

sary for production from these wells.

Basic reservoir data

The field produces from a depletion-drive mechanism from an average depth of 11,300 ft. The original bottom-hole pressure was 5,862 psi at -7,800 ft. The initial GOR in the field was 2,359:1. The gravity of the oil averages 46°.

Combinations of core data, electrical and sonic logs were utilized for the determination of the productive data limits. The porosity minimum for production contribution is believed to 2.5%.

A summary of the average rock properties is as follows:

1. Porosity 4.85%
2. Permeability 21.6 md.
3. Initial water saturation 30.4%
4. Oil saturation 4.12% (core analysis)
5. Net pay 38 ft

Production history

There are 58 producing Strawn wells in Lusk field covering a productive area of approximately 10,240 acres. From the present data, it appears that the outline of productive areal extent has been almost completed.

The original oil in place has been calculated at 50 million st tk bbl by volumetric calculations based on hydrocarbon pore volume.

The ultimate primary recovery of Lusk Strawn field is predicted to be 14.75 million st tk bbl of oil or 29.5% of the original oil in place.

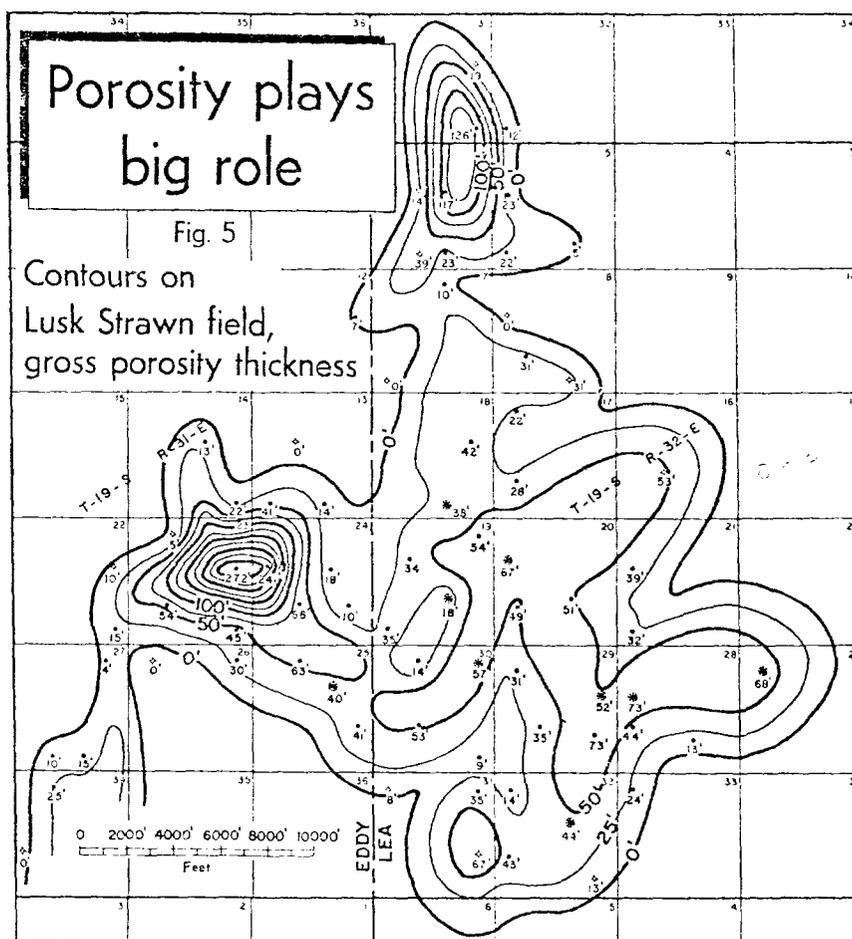
The following chart shows the production history and development of the Lusk Strawn field by years.

