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US Crude Oil Market Environment

- Global crude oil inventories remain at high levels [Source: EIA Weekly Report]
- Prices remain relatively low and volatile
 - Cushing WTI Spot Price [Source: EIA Daily Reports]
 - October 6, 2014 = \$90.33
 - October 5, 2015 = \$46.28
 - October 3, 2016 = \$48.80
 - October 2, 2017 = \$50.59
- US land rig count down 53.1% from 2014 peak [Source: Baker Hughes]
- US land rig count increased 18% from 7/'15 to 7/'17 [Source: Baker Hughes]
- US production declined (-1.7%) from 7/'15 to 7/'17 [Source: EIA]
- Current economics favor pipe over rail [Source: RBN Energy]
- CBR volumes have declined to early 2012 levels [Source: EIA]
- US crude oil exports at 1.98 million bpd 9/29/17 week [Source: Reuters]
- US crude imports at 756K bpd 9/29/17 week [Source: Reuters]
- Brent WTI spread at \$5.35 9/29/17 [Source: YCharts]

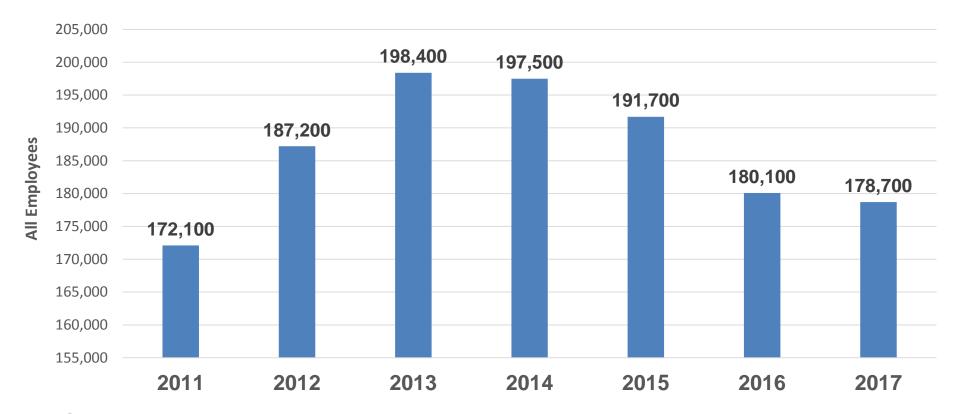
Land Oil Rig Count

Region	2014 Peak (October)	October 7th 2016	October 6th 2017	Count '16/'17 Change	% '16/'17 Change	% Change From Peak
US	1,609	428	748	+320	+75%	-54%
Eagleford	206	32	62	+30	+94%	-70%
Permian	35% of US 562	203	51% of US 383	+180	+89%	-32%
Williston	198	30	50	+20	+67%	-75%
All Other	637	128	253	+125	+98%	-60%

Source: Baker Hughes

Oil and Gas Production Average Annual Employment

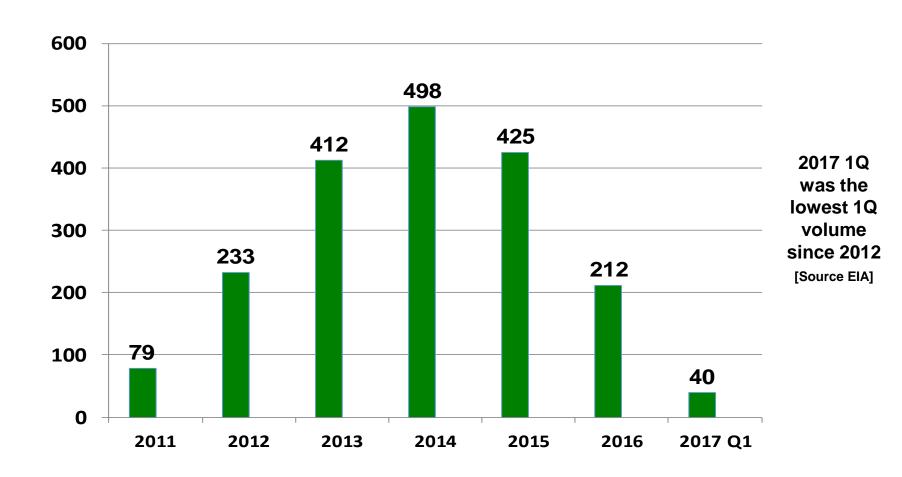
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Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

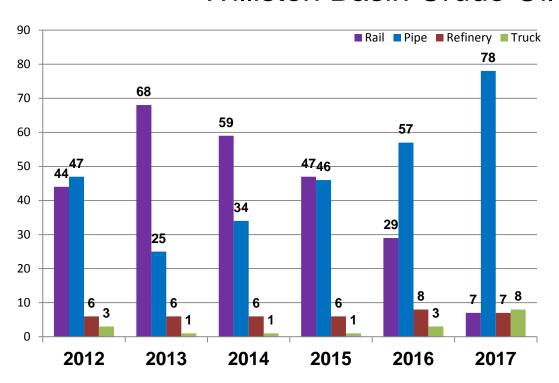
Volume of Crude by Rail Carloads

Originated Carloads on US Class I Railroads (1,000's)



