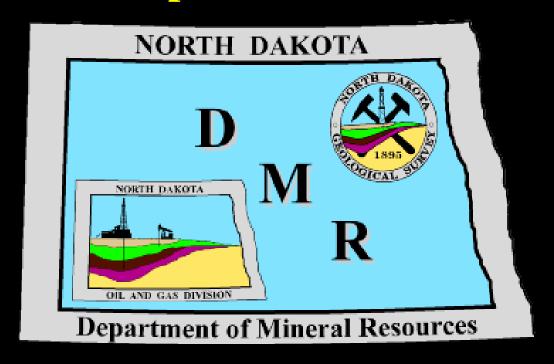
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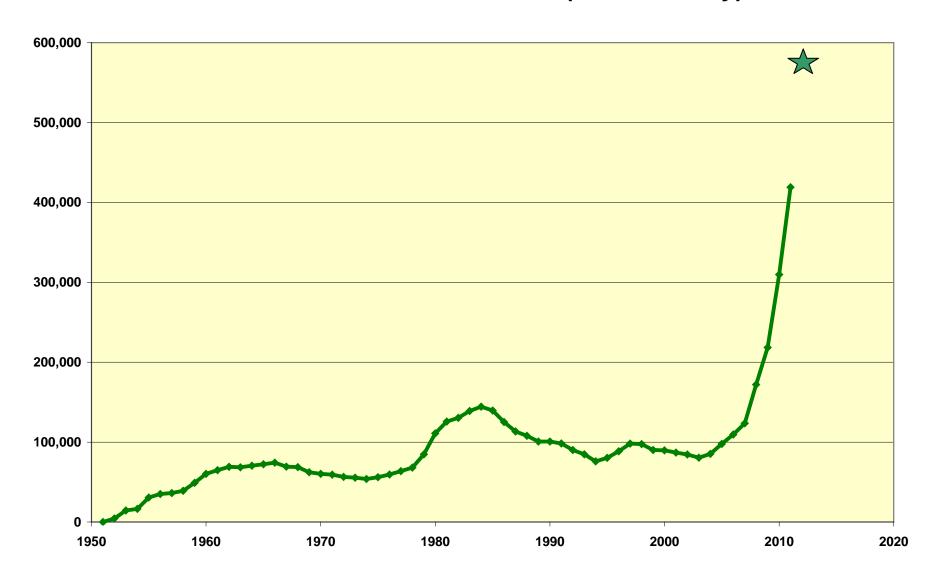
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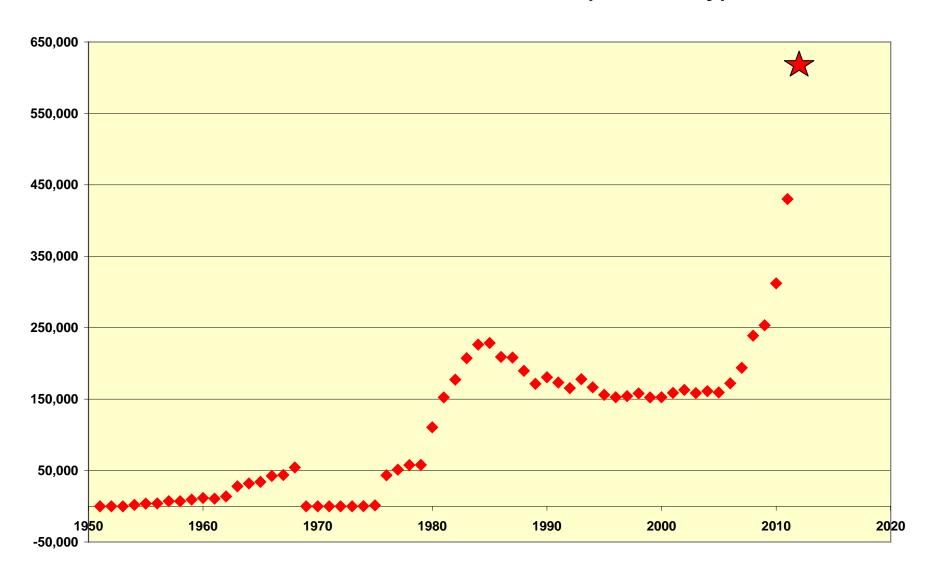
## North Dakota 2011 Major Events

- Three Forks second bench was proven economic
- Eagle-Ford and Utica Shale competition
- Worst winter and spring weather in history
- Challenges
  - Infrastructure
  - Manpower
  - Housing
  - Gas gathering and processing
  - Oil transportation
  - Federal regulation
  - Global Environmental Group interest

