

## Oil & Gas Developments in Texas

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#### Overview

Permian: 4-5K per year 2011-14; peak of 560+ rigs in Oct14; today 230+ rigs; largest (~60,000 mi² in TX) most complex (multiple formations); conventional and unconventional mixed; oil, gas & liquids; long history of drilling but the level of activity has been more intense between 2011 and 2014

Eagle Ford: >10K wells 2008-now; peak of ~3,500 in 2013 (250-

rigs); today 100+ rigs; Gonzalez, DeWitt, Karnes, Atascosa,

McMullen, LaSalle, Dimmit, Webb; ~20,000 mi2; mostly focused on

oil and condensate windows; gas window largely undeveloped but

can be developed in the future with the right price environment

Barnett: >20K wells 1995-now; peak drilling of 2,900+ in 2008 (100+ rigs); today only 6 rigs; gas core in Tarrant, Wise, Denton & Johnson; oil/liquids drilling in Montague, Cooke & Wise after 2010; ~8,000 mi²; BEG scenarios of 10K to 20K more wells through ~2040

Midstream: pipelines for crude, liquids and natural gas; processing;

fractionation. Long-distance pipelines to

Gulf Coast from Permian, Marcellus and

Cushing; gas export pipelines to Mexico.



Haynesville (TX): >1,000 wells 2008now (including Bossier); peak of ~190 in 2011 (~30 rigs); today only ~5 rigs; San Augustine, Shelby, Nacogdoches, Harrison, Panola, Rusk (~2,000 mi² in TX, mostly outside ERCOT); BEG scenarios for all Haynesville of 5K to

10K more wells through ~2045

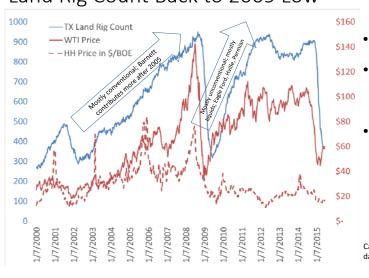
Downstream: 30+ projects 2012-14; 35+ projects 2015-18; up to \$33 billion; 23 MTPA capacity (some outside ERCOT)

Freeport LNG (13.2 MTPA): construction started Nov14; first shipment from the first train in late 2018; trains 2 and 3 estimated in 2019

Several LPG, condensate and ethane export projects along the coast

Corpus Christi LNG (13.5 MTPA): FERCapproved, pending non-FTA

### Land Rig Count Back to 2009 Low



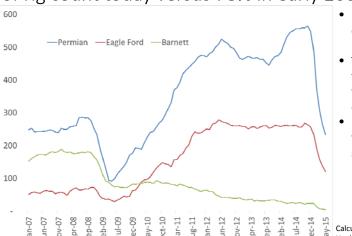


- Drilling is very responsive to the oil price
- \$120
   NGL prices traditionally linked to oil price; but today ethane is priced as methane (mostly)
  - Oil and natural gas prices decoupled since the late 2000s

Calculations based on Baker Hughes rig data and EIA price data.

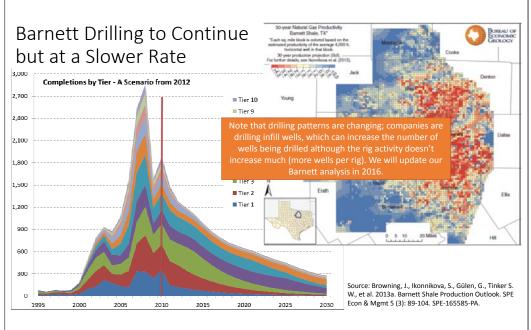
### Permian, Eagle Ford and Barnett account for 94% of rig count today versus 78% in early 2007

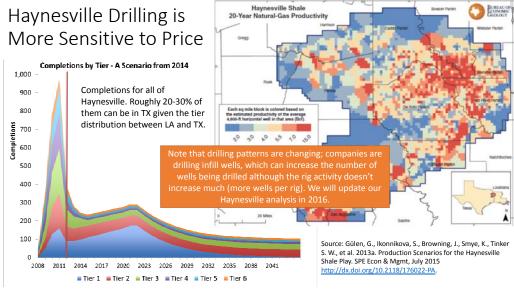


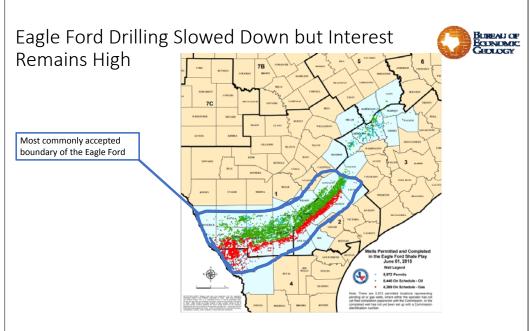


- Permian drilling is a mix of conventional and unconventional wells
- There are several formations in the Permian that will likely be developed over time
- Eagle Ford drilling started targeting gas but quickly switched to oil and liquids

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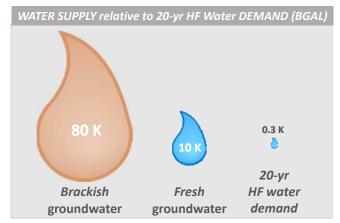






Water is not a Problem in the Eagle Ford: Brackish Groundwater is an Alternative





Scanlon et al., Env. Res. Lett. 2014

#### Hydraulic Fracturing Saves Water



For every gallon of water used to produce natural gas through hydraulic fracturing

• Water use for shale gas extraction = 6% of water used to generate electricity using that gas

Texas saved 33 gallons of water by generating electricity with that natural gas instead of coal or nuclear power (in 2011)

# Eagle Ford & Permian Will Continue to be Drilled but Infrastructure Issues Need to be Addressed \$\infty\$ \$Billions of Investment

- Gas flaring in EF: new pipelines & processing under development.
  - Other options: in-field generation, trucks running on LNG/CNG, drilling rigs that run on natural gas, micro power generation at the field
- Condensate splitting is necessary to meet refinery specs and/or "refine oil" to enable product export (primarily EF)
- NGL production handling and shipping: investment in new processing plants, fractionators and liquids pipelines (both EF and Permian)
- Crude shipping (both EF and Permian)
- Water infrastructure in the Permian (not as many options as EF): wastewater treatment & pipeline networks

## Eagle Ford Midstream – \$Billions Already Invested in Infrastructure; More Being Invested



Source: Enterprise Products, Credit Suisse presentation, June 23, 2015.

Permian Midstream - \$ Billions
Invested; More Being Invested

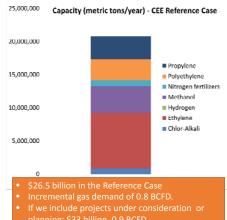
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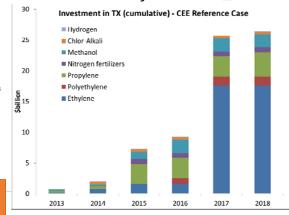
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### Petrochemicals & Other Industrial Projects







Source: BEG-CEE industrial projects database

http://www.beg.utexas.edu/energyecon/documents/Industrial%20Gas%20Demand%20052215.pdf

#### Some Concluding Observations



- Although slowed down significantly since October 2014 owing to low oil and natural gas prices, oil & gas activity in Texas remains significant across the value chain and across most of the State
  - As the oil price stabilizes and/or natural gas price recovers, the activity is likely to pick up.
- Eagle Ford and Permian will dominate in drilling and most midstream investments
- But all roads lead to the Gulf Coast for refining, fractionation, petrochemicals, liquefaction and exports