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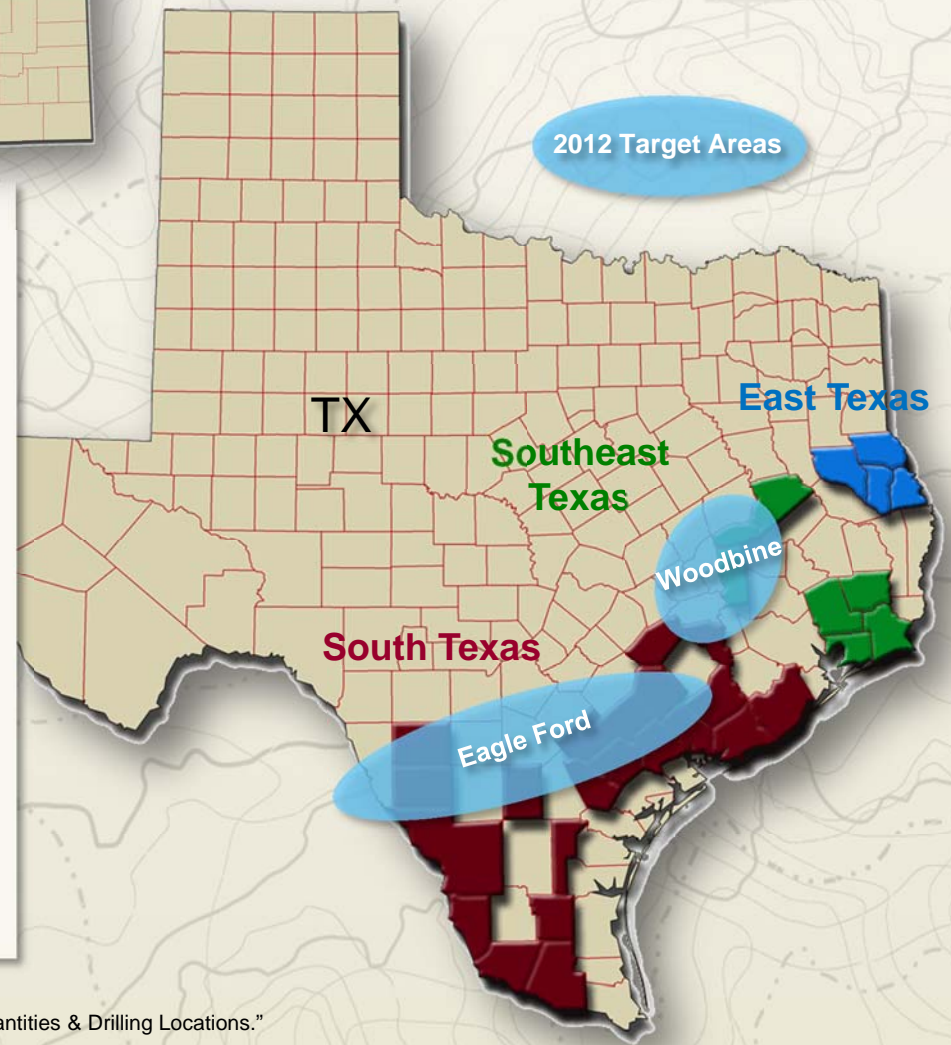
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Crimson Overview



Geographic Focus Area



Key Information

- **Exchange/Ticker:** NasdaqGM: CXPO
- **Share Price⁽¹⁾:** \$5.00/share
- **52-week Range⁽¹⁾:** \$2.00 - \$5.69
- **Market Capitalization:** \$226 million
- **Enterprise Value:** \$416 million
- **Proved PV-10 Value⁽²⁾:** \$266 million
- **Daily Production (Q4:11)** 40 mmcfepd
- **Proved Reserves⁽²⁾:** 200 Bcfe
- **Unproved Reserve Potential⁽³⁾:** 965 Bcfe

(1) As of 5/7/2012.

(2) Based on 12/31/2011 SEC pricing. PV-10 value excludes hedging effects. See "Hydrocarbon Quantities & Drilling Locations."

(3) Company estimates. See "Hydrocarbon Quantities & Drilling Locations."

Investment Highlights



Attractive asset base

- 200.4 Bcfe of proved reserves⁽¹⁾; 20% increase over 2010
- 965 Bcfe of unproved reserve potential (~5x proved reserves); over 850 drilling locations
- FY 2011 production of 45 mmcfepd (30% oil/liquids); 28% increase over prior year
- 80% of production operated; majority ownership

Value/Growth Catalysts

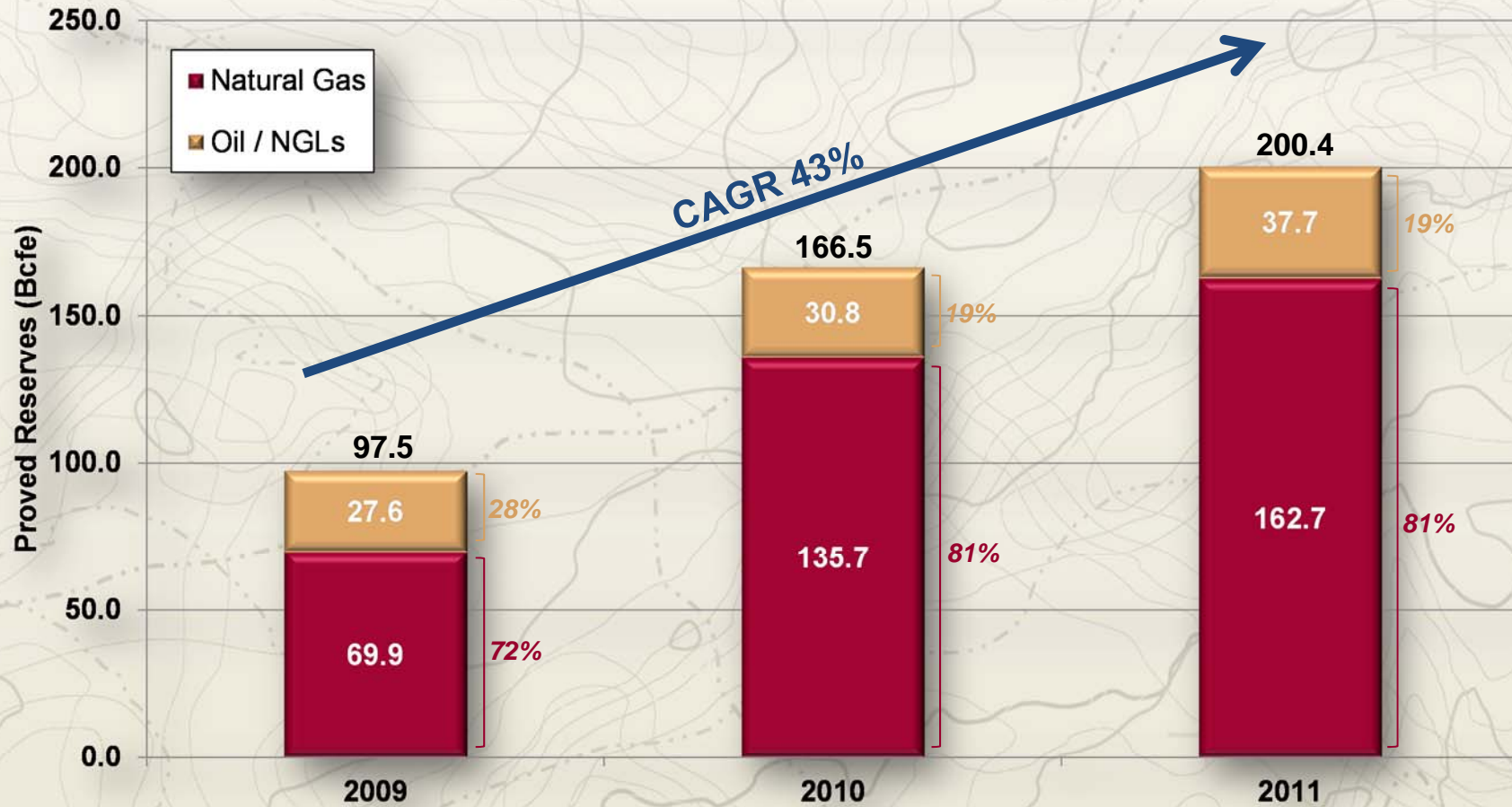
- Transitioning towards a liquids weighted production profile; 50/50 by mid 2012 (80% of revenue)
- Focused on developing the following resources, while staying within cash flow:
 - SETX Horizontal Woodbine/Lewisville/Georgetown – 17,500 net acres (65% HBP)
 - STX Eagle Ford – 8,625 net acres (>90% HBP)
 - ETX Haynesville/Mid-Bossier/James Lime – 5,700 net acres (69% HBP)
 - Niobrara Shale – 10,000 net acres (HBP)

Financial flexibility

- Sufficient liquidity to pursue strategic plan
- Revolver availability; \$100MM borrowing base, \$79MM available at December 31, 2011
- Significant hedge position on 2012 production

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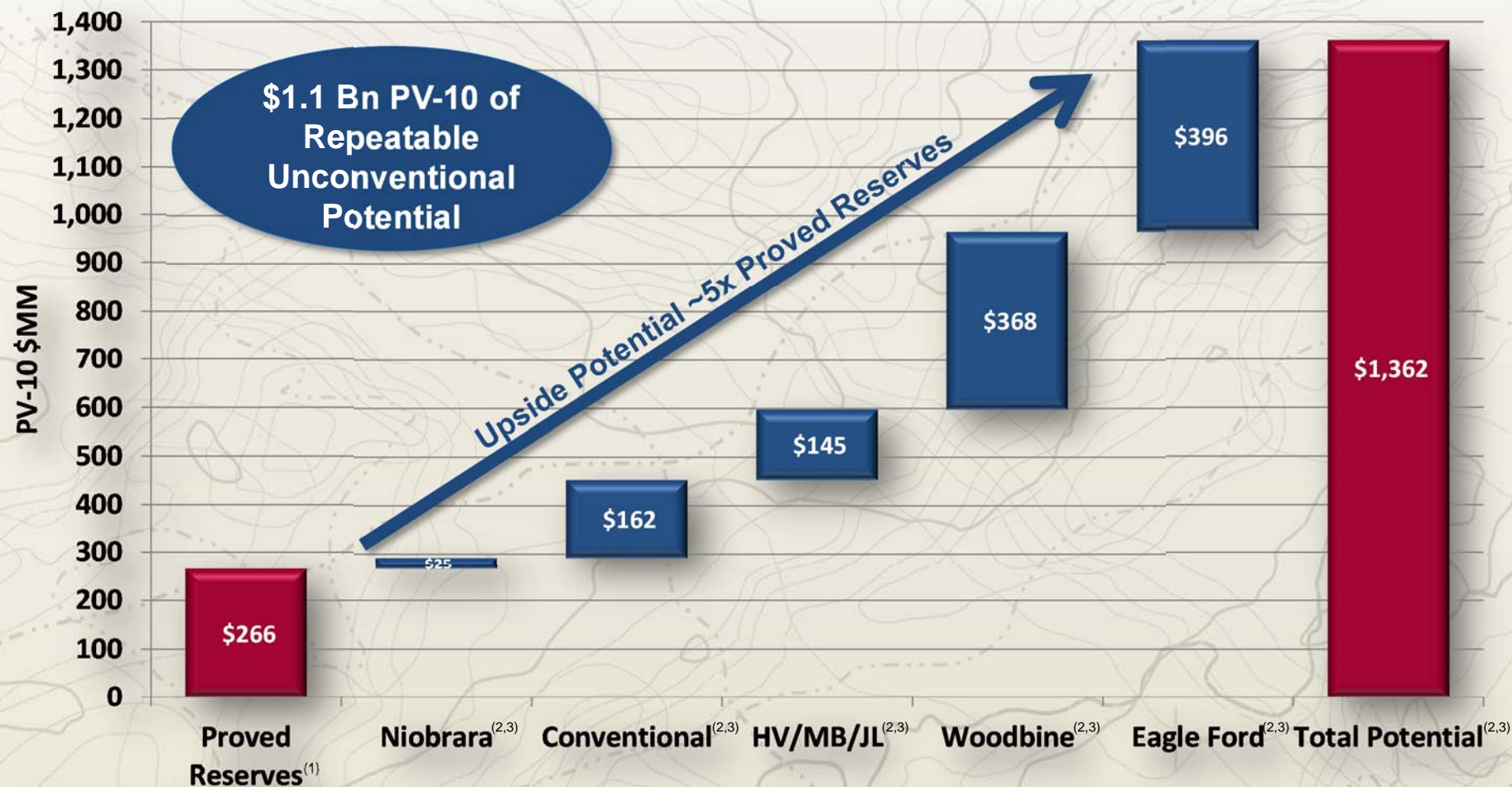
Track Record of Reserve Growth



Note: 2009 – 2011 reserves at SEC pricing per NSAI. Crude Oil and Natural Gas Liquids converted on a 6:1 basis.