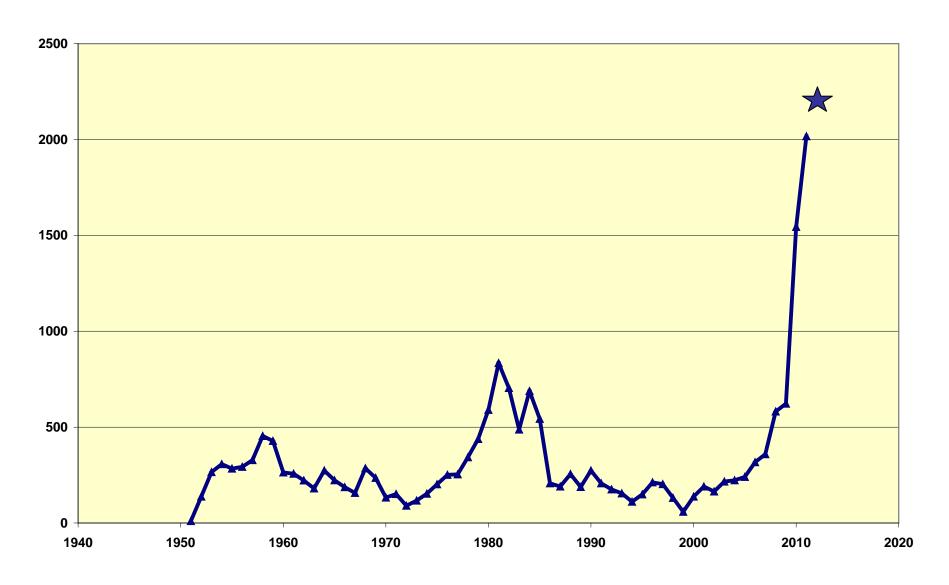
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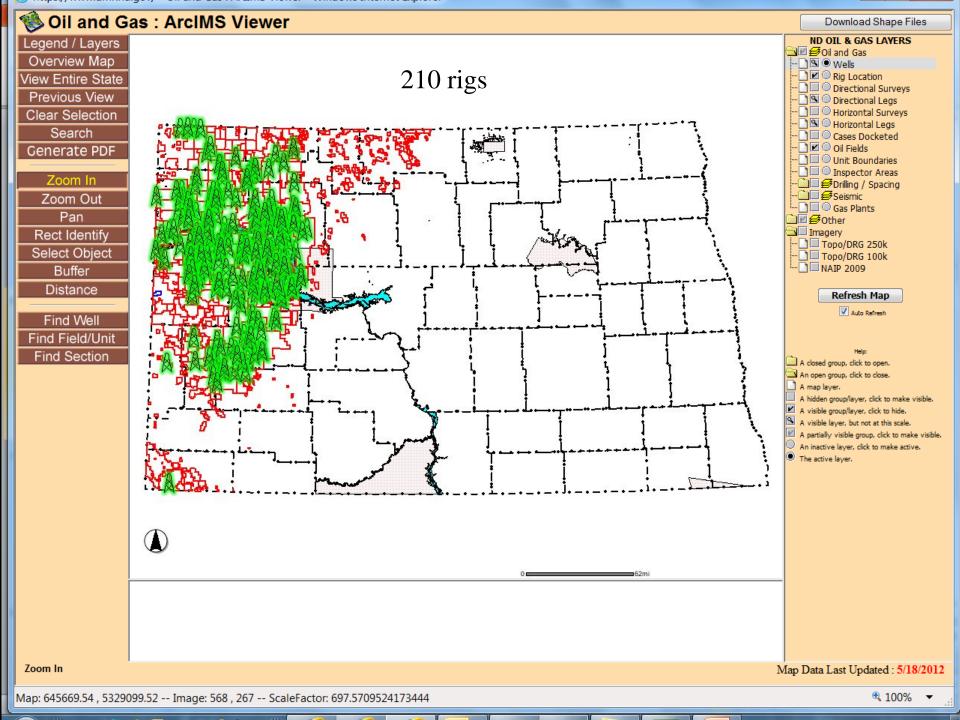


