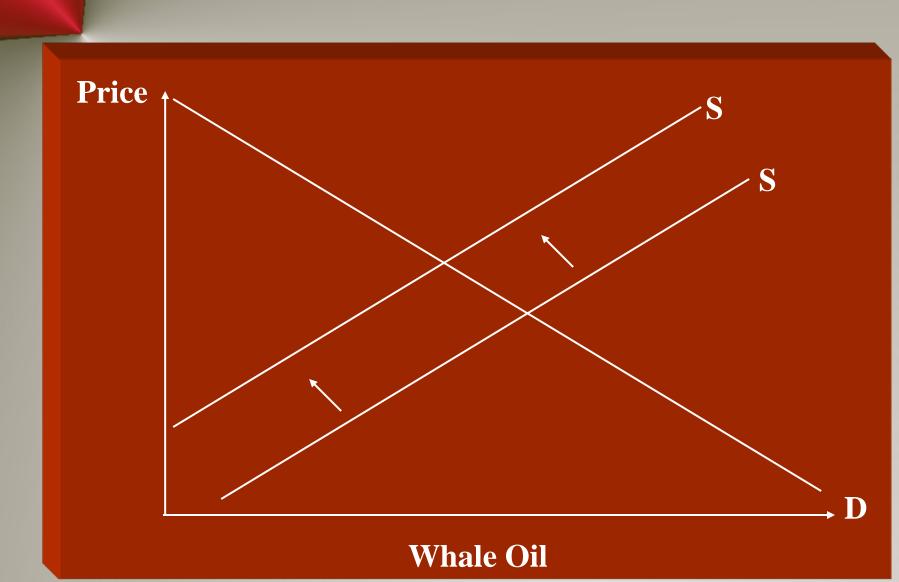
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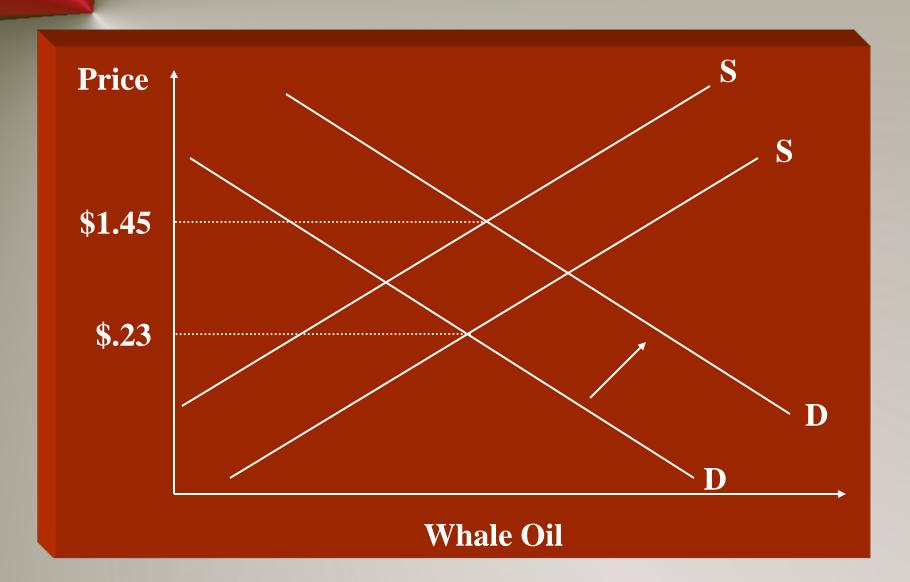


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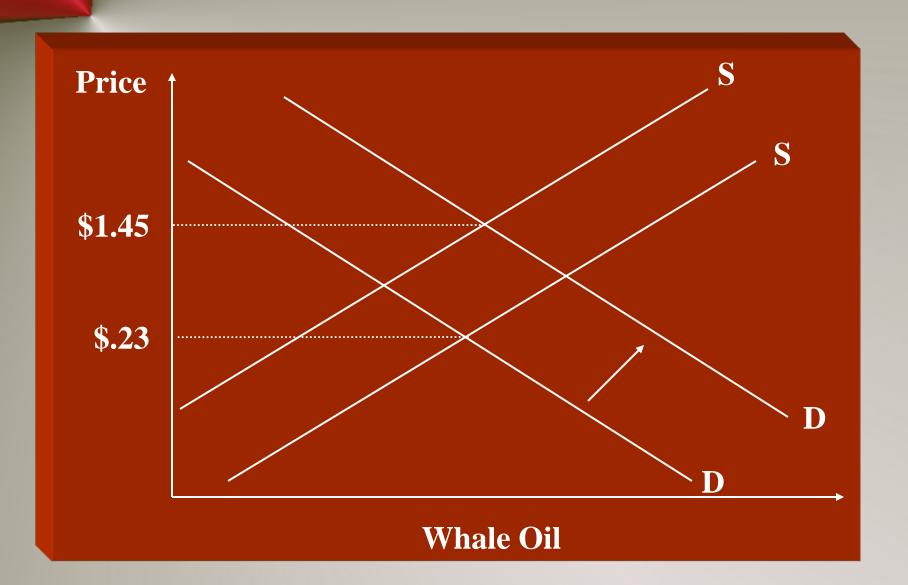
Remember our responses to crises







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