Proved Reserve & Unproved Potential

Summary PV-10



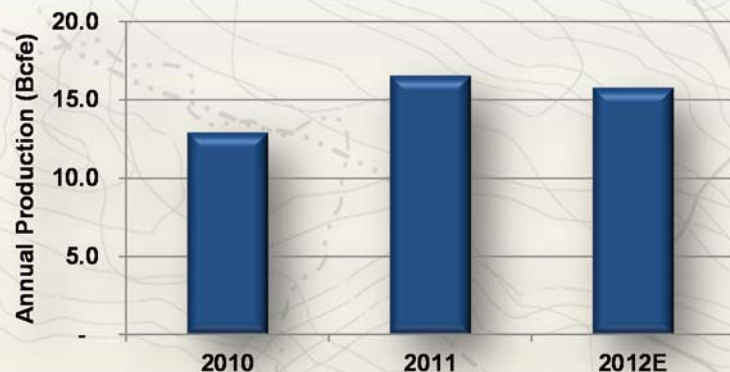
% Liquids	19%	91%	13%	14%	46%	63%	31%
BCFE	200.4	19.8	135.0	387.8	208.3	213.2	1,165.4
MMBOE	33.4	3.3	22.5	64.6	34.7	35.5	194.2

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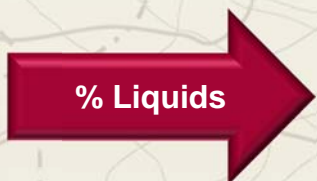
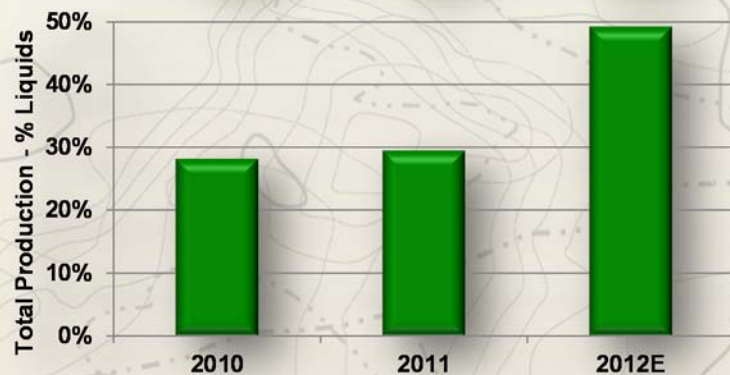
(2) Calculated using NYMEX Strip pricing as of 12/31/2011. See "Hydrocarbon Quantities & Drilling Locations."

(3) Oil and NGL conversion of barrels on a 6:1 basis.

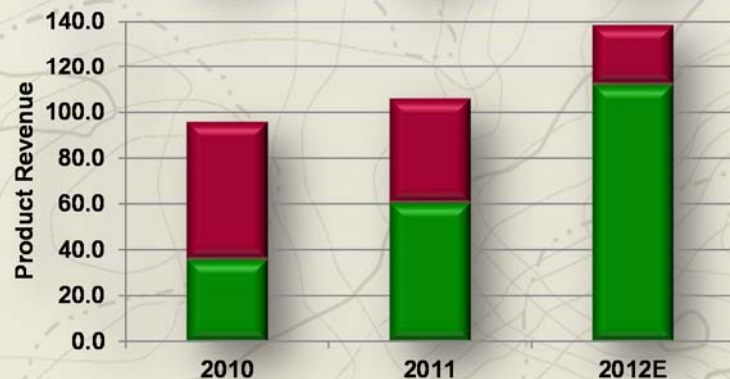
Transitioning to a Balanced Oil / Gas Profile



- 2010 – 2011 production increased by 28% as Crimson ramped its operations following the downturn in 2009
- Flat production in 2012 expected as Crimson shifts away from higher rate gas wells and into oil development



- % Liquids production contribution expected to increase to approximately 50% in 2012

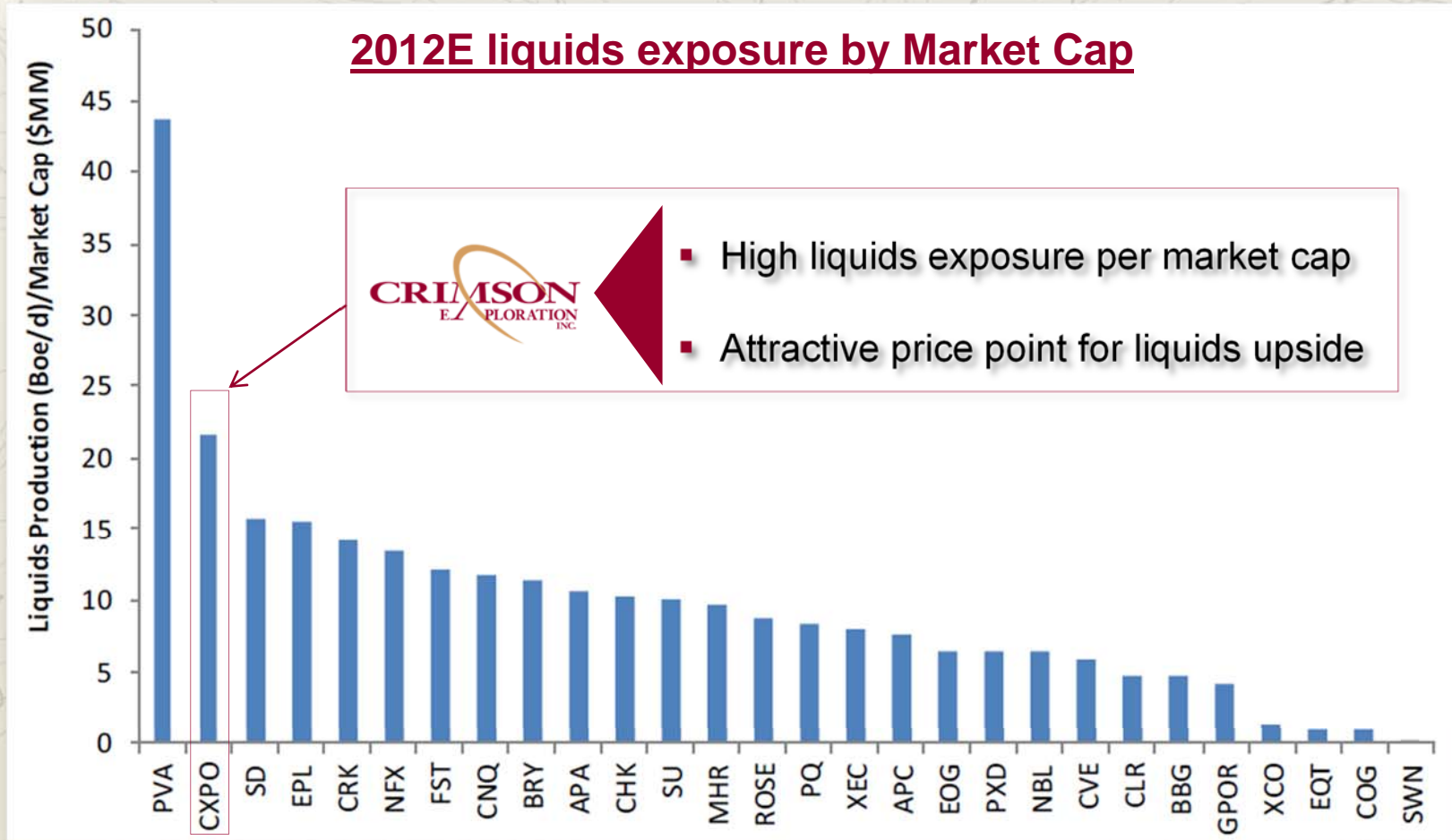


- Product revenue from liquids expected to increase to 80% of total revenue
- Resulting product revenue forecasted to increase 31% to approximately \$140mm⁽¹⁾

Oil/Liquids Natural Gas

(1) Assumes 2012 NYMEX of \$100.88/bbl and HH of \$3.38/mcf.

LARGE liquids exposure at a SMALL Price



Source: Stifel Nicolaus.

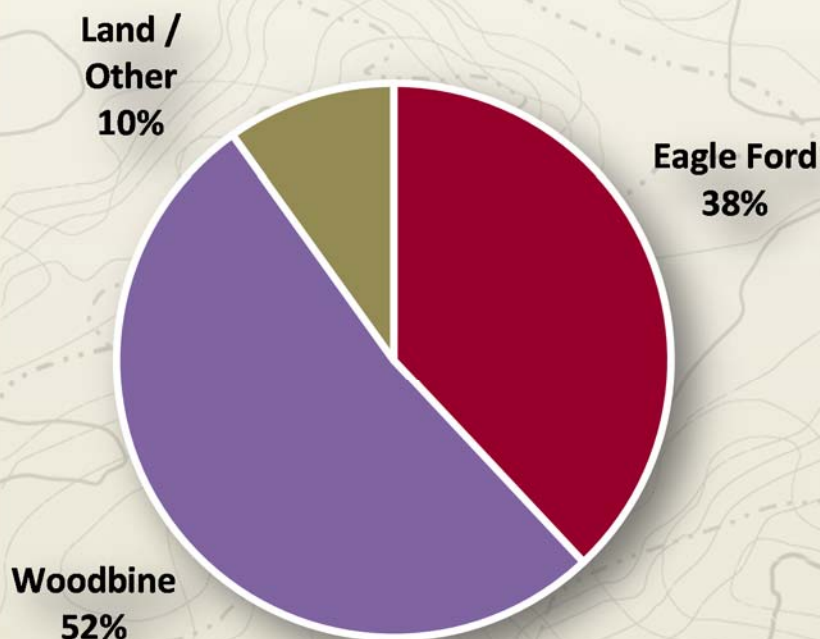
Note: Calculated as of February 13, 2012; Data subject to market fluctuations.

