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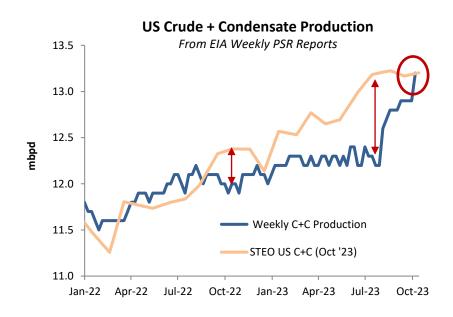
Summary Assessment

- Rigs counts once again saw a glimmer of hope this week.
- Rig counts
 - Total oil rig counts: +1 to 502
 - Horizontal oil rig counts: +0 to 449
 - The Permian horizontal oil rig count: +1
 - The Canadian horizontal oil rig count saw a solid progress this week, +4 to 118, but is still 17 below this week last year
- The US horizontal oil rig count is falling at a pace of -0.5 / week on a 4 wma basis.
 - This number has been negative for 46 of the last 47 weeks
 - If the rig count change is zero or higher next week, then the 4 wma change in rig counts will turn positive for the first time in 11 months
- Frac spreads rose, +6 to 269
 - There is a stark mismatch between rigs and spreads now, with DUC inventory, as measured in days of turnovers, falling to 14.3 weeks. This the lowest since the early days of the shale revolution
- The rig/spread relationship is now clearly unstable
 - To attain stability in the DUC count, rigs must either rise by 75 or spreads must fall by 38. This is the most distorted this number has been since the height of the pandemic.
 - If the breakeven to add rigs of \$83 holds, then we should see appreciable rig additions in the coming weeks.
 - On the other hand, we have only two weeks of positive data on rigs, which could easily prove a
 false dawn. If that's the case, then at some point, spreads will start to fall off dramatically

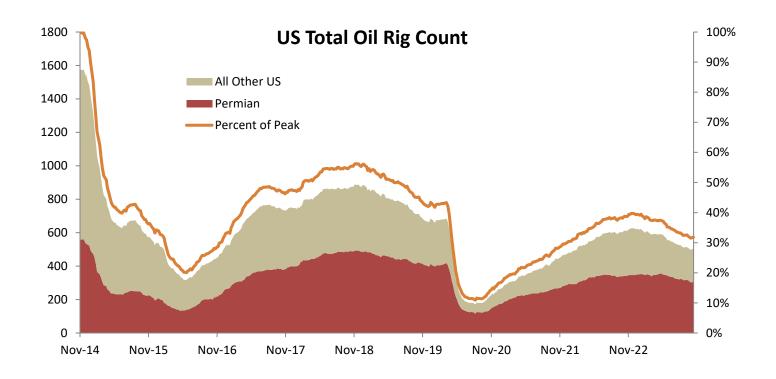
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October DPR Assessment

- The EIA issued the October DPR this past week
 - In the October report, September crude and condensate production from key shale plays fell to 9.47 mbpd, down 34 kbpd from August.
 - However, total August C+C shale production was revised up a whopping 237 kbpd, and the May-August period was revised up by an eye-popping 182 kbpd on average
 - The EIA continues to see peak shale oil output in July 2023.
 - Having said that, revisions have been so large lately that my confidence in reported numbers is at a low at present.
 - As I noted last week (graph right), the EIA has been on a revision spree lately – which happens sometimes – but it does make the data hard to interpret, and reliable month-to-month comparability may not be restored until early next year.

