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**[PDC Energy Announces Increases in 2013 Capital Budget and Estimated Net Production, and Signing of Midstream Agreement in the Utica Shale](#)**

*PDC Energy*

PDC Energy, Inc. announced an increase in the Company's capital budget and estimated net production for 2013. The Company also announced the signing of an agreement for the provision of midstream services in the Utica Shale.

**[Exterran Plant to Come Online in Youngstown](#)**

*Energy In Depth*

In 2010, Exterran Energy Solution Inc. announced it would build a new manufacturing plant in Youngstown. Now, after years of planning and construction, the 60,000 square-foot plant is set to go online in April.

**[Is This Shale Oil and Gas Play Overhyped?](#)**

*The Motley Fool*

A couple of years ago, Chesapeake Energy's outgoing CEO Aubrey McClendon touted the Utica Shale as "the biggest thing to hit Ohio since the plow." In mid-2011, he even went so far as to claim that the 1.3 million acres of Utica property that Chesapeake had leased contained hydrocarbons worth roughly \$20 billion.

**[Data That Every Utica Shale Investor Needs to Know About](#)**

*The Motley Fool*

The Utica shale may not ring any bells for the average investor. But, utter that name around energy industry professionals, and you're sure to rouse a lively debate. An up-and-coming shale

oil and gas play, the Utica stretches across Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia, though drilling to date has centered primarily in Ohio.

### **[Employment Growth Here Could Be Right Around the Corner](#)**

*The Motley Fool*

There is an emerging economic boom in Ohio thanks to the Utica Shale. However, while the region is beginning to see increased economic activity, one thing is clearly lacking: a coinciding increase in hiring. That has many Ohioans wondering where all promised jobs are going.

### **[A snapshot of Ohio drilling in 2012: nearly 670 miles of wells](#)**

*Akron Beacon Journal*

There was plenty of natural gas drilling in Ohio in 2012: Nearly 670 miles of vertical and horizontal wells were drilled. Some of the horizontal legs being drilled in Ohio now surpass three miles in length.

### **[BP gets first Ohio permit for Utica well in Trumbull County](#)**

*Akron Beacon Journal*

Ohio has issued 581 Utica shale permits, according to the March 23 update provided by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. That includes 281 completed wells, of which 77 are in production.

### **[Methane has an uphill route to become a mainstream motor vehicle fuel](#)**

*Mansfield News Journal*

Natural gas prices are back up around that magic mark of \$4 per unit thanks to a winter that keeps hanging on, but experts say that if producers want to find enough buyers for all the recently mapped shale gas reserves, including Ohio's Utica Shale, then they need to diversify the end uses of natural gas.

### **[Belmont County drilling primed for big year](#)**

*Martins Ferry Times Leader*

As the company prepares to drill on acreage in the Village of Barnesville, Denver-based Antero Resources plans a big year in 2013 for both Marcellus and Utica Shale exploration. The \$5,700 per acre and 20 percent of production royalties' agreement that many private mineral owners signed is the same one Barnesville leaders inked with Antero last year.

### **Federal officials want monthly production reports on drilling**

*Akron Beacon Journal*

The federal government wants to provide more frequent oil and gas production reports for Pennsylvania and other states that have seen a boom in drilling in recent years.

### **Chesapeake aims to quadruple energy production in Ohio this year**

*The Columbus Dispatch*

Chesapeake Energy is the largest leaseholder in Ohio's Utica shale with more than 1 million acres and more than 240 wells drilled. Right now, the company is producing 75 million cubic feet equivalent of natural gas in the Utica. If not for a lack of processing capacity, Chesapeake could double that number.

### **How Big Is the Utica Shale's Potential?**

*The Motley Fool*

Since the Bakken and Eagle Ford shales took the energy industry by storm a few years back, another energy play has slowly crept into the limelight. It's the Utica shale, an up-and-coming play that has drawn comparisons with the prolific Eagle Ford of Texas.

### **The Utica's Potential Glimpsed in Chesapeake's Results**

*The Motley Fool*

After discovering the Utica Shale in 2010, Chesapeake Energy was initially highly optimistic about the play's hydrocarbon potential. Though it has since dialed back its expectations, its most recent well results in the play are highly encouraging.

### **Chesapeake Energy shares some Ohio Utica production numbers**

*The Plain Dealer*

In a conference call with analysts, Chief Operating Officer Steven Dixon, acting CEO, said the company has drilled 240 wells in Ohio's Utica Shale but is selling gas and oil from only 54 wells.

### [Shale movers and shakers begin surveying New Wilmington](#)

*WCN (Westminster College Network)*

These devices collect data generated from vibrations to map the Marcellus and Utica Shale formations as they search for places to drill. The Borough has consented to the seismic testing allowing surveyors to deploy the sensors on municipal property and rights-of-ways.

### [Experts: Hydraulic fracturing has been around for decades](#)

*Trib Today*

Hydraulic fracturing is the process of blasting millions of gallons of water mixed with chemicals and sand, into deep wells in an attempt to crack or "fracture" the rock and release trapped fossil fuels.

### [Gulfport's Big Utica Bet Set To Pay Off](#)

*Seeking Alpha*

Gulfport Energy has made a big bet on Ohio acreage in the Utica Shale. The company owns 128,000 leasehold acres in the Utica and its current drilling program suggests production from the formation should jump over the coming two years.

### [Drilling company pursuing Rose Run leases in Perry County, Ohio](#)

*Zanesville Times Recorder*

A group of Perry County residents have been approached about land leases, but they're not pertaining to Utica Shale. Rather, Artex Oil Co. of Marietta, Ohio, is asking for the rights to do seismic testing in the Rose Run rock formation.