2012 Capital Budget



Goals: Improve oil/gas production mix to 50/50 by mid-2012
Monitor Niobrara and James Lime Industry Activity

2012E Capital Expenditures \$73.9mm

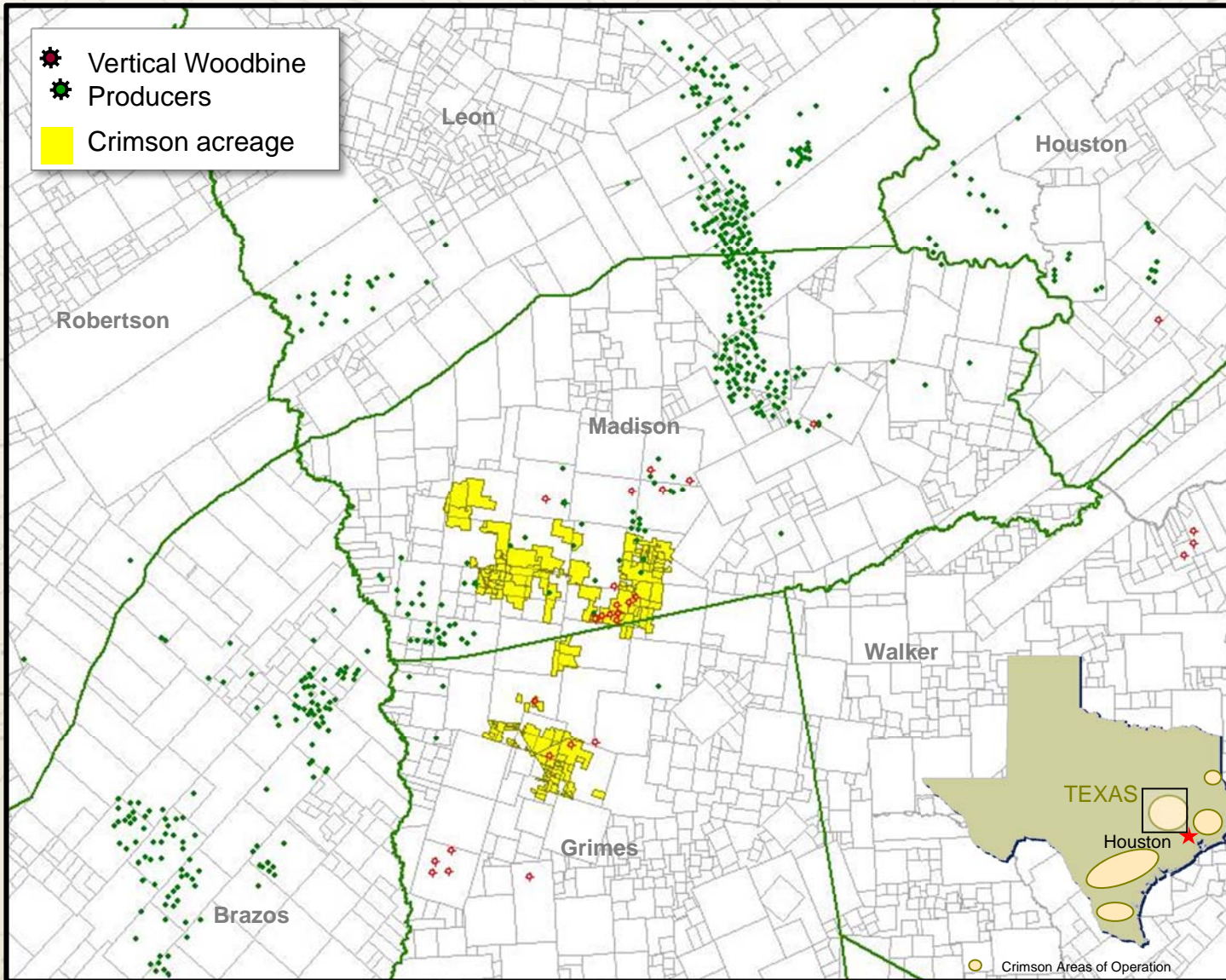


Area	Gross/Net	CAPEX \$MM	F&D (\$/bbl)	IRR ⁽²⁾
Eagle Ford	5 / 2.9	\$28.1	\$15-\$19	30%-75%
Woodbine	9 / 6.5	38.5	\$19-24	99%-150%
James Lime	-	-	\$10-\$14	30%-40%
Lease/Other ⁽¹⁾	1 / 0.6	7.3	-	-
Total	15 / 10.1	\$73.9		

(1) Includes Southeast Texas recompletion for \$1.2 million and CAPEX carryover from 2011 drilling.

(2) Assumes pricing of \$95.00/bbl and \$3.00/mcf.

Woodbine Formation Overview



Pay Zones		
Eocene	Wilcox	
	Midway	
Cretaceous	Austin Chalk	●
	Sub C'ville	⚙
	Woodbine	●
	Lewisville	●
	Dexter	●
	Eagle Ford	●
	Buda	●
	Georgetown	●
	Edwards	⚙
	Glen Rose	⚙
	Rodessa	⚙
Sligo	⚙	
	Travis Peak	
	CV/Bossier	⚙

Crimson's Exposure

Madison /Grimes County



High impact oil re-development opportunity using horizontal and multi-stage frac technology

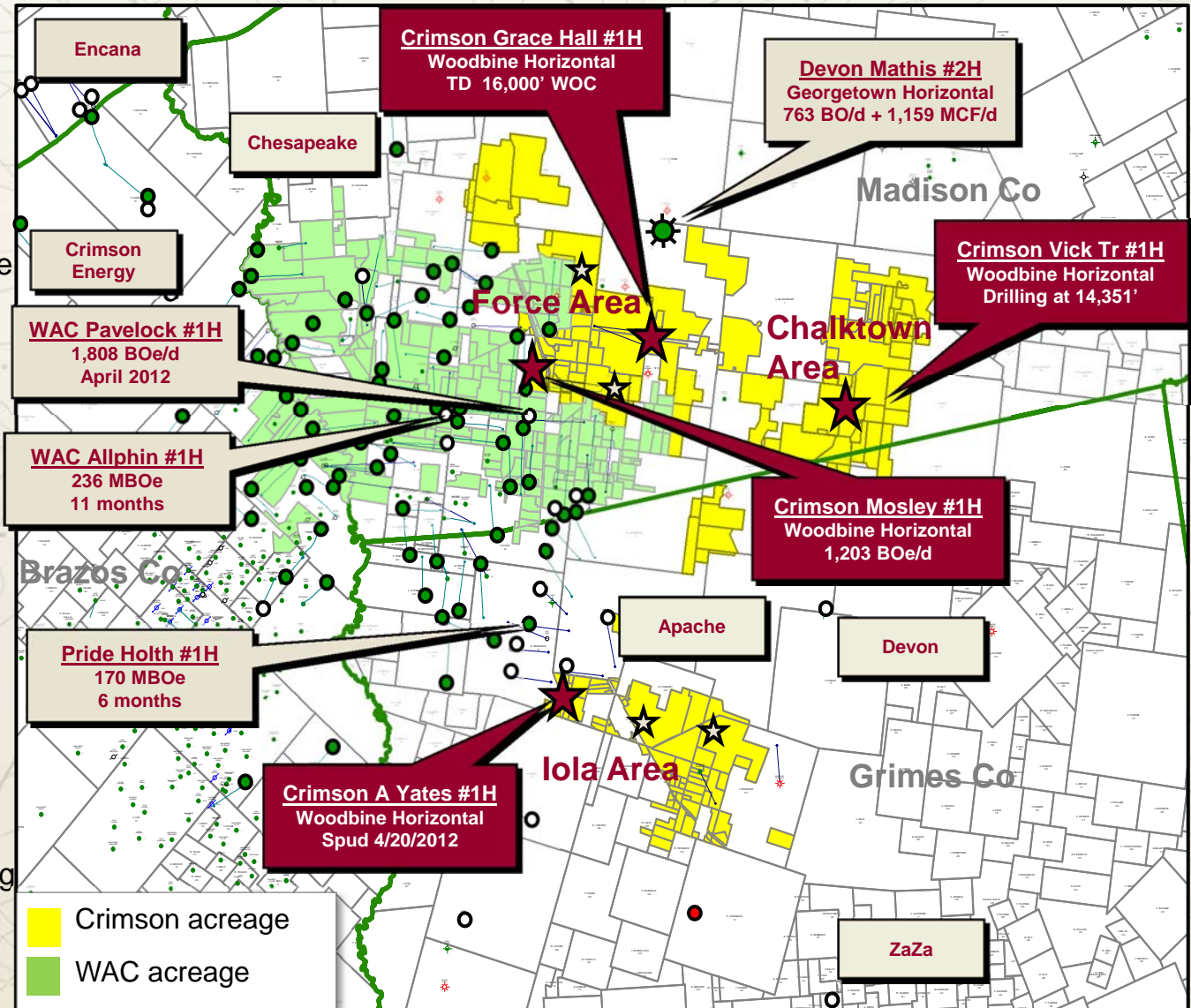
- 100 Industry horizontals drilled to date
- IP's 300-1,300 Bo/d
- Multiple horizons within Woodbine

Crimson's Exposure

- 17,500 net acres, 65% HBP.
- 100+ Woodbine drilling locations
- 30-40 MMBOe net unproved potential, 300-500 MBOe per well⁽¹⁾
- Additional potential Austin Chalk, Eagle Ford, Buda, Georgetown, Edwards, and Glen Rose

Crimson's Georgetown:

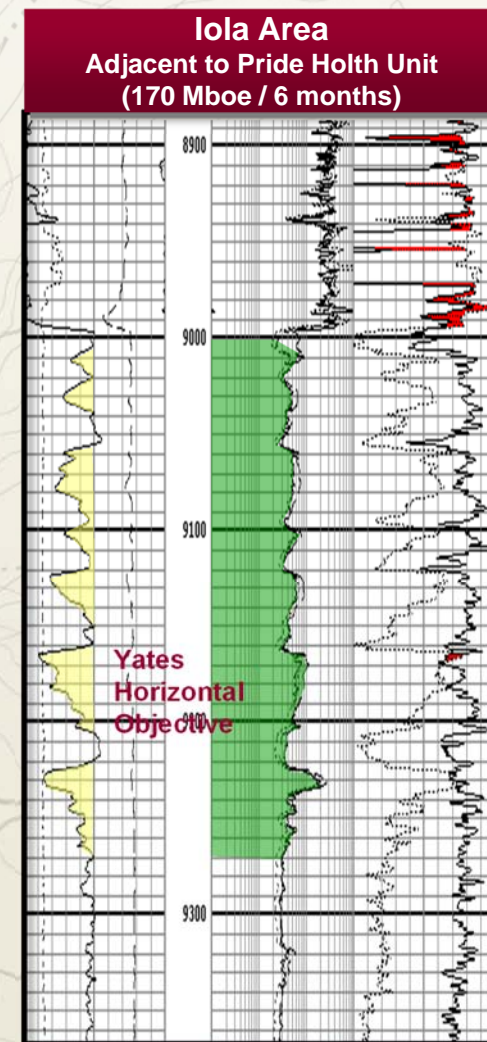
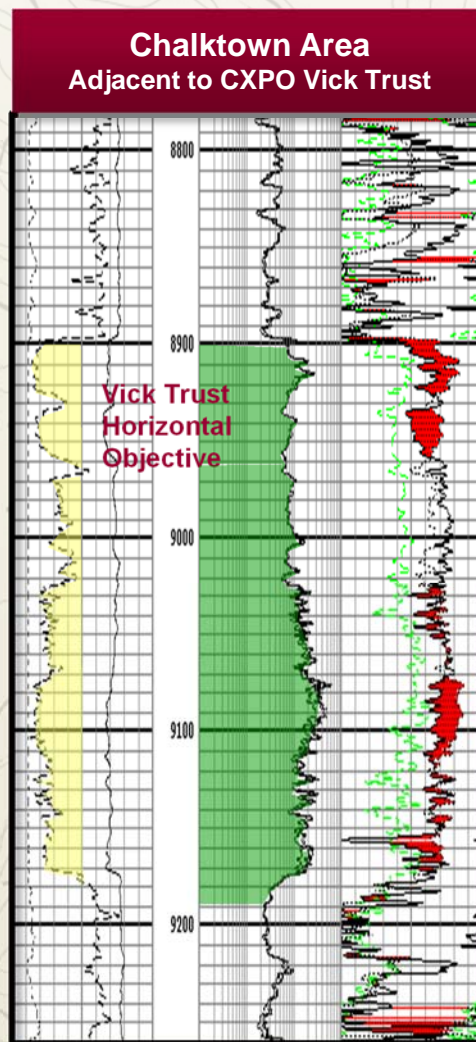
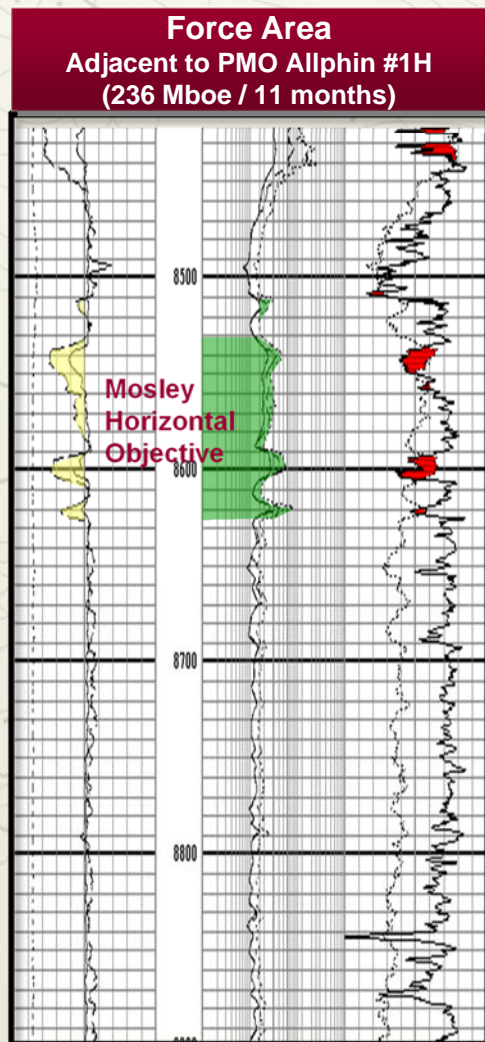
- Dvn significant horizontal well, — Mathis #2H
- 100+ Locations on 160 ac spacing
- 20+ MMBOe net unproved potential