#### North Dakota Gas Production (MCF / Day)



#### **North Dakota Wells Drilled**



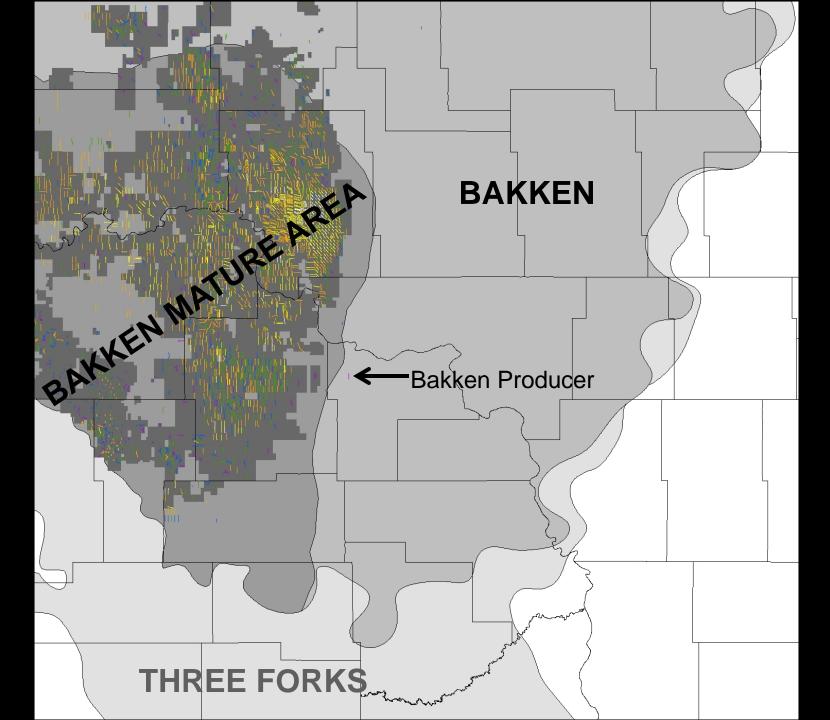


## North Dakota 2011 Formations of Interest

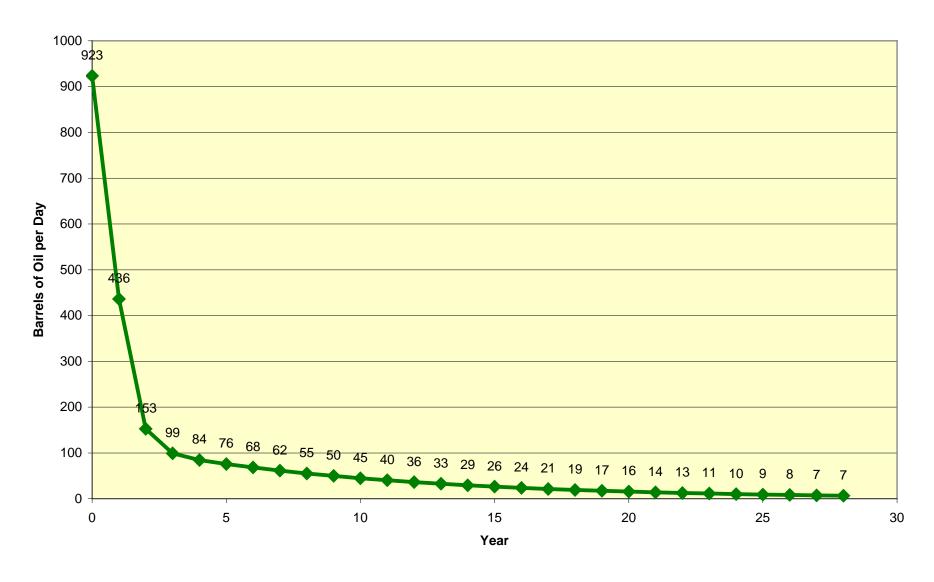
- Three Forks
  - 3,382 Bakken Pool wells
    - 2,465 Middle Bakken
    - 625 Three Forks
    - 228 Upper Shale
    - 64 Middle Bakken & Three Forks
- Tyler
  - Same stage as North Dakota Bakken in 2003
    - Vertical wells and source rock-storage system
    - Horizontal success in Montana

# North Dakota Oil & Gas Taxation

- Gross Production Tax
  - 5% on oil
  - July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 \$0.1112/MCF on natural gas
- Extraction Tax
  - 6.5% on oil
    - 9 exemptions or rate reductions
      - Incremental EOR, Tertiary, and Stripper Well now in effect
      - Oil Price Trigger \$50.07



