

NORTHWEST vs. SOUTHEAST  
PRODUCTION COMPARISON

DATE	STATEWIDE PRODUCTION	TOTAL NW PRODUCTION	% OF TOTAL	TOTAL SE PRODUCTION	% OF TOTAL
JAN90	86,913,667	44,449,427	51.14	42,464,240	48.86
FEB90	79,254,796	39,419,850	49.74	39,834,946	50.26
MAR90	80,389,623	40,551,135	50.44	39,838,488	49.56
APR90	75,806,638	37,136,629	48.99	38,670,009	51.01
MAY90	76,982,780	36,834,198	47.85	40,148,582	52.15
JUN90	74,599,925	34,551,312	46.32	40,048,613	53.68
JUL90	75,141,752	33,933,872	45.16	41,207,880	54.84
AUG90	79,462,006	37,676,339	47.41	41,785,667	52.59
SEP90	76,019,976	38,105,506	50.13	37,914,470	49.87
OCT90	82,354,658	39,898,700	48.45	42,455,958	51.55
NOV90	86,769,552	43,916,794	50.61	42,852,758	49.39
DEC90	91,650,169	47,215,953	51.52	44,434,216	48.48
JAN91	94,043,542	49,073,820	52.18	44,969,722	47.82
FEB91	76,943,749	40,029,824	52.02	36,913,925	47.98
MAR91	85,379,135	46,772,627	54.78	38,606,508	45.22
APR91	81,693,263	43,717,058	53.51	37,976,205	46.49
MAY91	82,454,299	44,371,796	53.81	38,082,503	46.19
JUN91	79,091,917	42,972,979	54.33	36,118,938	45.67
JUL91	75,292,743	39,259,412	52.14	36,033,331	47.86
AUG91	80,376,564	41,303,595	51.39	39,072,969	48.61
SEP91	79,416,938	46,612,075	58.69	32,804,863	41.31
OCT91	88,252,103	48,060,160	54.46	40,191,943	45.54
NOV91	87,151,642	45,615,496	52.34	41,536,146	47.66
DEC91	90,760,766	48,546,536	53.49	42,214,230	46.51

TABLE 1. NORTHWEST vs. SOUTHEAST

(April - September 1990)

