

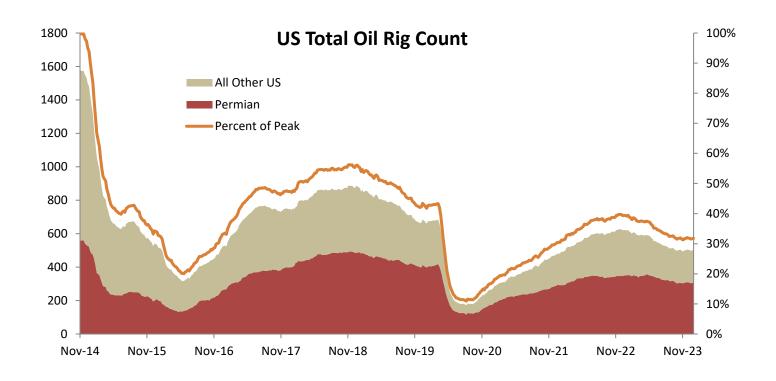
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Summary Assessment

- The rig and spread counts are seeing both regime change and seasonal variation
 - Horizontal oil rig counts appear to have stabilized in the mid 450s, essentially unchanged in the last two months. This represents a new regime in the shale patch, as counts had been falling steadily for the year prior
 - Frac spreads have rolled off heavily over the last four weeks, down 32 since early December. Most of this can be attributed to seasonal factors, but the effect has been to stem the erosion in the DUC inventory witnessed over the last several years. On seasonal trends, spread counts may be expected to recover over the next several weeks with a renewed erosion in DUC inventories.
 - We continue to see a disparity between the EIA and media reports with respect to production growth. The media frequently refers to <u>surging US oil production</u>, and that is certainly true considering 2023 as a whole. However, the EIA sees US shale oil production peaking in October 2023, with modest declines to be expected over the next several months.

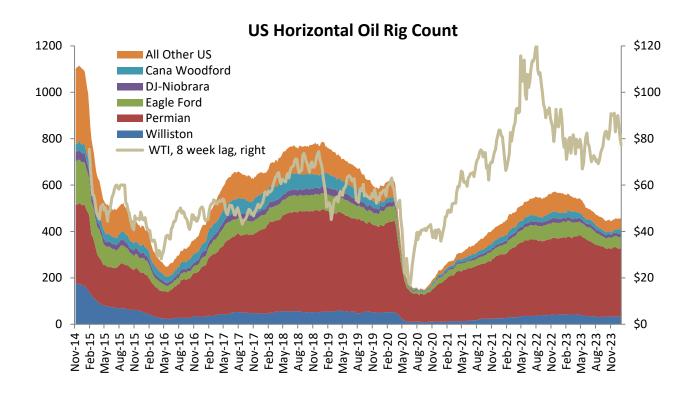
- Rig counts
 - Total oil rig counts: +1 to 501
 - Horizontal oil rig counts: +1 to 457
 - The Permian horizontal oil rig count: +3
- The US horizontal oil rig count is rising at a pace of +0.5 / week
- Frac spreads fell, -4 to 236, the lowest level in more than two years
- DUC inventory, as measured in days of turnover, rose to 16.1 weeks on seasonal factors
 - Based on last year's precedent, expect the spread count to recover and inventory to fall back towards 14 weeks

US Total Oil Rig Count



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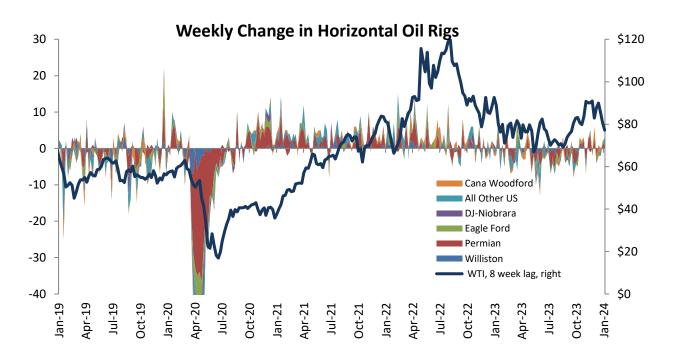
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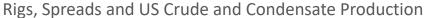
Weekly Change in Horizontal Oil Rig Count by Basin