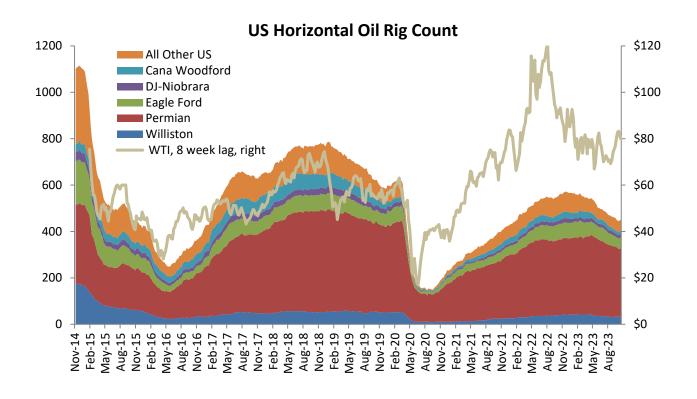


US Total Oil Rig Count



- Total oil rigs: +1 to 502
- Permian: +1
- All Other US: +0

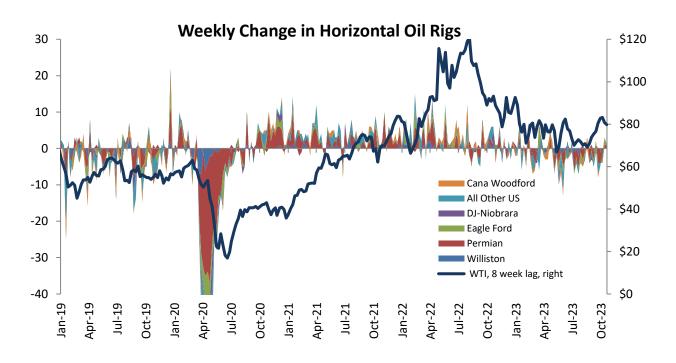
US Horizontal Oil Rig Count



- Horizontal oil rigs: +0 to 449
- Permian: +1
- All Other US: -1



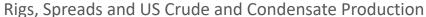
Weekly Change in Horizontal Oil Rig Count by Basin



By Basin	Change	Count
Williston	0	33
Permian	+1	294
 Eagle Ford 	-1	46
DJ Niobrara	0	14
 Cana Wdford 	-1	12
Other US	+1	50
Total	0	449



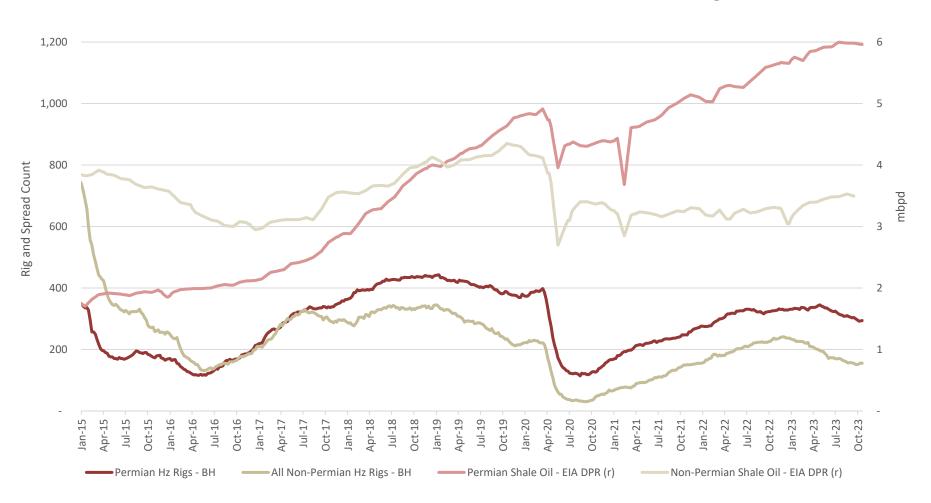
Rigs, Spreads and US Oil Production





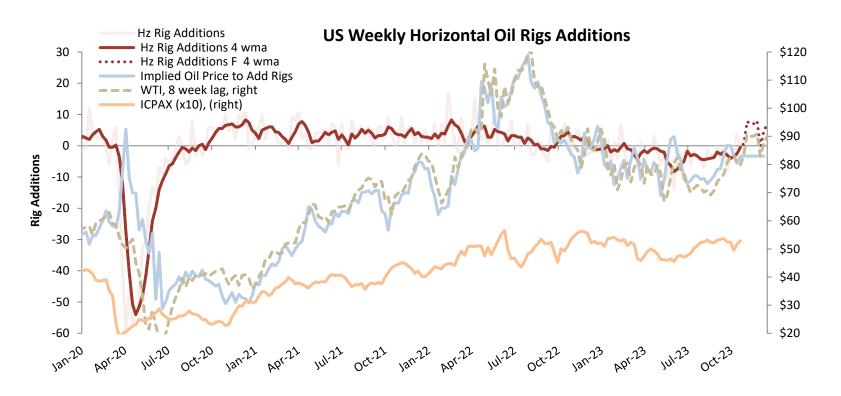
Permian & Non-Permian Shale Oil Production and Hz Oil Rigs