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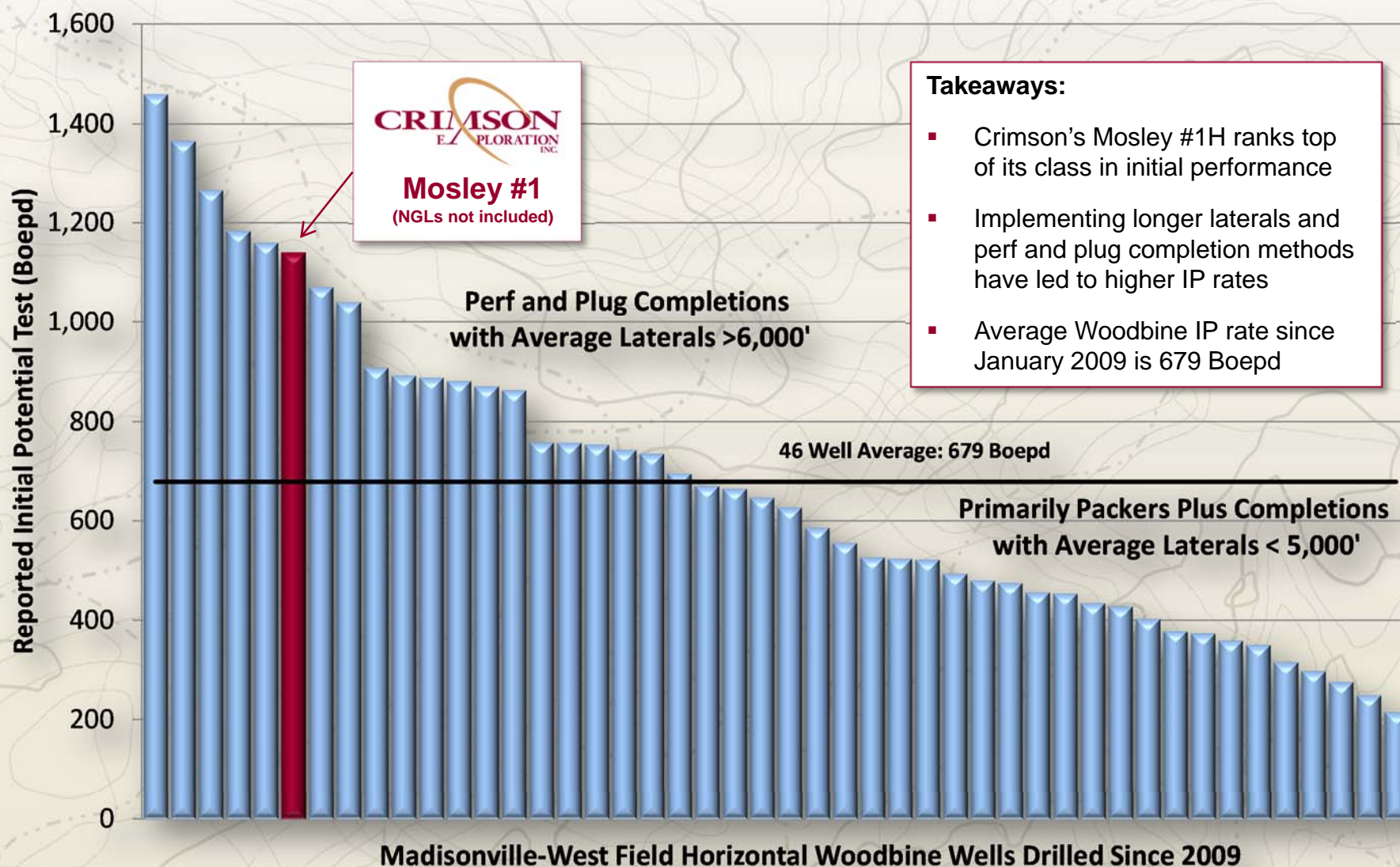
Well Log Characteristics

Madison/Grimes County



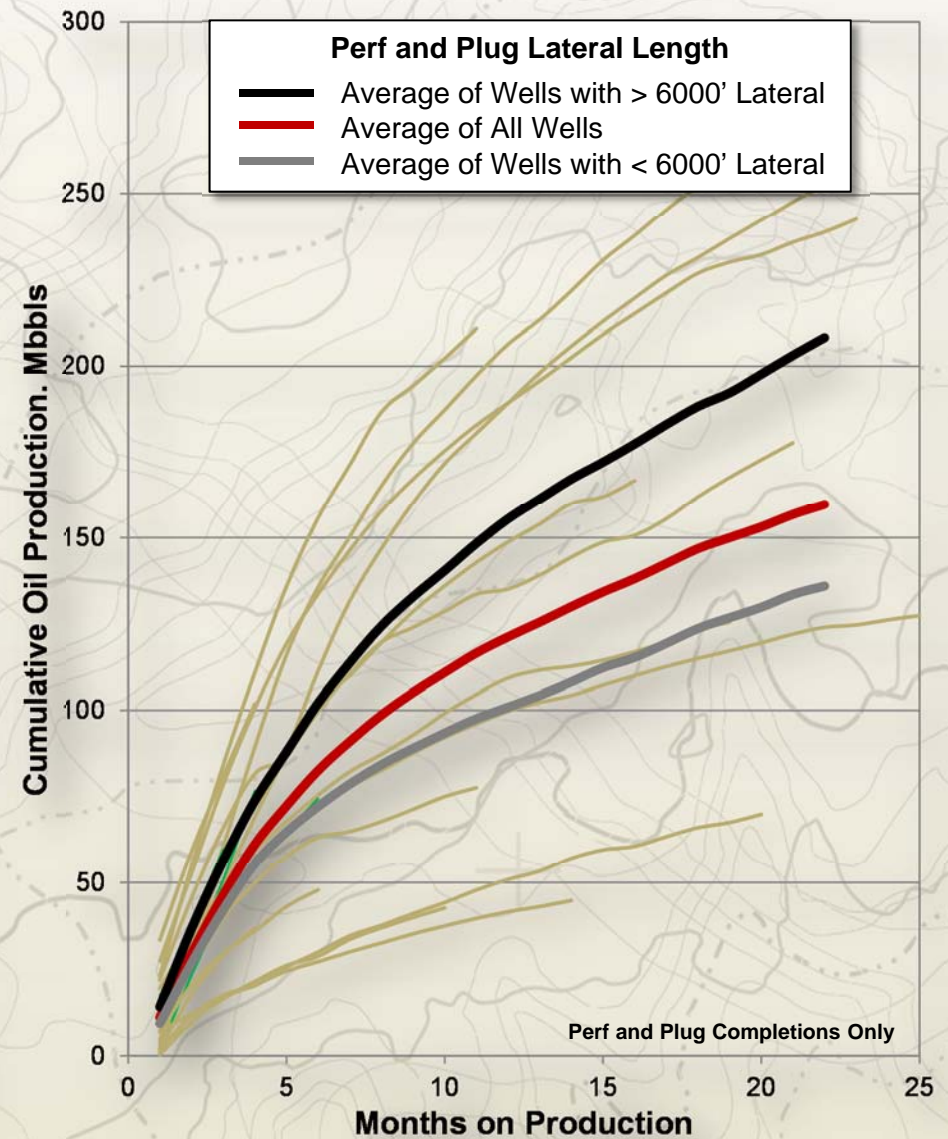
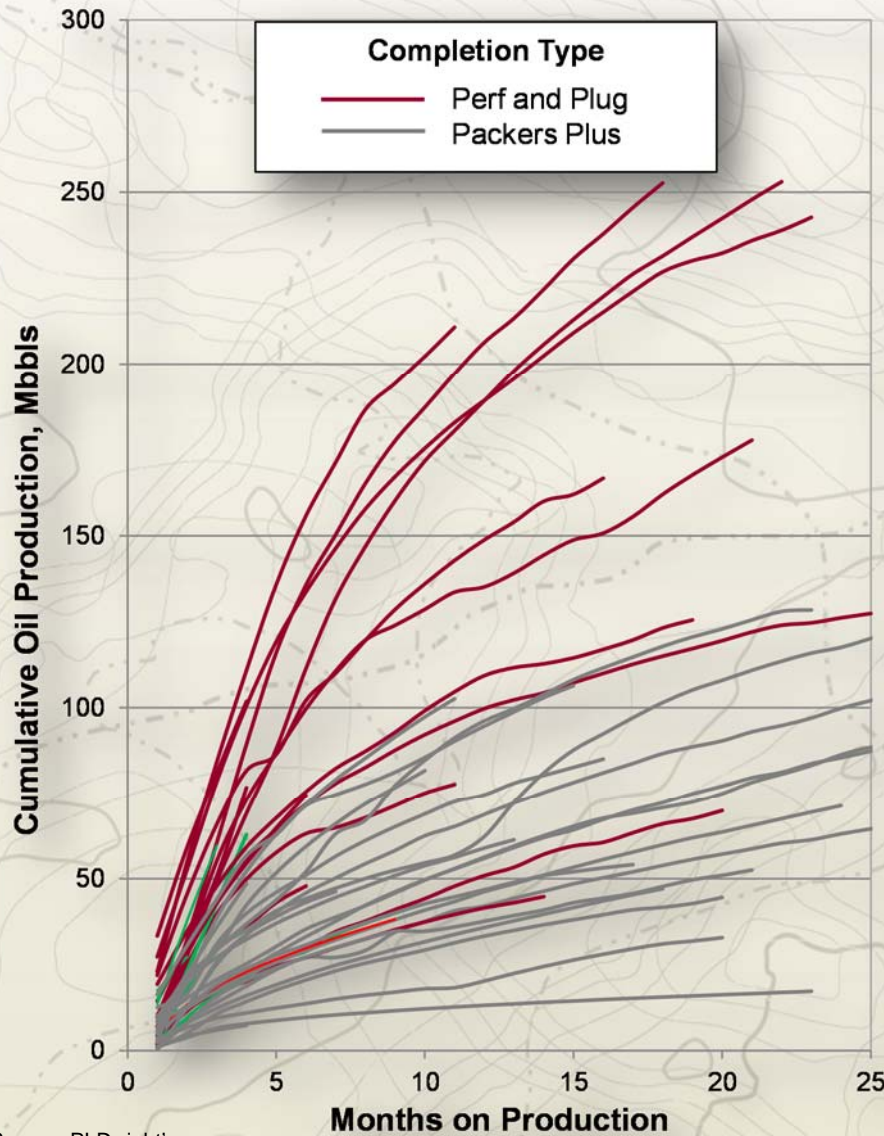
Woodbine Formation

Reported Initial Potential Tests since January 2009



Source: PI Dwight's. Note: Reported initial potential test rates do not include natural gas shrink and NGL volumes associated with downstream processing.

