

# MICHIGAN'S OIL AND GAS FIELDS, 1968

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The information contained in this publication results from the joint efforts of the Survey's Oil and Gas Section. It brings together under one cover many oil and gas field statistical data not usually found in any other industry or government publication. Oil and gas field data of historical and general interest are included and thus preserved herein for future reference. The summary is, therefore, a source of information most useful in evaluating Michigan's past history and future prospects as an oil and gas province. Furthermore, the gathering, maintenance, and compilation of the many statistical data contained in this summary reflects, in part, the varied functions of the Oil and Gas Section.

Current oil and gas production figures are obtained from Michigan Department of Revenue records. Gas import figures are from Michigan Public Service Commission, Gas Section, compilations. Other statistics are based upon data gathered by the Geological Survey.

Oil and Gas Section supervisors who contributed data and directed staff members in the gathering and maintenance of basic records and summarized them for manuscript preparation are:



DRILLING PERMITS BY DISTRICT

DISTRICT	Permits Issued		
	1966	1967	1968
Basin	79	91	88
Northern	11	11	17
Southeastern	222	178	143
Southwestern	43	72	61
Western	75	53	69
Totals	430	405	378

The higher figures for the southeastern district reflect exploration and development activity in the St. Clair-Macomb County area, and along the Albion-Pulaski-Scipio Trend. Table 1, page 6, shows the distribution of drilling permits by county. Not included in the above figures are 25 deepening permits. No geological test permits were issued in 1968. The fluctuation in permits issued for gas storage and other types of service wells over a three year span are as follows:

Service Wells	1966	1967	1968
Gas Storage		24	27
L.P.G., Wtr. Inj.			
Brine Disposal, etc.	7	2	9
	7	26	36

\*\*\* WELL COMPLETIONS \*\*\*

There were 333 new-hole exploratory and development wells completed during the year. The figure does not include gas storage reservoir wells, oil wells drilled to deeper oil or gas pools, reworks, or others not directly related to exploratory or field development drilling. Nearly 40% of the exploratory and 25% of the development wells were drilled in St. Clair and Macomb Counties. About 32% of the development well completions are credited to the Albion-Pulaski-Scipio Trend; most of them being in the Calhoun County part. More details on well completion results, by county, are shown on Table 1. The number and class of well completions according to oil and gas districts and by month in 1968 are tabulated on Table 3. The results of exploratory and development drilling covering a three-year period are summarized as follows:

EXPLORATORY AND DEVELOPMENT WELL COMPLETIONS

Year	Exploratory Wells			Development Wells			Totals
	Oil	Gas	Dry	Oil	Gas	Dry	
1967	7	2	171	69	38	106	393
1968	9	4	151	61	8	100	333

The fluctuation of drilled footage, including deepenings, over a three-year period is as follows:

Well Class	Amount of Drilled Footage		
	1966	1967	1968
Exploratory	560,941	539,400	522,384
Development	608,386	686,672	564,827
Service	33,370	88,434	776,026*
	1,202,697	1,314,506	1,163,237

\*Includes LPG, GS, Brine and water injection wells.

[Drilling Permits and Completions by County, Table 1]

TABLE 1 DRILLING PERMITS AND WELL COMPLETIONS BY COUNTY, 1968 (Sheet 1 of 2)

Classification of New Hole Completions  
Does not include reworked wells or old wells drilled deeper

COUNTY	OIL AND GAS PERMITS ISSUED	OIL AND GAS TESTS		RESULTS			SERVICE WELLS				TOTAL COMPLETIONS	
		Exploratory	Development	Oil Wells	Gas Wells	Dry Holes	Brine	GS	Inj.	LPG		
Allegan	6	2	2			4						4
Antrim	2		2			2						2
Arenac	1		1			1						1
Barry	1	1				1						1
Bay	1	2				2						2
Calhoun	39	1	33	11	1	22						34
Cass	1											1
Clare	15	1		1			13	2				14
Crawford	7		4	4	1							7
Eaton	3	1				1						1
Genesee	6		5	4		1						5
Gladwin	1											1
Grand Traverse	3	3				3						3
Graziot	3	3				3						3
Hillsdale	17	9	13	5		17						22
Ionia	3	2				2						2
Iosco	1	1				1						1
Isabella	10	5	6	3		8						11
Jackson	11	4	8	1		11						12
Kalamazoo	2											2
Kalkaska	2	1				1						3
Kent	3	1	2									3
Lake	23	4	13	10		7						17
Lapeer	3		4	4								4
Lenawee	2	1			1							1

TABLE 1 DRILLING PERMITS AND WELL COMPLETIONS BY COUNTY, 1968 (Sheet 2 of 2)

Macomb	33	26	10	1	4	31		1				37
Manistee	2	2				2						2
Mason	14	13	1	1		13						14
Mecosta	9	3	2	2		3		5				10
Midland	1	1										1
Missaukee	2		5	1		4						5
Montcalm	3	1	2			3						3
Muskegon	9	1	7	3		5						8
Newaygo	16	8	2	2		8						10
Oakland	1		1		1							1
Oceana	5	4	1			5						5
Ogemaw			2	1		1						2
Osceola	24	9	8	4	1	12		5				22
Ottawa	4	3				3						3
Presque Isle	3	3				3						3
Roscommon	1	1				1						1
Shiawassee	4		4	4								4
St. Clair	69	39	32	8	3	60		3				74
Van Buren	5	3	1			4						4
Washtenaw	1	1	1			2		1				3
Wayne	6										6	6
Totals	46 Counties	378	164	169	70	12	251	1	27	2	6	369

Includes 4 permits which were issued and terminated in 1968.