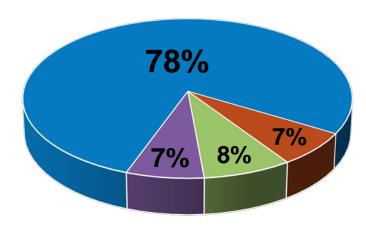
Source: AAR

Williston Basin Crude Oil Modal Share



	Average Production/BOPD	Rail/BOPD est.
6/2013	521,598	354,687
6/2014	1,092,519	644,586
6/2015	1,211,328	569,324
6/2016	1,027,131	297,868
6/2017	1,032,873	72,301

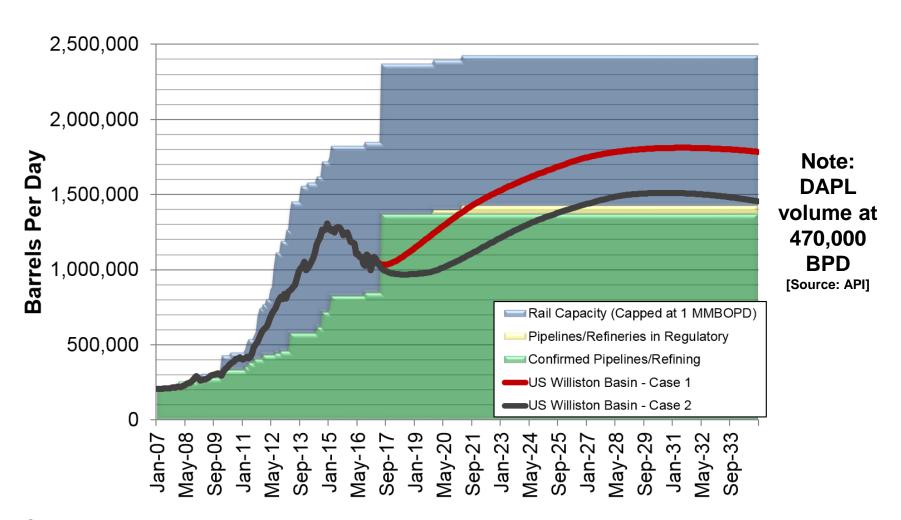




- Pipeline Export
- Refined
- Truck to Canadian Pipelines
- Estimated Rail

Source: ND Pipeline Authority

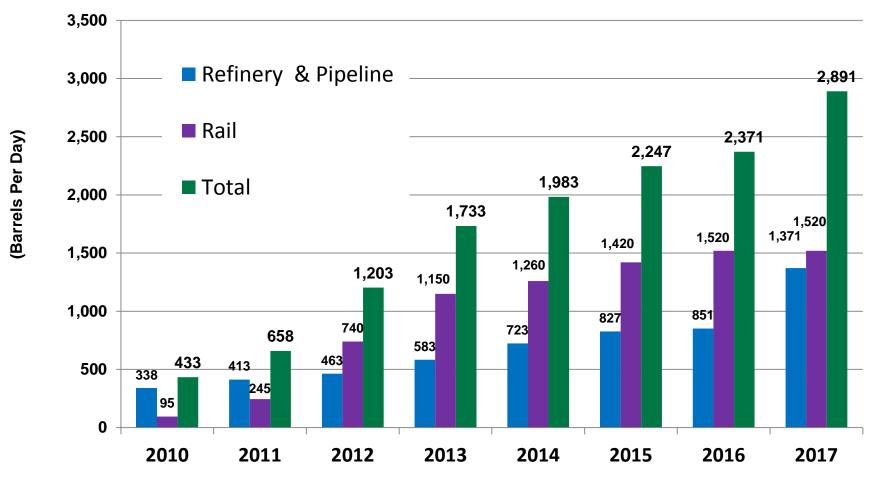
Williston Basin Crude Oil Production and Export Capacity, BOPD



Source: North Dakota Pipeline Authority

Williston Basin Crude Oil Export Options

(Reported Capacity – Not Market Share)



Rail: Loading terminal capacity/not railroad; NDPA assumes rail capacity at 1 MMOBD

Some Closing Thoughts

- US crude oil production has declined since 2015 but it is steadily continuing a gradual recovery; 9.238 million BPD July 2017
- Most rapid onshore production growth is in the pipe centric Texas
- Bakken production level at 1 million BPD+
- The marketplace continues adapting to the effects of high global inventories, instability and low price levels
- US unconventional oil producers continue responding to market realities with an efficiency/productivity focus
- July 2017 CBR volume has fallen to March 2012 levels
- Surplus capacity remains in the CBR marketplace
- Growing crude oil exports could be a potential plus for CBR
- Increasing Brent WTI spread could be a potential positive for CBR