### Typical Bakken Well Production



#### What Does Every New Bakken Well Mean to North Dakota

A typical 2011 North Dakota Bakken well will produce for 29 years

If economic, enhanced oil recovery efforts can extend the life of the well

In those 29 years the average 2011 Bakken well will:

Produce approximately 540,000 barrels of oil

Generate over \$20 million net profit

Pay approximately \$4,585,000 in taxes \$2,200,000 gross production taxes \$2,000,000 extraction tax \$385,000 sales tax

Pay royalties of \$7,500,000 to mineral owners

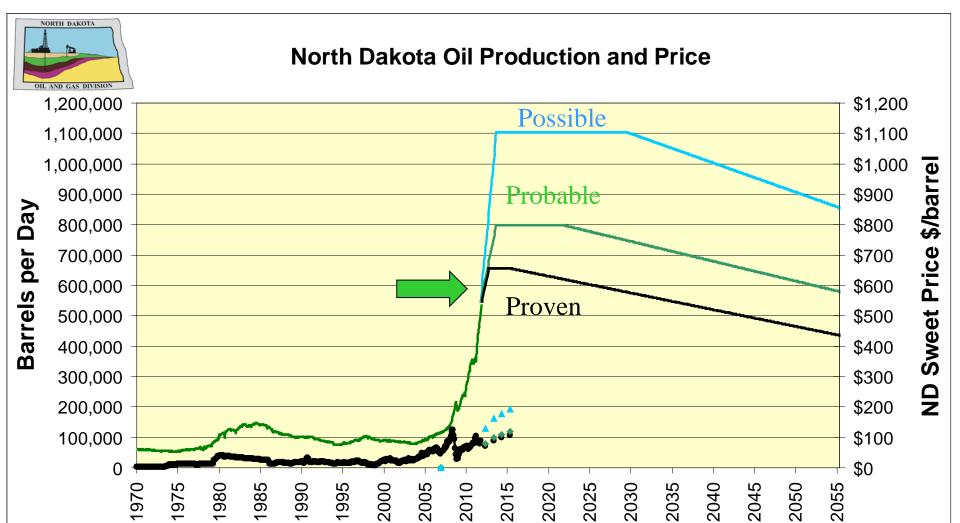
Pay salaries and wages of \$2,100,000

Pay operating expenses of \$2,300,000

Cost \$7,925,000 to drill and complete

## Western North Dakota

- 1,100 to 2,700 wells/year = 2,000 expected
  - -100-225 rigs = 12,000 27,000 jobs
  - Another 10,000-15,000 jobs building infrastructure
  - 225 rigs can drill the wells needed to secure leases in 2 years
  - 225 rigs can drill the wells needed to develop spacing units in 16 years
  - 35,000-40,000 new wells = 35,000-40,000 long term jobs

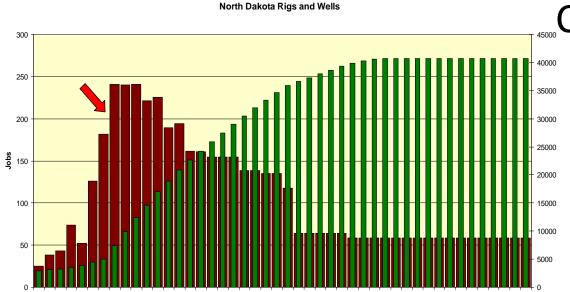


3,382 Bakken and Three Forks wells drilled and completed

35,700 more new wells possible in thermal mature area

Proven=7 BBO - Probable=10 BBO - Possible=14 BBO (billion barrels of oil)