Brine from this well is used for dust and ice control on county roads.

\*\*\* OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION \*\*\*

No large oil reserves were found and developed during 1968 that reversed the general decline in annual oil production. Oil production amounted to 12,974,405 barrels as compared with 13,664,185 barrels in 1967.

Gas production increased from 33,241,640 Mcf. to 39,685,162 Mcf. in 1968. The increase is due in part to new gas fields going on line, and an increase in gas processing and gathering facilities in the Albion-Pulaski-Scipio fields.

LPG production, stripped from Michigan produced gas, amounted to about 1,885,735 barrels. The bulk of LPG

production came from Albion-Pulaski-Scipio, Belle River Mills, Boyd, and Reed City gas plants. An additional 603,965 barrels were stripped from gas imported into Michigan via pipeline and processed at the Willow Run plant. See Tables 9 and 10 for further information on gas plant operations.

Oil and gas production by individual fields or pools is found in Part 2, Table 4. Annual and cumulative production by year, geologic formation, and county can be found in Part 3. See Table 2 in this section for oil and gas production by county in 1968. The following tables show oil and gas production by month and by oil and gas districts.

**OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION BY DISTRICT**

District	Production	
	Barrels Oil	MCF Gas
Basin	3,958,562	1,898,546
Northern	422,361	459,274
Southeastern	5,721,044	31,246,298
Southwestern	2,607,557	6,026,557
Western	264,880	54,487
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12,974,404</b>	<b>39,685,162</b>

**OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION BY MONTH**

Month	Production	
	Barrels Oil	MCF Gas
January	1,132,372	3,340,012
February	1,040,183	2,525,937
March	1,103,810	3,386,377
April	1,110,123	3,069,001
May	1,110,957	3,310,233
June	1,047,591	3,104,457
July	1,117,491	3,156,949
August	1,085,189	3,084,110
September	1,043,988	3,649,268
October	1,125,661	3,956,857
November	1,036,872	3,115,270
December	1,020,167	3,986,691
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12,974,404</b>	<b>39,685,162</b>

**\*\*\* OIL AND GAS VALUATION \*\*\***

The average price paid at the wellhead for Michigan crude was \$2.95 per barrel. The value of this mineral resource amounted to about \$38,286,742 as compared with \$39,455,290 in 1967. The average price of Michigan gas sold at the well head was \$.26 per Mcf. The value of this product amounted to about \$10,284,638 as compared with \$8,364,822 in 1967. The value of LPG production amounted to about \$3,960,043. The estimated price of LPG's, per barrel, amounted to \$2.10.

**\*\*\* OIL AND GAS IMPORTS AND EXPORTS \*\*\***

Domestic imports via pipeline from western and mid-western states amounted to 25,817,614 barrels, a decrease from the 28,853,856 barrels imported in 1967. Canadian crude oil imports via pipeline from western Canada oil fields increased from 8,407,569 barrels to 14,299,426 barrels in 1968. Total imports to Michigan

refineries amounted to 40,117,040 barrels compared with 37,250,765 barrels in 1967.

**1968 OIL IMPORTS (Bbls.)**

	Domestic	Canadian	Total
January	2,285,055	1,297,142	3,582,197
February	1,989,241	1,227,883	3,217,124
March	1,995,582	1,388,615	3,384,197
April	1,601,504	1,565,864	3,167,368
May	1,844,695	1,351,201	3,195,896
June	2,219,837	1,364,129	3,583,966
July	2,059,953	1,212,053	3,272,006
August	1,967,121	1,405,011	3,372,132
September	2,185,535	1,395,300	3,580,835
October	2,542,616	741,365	3,283,981
November	2,957,312	642,305	3,599,617
December	2,169,163	708,558	2,877,721
<b>Totals</b>	<b>25,817,614</b>	<b>14,299,426</b>	<b>40,117,040</b>

Michigan produced crude oil exported to northern Indiana (Ft. Wayne) and Ohio (Cleveland) refineries amounted to 584,063 barrels. The 1967 export figures report in Statistical Summary 8 should have been 503,289 barrels rather than 149,463 barrels reported.