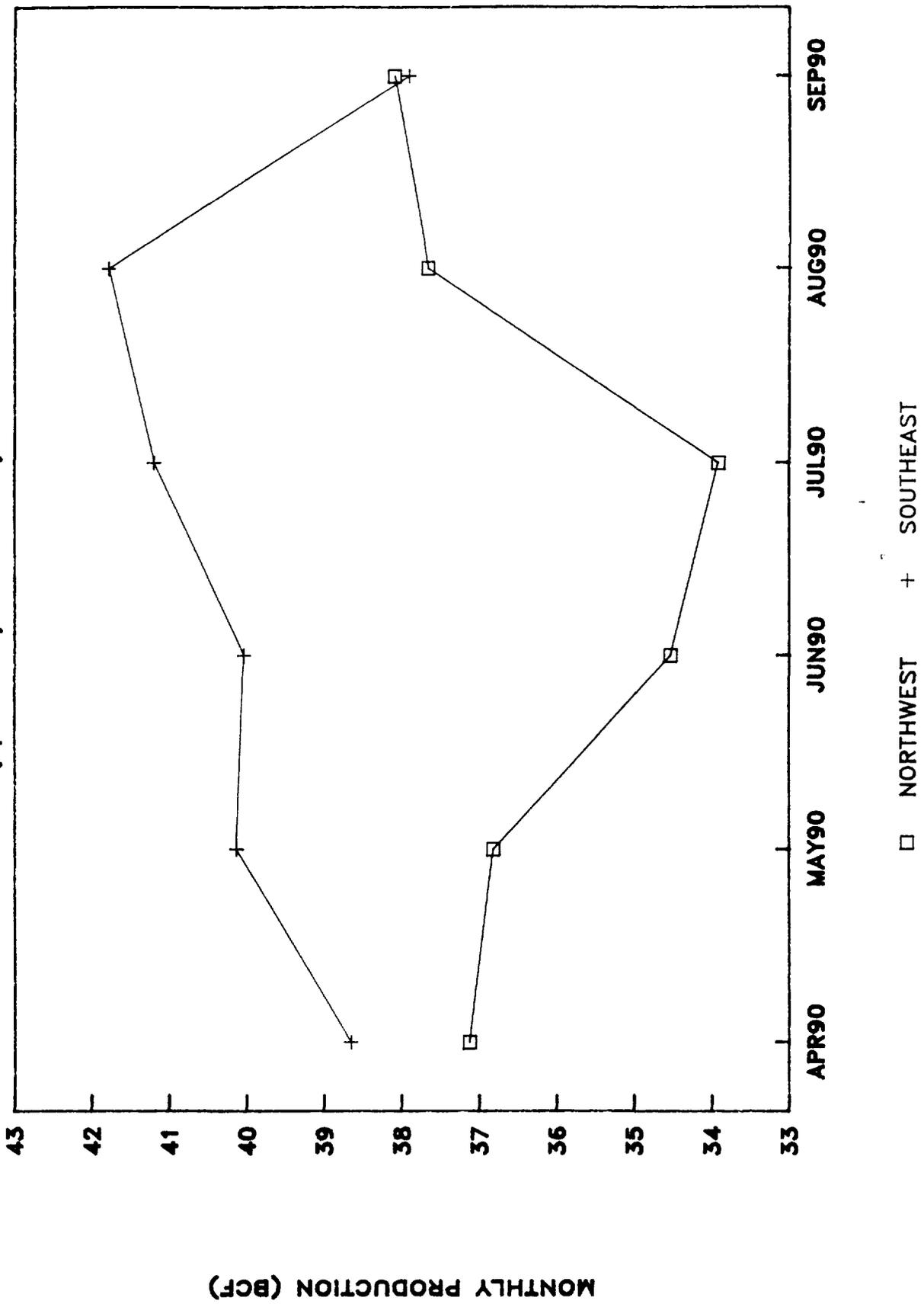


TABLE 1a. NORTHWEST vs. SOUTHEAST

(As percent of total Production-1990)