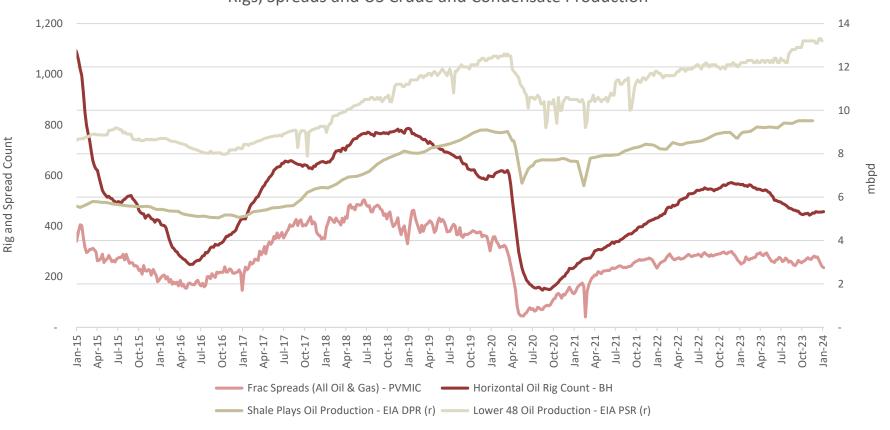


By Basin	Change	Count
Williston	0	32
Permian	+3	298
 Eagle Ford 	-1	48
DJ Niobrara	0	14
 Cana Wdford 	0	19
Other US	-1	46
Total	+1	457



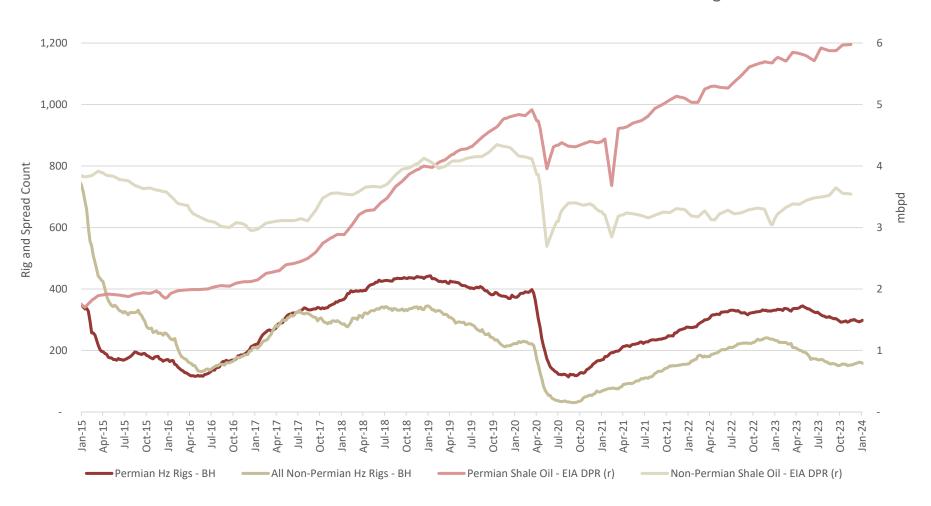
Rigs, Spreads and US Oil Production





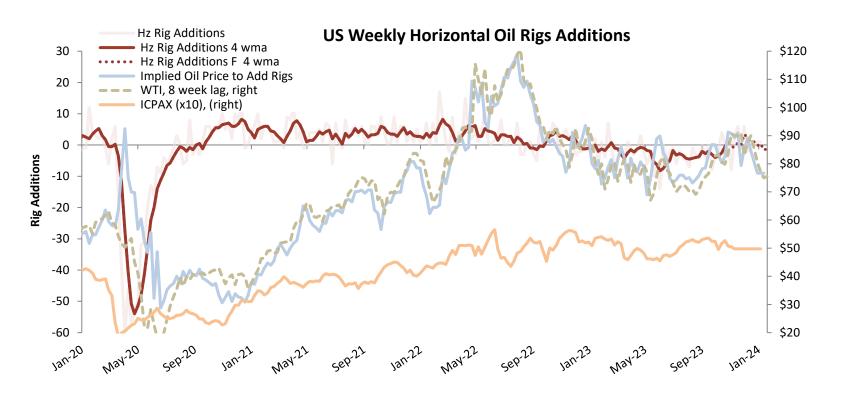
Permian & Non-Permian Shale Oil Production and Hz Oil Rigs