**1968 OIL EXPORTS (Bbls.)**

January	49,780	July	36,520
February	46,896	August	45,120
March	51,681	September	53,959
April	45,944	October	52,615
May	46,156	November	54,583
June	32,551	December	68,258

**Total 584,063**

Gas imports to Michigan markets and gas storage fields via pipelines, primarily from Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Kansas fields increased slightly in 1968. Compilations by the Gas Section, Michigan Public Service Commission, show gas imports of 696,781,346 Mcf. as compared with 661,345,209 Mcf. in 1967. Gas imports by month were as follows:

**PIPELINE GAS IMPORTS (Mcf.)**

January	42,052,490
February	38,279,574
March	53,639,331
April	63,088,810
May	67,158,538
June	69,656,110
July	71,065,176
August	71,893,001
September	64,938,589
October	61,424,427
November	48,796,640
December	64,491,664
<b>Total</b>	<b>696,781,346</b>

**\*\*\* DISCOVERY WELLS \*\*\***

State-wide, the discovery-to-dry hole ratio for exploratory or new field wildcat wells was about 1:12 as compared with 1:20 in 1967. In St. Clair and Macomb Counties, where about 40% of the exploratory wells were drilled, the ratio was about 1:16 as compared with 1:20 in 1967.

Completion details on all discovery wells credited to 1968 are listed on pages 12 and 13. All reached total depth during the year, and most were put on production.

None of the new oil discoveries appears to have an oil or gas yield greater than a Class E field as defined below. The classifications are based on potential yields as defined by the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, Committee on Statistics of Drilling.

- Class A - Over 50 million barrels oil or 300 BCF gas
- Class B - 25-50 million barrels oil or 150-300 BCF gas
- Class C - 10-25 million barrels oil or 60-150 BCF gas
- Class D - 1-10 million barrels oil or 6-60 BCF gas
- Class E - 1 million barrels or less oil, or less than 6 BCF gas
- Class F - Abandoned as non-profitable

**TABLE 2 -- OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION BY COUNTY IN 1968**

County	Barrels Oil	MCF Gas	County	Barrels Oil	MCF Gas
Allegan	285,086	526,923	Roscommon	162,997	301,781
Arenac	252,669	---	Saginaw	23,183	---
Barry	11,888	---	Shiawassee	11,502	---
Bay	308,631	---	St. Clair	581,450	19,143,167
Berrien	---	---	Tuscola	70,891	---
Calhoun	2,325,320	4,865,576	Van Buren	10,669	---
Cass	1,055	---	Washtenaw	17,224	93,011
Clare	562,166	157,540	Wayne	10,642	43,447
Crawford	348,960	427,630	Westford	---	54,487
Genesee	9,048	---			
Gladwin	330,573	---	Totals:	12,974,404	39,685,162
Gratiot	17,269	7,297			
Hillsdale	3,511,411	5,183,408			
Huron	1,852	---			
Ionia	59	---			
Isabella	232,317	2,392			
Jackson	1,401,204	2,498,701			
Kalamaskia	71,833	---			
Kent	75,908	18,078			
Lake	56,331	---			
Lapeer	70,412	43,410			
Lenawee	298	69,265			
Livingston	868	8,703			
Macomb	10,479	4,163,186			
Mason	70,207	---			
Mecosta	275,826	117,191			
Midland	205,782	---			
Missaukee	499,169	970,235			
Monroe	3,701	---			
Montcalm	148,591	7,160			
Muskegon	71,651	---			
Newaygo	23,411	---			
Oakland	979	---			
Oceana	57,932	---			
Ogemaw	277,797	539,825			
Osceola	586,695	195,125			
Oscoda	1,568	---			
Otsego	---	31,644			
Ottawa	77,031	615,980			

Most new fields were found in established producing regions. None open large, undrilled areas for exploration. The number of wells completed in the new fields during 1968, and the cumulative production for the field can be found in the oil and gas field tables on the green pages. The location of new fields in relation to older fields is shown on the map segments, page 14.

Devonian and Silurian rocks were again an important drilling objective. About 36% of all wells were completed in Devonian rocks, and about 33% were completed in Silurian, mainly the Niagaran section. About 20% of the wells were completed in Middle Ordovician, Trenton-Black River rocks. The balance were completed in Mississippian rocks or those older than Middle Ordovician. An analysis of discoveries through a three-year period is shown in chart form. Extension discoveries and new pools are included.

**\*\*\* DEEP TESTS \*\*\***

About 7% of the 1968 exploratory wells reached total depth in Mississippian rocks, 21% in Devonian Traverse limestones, 17% in Devonian Dundee-Reed City limestones, 43% in Middle Silurian Niagaran rocks, and 12% in Middle Ordovician Trenton-Black River or deeper rocks. One Precambrian basement test was drilled during the year.