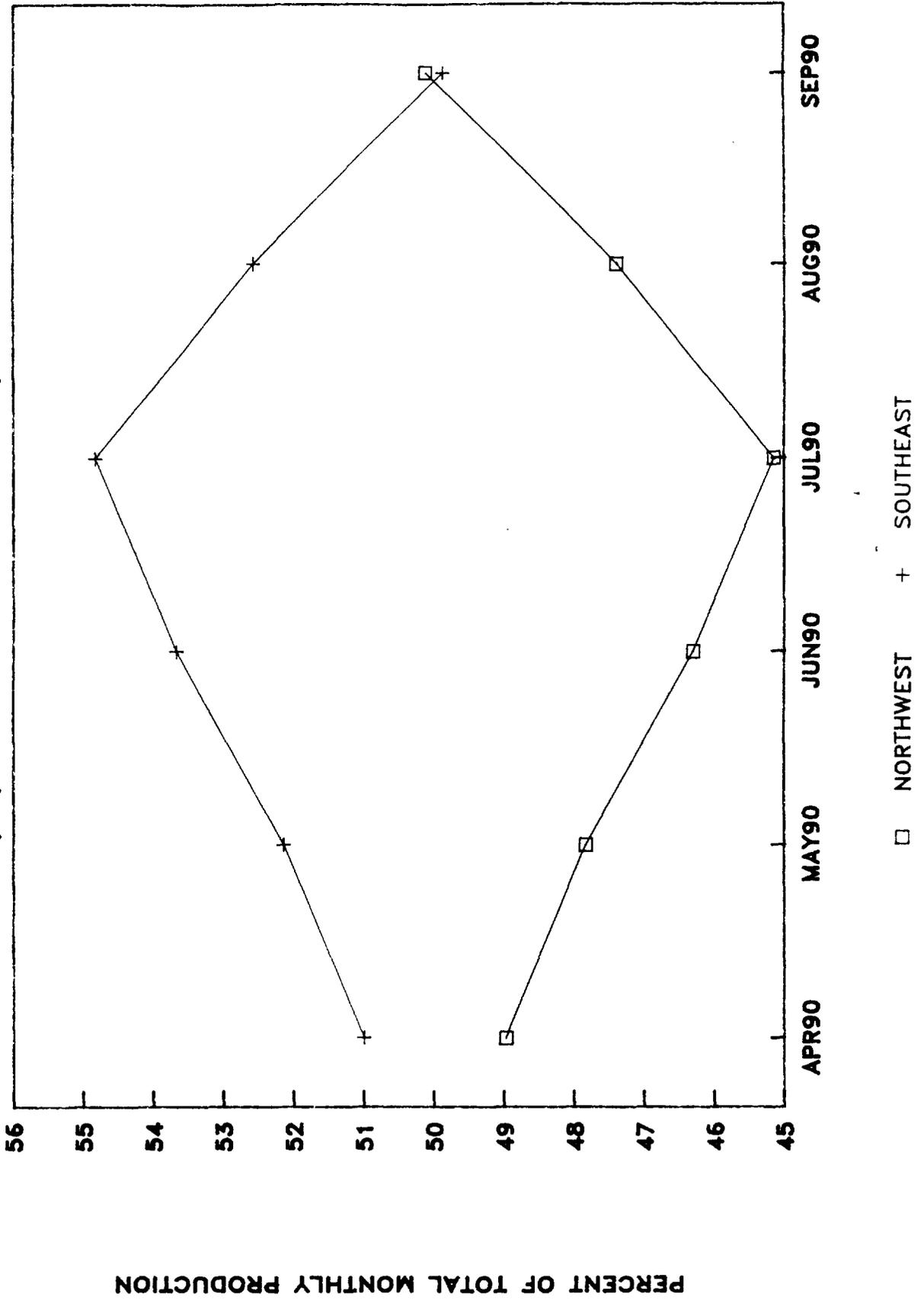


TABLE 2. NORTHWEST vs. SOUTHEAST  
 (April - September 1991)

