

NORTH DAKOTA OIL PRODUCTION AND OIL MARKET PRICES

Period	Oil Production (In Barrels)		Market Price Per Barrel ¹	
			Beginning of Period	End of Period
	Average Per Day	Total		
Actual production for fiscal year 2006	103,668	37,838,784	\$50.83	\$62.66
Actual production for fiscal year 2007	115,943	42,319,092	\$62.33	\$56.97
Total 2005-07 biennium	109,805	80,157,876		
Actual production for fiscal year 2008	138,611	50,731,739	\$60.65	\$117.01
Estimated production for fiscal year 2009	191,989	70,076,000	\$124.45	\$58.56
Total 2007-09 biennium	165,490	120,807,739		
Estimated production for the 2009-11 biennium	209,569	152,985,000	\$58.56	\$61.21

The following are the estimated average posted field oil prices for the 2009-11 biennium for selected months:

	September 2009	December 2009	March 2010	June 2010	September 2010	December 2010	March 2011	May 2011
Estimated posted field oil prices	\$65.56	\$63.90	\$56.83	\$58.48	\$68.16	\$62.89	\$59.10	\$61.21

The following are definitions of the terms relating to the pricing of crude oil, specifically the definitions of posted field price, spot price, and future price:

Posted field price is the price at which a crude oil purchaser will buy the oil of a certain quality from a particular field or area.

Spot price is the price for crude oil at which a one-time seller transaction is consummated.

Futures price is the price at which a contract for the future purchase or sale of oil is traded. The leading or benchmark price for crude oil futures is that paid for West Texas intermediate crude oil.

¹The oil prices shown are the Tesoro posted field prices for North Dakota sweet crude, which includes the Montana counties of Sheridan, Roosevelt, and Richland. The prices at the beginning and end of the periods are the monthly average actual or estimated posted prices.