ANALYSIS OF DISCOVERY WELLS BY GEOLOGIC SYSTEM		Number of Discoveries		
System	Formation or Pay	1966	1967	1968
Pennsylvanian		-	-	-
Mississippian	"Michigan Stray Ss."	1	-	1
	"Berea"	-	1	-
Devonian	Antrim Shale	-	-	-
	"Traverse Lime"	3	1	6
	Dundee	1	3	1
	"Reed City"	3	-	1
	Detroit River	-	-	-
	"Sour Zone"	-	-	-
	Richfield	-	-	1
Silurian	Salina A-1 or A-2	-	-	-
	Niagaran reef*	2	3	4
Ordovician	Trenton-Black River	-	1	-
	Prairie du Chien	-	-	-
Cambrian	(Gas shows reported)	-	-	-

\*Most reefs also have associated Salina A-1 oil or gas pays.

No firm criteria have been established for designating exploratory wells as important deep tests. Actual drilled depth is not the determining factor. Selections are most often based on the geologic age of the strata penetrated in reference to the location of the test within the basin, and the relative abundance of similar tests in the area. Deeper pool tests in designated fields may also qualify as deep tests. Those selected for 1968 are listed on page 13.

A series of important deep tests were drilled in the northern part of the Southern Peninsula. Most of this region is sparsely explored and not much is known of its oil and gas possibilities. The locations of the more important tests in this region are shown on the small map, page 15. All tests were reported to have been based on gravimeter surveys. Though all were dry holes, the first one drilled was a near-discovery and is partially responsible for the extensive leasing campaign conducted in the northern part of the basin during 1968.

Pan American's No. 1 Draysey was the first well spudded in the exploratory project. Good shows of oil and gas were recovered on drill-stem tests in the Niagaran. These were by-passed and the well was drilled ahead to Middle Ordovician Trenton-Black River rocks where another drill stem test was run from 4364 to 4451 feet. Recoveries and pressures in this interval were unfavorable, and the well was finally drilled to Precambrian basement rock at a total depth of 5940 feet. Well-site geologists picked the top of the Precambrian rock at 5877. The well bottomed out in what are probably altered basalts. Inspection of well cuttings indicates that Precambrian quartzites were encountered at about 5714 feet, thus moving the Precambrian top 167 feet higher, stratigraphically. Samples for this well are on file at the Michigan Geological Survey, Department of Natural Resources, Lansing, Michigan.



Cores from a number of the deep tests drilled in the northern part of the basin are on file at the University of Michigan Subsurface Laboratory and are available for inspection. They are:

Pan Am Petr Corp #1 Draysey	29-35N-2E	Niagaran
Pan Am Petr Corp #1 Smith	12-34N-2E	Salina A-1 into Niagaran
NMECO #1 Campsites *	35-29N-6W	Niagaran
NMECO #1 Keller *	17-27N-8W	Salina A-1 Carb and Salt
NMECO #1 Compton *	30-26N-12W	Salina A-1 into Niagaran
NMECO #1 Kennett *	32-27N-10W	Salina A-1 into Niagaran
NMECO #1 Dreves *	5-26N-10W	Salina A-1 into Niagaran
McClure #1 Griner	16-24N-13W	Salina A-1 into Niagaran
McClure #1 Bailey	24-29N-7W	Salina A-1 to Niagaran
Pan Am Petr Corp #1 State-Blue Lake **	1-28N-5W	Salina A-1

\* Northern Michigan Exploration Company  
 \*\* State-Blue Lake No. 1 was drilled in 1969

**\*\*\* STATE ACREAGE UNDER LEASE \*\*\***

State-owned lands under lease for oil and gas development at the end of 1968 amounted to 939,756 acres as compared with 308,177 acres at the end of 1967. Most of the newly leased land is in the northern part of the Southern Peninsula and was leased in connection with exploratory drilling and evaluation of the area. Revenue from oil and gas bonus, rental and royalty amounted to \$2,002,870 as compared with \$500,501 in 1967.

**\*\*\* NEW PUBLICATIONS IN 1968 \*\*\***

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- Michigan Basin Geological Society, Oil and Gas Field Symposium, 1968. This symposium is a collection of papers on selected Michigan oil and gas fields.

**\*\*\* PUBLIC HEARINGS \*\*\***

Act No. 61 of the Public Acts of 1939, as amended, provides for hearings on oil and gas matters. Act No. 326 of the Public Acts of 1937, as amended, provides for hearings on matters pertaining to natural dry gas.

Hearings on matters of local concern involving the administration of rules and regulations, such as exceptions to spacing orders, or pooling of interests to form drilling units, are conducted by the Supervisor of Wells, the State Geologist. Hearings on matters involving broad policies and practices having field-wide or state-wide application are conducted by the Supervisor of Wells and before the Advisory Board. Oil and gas hearings held during 1968 are summarized below.