| Year | No. of prod. wells | Oil production | | Gas production (Mcf) | |
|------|--------------------|----------------|------------|----------------------|------------|
| | | Yearly | Cumulative | Yearly | Cumulative |
| 1960 | 1 | 5,597 | 5,597 | | |
| 1961 | 3 | 123,672 | 129,269 | 78,286 | 78,286 |
| 1962 | 6 | 326,621 | 455,890 | 506,305 | 584,591 |
| 1963 | 15 | 1,305,361 | 1,761,251 | 2,601,032 | 3,185,623 |
| 1964 | 41 | 2,975,491 | 4,740,555 | 6,672,054 | 9,857,677 |
| 1965 | 58 | 4,830,845 | 9,571,400 | 12,056,649 | 21,914,326 |

The discovery well, El Paso Natural Gas Co. 1 Lusk Deep Unit, has produced 538,498 bbl of oil in 5 years and is currently producing 10,302 bbl of oil per month (338 bo/d flowing).

Completion practices

All the operators in the field have



followed very similar completion procedures. The entire Strawn zone is usually penetrated, electrical and/or sonic logs are run and casing is set on bottom. Some wells have been drill-stem-tested before casing is set. These tests were usually run on wells drilled near the outer productive limits where the presence of porosity or the presence of water were questioned.

After casing is cemented, the productive zone is perforated in the zones of higher porosity. The wells usually flow naturally, however,

stimulation with mud acid and/or regular acid up to 5,000 gal is used so allowable production can be maintained. To date, wells which were drilled near the edge of the porosity development and encountered low permeability have been stimulated with very little success.

In summary, Lusk Strawn field is a northwest-southeast trending

anticlinal feature with an excess of 650 ft of relief. The producing zone is the Pennsylvanian lower Des Moines or Strawn limestone of upper Cherokee age. Production is from approximately 11,300 ft in depth. The productive rock is a biostromal type limestone with very local biohermal growths on the west and north flanks of the feature.

Porosity development in the productive zone is intercrystalline and vuggy and the producing area is indicated to be highly fractured. Fracturing in the reservoir is believed to have played an important role in creating effective porosity and permeability. On the east and south flanks of the feature, the productive perimeter is bound by an oil-water contact and on the north and west flanks, the productive area ends with the loss of porosity and permeability.

To Jan. 1, 1966, the field has produced 9,571,400 bbl of oil and 21,914,326 Mcf gas from 58 producing wells covering approximately 10,240 surface acres. There have been 17 dry holes drilled around the perimeter of the field.

Of the original 50 million st tk bbl of oil in place, the reservoir is

crystalline limestone section thins slightly over the crest of the anticline.

Very localized biohermal reef occur on the west and north flanks of the anticline, Figs. 3, 4. These biohermal growths extend from the base of the Strawn to the top or near the top of the Strawn. There is no correlative log marker in the bioherm with the top of the adjacent biostrome.

This indicates continuous biohermal growth contemporaneous with the adjacent biostrome development. The continued upward growth of the bioherm adjacent to the lagoonal type stratigraphic sequence above the biostrome was due to local environmental continuity.

This local environmental continuity was probably due to local contemporaneous structural adjustment. Post Strawn structural movement and differential compaction increased the vertical relief of the Lusk feature to the present-day structure.

Very little primary porosity has been noted in samples; however, slabbed cores reveal some to be present. This primary porosity is preserved under algae blades. Secondary porosity in the form of vugs and small solution cavities is found in varying quantities throughout the productive area. This secondary porosity is always accompanied by a very effective fracture system. A few local areas have revealed filled fracture systems and a complete lack of porosity where there is an absence of effective fractures.

