



IRD EAR SUMMARY

DRILL STEM TESTS AND PRODUCTION MAPPING

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In order to better facilitate petroleum exploration and development in the Williston Basin, the North Dakota Geological Survey (NDGS) has published several production-related maps sets. These maps sets include production and drill stem test (DST) results with an accompanying spreadsheet for easy data extraction.

Prior to this project, over 55% of the DST results in the state did not have an associated geologic interval. The NDGS utilized a series of filters in Petra and Excel to unite formation tops to DST results. Now over 95% of DST results are associated with a geologic interval. DST results were then separated into three groups. The first group (Positive DSTa) contains wells that have recovered oil or gas (in either the drill pipe or the sampler), or those that list oil or gas as the primary component of the fluid/gas mixture (e.g. 10' mud cut oil) in the description. Secondly, Positive DSTb wells display results for oil or gas as the secondary component of the fluid/gas mixture (e.g. 50' gas cut mud). Although Positive DSTb wells do show signs of hydrocarbons, the hydrocarbon signal is considered weaker than those in the Positive DSTa group. Lastly, the Negative DST results have no indication of hydrocarbons.

Production for each well was determined using the North Dakota Industrial Commission's (NDIC) Production Pools and their associated monthly production totals. The production pools utilized are shown on the Production Map for each interval. Cumulative production for each well was calculated through September 2019.

This project is a summary of the Spearfish Formation's production and drill stem test results. Map sets include a production map, cumulative production map and DST results in North Dakota's portion of the Williston Basin. The Spearfish Formation is highlighted by the red box on the North Dakota Stratigraphic Column on the left. A type log example of the Spearfish Formation is shown below along with a location map showing the type log's approximate location.

The Spearfish Formation is separated into several formations and intervals. Based on available data, this project will look at the Ratcliffe Interval (Charles/Mission Canyon Formation), Frobisher-Alida Interval (Mission Canyon Formation) and Lodgepole Formation, the primary hydrocarbon producing intervals within the Madison Group.

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NORTH DAKOTA LOCATION MAP