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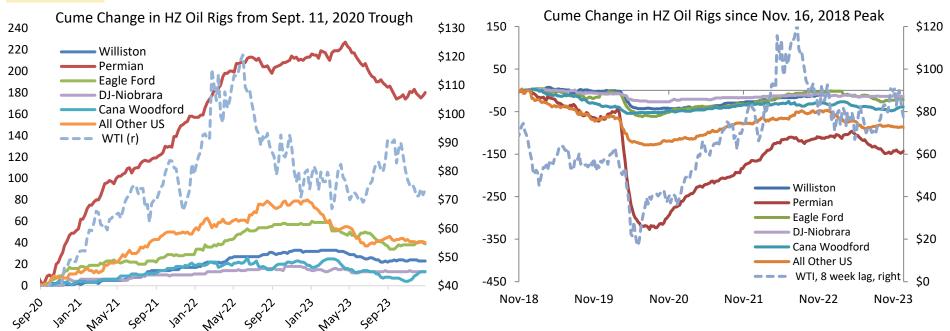
Rig Additions and Breakevens



- The 4 wma pace of horizontal rig additions rose to +0.5 / week, on a winning streak for five weeks now.
- With an eight-week lag, the breakeven to add horizontal oil rigs stands at a horrific WTI \$77 / barrel with \$74 on the screen at writing

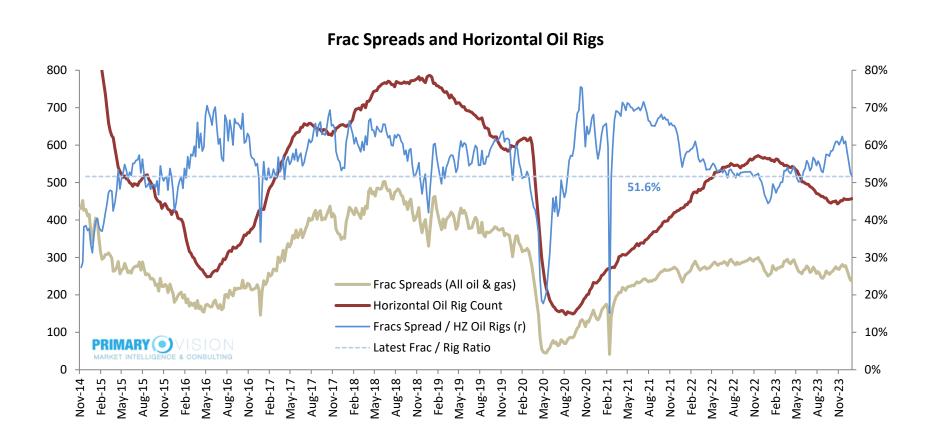


US Horizontal Oil Rig Change from Peak and Trough



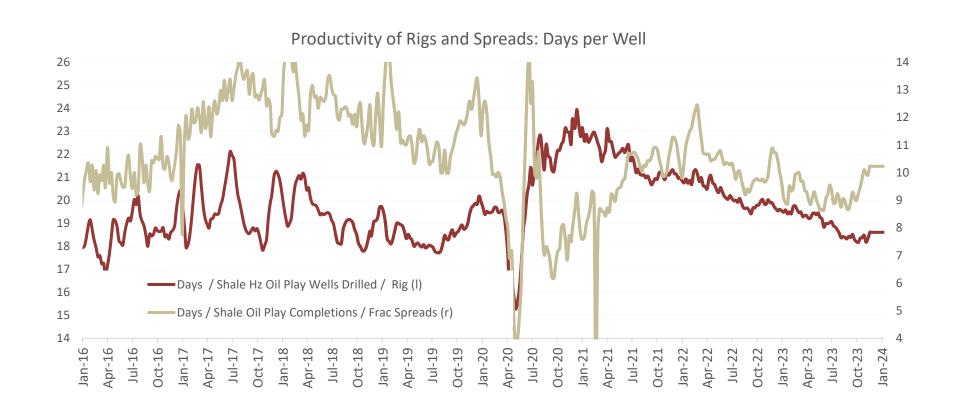
	Latest HZ	Trough August 14, 2020			Prior Peak Nov. 16, 2018				
	Rig Count	Trough Count	Rig Change	Percent Change	Pct of Rig Gained	Peak Count	Rig Change	Percent Change	Pct of Rigs Lost
Williston	32	11	21	191%	7%	53	(21)	-40%	6%
Permian	298	114	184	161%	59%	441	(143)	-32%	44%
Eagle Ford	48	10	38	380%	12%	70	(22)	-31%	7%
 DJ Niobrara 	14	1	13	1300%	4%	28	(14)	-50%	4%
 Cana Wdford 	19	6	13	217%	4%	58	(39)	-67%	12%
Other US	46	5	41	820%	13%	133	(87)	-65%	27%
Total	457	147	310	211%	100%	783	(326)	-42%	100%
		05/22/20							
Frac SpreadsSpread Ratio	236 51.6%	45 30.6%	191	424%		433 55.3%	(197)	-45%	