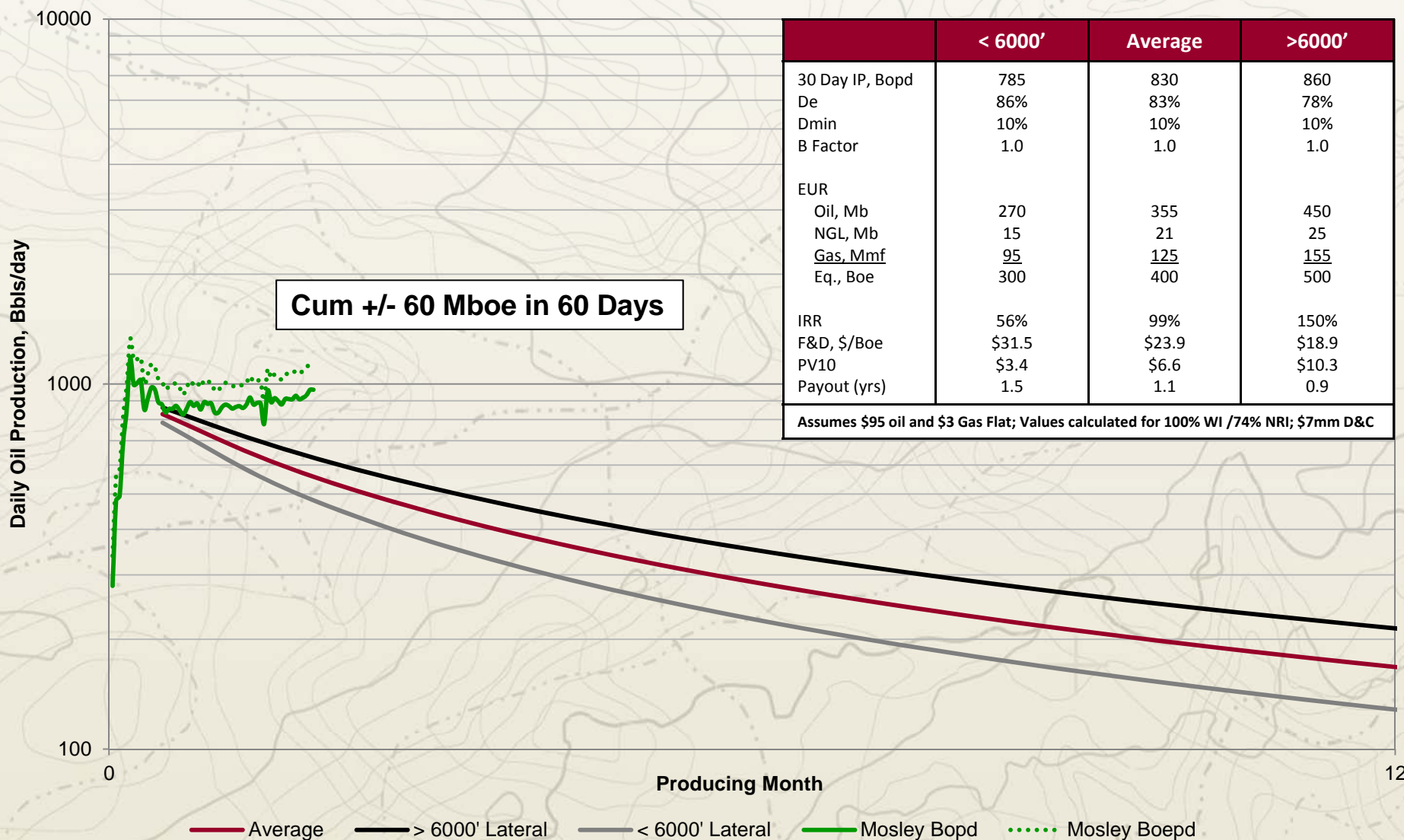
Impact of Completion and Lateral Length on Performance *Woodbine Formation*



Source: PI Dwight's.

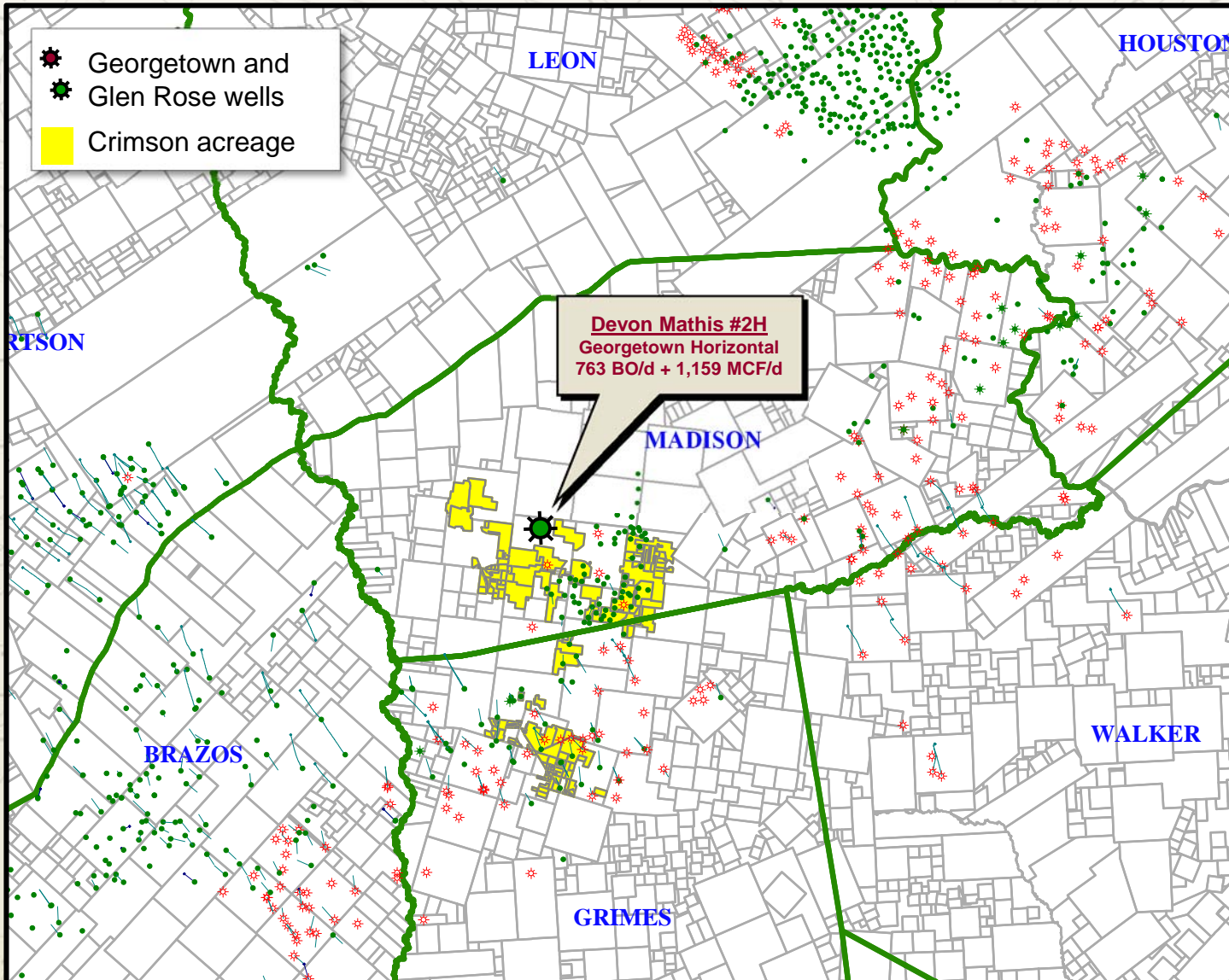
Sample Type Curves

Woodbine Formation



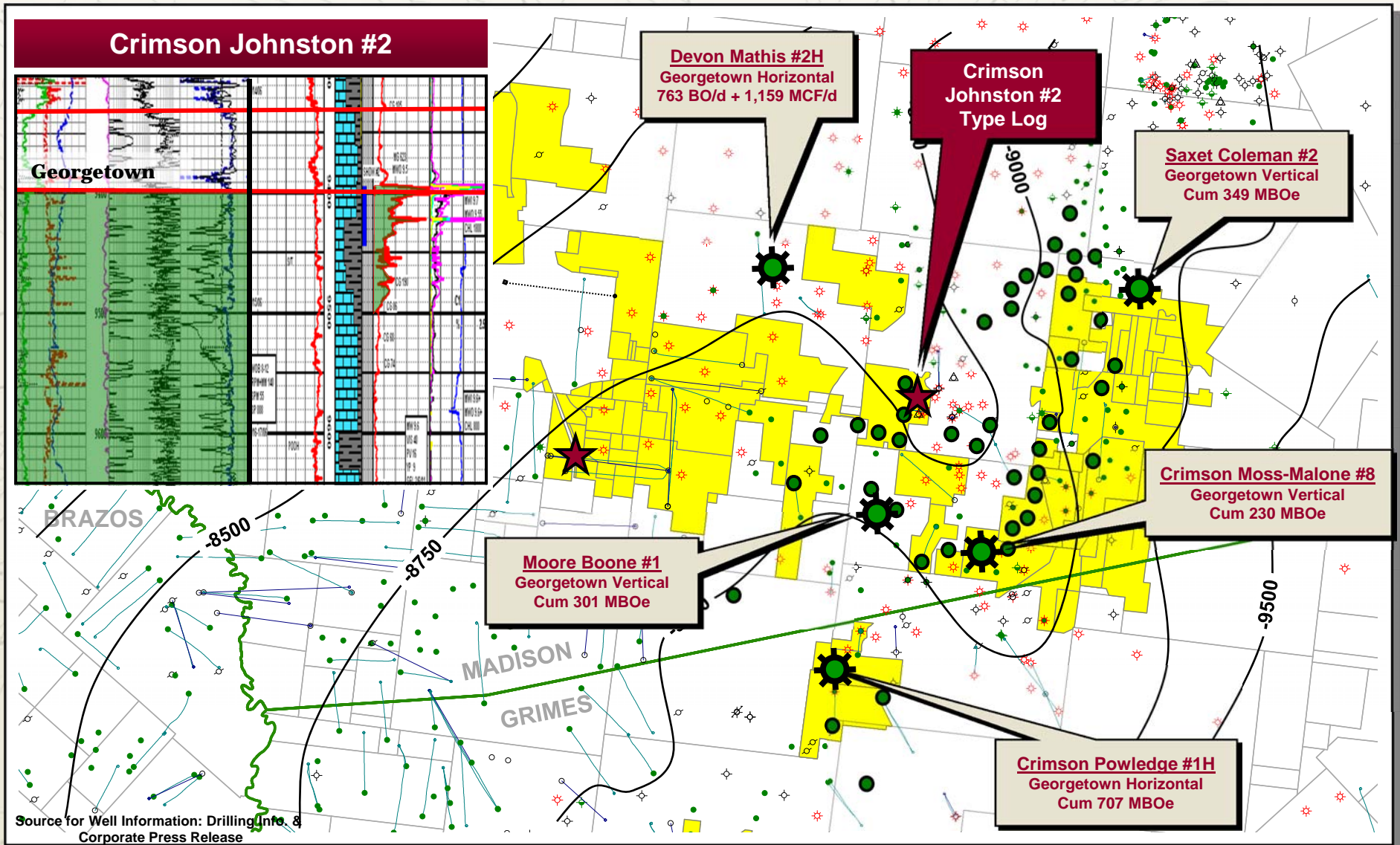
Georgetown/ Glen Rose Formations

Madison/Grimes County



Pay Zones		
Eocene	Wilcox	
	Midway	
Cretaceous	Austin Chalk	●
	Sub C'ville	★
	Woodbine	●
	Lewisville	●
	Dexter	●
	Eagle Ford	●
	Buda	●
	Georgetown	●
	Edwards	★
	Glen Rose	★
Rodessa	★	
Sligo	●	
Travis Peak	●	
CV/Bossier	★	