Hearings Per Month	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Items or Causes Heard and Actions by the Supervisor	3	3	3	1	1	1	2	3	5	3	2	2	29
Spacing Orders:													
Emergency										1			1
Amended													7
Adopted		1				1	1			3	2	1	6
Abrogated							3						3
Proration Orders:													
Adopted						1							1
Amended													1
Off-Pattern Permits Issued	4	1	2	1	1	0	1		6		2	1	22
Determine Reservoir Status										1			1
Unitization of Pool													1
Items Heard, No Action Taken	2					1	1						5
Total Items or Causes	4	3	3	1	1	0	2	3	6	3	2	2	48

**TABLE 3. NEW WELL COMPLETIONS BY DISTRICTS, 1968**

CLASSIFICATION OF NEW WELL COMP.	DISTRICTS					Totals
	Basin	Northern	Western	Southwestern	Southeastern	
Oil Wells (1)	20	4	16	11	19	70
Gas Wells (2)	1	1	0	1	9	12
Gas Storage Wells	23	0	0	0	4	27
Water Injection Wells	0	2	0	0	0	2
LPG Storage	0	0	0	0	6	6
Brine Wells	0	0	0	0	1	1
Dry Holes	44	9	40	37	121	251
TOTAL Well Completions	88	16	56	49	160	369
EXPLORATORY WELLS COMP.						
Exploratory Tests D & A	27	9	29	11	75	151
Successful Explor. Tests*	4	1	3	0	5	13
Total Explor. Tests	31	10	32	11	80	164

PERMITS ISSUED	MONTHS												Totals
	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	
CLASSIFICATION OF NEW WELL COMPLETIONS	32	34	18	25	39	19	26	42	35	46	33	32	378
Oil Wells	7	7	3	5	6	3	7	6	6	9	7	4	70
Gas Wells	2	0	3	0	0	0	2	1	2	1	1	0	12
Gas Storage Wells	0	0	0	0	1	1	6	5	3	3	5	3	27
Water Injection	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
LPG Storage	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	6
Brine Wells	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Dry Holes	23	19	18	13	19	18	27	22	24	21	26	21	251
TOTAL Well Completions	32	27	29	20	29	22	42	34	37	34	39	28	369
EXPLORATORY WELLS COMPLETED													
Exploratory Tests D & A	16	9	8	9	7	13	18	16	11	12	17	15	151
Successful Exploratory Tests*	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	3	0	13
Total Exploratory Tests	18	9	10	9	7	13	19	17	13	14	20	15	164

- (1) Does not include oil wells resulting from rework operations.
- (2) Does not include gas wells resulting from rework operations.
- \* Does not include new pool discoveries; does include 1 extension discovery.

## PART 2

### OIL AND GAS FIELDS

Part 2 brings together general information mainly on Michigan's oil and gas fields, gas storage reservoirs, gas plant operations, and LP6 storage facilities. In previous issues of oil and gas summaries, abandoned oil and gas fields have been listed on separate tables apart from active oil and gas fields. Certain cross-references in past published tables have been inconvenient and in some cases, confusing. The past system has been discontinued in favor of a single, consolidated table listing all oil and gas fields, active and abandoned, in alphabetical order. Developed and undeveloped gas storage reservoirs are also integrated in the listing, but for convenience they are also shown on separate tables.

**MICHIGAN OIL AND GAS FIELDS, TABLE 4.** Most fields consist of one pool with oil or gas production coming from a single formation. A few fields have 2 or more separate pools, each producing from a different formation or stratigraphic interval and at a different depth. Field names are shown in the first column and the producing pool, or pools, are shown under **PRODUCING FORMATION OR POOL**. The symbol on the left margin of the table indicates the official classification of fields and pools at the end of the year. **LOCATION OF FIELDS** according to Township, Range, and Sections are found at the bottom of the field block. The listed sections are those which have, or have had, producing wells assigned to the field. Oil and gas fields are considered abandoned when all wells have been plugged to the surface and the field equipment has been removed from the area. Abandoned pools within a multi-pool field are shown by symbol and by abandonment date. The **PAY ZONE** part of the table generally refers to data for the pool discovery well. The **PAY THICKNESS** shown does not necessarily indicate net producing pay for the reservoir. The **DEEPEST FORMATION TESTED** column indicates the deepest total depth and formation penetrated in the field. The **NUMBER OF OIL AND GAS WELL** columns indicate the number of successful field wells drilled in the field to the end of the specified year, the number completed as producing wells during the year, the number abandoned during the year, the number producing at the end of the year, and the number shut in or shut down at the end of the year. Most of the latter category are producible wells but for various reasons they were not in operation. The **DRILLED ACRES** column indicates the number of acres assigned to the field or pool according to individual well drilling units. A field may have a 10 or 20 acre drilling unit for one pool and a 40 acre drilling unit for a deeper formation pool within the field. Drilling units for oil wells have generally been of 10, 20, or 40 acre size. Gas well units, especially for Michigan Stray Sandstone reservoirs, have generally been 160 acre units. Other sizes currently in use are 40, 80, and 320 acre units. Changes in drilling units, off-pattern wells, etc. complicate the maintenance of accurate acreage figures

during the life of a given field or individual pool. Where possible, drilled acreage is shown for individual pools. The figures cited in the column are not entirely accurate but do provide as near as possible an indication of the area! size of the field. The figures do not indicate the area! extent of the oil or gas reservoir. **RECOVERY PER DRILLED ACRE** figures for oil pools result from dividing the drilled acres figure into the cumulative oil production figure.