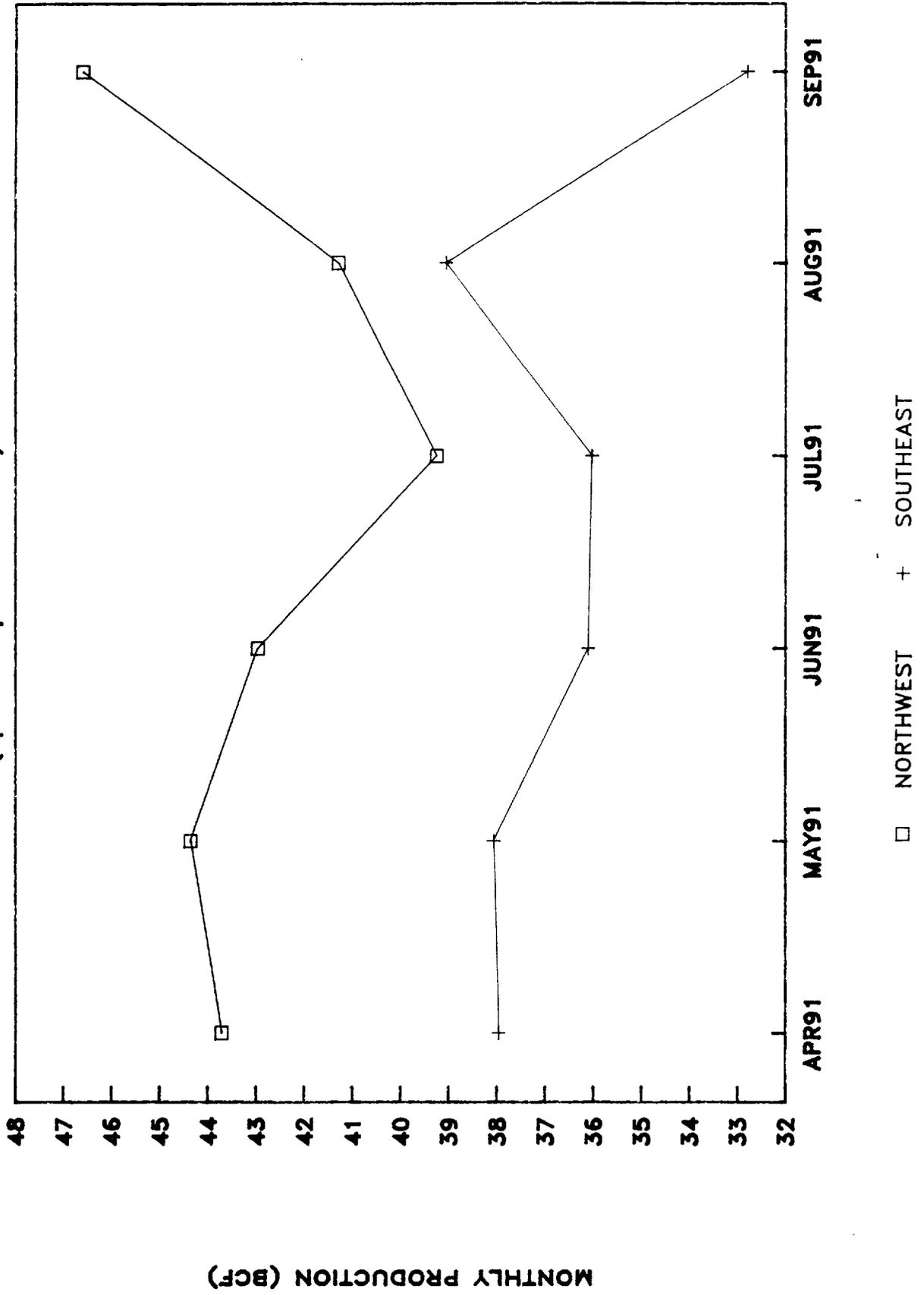
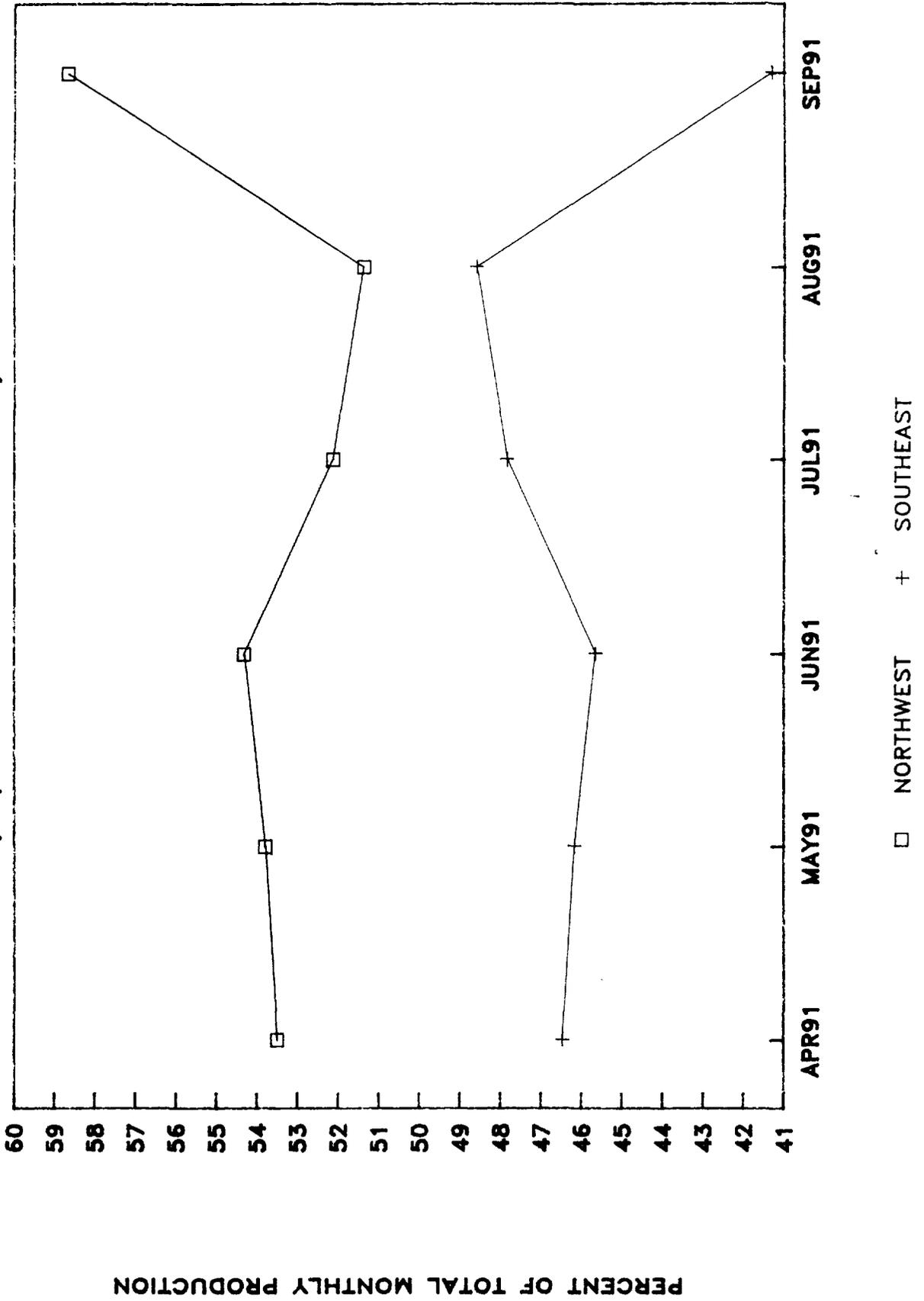


TABLE 2a. NORTHWEST vs. SOUTHEAST

(As percent of total Production-1991)



# Railroad Commission overhauls gas proration system

by John C. Roper

In order to assist producers in meeting market demand, the Texas Railroad Commission voted unanimously to overhaul the state's current system of natural gas proration.

