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### [The Utica Shale Continues to Show Signs of Hope](#)

Daily Finance

This looks to be a big year for the Utica, as infrastructure improvements should enable more wells to come online by year's end. Add to that companies such as Rex figuring out which techniques work best, and you can see why many producers still have a lot of hope in the promise of the Utica. While results will probably continue to be lumpy in the short term, in time, we should have much more consistent results as producers can better target the best spots in the play.

### [Eclipse Resources Corporate Presentation, June 2013](#)

Eclipse Resources

Eclipse Resources has released a presentation outlining its holdings in the Utica Shale, including its EUR, as well as projected recovery from existing comparable horizontal wells drilled and additionally the existing and proposed midstream infrastructure in Belmont, Guernsey, Monroe, and Noble Counties.

### [Eclipse Resources Acquires The Oxford Oil Company in the Utica Shale](#)

Eclipse Resources

Eclipse Resources I, LP announced that it has acquired The Oxford Oil Company, LLC, with approximately 184,000 net acres in Ohio and 13.8 Bcfe of proved developed producing reserves. Prior to the acquisition, Eclipse Resources owned approximately 41,000 net acres in Belmont, Guernsey, Monroe and Noble Counties in Ohio. With the acquisition of Oxford, Eclipse

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Resources now owns approximately 90,000 net acres in these core Utica Shale counties, as well as in Harrison County, Ohio. The company is currently running one rig in the play, and is participating, on a non-operated basis, in operations of three additional rigs in the play.

### [Mandel to state government: Get out of the way of oil and gas](#)

New Philadelphia Times Reporter

Bruce Levensgood, president of Sound Energy of Dover, noted that the oil and gas companies coming to the state because of the Utica Shale play are "good citizens" who have built new roads in eastern Ohio. In regard to the severance tax, Levensgood said, "we need the money to filter down to local governments in a more efficient way."

### [Foundation being laid for Utica Shale play](#)

New Philadelphia Times Reporter

MarkWest's cryogenic plant, which has a processing capacity of 125 million cubic feet per day, went into operation during the last two weeks of May, said Kevin Hawkins, manager of investor relations for the company. In Scio, where M3 Midstream is building a 1.2-mile-long fractionation plant along the Panhandle rail line, construction workers are moving forward with an access road for the plant, which will link it with Route 151 west of town.

### [Slideshow: Tour the Utica shale play](#)

Business First of Columbus (blog)

Ohio is at the beginning of a potential oil and gas boom with energy companies such as PDC investing billions of dollars in property leases and well construction. Even in at this early stage, the Utica play is sparking local economies in eastern and southeastern Ohio, and we saw evidence of that during our tour.

### [Crosstex Energy Re-Activates Black Run Rail Terminal Facilities for Export of Utica Shale Production](#)

Wall Street Journal

Crosstex Energy LP has re-activated its Black Run rail loading terminal located in Frazeytsburg, Ohio, on the Ohio Central Railroad allowing the export of Utica Shale light oil condensate production. The Black Run facility is a state-of-the-art 20-car rail rack with tracking gangways designed to top load multiple products, including light oil condensate and various grades of crude oil, at a rate of 24,000 barrels per day.

## [Rex Energy Announces Results of Recent Ohio Utica Shale Wells and Provides Operational Update](#)

Rex Energy

Rex Energy Corporation today announced the results of its recent Ohio Utica Shale wells and provided an update on its operations. "We are pleased with the results of the G. Graham 1H, our second announced well in our Warrior North Prospect," commented Tom Stabley, Rex Energy's Chief Executive Officer. "It is our belief that the initial sales from the G. Graham 1H are among the best results in Carroll County to date. With over 110 additional locations on our approximately 16,000 net acres in Carroll County, we believe this result further demonstrates the potential value of our acreage position in our Warrior North Prospect."

## [Bill would increase taxes on oil and gas produced via fracking](#)

Youngstown Vindicator

The general gist behind the new legislation offered by Rep. Bob Hagan, Youngstown, D-58th, is not too different from past bills and amendments he's offered. But Hagan's new legislation, HB 212, puts a new spin on the proposal. He wants the state to enact a 7.5 percent severance tax on oil and gas produced via fracking.

## [Transfac Capital Brings Invoice Financing to the Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia Utica and Marcellus Shales](#)

Market Wire

Transfac Capital, Inc., a specialty finance company providing accounts receivable financing to small and mid-sized companies, today announced the expansion of its presence into the Utica and Marcellus Shale fields. Transfac Capital's accounts receivable financing provides working capital for businesses in need of improved cash flow. Oilfield service companies, such as drillers, haulers, tank cleaners and testers, often find themselves in a cash crunch. Transfac is a direct source of funding for these and other similar type businesses.

## [Hess Is Fracking and Flaring in East Ohio](#)

Wheeling Intelligencer

Hess initially entered the eastern Ohio Utica Shale play in 2011 by paying \$750 million to acquire rights from Marquette Exploration. Hess' Capstone 2H9 well, located near Flushing in the area of Ohio 331 and Dutton Drive, produced 2,242 barrels of oil equivalent per day during the first three months of this year. The Capstone well is producing more energy than some Chesapeake wells in Harrison County, as well as Ohio County. Also, the Hess NAC 4H-20 well in Jefferson County produced 7.5 million cubic feet of dry methane gas per day during the first quarter.