**OIL AND GAS FIELD MAPS.** These insert maps show the general locations of most Michigan fields. It is not practical to outline and show the names of all hydrocarbon accumulations that have been designated as an oil or gas field. In general, the field names shown on the several maps are in agreement with the field names shown on oil and gas field tables.

**GAS FIELDS.** Because of lack of marketing facilities, slow field development, or small reserves, some gas fields are listed as "shut in" and show no production figures. Others produce small quantities of unmetered gas and are not considered commercial. Production from these fields is used as lease fuel or for domestic use.

**GAS STORAGE RESERVOIRS.** Most gas storage reservoirs were originally classified as gas fields or pools and upon depletion or near depletion they were converted to storage reservoirs. Undeveloped gas storage reservoirs are gas pools that have been designated to become storage reservoirs at some future time.

The producing sections listed on gas storage reservoir tables do not necessarily relate to current gas storage area or boundaries. The sections, or parts of sections, which are listed are those which contained at least one producible oil or gas well assigned to the field or pool prior to conversion to gas storage. Also, the sections do not necessarily relate to potential or future gas storage area or boundary.

**LPG STORAGE.** Surface and underground storage facilities for liquified petroleum gas.

**OIL WELL GAS.** This is casinghead gas produced incidental to the production of oil from pools or fields generally classified as oil accumulations.

**OIL AND GAS WELL RECORDS.** Geological logs and drillers logs are available for more than 27,500 oil and gas tests drilled in the Southern Peninsula. Individual logs may be purchased at small cost.

**WELL SAMPLE SETS.** Well cuttings from about 9000 wells are available for inspection at the Geological Survey, Lansing, Michigan.

## PART 3, CUMULATIVE RECORDS

### EXPLANATION

Part 3 contains cumulative statistics principally of oil and gas production, well completions, and oil field brine production and disposal from 1925 through the most recent year-end compilations.

**OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION TABLES.** Oil and gas production figures for individual years prior to 1960 can be found in issues of "Summary of Operations, Oil and Gas Fields" for 1962 and prior years, and in "Michigan's Oil and Gas Fields" 1963 to present. The tables show the year of the first recorded production from a particular formation, and the yearly and cumulative production totals from 1925 through the most recent year-end compilations. Cumulative oil and gas production by county is shown on a separate table. Refer to Part 1 for county production figures for the past year, and prior issues for previous years.

**CUMULATIVE WELL COMPLETIONS.** These tables show the cumulative number of yearly completions in a county. Well density figures include field development wells, exploratory wells, and service wells of all types.

**DRILLING PERMITS, WELL COMPLETIONS, FIELDS DISCOVERED.** These tables show the number of drilling permits issued by year from 1927 through the most recent year-end compilations. Initial classification of well completions by year, the number of new fields or pools discovered, and the number of producible oil or gas wells on a yearly basis are all shown on the same table.

**BRINE PRODUCTION AND DISPOSAL.** Oil field brine production records prior to 1937 are incomplete. This table shows the reported amount of produced brine and the method of disposal from 1937 to present. Most oil field brine is now returned to subsurface formations. Small quantities are used for dust control or ice and snow removal on county roads in local areas. A small amount of brine is also disposed in burning pits. Brine production and disposal figures should not be considered entirely accurate.

**SERVICE WELLS.** Service wells as listed in this publication are those wells which were drilled to serve some purpose other than the initial production of oil or gas. Oil or gas wells are sometimes converted to salt water disposal, observation, or facility wells in gas storage or pressure maintenance projects. There are several types of service wells:

*LPG Wells.* These are wells drilled for underground storage of liquified petroleum gas. In Michigan, these storage reservoirs are in man-made cavities in salt beds. The cavities have been made by dissolving the salt with water and then pumping out the brine.

*Gas Storage Wells.* These are wells drilled in gas storage reservoirs. They are frequently referred to as facility wells, and are generally used to inject gas into or

extract gas from the reservoir. Certain facility wells may sometime in the history of the field be used as salt water disposal wells or observation wells.

*Observation Wells.* Most observation wells are related to gas storage projects. They are used to observe underground movement of gas, brines, and other fluids, or to observe pressures.

*Brine Disposal Wells.* These wells are used in the disposal of oil and gas field brines back into some suitable subsurface formation. Brine disposal well permits are issued for these wells.

*Injection and Pressure Maintenance Wells.* These are wells used in secondary recovery, or pressure maintenance projects. They may be new wells drilled specifically for injection or pressure maintenance, or they may be converted oil or gas wells; their status can change from time to time.

Oil or gas wells are sometimes converted to salt water disposal, observation, facility wells in gas storage reservoirs, or water injection wells used in secondary recovery or pressure maintenance projects. The types of service wells listed under "Classification of Well Completions" does not include oil or gas wells converted to service wells.