Thomas D. Coffman, president of the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association, salutes the measure commenting that it "is the most significant action yet in a 16-year effort by independents to restore balance and equity to the state's vital allowable system."

Last year, TIPRO took the lead role in asking the Commission to set field allowables for natural gas so the aggregate allowable in the state matches anticipated demand much more closely than is currently the case.

Commission Chairwoman Lena Guerrero and Commissioners James Nugent and Robert Krueger voted to adopt several measures to ensure the viability of future natural gas supplies for Texas and the U.S.

"Texas has almost one-fourth of proved natural gas reserves in the United States," Guerrero says. "Our decision should maximize gas recovery, prevent waste of this precious natural resource and open new markets for Texas gas."

The essence of the Commission's plan, which is slated to go into effect March 1, lays the groundwork for shifting the basis of field allowables from purchaser nominations to historic production patterns.

For example, if the Commission were setting allowables for January, it could look at the averages of the past two or three Januarys to help set the new figure.

Those patterns will be adjusted in light of changing well status, production decline curves and similar considerations such as a sudden surge of demand.

Also, the Commission plans to pledge to each producer an equal share of the market. Related action would eliminate duplication of special well allowables now ingrained in prorated

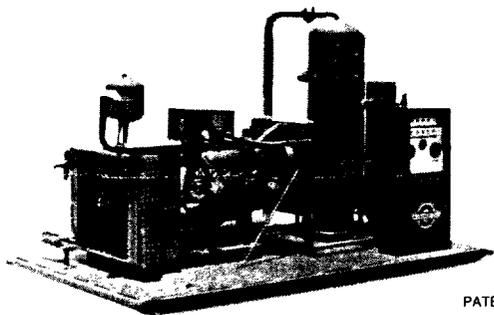
field formulas as well as certain allowable adjustments that penalize producers who under produce their allotments while rewarding producers who exceed such limits.

"We recognize this new proration program for what it is," Coffman says, "a firming up of the Commission's legal responsibility to match natural gas allowable to demand without denying supply to anyone. It is a conservation program designed to promote adequate exploration, a managed surplus and correlative rights rather than a device to raise prices in relation to competing fuels."

Coffman adds that he commends the Commission for its forthright action and looks forward "to cooperating in the effort to finalize a proration system that will serve the industry and its consumers well for a long time to come."

Harry Spannaus, executive vice president of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association in Midland, shares Coffman's enthusiasm for the measure, but remains somewhat guarded.

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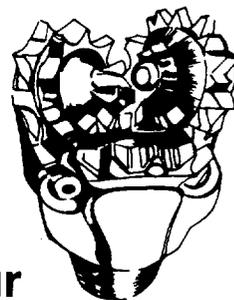
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in the past there were many times we weren't even close to supply and demand balance," Spannaus says of the agency's action. "It's a much more accurate method of determining production requirements in balance with consumption needs. It also gives a safe haven from waste of a reservoir."

Where Spannaus remains cautious, however, is in the priority take system which he feels has not been adequately addressed. "I understand that the provision for the priority take system has not been fully satisfied to the satisfaction of natural gas producers," he says. "We're [the PBPA] sure going to state our opinion and our concern about it."

As adopted, the Commission action:

- **Laid the groundwork for consideration of new statewide natural gas proration system by approving for publication and public comment a proposed statewide rule governing how market demand for Texas gas is determined and how production limits are set.**

The biggest change in the proposed rule would assign allowable production of natural gas to wells on an annual basis rather than monthly under the current system.

"Our current gas proration rules are antiquated, complex and in need of a major overhaul," says rule sponsor Nugent. "What we've done is a solid step forward in making sure we have all the gas we need for the future."

Nugent has repeatedly stressed the need to simplify a regulatory process that he says hinders rather than helps producers in producing and finding markets for gas.

- **Proposed interim measures as improvements to the current gas proration system.**

These changes are intended to match market demand for gas more closely with gas production. Chiefly, the Commission would eliminate the current monthly nomination system for gas in which gas purchasers estimate the volume of gas needed to supply their regular markets; in other words, market demand. Instead, the Commission itself, using its own statistical data, would determine the lawful market demand for natural gas produced in Texas.