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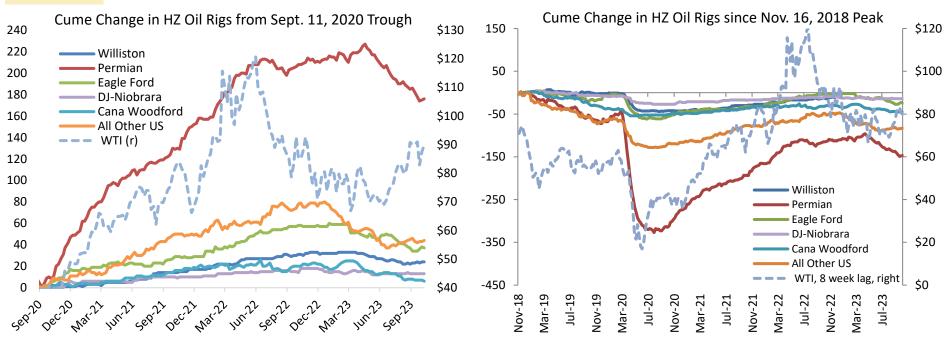
Rig Additions and Breakevens



- The 4 wma pace of horizontal rig additions rose to -0.5 / week, negative for the 46th time in the last 47 weeks
- With an eight-week lag, the breakeven to add horizontal oil rigs stands at \$83 / barrel on a WTI basis with \$88 on the screen



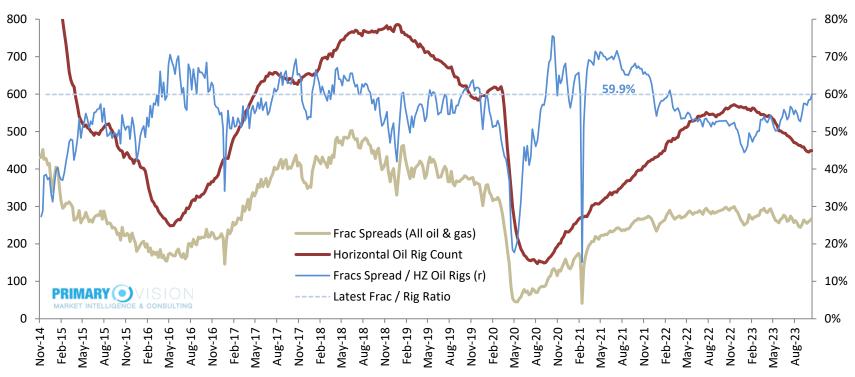
US Horizontal Oil Rig Change from Peak and Trough



	Latest HZ	Trough August 14, 2020			Prior Peak Nov. 16, 2018				
Rig Count	Trough Count	Rig Change	Percent Change	Pct of Rig Gained	Peak Count	Rig Change	Percent Change	Pct of Rigs Lost	
Williston	33	11	22	200%	7%	53	(20)	-38%	6%
Permian	294	114	180	158%	60%	441	(147)	-33%	44%
 Eagle Ford 	46	10	36	360%	12%	70	(24)	-34%	7%
 DJ Niobrara 	14	1	13	1300%	4%	28	(14)	-50%	4%
 Cana Wdford 	12	6	6	100%	2%	58	(46)	-79%	14%
Other US	50	5	45	900%	15%	133	(83)	-62%	25%
Total	449	147	302	205%	100%	783	(334)	-43%	100%
		05/22/20							
Frac SpreadsSpread Ratio	269 59.9%	45 30.6%	224	498%		433 55.3%	(164)	-38%	

