

Two oil wells finaled in Dagger Draw North field by Yates Pet.

Two Dagger Draw North (Upper Pennsylvanian) field producers have been completed in southeastern New Mexico's Eddy County by Yates Petroleum Corp.

The 4 Patrick API was tested pumping at a daily rate of 2,467 bbls of 42.6-degree oil, with 2,761,000 cu ft of gas and 1,395 bbls of water, from perforations at 7734-94 and 7824-46 ft. Seven-inch casing has been set to 8250 ft, total depth. The well is located in the s2 sw nw 10-19s-25e. Log tops include the Bone Spring at 3736 ft, Wolfcamp at 5577 ft and Canyon at 7620 ft.

A half-mile to the southeast in the c

sw se of the same section, Yates has also completed its 6 Polo AOP Federal Com p u m p i n g 1,790 bbls of 42.6-degree oil, with 1,832,000 cu ft of gas and 1,805 bbls of water. The

8250-ft well was perforated at intervals between 7642-80 ft and 7750-88 ft.

Log tops included the Wolfcamp at 5603 ft and Canyon at 7602 ft.

PETROLEUM INFORMATION'S ACTIVE RIG COUNT*

Area	This Week	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Dist. 7B	23	17	20	14
Dist. 7C	50	47	41	43
Dist. 8	76	76	68	50
Dist. 8A	32	29	36	29
Dist. 9	15	13	15	18
NM OCD 1	27	28	21	22
NM OCD 2	24	23	23	22
NM OCD 4	0	0	0	0
Total	247	233	224	198
U.S. Total	1,353	1,324	1,303	1,104

*Petroleum Information's rig counts are derived from drilling contractors and operators and may vary from other industry sources. PI's counts include all rigs regardless of well depth.

Rig count

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The Gulf of Mexico (100) reported a dramatic 11-rig loss, with the offshore Louisiana count down by nine to 82 and the offshore Texas total dropping by two

to 15. Three rotaries remained at work offshore Alabama, while the remainder of the Gulf was once again inactive.

In the southeastern states, 49 rotaries were employed during the week, a gain

of one from the previous week. The North Louisiana total rose by two to 26, but Mississippi (12) lost a rig. Arkansas (six), Alabama (four) and Florida (one) were unchanged.

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U.S. rig count hits new year-to-date high of 827; Oklahoma up 8 to 110

The U.S. rig count jumped by eight to a total of 827, a new high for 1996, according to Baker Hughes Inc. This week's employment is 19 rotaries ahead of the month-ago total of 808 and 64 better than the 763 that were working in the U.S. and its waters in mid-October 1995.

Oklahoma had the largest increase in the country as its total rose by eight to 110. New Mexico, up six to 46, posted the nation's second largest gain. Meanwhile, Texas lost 10 for a total of 287. Wyoming, down two to 30, and Mississippi, down one to 12, were the only other states to record declines during the week.

Petroleum Information's Midland region posted a net gain of one for a total of 128. The southeast New Mexico total rose by six to 43, while RRC Dist. 8A was up by four to 19. Nearly offsetting these gains were a loss of seven in RRC Dist. 8 (32) and one-rig declines in both RRC Dist. 7C (26) and RRC Dist. 7B (four). Four rotaries remained employed in RRC Dist. 9.

A four-unit increase pushed the Houston region total up to 165. Activity in Louisiana inland waters rose by eight to a total of 23, while South Louisiana

Yates Petroleum plans exploration in southwestern Lea County, NM

In the southwesternmost portion of New Mexico's Lea County, Yates Petroleum has scheduled a wildcat to target the Bone Spring. The 1 Dean "APQ" Federal will be drilled to a total depth of 12,700 ft in the nw nw se of 3-26s-34e.

A half-mile to the north-northwest Gulf Oil abandoned its 1 Gulf-Yates-Federal in the c ne nw of section 3. That wildcat reached a total depth of 5489 ft in 1961. From a derrick floor elevation of 3313 ft, log tops included the Delaware at 5376 ft.

The nearest previous production is nearly three and a half miles to the west, where Sohio Petroleum completed its 1 NE Salado Draw (Deep) in 1985 in the c sw nw of

section 6. That Wolfcamp producer in Salado Draw Northeast field produced 1,462 bbls of oil, 4.71 million cu ft of casinghead gas and 357 bbls of water from perforations at 13,450-13,655 ft. The 16,320-ft well was online for less than a year.

The nearest Bone Spring production is in Red Hills field, less than five miles northeast of Yates' proposed venture. The 5 Diamond "18" Federal, ne ne se 18-25s-34e, was completed in October 1995 flowing 245 bbls of oil and 540,000 cu ft of gas from perforations at 12,220-12,248 ft. The 12,540-ft well has cumulatively yielded 21,253 bbls of crude and 30.6 million cu ft of casinghead gas through June.

gained a single rig for a total of 28. In the loss column, RRC Dist. 3 (45) and RRC Dist. 2 (11) each reported a decline of two, while the RRC Dist. 1 total slipped by one to nine. Forty-nine rigs remained at work in RRC Dist. 4 and Texas inland waters once again reported

no activity.

Fifty-three rigs were employed in East Texas, down one from the week before. The two-rig gain in RRC Dist. 5 (18) was not enough to offset the three-rig loss in RRC Dist. 6 (35).

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