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[How is Utica Shale doing so far?](#)

Canton Repository

"Some people may have stars in their eyes,' said William G. Williams, and attorney with Krugliak, Wilkins, Griffiths & Dougherty who specializes in oil and gas. But the size of a royalty check can be a moving target. And the state's report doesn't detail natural gas liquids production. 'It's not a true science,' he added. 'There are so many variables, so many factors.'"

[Good News for These Utica Drillers?](#)

Motley Fool

For most of last year, companies drilling in Ohio's Utica shale complained that there wasn't enough gathering and processing infrastructure available in the play. Going forward, however, things are expected to change as new infrastructure projects come online. Some \$2 billion worth of projects have already been announced, while an additional \$2 billion are expected to be revealed shortly.

[Ohio Attorney General: Counties can sell water to drillers](#)

Akron Beacon Journal

The Ohio Attorney General recently issued an opinion concluding that a board of county commissioners has the authority to sell water to oil and gas operators. See OAG Opinion [2013-019](#).

[Secret behind 12% of Ohio's oil production](#)

Stockhouse

According to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, there were 87 producing wells drilled in the Utica Shale last year. Those wells produced 636,000 barrels of oil and 12.8 billion cubic feet of natural gas. And not one of the wells was in production for the entire year. Of the 87 wells drilled, 76 produced oil and 63 are in commercial production. But here is the figure that is turning heads... **Those 63 horizontal wells accounted for 12% of all the oil produced in Ohio in 2012.**

[New drilling rig acquired by Alpha Hunter for southeast Ohio](#)

Akron Beacon Journal

Magnum Hunter Resources Corporation announced today that the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, Alpha Hunter Drilling, LLC has taken possession of a new Schramm T500XD robotic drilling rig. The Company plans to utilize the rig to drill exclusively Company owned wells planned in the Utica formation located in Southeastern Ohio for the next three years. With the addition of this new drilling rig, Alpha Hunter's fleet has now grown to five rigs.

[Continued development gradually revitalizing Utica Shale potential](#)

Ohio Gas & Oil

Early estimates by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources suggest a recoverable reserve potential of as much as 5.5 billion barrels of oil and 15.7 trillion cubic feet (tcf) of natural gas. Some geologists believe that the Utica Shale could rival the massive Marcellus Shale play in potential. At least one industry analyst has opined that the Utica likely will become the nation's third largest shale producer of oil, natural gas, and gas liquids, after the Bakken in North Dakota and the Eagle Ford in Texas.

[MarkWest Utica EMG Expands Utica Shale Midstream Infrastructure](#)

Business Wire

MarkWest Utica EMG, L.L.C. a joint venture between MarkWest Energy Partners, L.P. and The Energy and Minerals Group is announcing an additional expansion of its large-scale midstream system to support the rapidly growing drilling programs of Antero Resources, Gulfport Energy Corporation and other producers in the southern core of the Utica Shale. MarkWest Utica EMG will now construct a third 200 million cubic feet per day (MMcf/d) cryogenic gas processing facility at its Seneca processing complex in Noble County, Ohio.

[Unitization Application Guidelines](#)

Ohio Department of Natural Resources

The Ohio Division of Oil and Natural Gas Resources Management recently published unitization application guidelines under Ohio Revised Code 1509.28.

[Ohio, 11 other states defend fracking in letter to U.S. EPA](#)

Akron Beacon Journal

Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt was joined by 11 states Friday, including Ohio, in a letter to the Environmental Protection Agency warning administrators not to employ its backdoor "sue and settle" tactic to regulate hydraulic fracturing and oil production. The letter, signed by 12 energy-producing states, was sent to the EPA after several northeastern states threatened to sue the agency for not taking over regulatory responsibility of oil and gas production.

[Antero Resources Updates](#)

Antero Resources

Antero Resources LLC today revised its 2013 capital budget and provided a natural gas hedging update.

[Pennat's Utica Shale gas facility, pipeline coming soon](#)

Business First of Columbus

Pennant, a joint venture between NiSource Midstream Services and Hilcorp Energy Corp. is constructing a natural gas liquids processing plant near Youngstown in Mahoning County and about 55 miles of pipelines through northeast Ohio and western Pennsylvania as part of its \$300 million project to serve the Utica and Marcellus shale plays in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

[Shale Industry Energizes Building Trades Unions](#)

Youngstown Business Journal

Local building tradesmen expect a busy season this summer as extensive construction on oil and gas pipeline networks and a new cryogenic plant in Springfield Township, Mahoning County get under way.

[The Utica Is Quite 'Gassy' ... And That's OK](#)

Investorplace.com

Overall, the Utica was thought to have vast hydrocarbon potential and contain a plethora of oil, dry gas, and natural gas liquids. At first blush, these results seem pretty dour for the Utica's promise. However, the companies that stay and continue to pump out dry gas - which the play is apparently full of - will be richly rewarded in the long term.

[First natural gas filling station to be built near Girard](#)

Youngstown Vindicator

The Mahoning Valley will fall in line with a growing national trend when a Dublin, Ohio-based company begins construction on the region's first compressed natural gas filling station before year's end. The two-dispenser station, expected to cost up to \$2.5 million, will be built at the Mr. Fuel truck stop and gas station at 2840 Salt Springs Road in Weathersfield Township. IGS Energy CNG Services has formed a partnership for its CNG dispensers to sit adjacent to Mr. Fuel's gasoline pumps.