US Oil & Gas Frac Spreads



Frac spreads were -13 to 265

Rig and Spread Productivity

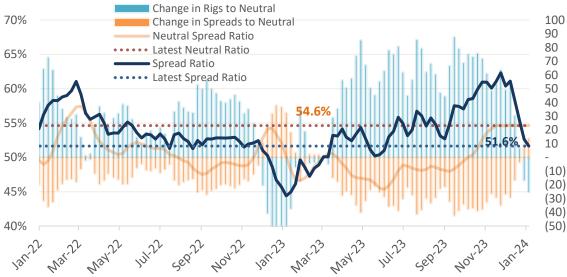




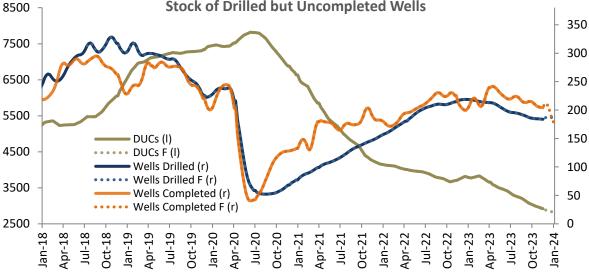
At estimated productivity levels and current rig and spread counts, the DUC inventory is essentially flat

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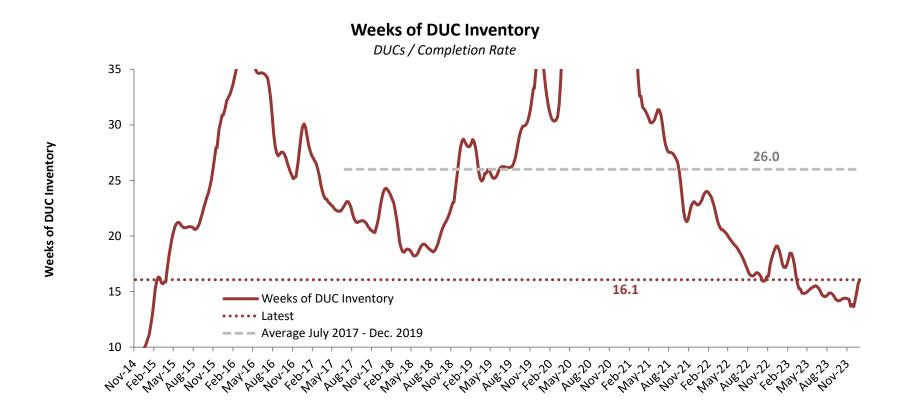




Horizontal Oil Wells Drilled and Completed per Week Stock of Drilled but Uncompleted Wells



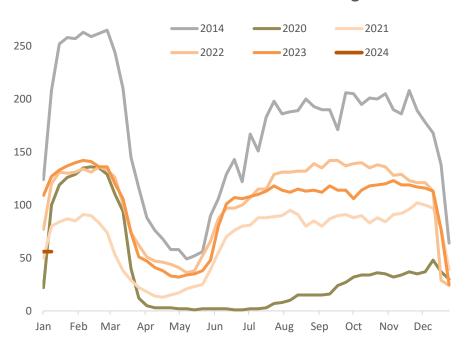
DUC Weeks of Inventory



- DUC inventories rose to 16.1 weeks on seasonal reductions in frac spread counts.
- DUC inventory might be expected to return to around 14 weeks over the next two months