## ABBREVIATIONS

A.A.P.G.	America Assoc. Petrol. Geol.	NFW	New Field Wildcat
A.P.I.	American Petroleum Institute	(N) I.P.	(Natural) Initial Production or Potential
(A) I.P.	(Acid) Initial Production or Potential	Niag.	Niagaran
A-1 Carb.	A-1 Carbonate	Nt.	Nontechnical
A-2 Carb.	A-2 Carbonate	OBS	Observation Well
Bbls.	Barrels	OP	Out Post Well
B.B.	Bois Blanc formation	Ord.	Ordovician
B.D.	Brine Disposal	OWDD	Old Well Drilled Deeper
BDW	Brine Disposal Well	P.D.C.	Prairie du Chien formation
BOPD	Barrels Oil Per Day	Penn.	Pennsylvanian
B.R.	Black River	Pilot Wtr.	Pilot Water
Camb.	Cambrian	P.M.	Pressure Maintenance
"Camb."	Unidentified Cambrian	Prod. Form.	Producing Formation
Cat.	Cataract formation	R.C.	Reed City formation
c.f.p.b.	Cubic feet per barrel	RW	Reworked Well
C.H.	Cabot Head formation	Rich.	Richfield formation
Cinn.	Cincinnatian	Sag.	Saginaw formation
Cl.	Clinton formation	Sal.-Niag.	Salina-Niagaran
Cold.	Coldwater formation	SD	Shut Down
Compl.	Completion	Seis.	Seismograph
Coop.	Cooperative	SO & G	Show Oil and Gas
D & A	Dry and Abandoned	S.P.	St. Peter formation
Dev.	Devonian	Stray	Michigan Stray formation
D.R.	Detroit River formation	Sub.	Subsurface geology
D.R. SZ	Detroit River Sour Zone	SW	Service Well
Dres.	Dresbach formation	SWD	Salt Water Disposal
Dd., DD	Dundee	Sylv.	Sylvania formation
Dd.-R.C.	Dundee-Reed City	SZ	Sour Zone (in Detroit River)
DPT	Deeper Pool Test	Thick.	Thickness
E.C.	Eau Claire formation	(T) I.P.	(Treatment) Initial Production or Potential
Explor.	Exploratory	Trav.	Traverse
Fran.	Franconia formation	Tremp.	Trempealeau formation
Geo. Test	Geological Test	Trenton-Blk. River	Trenton-Black River
G.O.R.	Gas-Oil Ratio	Trent.	Trenton
Grav.	Gravity, Gravimeter	Unit.	Unitized
GS	Gas Storage		
GSW	Gas Storage Service Well		
Gw	Glenwood		
Incs.	Includes		
Inj.	Injection		
L.P.G.	Liquid Petroleum Gas		
Marsh.	Marshall formation		
MCF	Thousand Cubic		
MCFGPD	Thousand Cubic Feet Gas Per Day		
Mich.	Michigan formation		
Miss.	Mississippian		
M.S.	Mt. Simon ss.		