### [Ohio Supreme Court agrees to hear drilling appeal from Munroe Falls](#)

Akron Beacon Journal

The Ohio Supreme Court has agreed to hear a case from Summit County on whether local governments have any say in gas-oil drilling. The key question is whether oil and gas well drillers must follow city ordinances or whether state control takes precedence over local home rule.

### [Williams' Board Approves Company's Bluegrass Pipeline Project](#)

Wall Street Journal

Williams is engaged in development work on the proposed natural-gas-liquids pipeline, which has a targeted in-service date of late 2015. The Bluegrass Pipeline will connect supply from the Marcellus and Utica shale-gas areas in the U.S. Northeast to growing petrochemical and export markets in the U.S. Gulf Coast. The pipeline also will connect NGL supply with the developing petrochemical market in the U.S. Northeast. Phase one of the project will provide producers with 200,000 barrels per day of mixed NGL take-away capacity in Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania. Phase two will increase capacity to 400,000 barrels per day to meet market demand, primarily by adding additional liquids pumping capacity.

### [Savage Opens Transloading Operation at the Ohio Commerce Center](#)

Savage

Savage introduced bulk material handling and rail transloading services at the Ohio Commerce Center (OCC) in Lordstown, Ohio. Savage has experience transloading, managing logistics and operating rail terminals that handle oil and gas field products.

### [#ShaleBenefits: Ohio Seeing Drop in Unemployment Thanks to Utica Shale](#)

Energy In Depth

Unemployment is dropping in northeast Ohio, thanks in large part to the oil and natural gas industry. Across the board, county-by-county, communities in Ohio are beginning to see a turn around.

### [Economics, technology drive Utica Shale decisions](#)

Youngstown Vindicator

There are both economic and technological reasons to explain why companies are focusing on just a few Ohio counties within the Utica Shale, an energy representative says. In the eastern portion of the Utica, in counties such as Belmont and Monroe in Ohio and continuing into West

Virginia and Pennsylvania, there is mostly dry gas, but extracting the dry gas from the Utica Shale isn't as economical as extracting the dry gas in the Marcellus Shale because the Marcellus is geologically shallower than the Utica and therefore cheaper to drill and complete, Schurr said. Oil and gas companies, therefore, are focusing on the condensate-heavy portions of the Utica play in Jefferson, Noble, Harrison, Guernsey and Belmont counties.

#### [Consol has big plans for the Utica](#)

Farm and Dairy

Consol Energy is a little different from other drillers because it's on a more long-term, and not a hurry-up, timetable. Schurr said Consol leased some of the acreage it holds years ago for coal mining or acquired leased land through one of its joint ventures. Other parts of the acreage is already held by production from previous coal mining or gas drilling. "We are not as lease-driven," said Schurr. "We don't have the same type of pressure on us. We can be more methodical in our drilling." Schurr said a joint venture between Consol and Noble Energy was created in 2011 and drilling commenced in the Marcellus Shale and has continued as a joint venture in the Utica Shale.

#### [Ohio has approved 731 Utica shale permits, 358 wells drilled](#)

Akron Beacon Journal (blog)

Through June 15, Ohio has approved 731 Utica Shale permits. Of that total, 358 wells have been drilled, according to the latest data from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. A total of 102 wells are in production. A total of 29 drilling rigs are working in Ohio.

#### [Carroll County weighs pros, cons of local oil, gas boom](#)

Canton Repository

Carroll County has 52 of the 102 producing Utica wells, and accounts for 40 percent the 711 drilling permits, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The county is also home to pipeline and processing projects that will take the gas to customers.

#### [Ohio oil rig count on the rise](#)

Martins Ferry Times Leader

Oilfield services company Baker Hughes Inc. regularly issues a report listing the number of rigs operating in each state. The number in West Virginia is now 23, the same as it was at this time last year. However, Ohio has seen an increase from the 19 working there in June 2012. "Ohio is

making a big move," said Corky DeMarco, executive director of the West Virginia Oil and Natural Gas Association. "If you look at it, I'd bet most of those rigs came out of Pennsylvania."

### [Pipelines are beginning to line Ohio's landscape](#)

Farm and Dairy

MarkWest Energy Partners has a total of 52 lines planned or in progress. They are connected to several drilling companies, including Gulfport Energy and Antero Resources and others in the southern portion of the Utica in Ohio, according to MarkWest Energy Partners. Cardinal Gas Services has 50 lines planned or in the construction process throughout Ohio. Cardinal Gas Services is involved with a project with Caiman Energy II, LLC and Dominion to form a \$1.5 billion joint venture that provides Midstream services in the Utica Shale. Meanwhile, Utica East Ohio Midstream has 14 lines planned or in progress, Halcon has three, Mountain Gathering has two planned and a handful of pipeline companies have one line each.