2035

2030

2025

Year

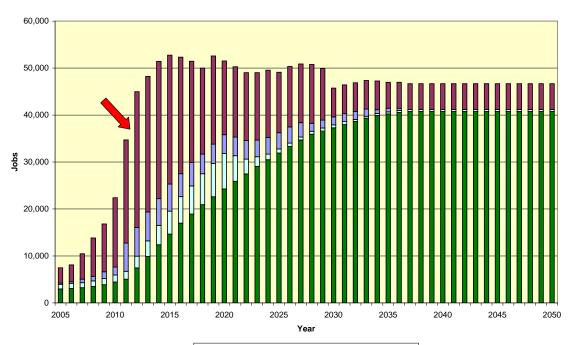
■ Rigs ■ Wells

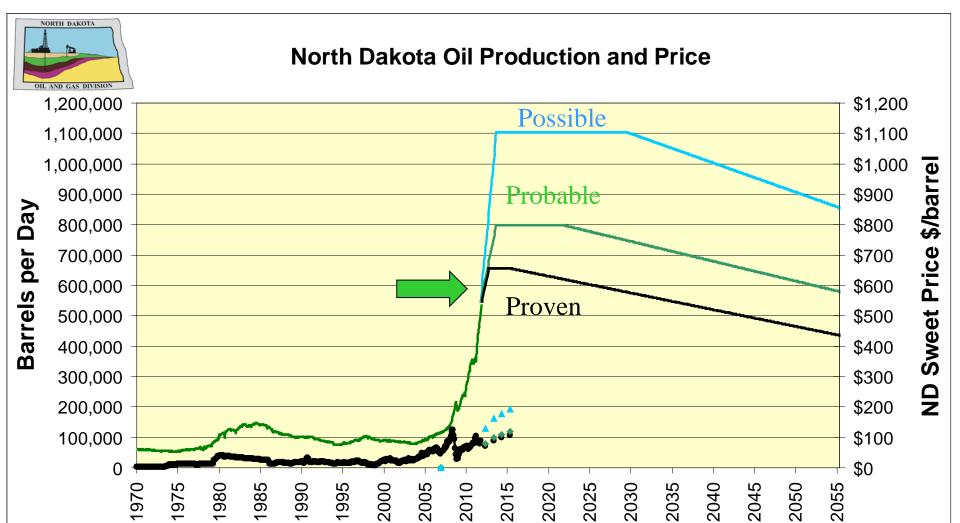
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## Conservative Case

#### North Dakota Oil Industry Jobs

2050





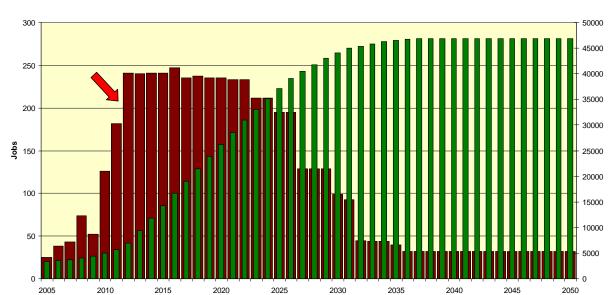
3,382 Bakken and Three Forks wells drilled and completed

41,200 more new wells possible in thermal mature area

Proven=7 BBO - Probable=10 BBO - Possible=14 BBO (billion barrels of oil)



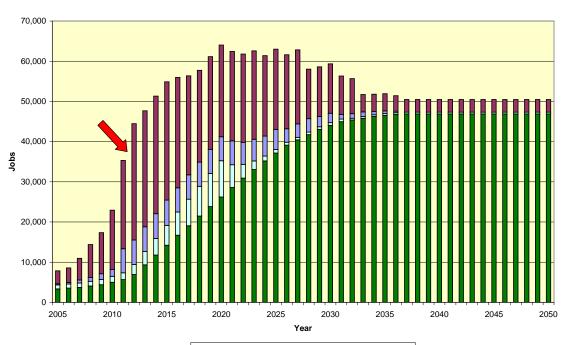




## **Expected Case**



North Dakota Oil Industry Jobs



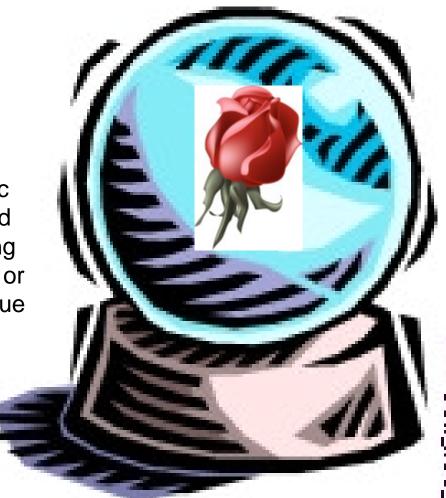
■ Prod jobs □ Gathering jobs ■ Fracing jobs ■ Drilling jobs



Draft BLM Hydraulic Fracturing rule could double federal drilling permit approval time or worse. Comments due 7/10/12



Current administration budget contains tax changes that could reduce drilling capital 35-50%

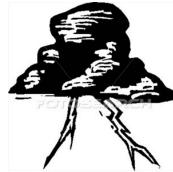






Draft EPA guidance on diesel fuel in hydraulic fracturing could triple drilling permit approval time or worse.

Comments due 7/9/12



World and U.S. economies continue to struggle. If China joins the downward spiral oil price could fall enough to make some areas uneconomic