Georgetown Formation Madison County



Eagle Ford Overview

High impact oil opportunity in developing Eagle Ford Shale

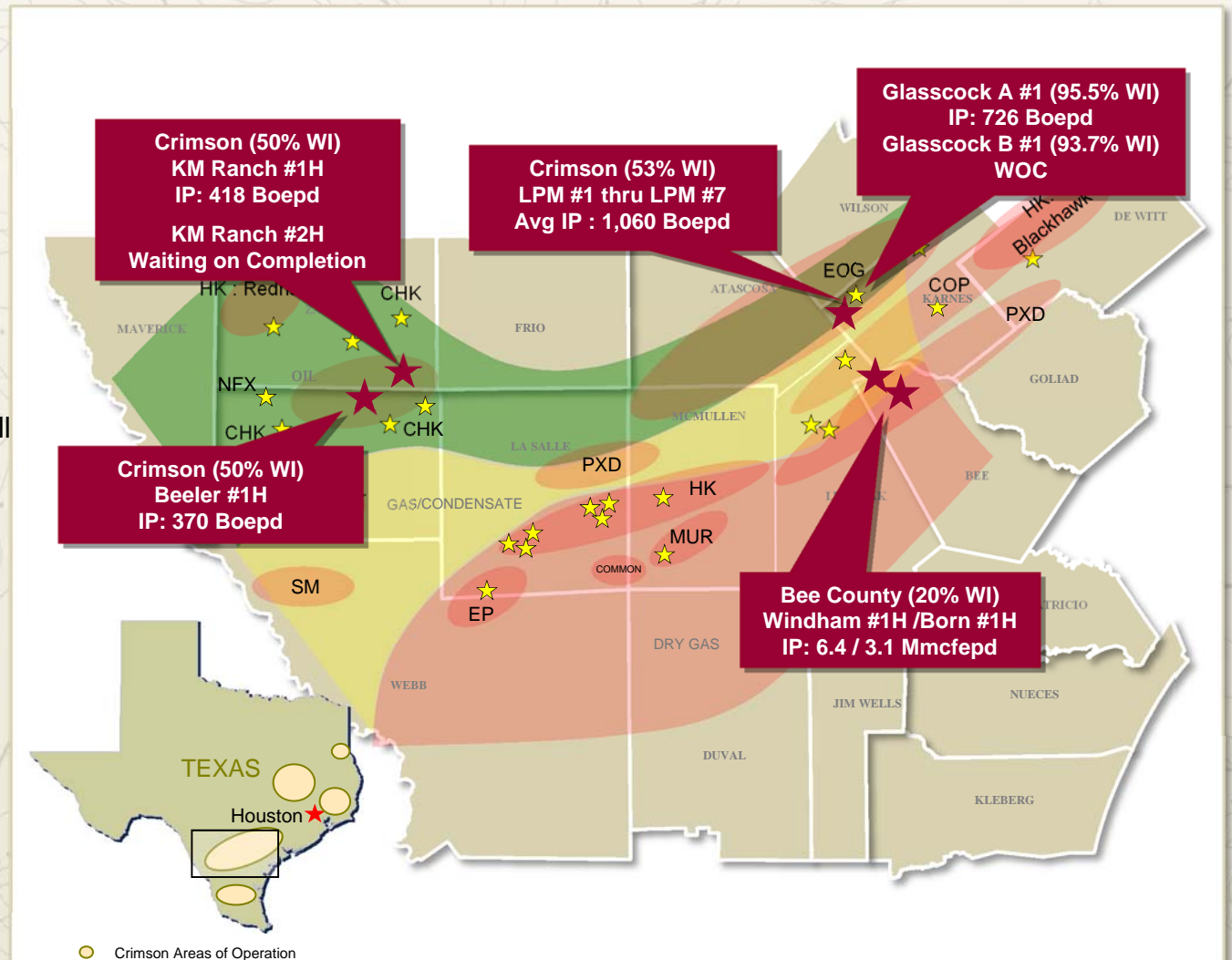
- Zavala/Dimmit Co. (6,550 net acres)
- Karnes Co. (1,515 net acres)
- Bee Co. (560 net acres)
- Approximately 212 drilling locations with 36 mmboc net unproved potential⁽¹⁾

Drilling Results:

- Karnes Co, 8 Wells Producing, 1 well waiting on frac
- Zavala/Dimmit Co: 2 wells producing, 1 well waiting on frac
- Bee Co. – 2 producing wells

Current 2012 plan:

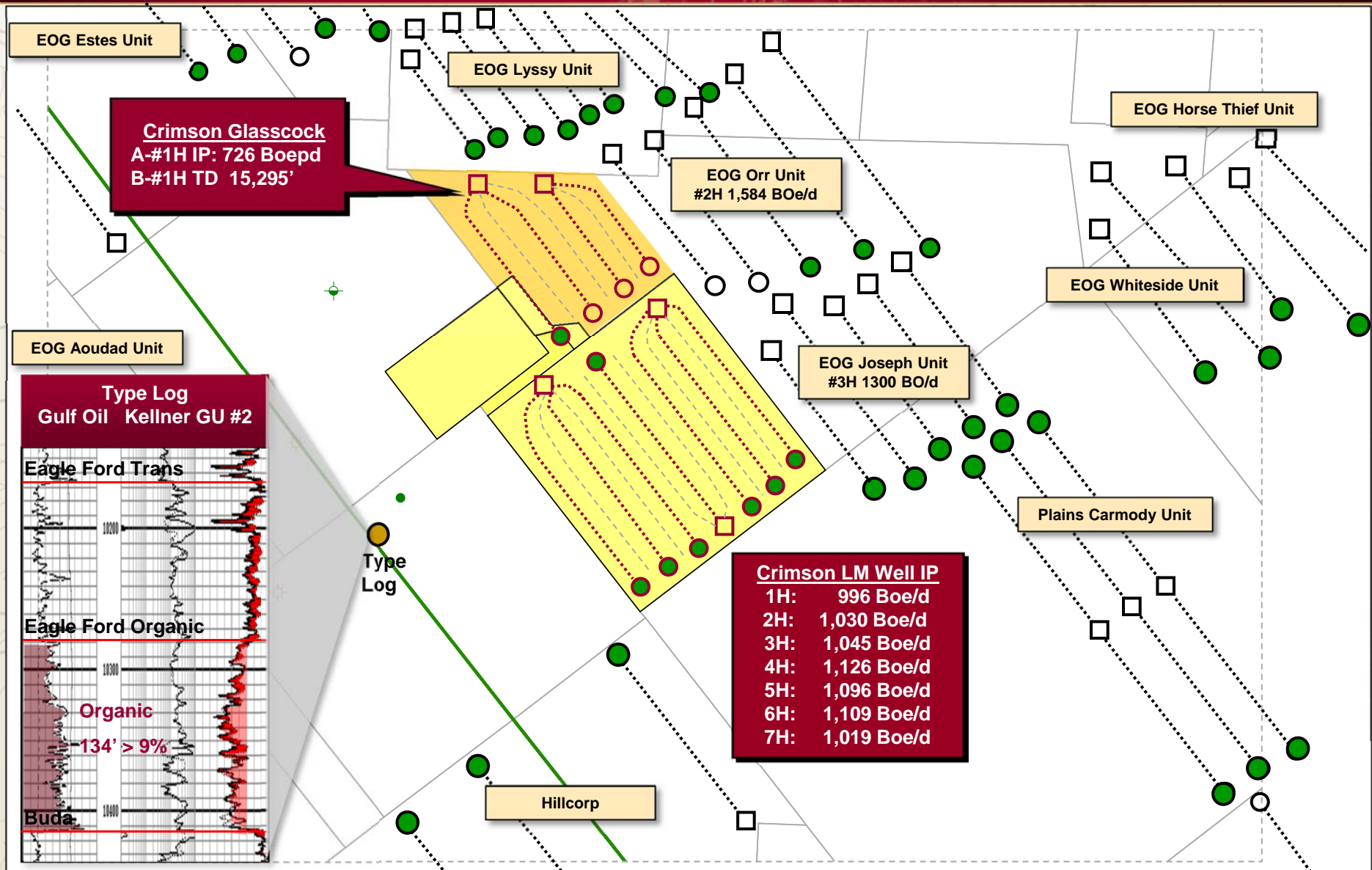
- Karnes County – Glasscock A producing, Glasscock B WOC
- Bee County – 2 OBO wells
- Zavala/Dimmit Counties – 1 completion and 1 drill well
 - Monitor outside activity



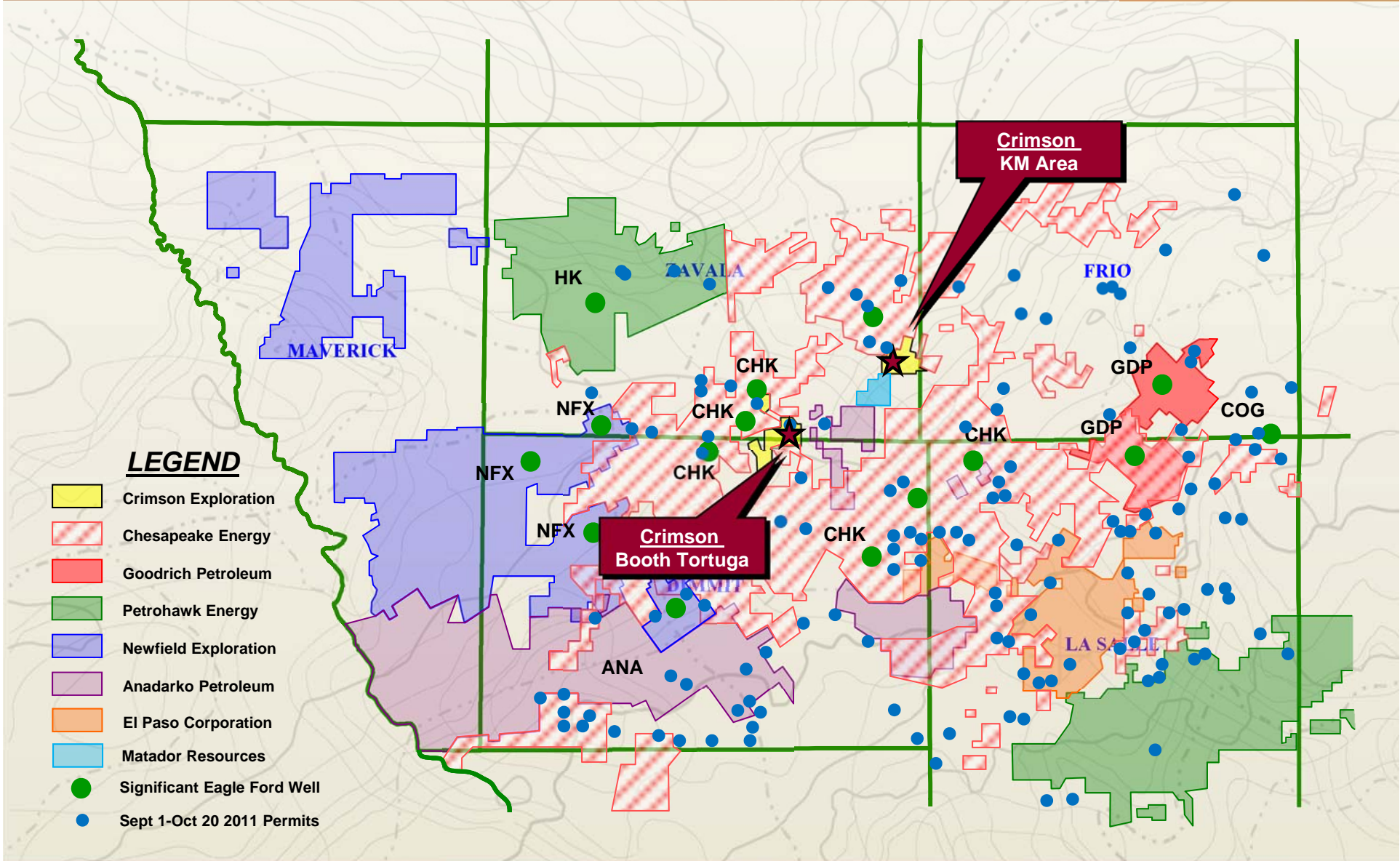
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Eagle Ford

