

# Industry Update: Oil and Gas Drilling

## Bronco Drilling Company, Inc. Announces Monthly Operating Results

Research Update

Utilization for the month was 44% down from 55% the previous month and 83% for the fourth quarter. The company's average day rate for the month for the operating rigs was \$17,224 compared to \$17,705 the previous month.

*Bronco Drilling Company April 9, 2009*

Article: <http://phx.corporate-ir.net/phoenix.zhtml?c=191804&p=irol-newsArticle&ID=1275137>

## Energy Information Administration – Short-Term Energy and Summer Fuels Outlook Forecast

The price of West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude oil averaged \$100 per barrel in 2008. The global economic slowdown is projected to reduce the average price to \$53 per barrel this year. Assuming an economic recovery next year, WTI prices are expected to average \$63 in 2010. The Henry Hub natural gas spot price is projected to decline from an average of \$9.13 per thousand cubic feet (Mcf) in 2008 to \$4.24 per Mcf in 2009, then increase in 2010 to an average of more than \$5.80 per Mcf.

*EIA Short Term Energy Outlook April 14, 2009*

Article: <http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/steo/pub/contents.html>

## Miller Energy Resources Announces \$25.5 Million Drilling Program

The company announced today that it has initiated a \$25.5 million drilling program on company leases in Scott County, Tennessee. The program will consist of up to 16 horizontal wells and 14 vertical wells to test three reservoirs targets, including gas in the organic rich Chattanooga shale. Secondary targets are the Mississippian Age "Big Lime" and Fort Payne formation.

*Rig Zone April 13, 2009*

Article: [http://www.rigzone.com/news/article.asp?a\\_id=75022](http://www.rigzone.com/news/article.asp?a_id=75022)

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## Rig Count

Area	Last Count	Count	Change from Prior Period	Date of Prior Count	Change from Last Year	Date of Last Year's Count
U.S.	4/9/2009	1005	-38	4/3/2009	-810	3/11/2008
Canada	4/9/2009	83	8	4/3/2009	-29	3/11/2008
International	Mar-09	1012	-8	Feb-09	-42	Mar-08
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