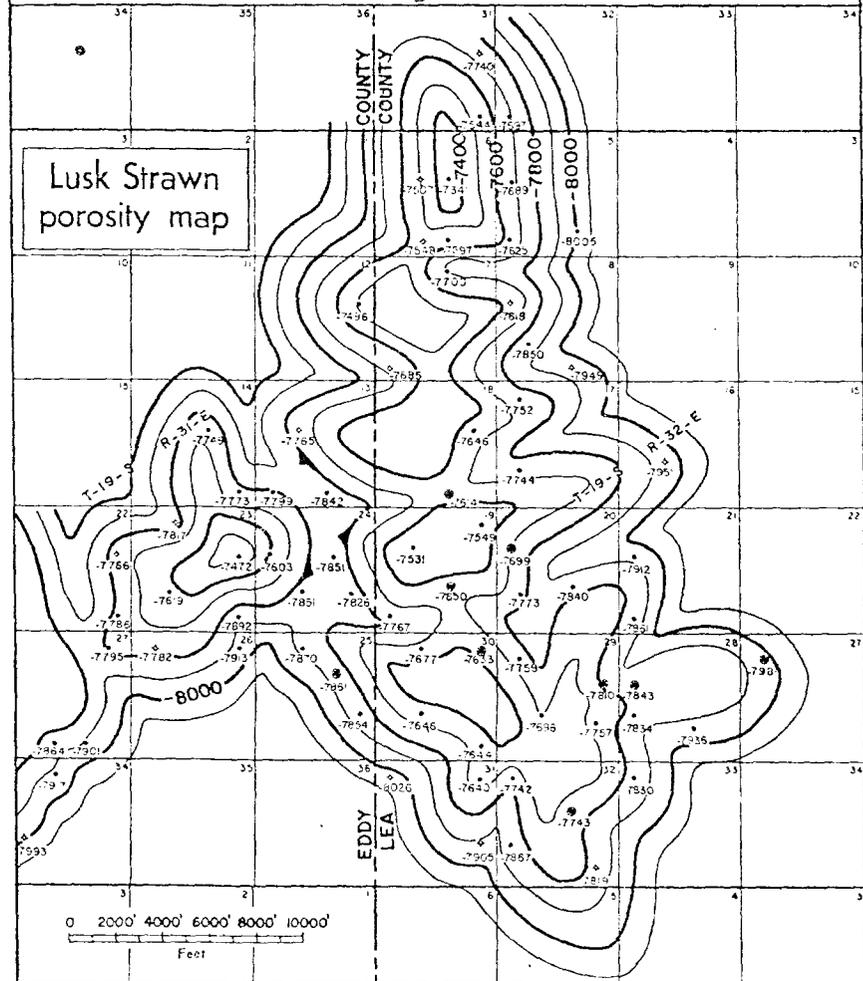
An example of the importance of the fracture system in this field is the Southern New Mexico Oil Corp. 8 Lusk Deep Unit, 24-19s-31e, Eddy County, which encountered virtually no porous rock. The gamma ray-sonic log indicated a total of only 10 ft of fracture porosity scattered throughout the entire biostrome section.

The fractured zone was perforated and a top allowable well was completed, indicating that fractures in the reservoir are very important in the development of permeability. A map reflecting the top of the Strawn porosity zone reveals the conformable relationship between structure and porosity, Figs. 2, 4.

Microscopic examination of fresh samples is essential in identifying

A conformable relationship between structure and porosity exists (see Fig. 2).

Fig. 4



hydrocarbon "show." Only traces of very light oil stain and blue-yellow fluorescence is seen on fresh samples. These virtually disappear when the sample is dried.

An isopach of the gross porosity thickness (refer to Fig. 5) reveals a maximum of 272 ft of gross porosity in Tenneco 1 "E" Jones Federal, 23-19s-31e, Eddy County, where a gross 577 ft of bioherm reef section was encountered. This porosity isopach also reveals gross porosity thicknesses of from 4 to 73 ft across the biostromal portion of the field.

Porosity development has played an important role in defining the productive limits of the field. Outside of the productive limits on the north and west flanks of the fea-

ture, the biostrome development is present; but porosity and permeability are lacking.

Porosity and permeability changes have also affected the productive limits on the east, south, and southwest flanks of the field. These changes, probably due to localized porosity and permeability barriers, have caused three distinct oil-water contacts on these flanks. These oil-water contacts are found to be at datums of minus 7,950, 7,915, and 8,000 ft respectively.

These oil-water contacts were determined by drill-stem tests and production tests. Water encroachment limits production from several structurally low wells on the southwest and south flanks of the feature. Pumping equipment is neces-