Littlepage-McBride/Glasscock; >550 Mmboe Produced since 4/2011



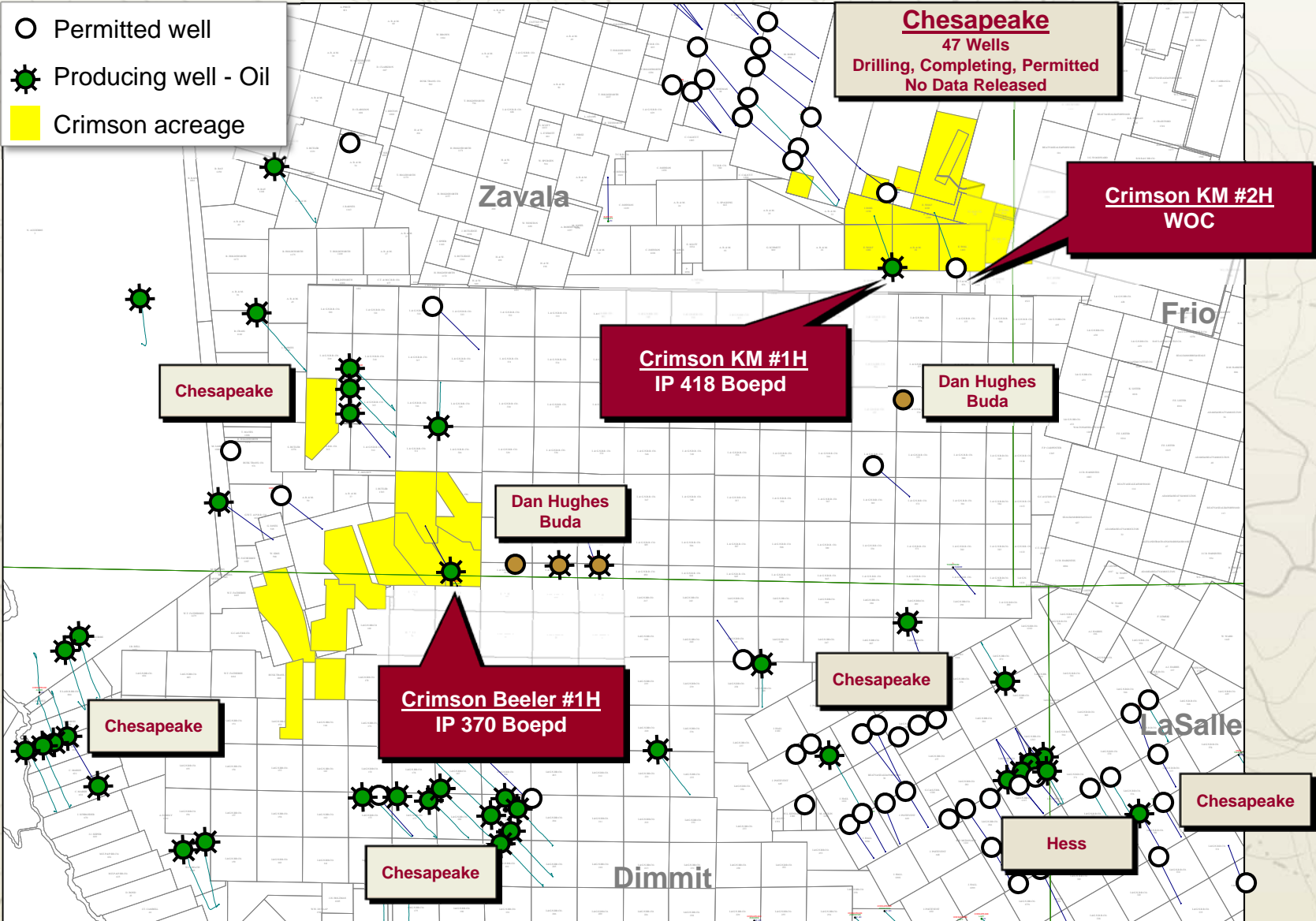
Eagle Ford Zavala/Dimmit County



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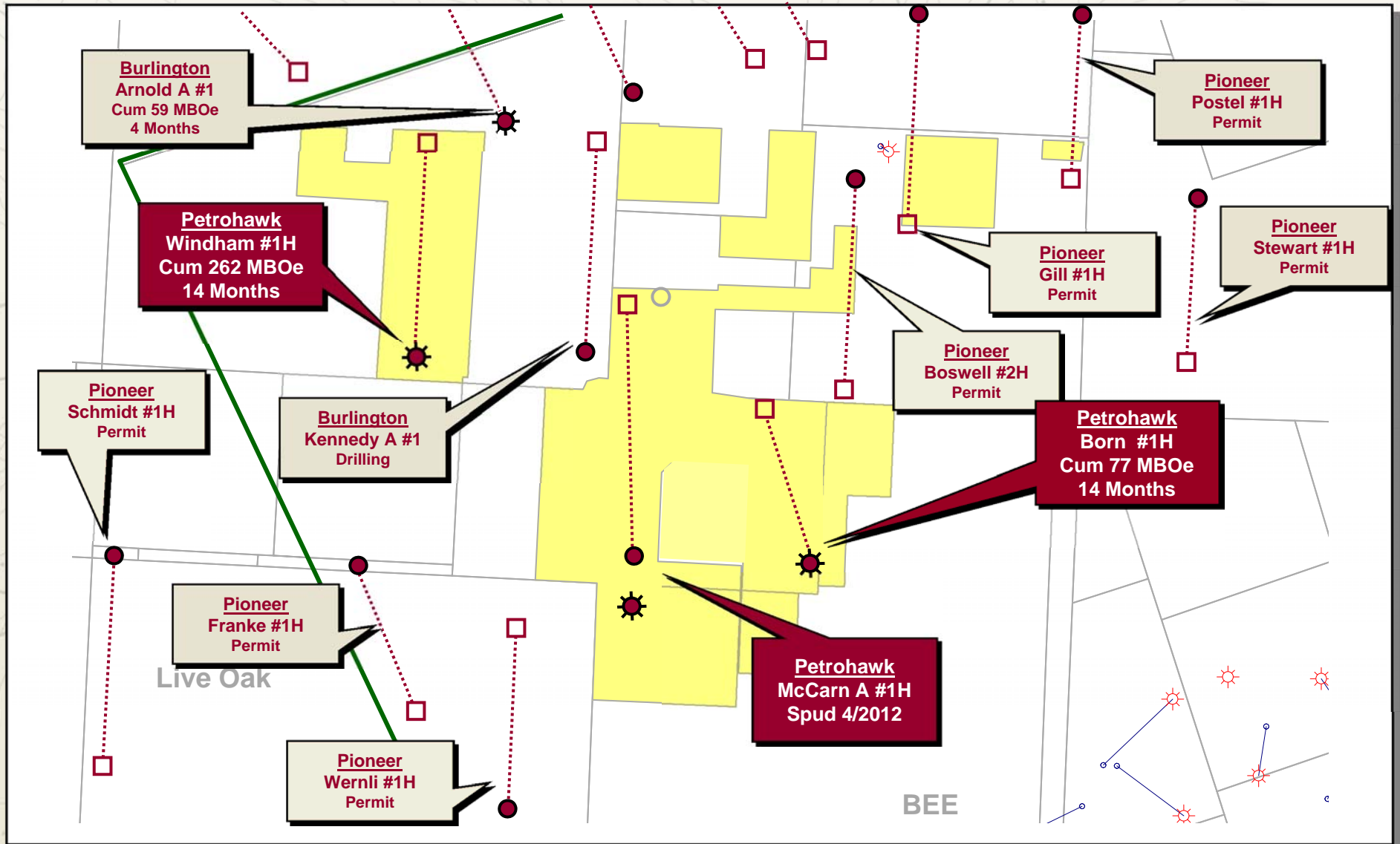
- Crimson Exploration
- Chesapeake Energy
- Goodrich Petroleum
- Petrohawk Energy
- Newfield Exploration
- Anadarko Petroleum
- El Paso Corporation
- Matador Resources
- Significant Eagle Ford Well
- Sept 1-Oct 20 2011 Permits

Eagle Ford Zavala/Dimmit County (cont.)



Eagle Ford

Bee County – Pawnee NW

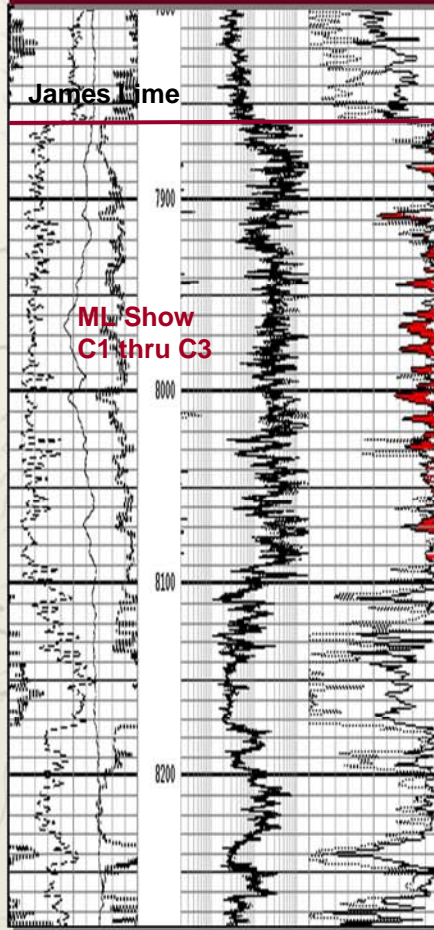


James Lime Liquids

San Augustine/Sabine County

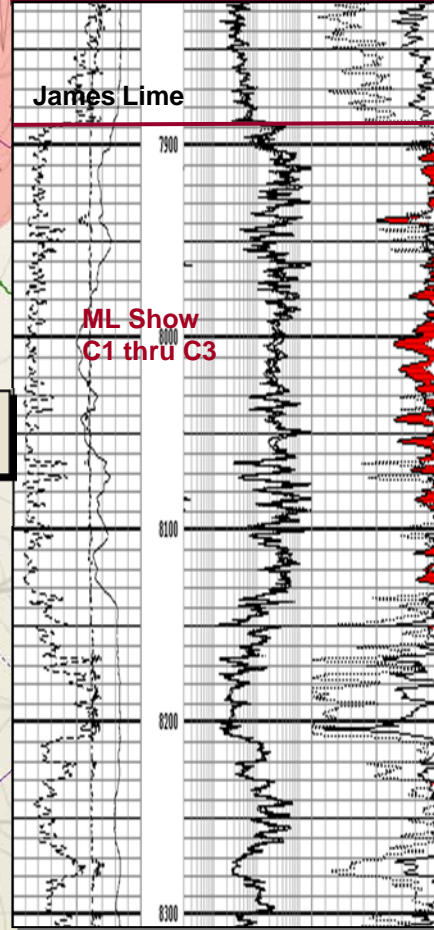


Crimson Blue #1
San Augustine Co, Texas



Angie Field
Avg EUR: 2.3 BCF (Dry Gas)