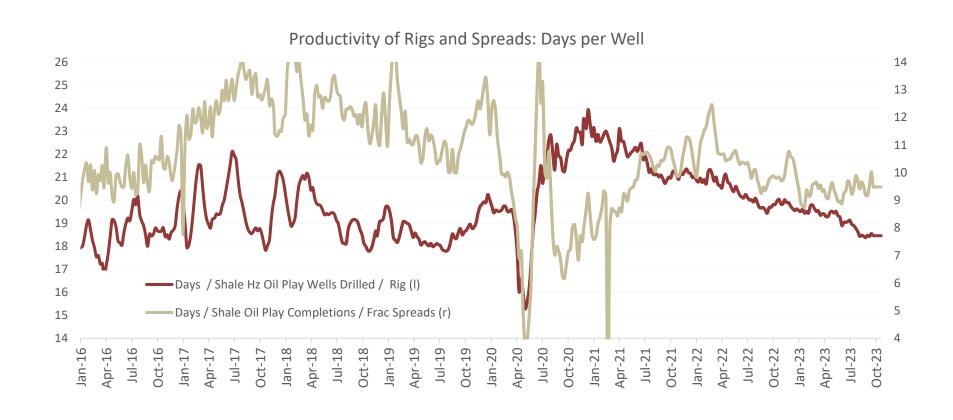
US Oil & Gas Frac Spreads





Frac spreads were +6 to 269

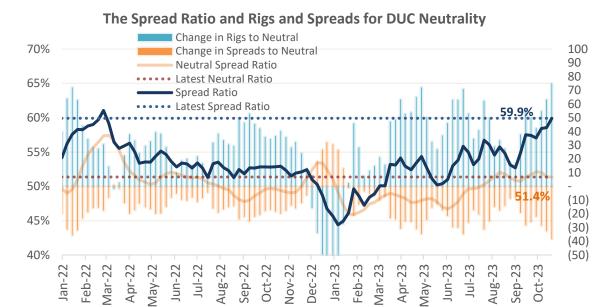
Rig and Spread Productivity

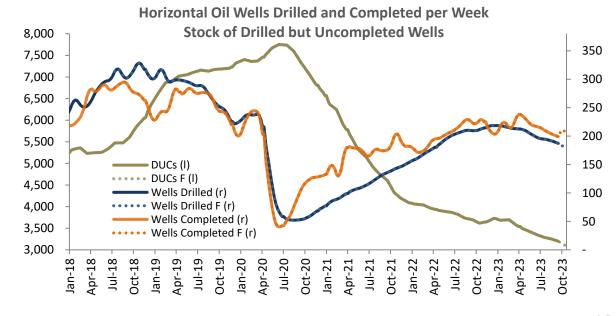




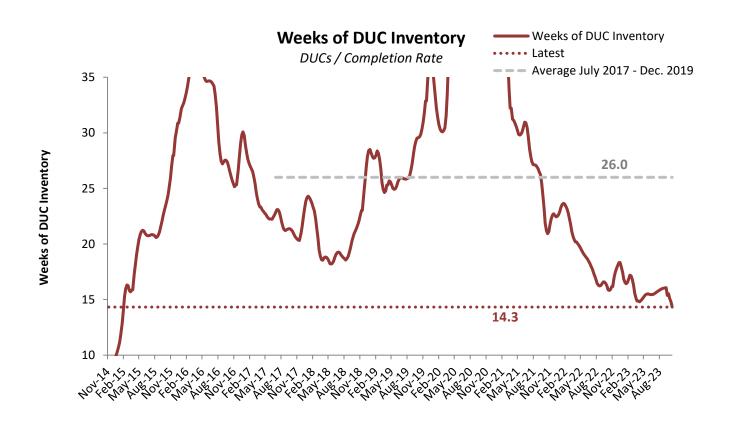
At estimated productivity levels and current rig and spread counts, the DUC inventory is declining

Rig and Spread Productivity





DUC Weeks of Inventory



DUC inventories have fallen back to 14.3 weeks



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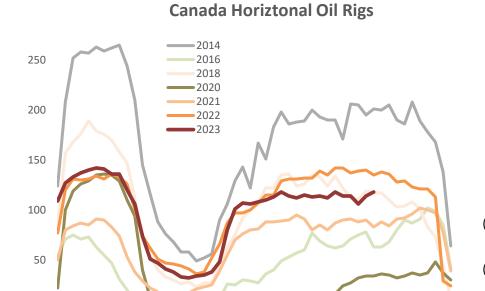
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Canada Horizontal Oil Rig Count