# STRATIGRAPHIC SUCCESSION IN MICHIGAN

PALEOZOIC THROUGH RECENT



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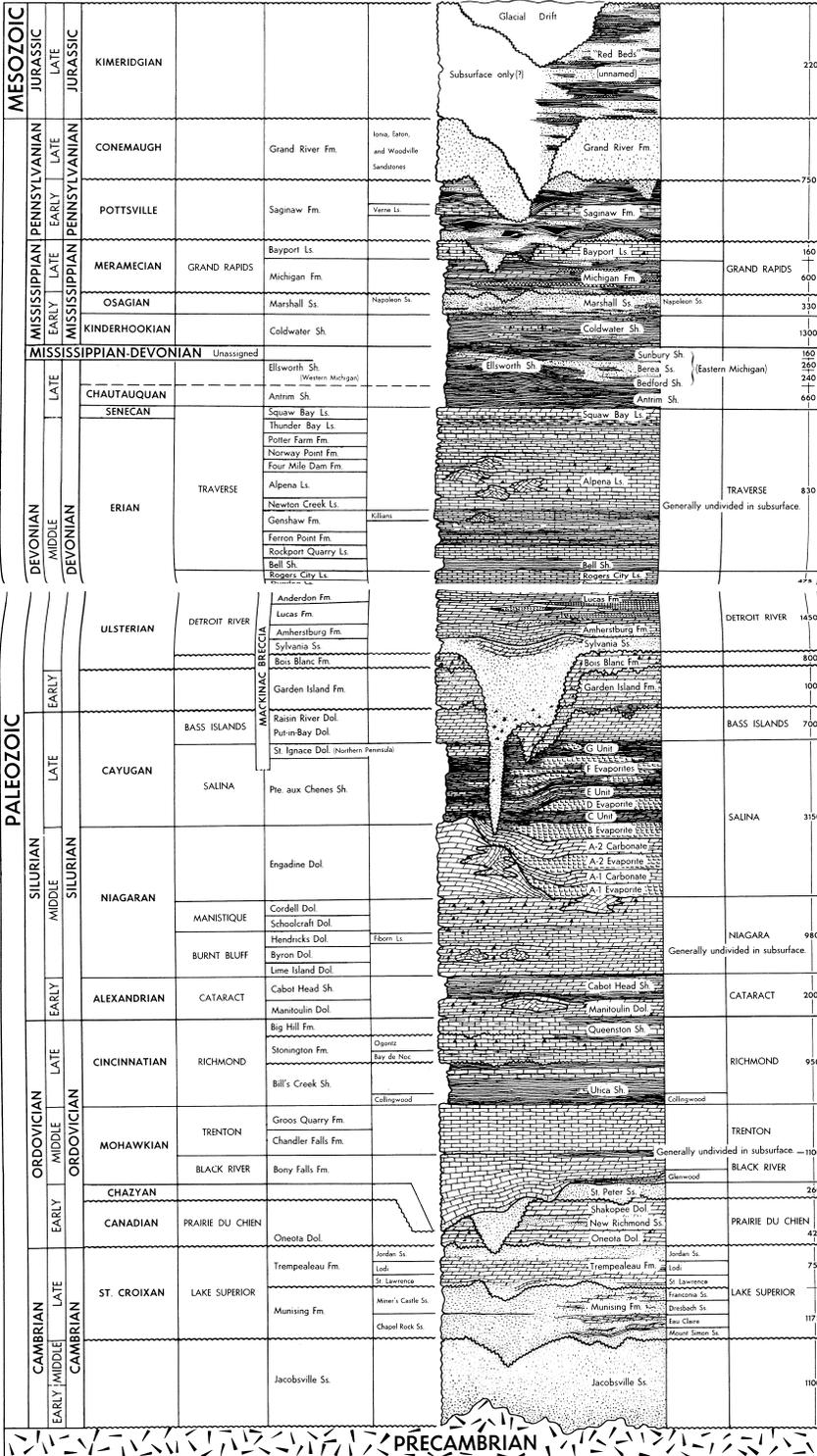
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PLEISTOCENE NOMENCLATURE				
ERA	SYSTEM	SERIES	STAGE	
CENOZOIC	QUATERNARY	PLEISTOCENE	RECENT	
			Wisconsin Glaciation	Valders Stage Two Creeks Interstage Mankato Stage (Pl. Huron?) Cary Stage Tazewell Stage
			Sangamon Interglaciation	
			Illinoian Glaciation	

OUTCROP NOMENCLATURE				
GEOLOGIC TIME	PERIOD	EPOCH	ROCK-STRATIGRAPHIC	
			SERIES	GROUP
ERA	PERIOD	EPHOC	SERIES	GROUP
			FORMATION	MEMBER

SUBSURFACE NOMENCLATURE		
ROCK-STRATIGRAPHIC		
FORMATION	MEMBER	GROUP
Approximate maximum thickness, in feet, of rock units in the subsurface. NO SCALE		



STRATIGRAPHIC POSITION	INFORMAL TERMS	PAYS
Basal sandstones of Saginaw Fm.	Perma sandstone	
In lower part of Michigan	table top brown line stray clay ss. stray dol.	Gas Gas & Oil
Marshall Ss.	stray ss.	Gas & Oil
Coldwater Sh.	Coldwater lime Wier sand Coldwater red rock	Gas
In upper part of Ellsworth Sh.	"bera" (Western Michigan)	Oil & Gas
Berea Ss.	Berea sand (Eastern Michigan)	Oil & Gas
Squaw Bay Ls.	Squaw Bay	Oil & Gas
Upper part of Traverse Group in Western Michigan	Traverse formation Traverse lime Snoopy Lake zone	Oil & Gas Oil & Gas
Rogers City Ls.		Oil & Gas
Dundee Ls.		Oil & Gas
Dundee Ls. (?), Upper part of Lucas Fm. (?)	Reed City zone	Oil & Gas
In Lucas Fm.	massive salt big salt sour zone massive anhydrite big anhydrite Richfield zone	Oil & Gas Oil & Gas
Amherstburg Fm.	black line	
Part of Salina Group E Unit	E zone (or Kingh zone)	Oil
Divisions of A-2 Carbonate in Western Michigan	A-2 dolomite A-2 lime	Gas
A-1 Carbonate	A-1 dolomite	Oil & Gas
Upper part of Niagaran Series	brown Niagaran gray Niagaran white Niagaran	Oil & Gas
Part of Niagaran Series	Clinton shale (Eastern Michigan)	
Trenton Group		Oil & Gas
Black River Group	Black River formation Black River shale Van Wert zone	Oil & Gas
Oneota Dol.		Oil

### EXPLANATION

	Limestone		Coal beds
	Cherty		Anhydrite or gypsum
	Sandy or silty		Halite (Salt)
	Argillaceous or shaly		Bioturms (Reefs)
	Dolomite		PRECAMBRIAN Igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary rock
	Same variations as limestone		
	Shale		
	Sandy or silty		
	Calcareous		
	Dolomitic		
	Sandstone		
	Cherty		
	Calcareous dolomitic		
	Argillaceous or shaly		

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