Eagle Halbert #1
San Augustine Co, Texas

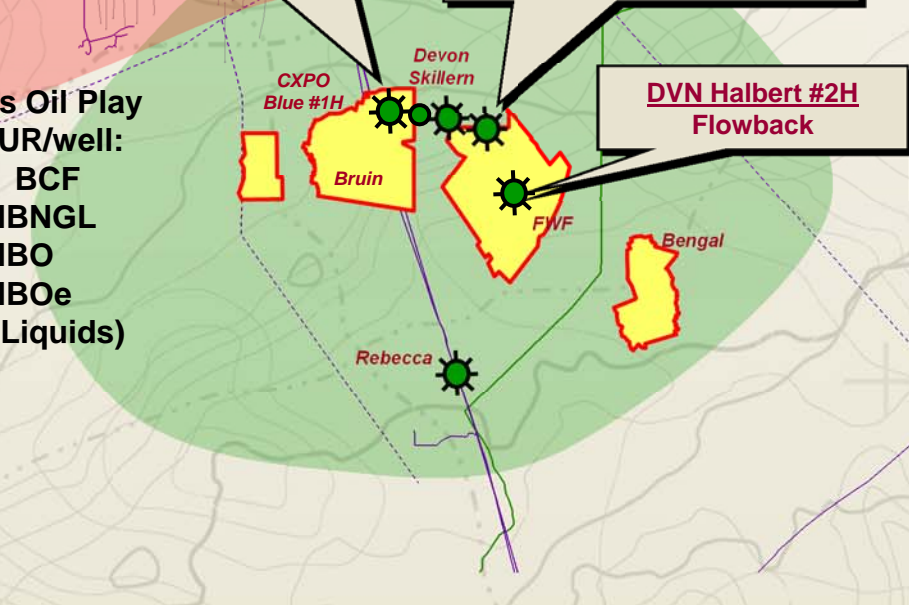


DVN Kardell #2H
4,256 MCF/d + 360 BO/d

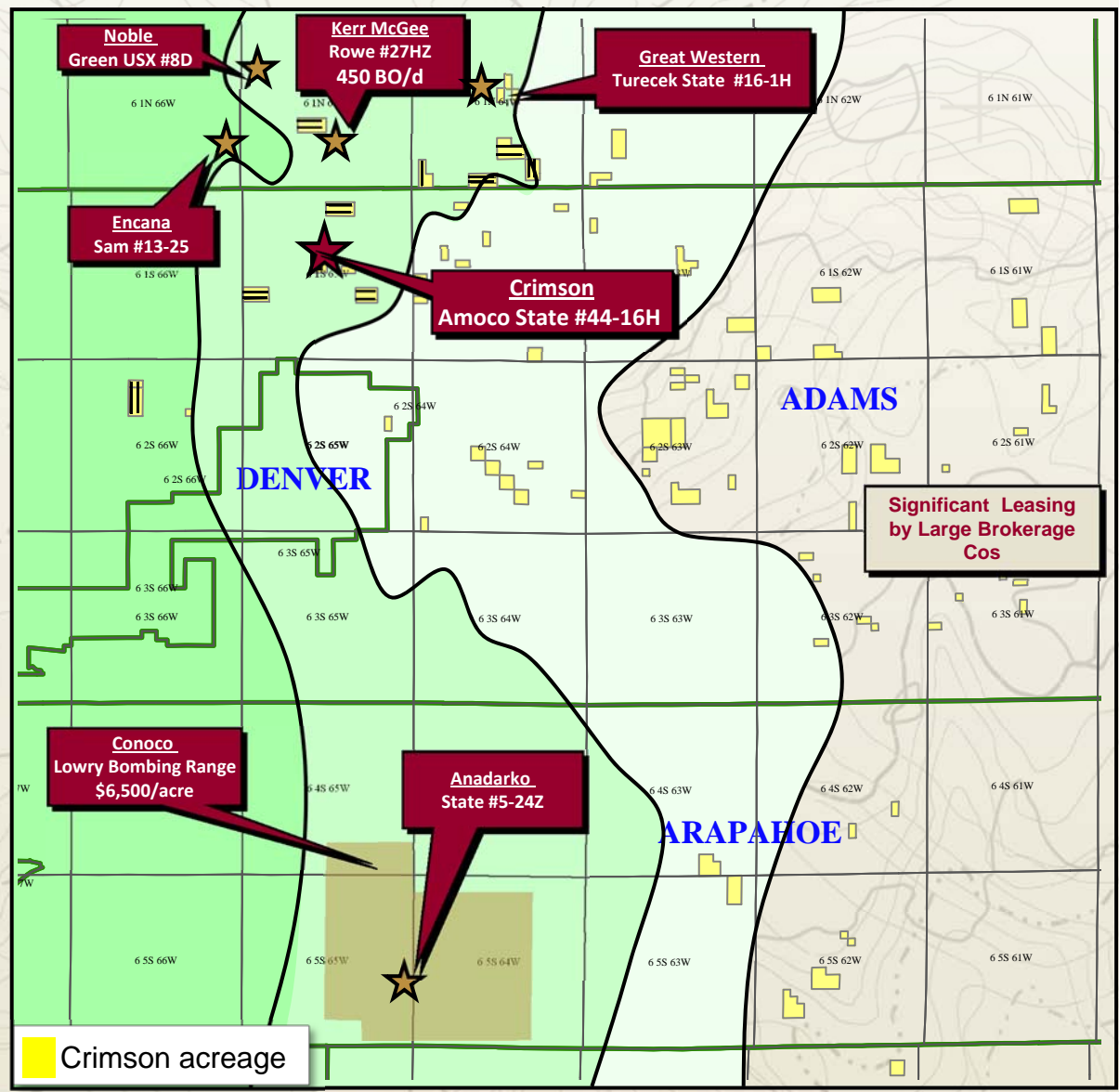
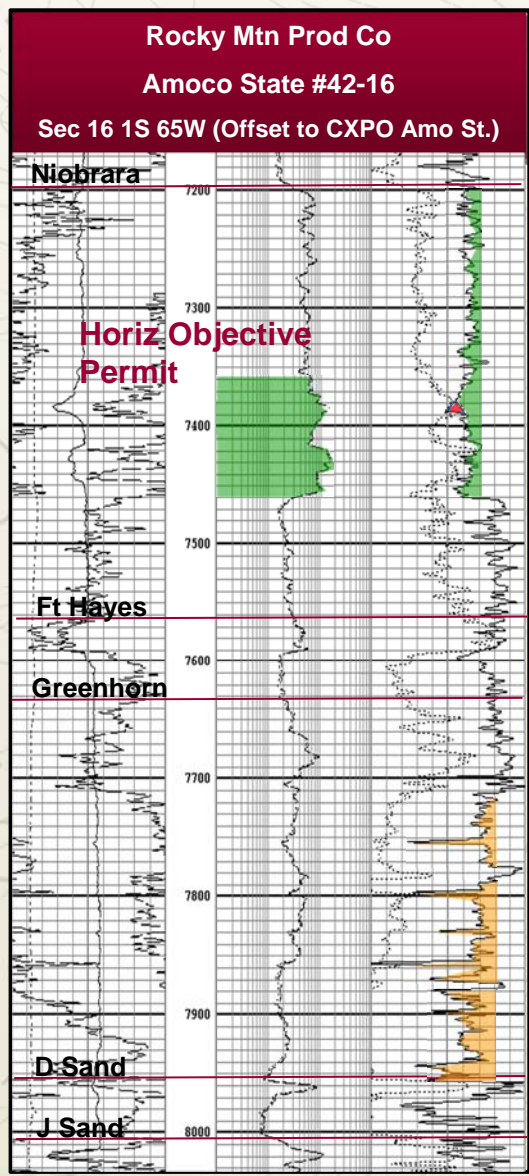
DVN Sublett #2H
2,100 MCF/d + 300 BO/d
28 MBO + 239 MMCF
7 Months

DVN Halbert #2H
Flowback

James Oil Play
Est EUR/well:
1.547 BCF
103 MBNGL
185 MBO
546 MBOe
(53% Liquids)



Niobrara Play Colorado Activity



NAV Estimate



Category	Base Case	Upside Case	Comments
Proved Developed Reserves⁽¹⁾	\$4.85	\$4.85	– PV-10 at NYMEX Strip pricing
Proved Undeveloped Reserves⁽¹⁾	1.94	1.94	– Risked 85% of PV-10 at NYMEX Strip pricing
Less: Net Debt⁽²⁾	(4.21)	(4.21)	– Total net debt of \$190 MM
Total Proved	\$2.57	\$2.57	
Woodbine^(1,3)	4.62	8.16	– Base: PV-10 at 320 acre spacing – Upside: PV-10 at 160 acre spacing
Eagle Ford Shale⁽¹⁾	5.14	8.77	– Base: PV-10 at 160 acre spacing – Upside: PV-10 at 80 acre spacing
Haynesville / Mid-Bossier / James Lime⁽¹⁾	1.25	3.21	– Base: PV-10 at 160 acre spacing – Upside: PV-10 at 80 acre spacing
Niobrara⁽¹⁾	0.56	0.56	– Assumes PV-10 at 160 acre spacing
Other Conventional Assets⁽¹⁾	0.46	0.46	– Assumes 50% of risking on 140 Bcfe valued at \$0.30 per Mcfe
Preliminary Per Share Valuation	\$14.61	\$23.74	
Stock Price @ 5/7/12	\$5.00	\$5.00	
Premium to Current Stock Price	192%	375%	

(1) Company estimates. Based on NYMEX Strip pricing as of 12/31/2011. See "Hydrocarbon Quantities & Drilling Locations."

(2) Per SEC filings.

(3) Does not include value attributed to numerous other formations in Madison or Grimes County.

Investment Highlights



Attractive asset base

- 200.4 Bcfe of proved reserves⁽¹⁾
- ~5x unproved reserve potential
- Operational control > 80%

Near term catalysts

- Horizontal Woodbine/Lewisville/Georgetown
- Eagle Ford Shale
- Haynesville/Mid-Bossier/James Lime
- Niobrara Shale

Financial flexibility

- No near-term debt maturities
- Sufficient liquidity to pursue strategic plan
- Revolver availability; \$79MM available at December 31, 2011
- Aggressive commodity price hedging strategy



(1) Based on 12/31/11 SEC pricing

Hydrocarbon Quantities & Drilling Locations



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SEC rules require pricing of reserves using a 12-month first day of the month index price average as of December 31, 2011, which were \$92.71 per barrel of oil and condensate and \$4.12 per Mmbtu of natural gas, adjusted for regional price differentials and transportation costs. Using SEC pricing, our proved reserves and related PV-10 as of December 31, 2011 were 200.4 Bcfe and \$266.5 million, respectively. The SEC PV-10 value of \$266.5 million does not include any value for financial hedge agreements.

In this presentation we have used the following terms to refer to unproved hydrocarbon quantities that the SEC rules would prohibit from inclusion in SEC filings:

“Unproved reserve or resource potential” refers to Crimson's internal estimates of hydrocarbon quantities that may be potentially discovered through exploratory drilling or recovered with additional drilling or recovery techniques. Unproved reserve or resource potential may not constitute reserves within the meaning of the Society of Petroleum Engineer's Petroleum Resource Management System or proposed SEC rules and does not include any proved reserves. Area wide unproved reserve or resource potential has been risked using a risk factor selected by Crimson's management. Actual quantities that may be ultimately recovered from Crimson's interests will differ substantially. Factors affecting ultimate recovery include the scope of our ongoing drilling program, which will be directly affected by the availability of capital, drilling and production costs, availability of drilling services and equipment, drilling results, lease expirations, transportation constraints, regulatory approvals and other factors; and actual drilling results, including geological and mechanical factors affecting recovery rates. Estimates of resource potential may change significantly as development of our resource plays provides additional data.

“EUR”, or Estimated Ultimate Recovery, refers to Crimson's internal estimates of per well hydrocarbon quantities that may be potentially recovered from a hypothetical future well completed as a producer in the area. These quantities do not necessarily constitute or represent reserves within the meaning of the Society of Petroleum Engineer's Petroleum Resource Management System or proposed SEC rules.

Oil and condensate resource potential for South Texas (Eagle Ford Shale) included in this presentation is shown in Mcf equivalents based on a 6:1 Mcf/barrel conversion ratio. Liquid resource potential for other areas is converted to Mcf equivalent on 6:1 basis.

In this presentation, "potential drilling locations" represent the number of locations that we currently estimate could potentially be drilled in a particular area determined by (a) dividing the number of net acres in which we have an interest by the Company estimated well spacing requirements applicable to that area, and (b) reducing the resulting number by a risk factor based on our management's internal estimates of the risks and probabilities associated with drilling in that area. Our actual drilling activities will depend on oil and natural gas prices, the availability of capital, drilling and production costs, availability of drilling services and equipment, drilling results, lease expirations, gathering system and transportation constraints, regulatory approvals and other factors. We may not be able to drill wells on many of these locations.



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