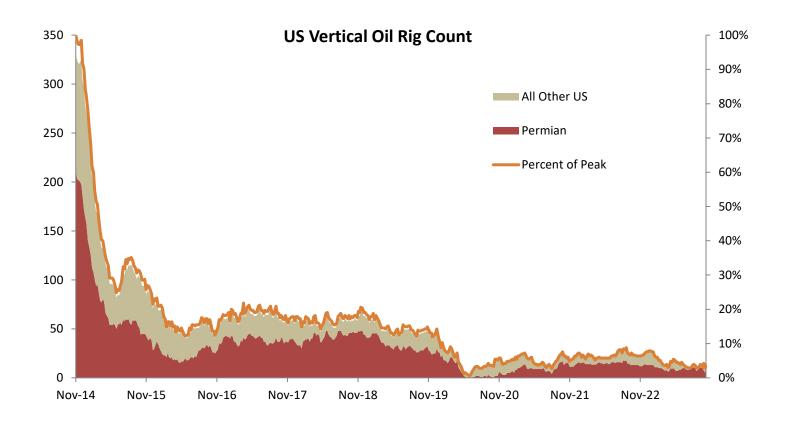
Canada Horizontal Oil Rig Count

Canada Horiztonal Oil Rigs



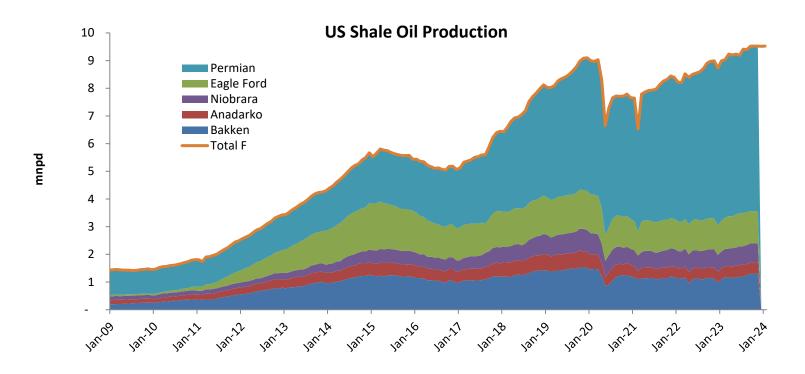
- Canada horizontal oil rigs were up 31 to 56 last week
- Rigs counts were -53 compared to the same week last year

US Vertical Oil Rig Count



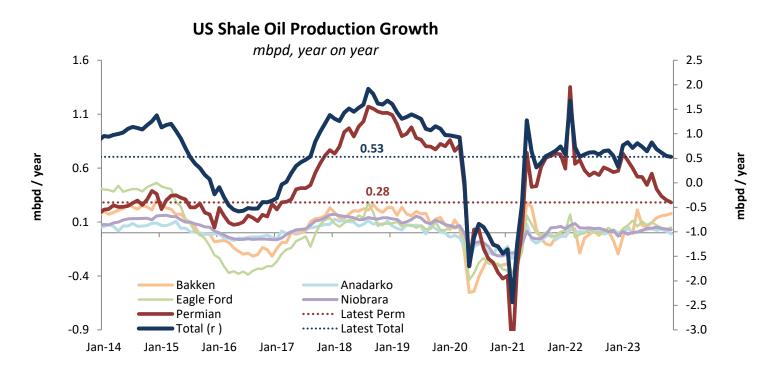
- Vertical oil rigs: +0 to 10
- Permian: +0
- All Other US: +0

US Shale Production Growth (Dec. DPR)



- In the December DPR report, November crude and condensate production from key shale plays fell 4,000 bpd to 9.52 mbpd.
- Shale C+C production was revised up 37 kbpd on average for September and October, with September revised up marginally
- The EIA continues to see peak shale oil output, but with the peak delayed from July to October.

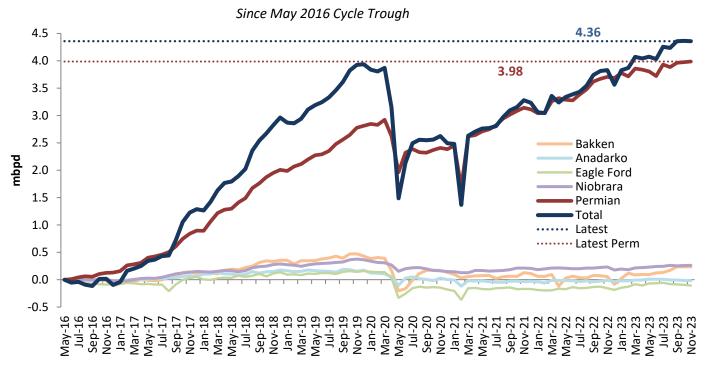
US Shale Production Growth (Dec. DPR)



- Compared to last year, total shale oil production is up 0.5 mbpd
- The Permian is up 0.3 mbpd
- As before, annual Permian growth is rapidly decelerating

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





- Since the prior cyclical trough in May 2016, total shale oil production from the key plays is up 4.4 mbpd
- All but 380,000 bpd of this growth comes from the Permian basin



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