[Halcón Resources Provides Utica/Point Pleasant Operational Update](#)

Halcón Resources

Halcón Resources Corporation provided investors an operational update specific to its acreage in Northeast Ohio and Northwest Pennsylvania, the Company's core area in the Utica/Point Pleasant play. The Brugler 1H (90% WI), located in Trumbull County, Ohio, started flowing the frac load back on May 13, 2013. Expectations are to tie the Brugler 1H well into a sales pipeline in early July 2013. The Kibler 1H (100% WI), located in Trumbull County, Ohio, is currently resting.

[Rail Industry Key to Utica Shale's Success](#)

Energy in Depth

While companies are still waiting on midstream capabilities throughout the region, rail is filling in for pipelines. Piping networks take time and billions of dollars of investment. Without pipelines, companies have to find another way to move large volumes to refineries and processing facilities, which makes the existing and extensive network of railroads a natural fit.

[EV Energy Partners' CEO Presents at NAPTP 2013 MLP Investor Conference \(Transcript\)](#)

Seeking Alpha

Mark Houser, CEO: "We believe the Utica is really coming into its own right now. As of May 13, there were 550 wells permitted of which 326 have been drilled and 97 are producing. A recent study by ODNR projects continued growth in activity with a 1,000 well permits in 2015 . . . Near the end of June, our Utica East Ohio system will come online. So putting in perspective, the opening of these plants will allow production from the joint venture to more than triple from current levels. Right now Chesapeake is producing about 80 million cubic feet gross out of their joint venture because of the bottlenecks. There will be over 300 million by the end of this summer as these two projects come online, and there is additional capacity coming online over the next two years."

[Joint Venture to Aid Pipeline](#)

NewsOK.com

The Williams Cos. Inc. and Houston-based Boardwalk Pipeline Partners have formed a joint venture to continue developing the Bluegrass Pipeline to transport natural gas liquids from the Marcellus and Utica shale plays to growing petrochemical markets along the Gulf Coast. The first phase of the project would be a pipeline with 200,000 barrels of takeaway capacity per day in Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania. Phase two would double the line's capacity to meet market demand.

[2012 Utica Shale Production - Ohio DNR Division of Oil and Gas](#)

Ohio Department of Natural Resources

2012 Utica Shale Production numbers are available. View the 2012 Utica Shale Production Report, production information, and the 2012 State of the Play presentation.

[Chesapeake Unloads Leases in Columbiana to Hilcorp](#)

Youngstown Business Journal

Documents obtained from the Columbiana County recorder's office show that Chesapeake has assigned nearly 1,100 leases in six townships to Hilcorp Energy Co. A bulk assignment that included 1,097 leases in Salem, Elk Run, Fairfield, Unity, Center and Middleton townships in the northeastern section of the county was negotiated January 23, 2013 between Hilcorp and Chesapeake, and the transaction was notarized February 15. However, the deal does exclude nine wells to which Chesapeake retains the rights and wells the Ohio Department of Natural Resources lists as already drilled by Chesapeake.

[Antero Resources Corporation Files Registration Statement for Initial Public Offering of Common Stock](#)

Antero Resources

The number of shares to be offered and the price range for the offering have not been determined. Antero Corporation intends to apply for a listing of the stock of Antero Corporation on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "AR". Antero Corporation expects to use the net proceeds it receives from the offering to pay down its credit facility, and the remaining net proceeds, if any, for general corporate purposes.

[Carrizo Oil & Gas Raises 2013 Crude Oil Production Growth Target to 40%](#)

Carrizo Oil and Gas

In the Utica Shale, construction of drilling pads is being moved into 2013 from 2014 to avoid winter construction. This work should allow development drilling in the play to begin in the second quarter of 2014. Additionally, Carrizo now plans to spud a second Utica well prior to year-end.

[Gas line may cross Knox, Washington, Marlboro, Nimishillen and Lake Townships in Stark County](#)

The Alliance Review

The proposed NGT system will move critically needed supplies of Ohio Utica Shale gas to high-demand markets in the Midwest, including Ohio and Michigan, as well as to Ontario. The new pipeline will serve local distribution companies, power generators and industrial users in these markets. The NGT project will originate in Ohio, will include approximately 250 miles of large diameter pipe, and will be capable of transporting at least 1 billion cubic feet per day of natural gas.

[PDC Energy Announces Closing of Non-Core Colorado Natural Gas Asset Sale; Proceeds to Accelerate Development of Its Liquid-Rich Horizontal Programs in Core Wattenberg and Utica Shale](#)

PDC Energy

The Company's non-core Colorado assets were sold to Caerus Oil and Gas LLC for approximately \$185 million in net proceeds, subject to customary post-closing adjustments. James Trimble, President and Chief Executive Officer, stated, "We are very pleased to close this transaction and plan to redeploy the capital to develop our high-return, liquid-rich Wattenberg and Utica Shale horizontal drilling inventory."