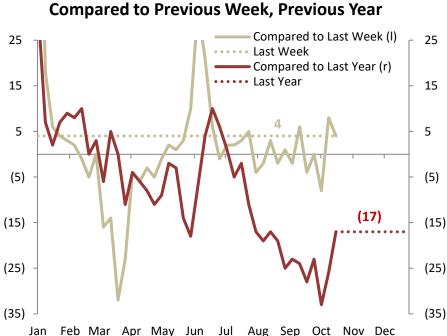
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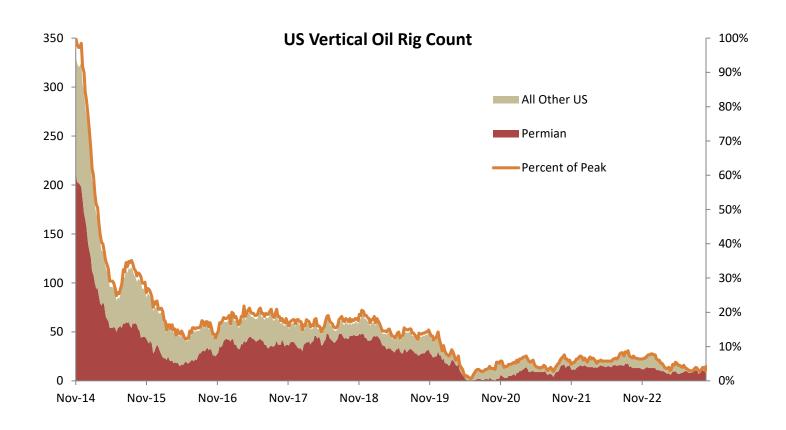
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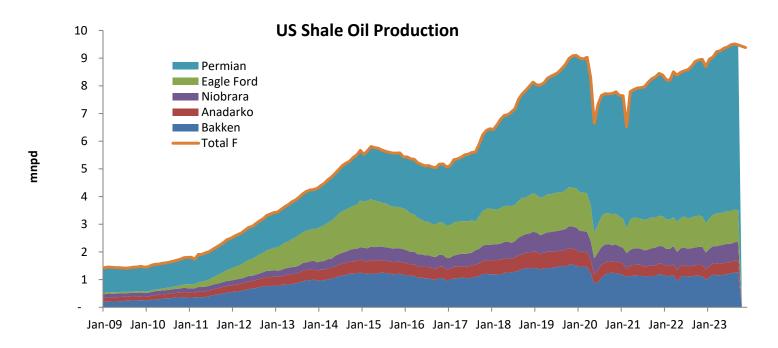
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US Vertical Oil Rig Count



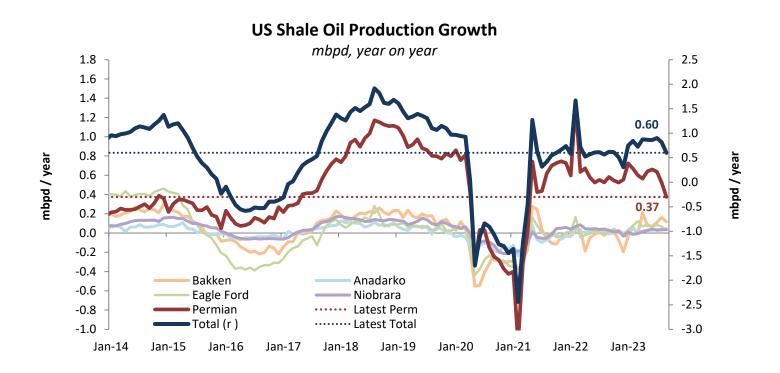
- Vertical oil rigs: -1 to 13
- Permian: +0
- All Other US: -1

US Shale Production Growth (Oct. DPR)



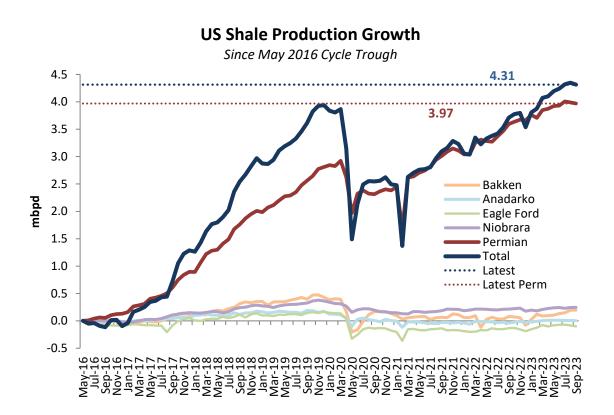
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- Compared to last year, total shale oil production is up 0.6 mbpd
- The Permian is up 0.4 mbpd
- As before, annual Permian growth is rapidly decelerating

US Shale Production Growth from May '16 (Oct. DPR)



- Since the prior cyclical trough in May 2016, total shale oil production from the key plays is up 4.3 mbpd
- All but 340,000 bpd of this growth comes from the Permian basin



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