Further, the proposed interim changes would eliminate a series of automatic adjustments to gas allowables in the present rules, known as the alphabet rules.

- **Conveyed to Commission staff to develop a plan to inform industry, as well as state and federal officials, of**

**the gas rule changes.**

"I can tell you from my experience in Congress that elected officials at every level, in both producing and consuming states, are vitally concerned about natural gas supplies and their applications," Krueger says. "Our action is a signal to the nation that Texas has taken the lead in promoting the use of this clean-burning fuel."

- **Instructed Commission staff to**

## Ugly roughnecks, top cooks hone skills for Energy Appreciation Week events

If you see great cooks trying to make their recipes even better and roughnecks making faces at themselves in the mirror, they're just practicing for Energy Appreciation Week.

They're preparing for the Blowout, the final weekend and the height of festivities for the biggest annual social event for the oilfield in the Permian Basin.

Energy Appreciation Week this year is April 26 to May 2, and it's centered in the Permian Basin Petroleum Association's (PBPA) hometown, Midland. The association sponsors the week of events.

Other cities throughout the basin hold their own celebrations during this period, and a lot of towns, including Big Spring, Lubbock, Monahans, Pecos and Seminole, all in Texas, and Hobbs, Roswell, Santa Fe and Albuquerque in New Mexico, traditionally issue proclamations celebrating the week.

So far, the PBPA and a bunch of volunteers have set the golf tournament for April 27 at Mission Dorado Country Club between Midland and Odessa, and the Blowout officially starts on May 2.

Organizers plan events and meetings throughout the week. Typically those events include at least one talk by a nationally recognized speaker.

But, that's the formal part of the celebration. The real fun comes on the weekend with the patch party. Down here, they call it the Blowout.

The Blowout features the top cooking teams in the Permian Basin demonstrating their skills at barbecued beef brisket, barbecued pork ribs and fajitas.

And, the competition for top spot in the cookoff at America Legion Woods Post 19 often grows more heated than competition over the best drilling records in the basin.

Last year, for instance, the cookoff attracted 44 teams, the largest showing

**device a plan to create new markets for Texas natural gas.**

"We want to encourage the demand for Texas natural gas across the United States," Guerrero adds. "We believe that gas consumption will increase substantially in this decade. Our goal is to help other Americans recognize the economic and environmental advantages of natural gas and look to Texas for dependable supplies." □

in the history of the event. Conoco Inc., a newcomer to the competition, took top prize for showmanship. Another first-time team, Fina Oil & Chemicals Co., placed second. And, the Exxon Co. USA Blowout Tigers in their Tony-the-Tiger tails pounced on third spot.

The Conoco team also pulled in the top prize in the fajita cookoff, followed by Bell Safety of Midland, another newcomer. The perennial favorite J. McShane Inc. team from Monahans grabbed third place.

### Tough competition

No doubt they'll be back this year, since Dorothy Thompson, head chef for the team, has a position of standing in the oilfield community to regain.

In the brisket competition, Dowell Schlumberger found the best combination, followed by the Parker & Parsley Bean Counters and Marathon Oil Co., another newcomer.

First place in the ribs cookoff last year went to Midlander Jim Henry's Henry Petroleum Corp. crew, followed by Fina in second place, and Maralo Inc. of Midland and Houston in third spot.

Finally, the most coveted prize of all, the *Midland Reporter Telegram's* Ugly Roughneck Award went to Sarge Thompson, husband of Dorothy and a member of the McShane cookoff team. Some people say he didn't even have to practice for the award. He had entered the year before, but Tom Adkins of Schlumberger Well Services edged him out.

Among changes this year is a new chairman, Bill Stovall of First City Bank, and Charlie McCoy from Permian Production Equipment is in charge of judging. Jack Sherman, of Jack Sherman Chevrolet, is working on prizes and awards. □

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FEBRUARY	ALLOWABLE =	9461
MARCH	ALLOWABLE =	10207
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MAY	ALLOWABLE =	7394
JUNE	ALLOWABLE =	7561
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AUGUST	ALLOWABLE =	6523

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DECEMBER	ALLOWABLE =	5006
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MARCH	ALLOWABLE =	9098
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DECEMBER	ALLOWABLE =	8479
JANUARY	ALLOWABLE =	9584
FEBRUARY	ALLOWABLE =	7331
MARCH	ALLOWABLE =	4908
APRIL	ALLOWABLE =	4478
MAY	ALLOWABLE =	3937
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FEBRUARY	ALLOWABLE =	14661
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