



# Road Infrastructure to Support Oil Development

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# Points Covered

- Impact of oil development on roads
- Additional factors
- Long term implications
- Political considerations
- Potential solutions
- Expected long-term investments

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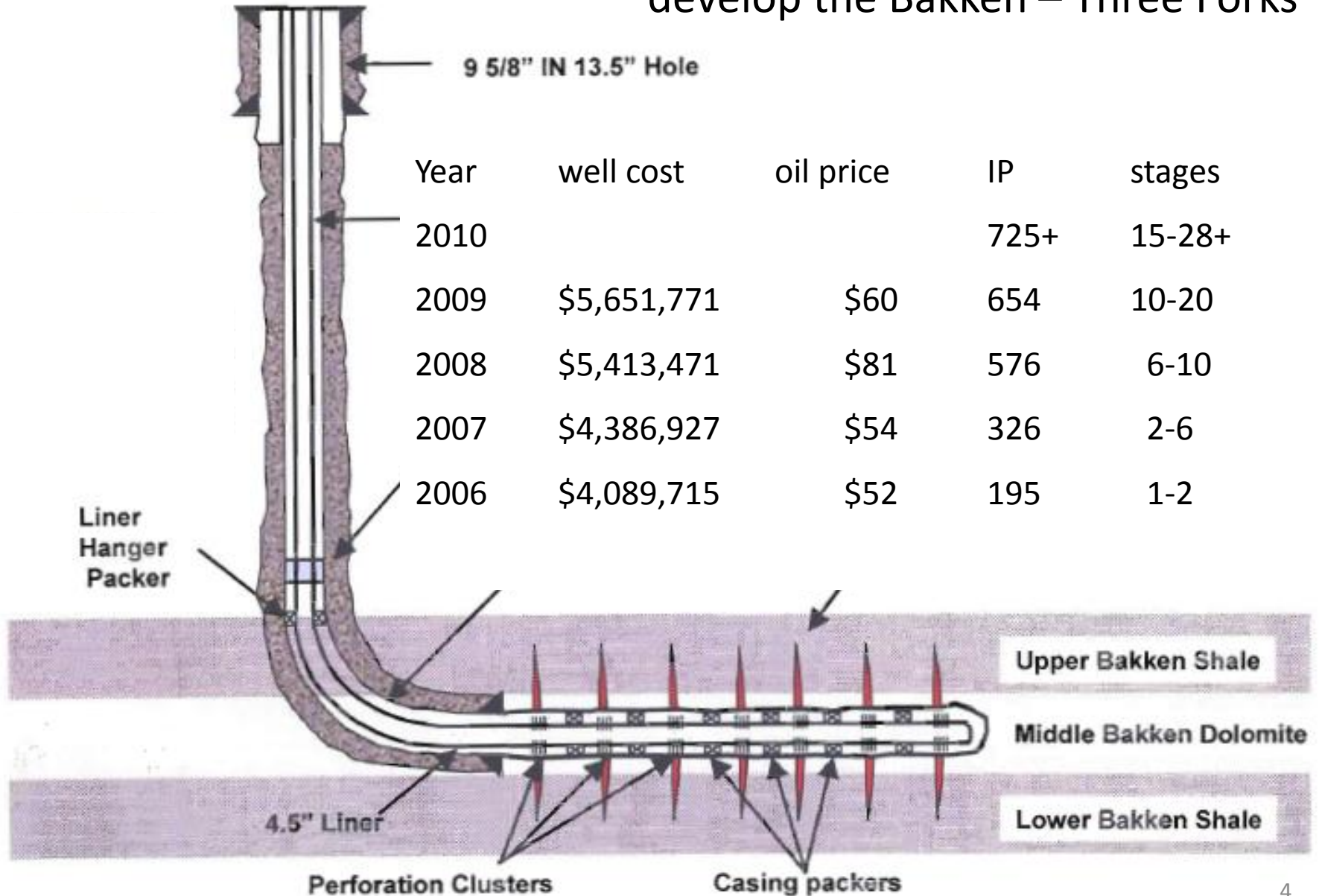
# BAKKEN INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT

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## *Road Impacts*

Will take 10,000 – 20,000 to fully develop the Bakken – Three Forks



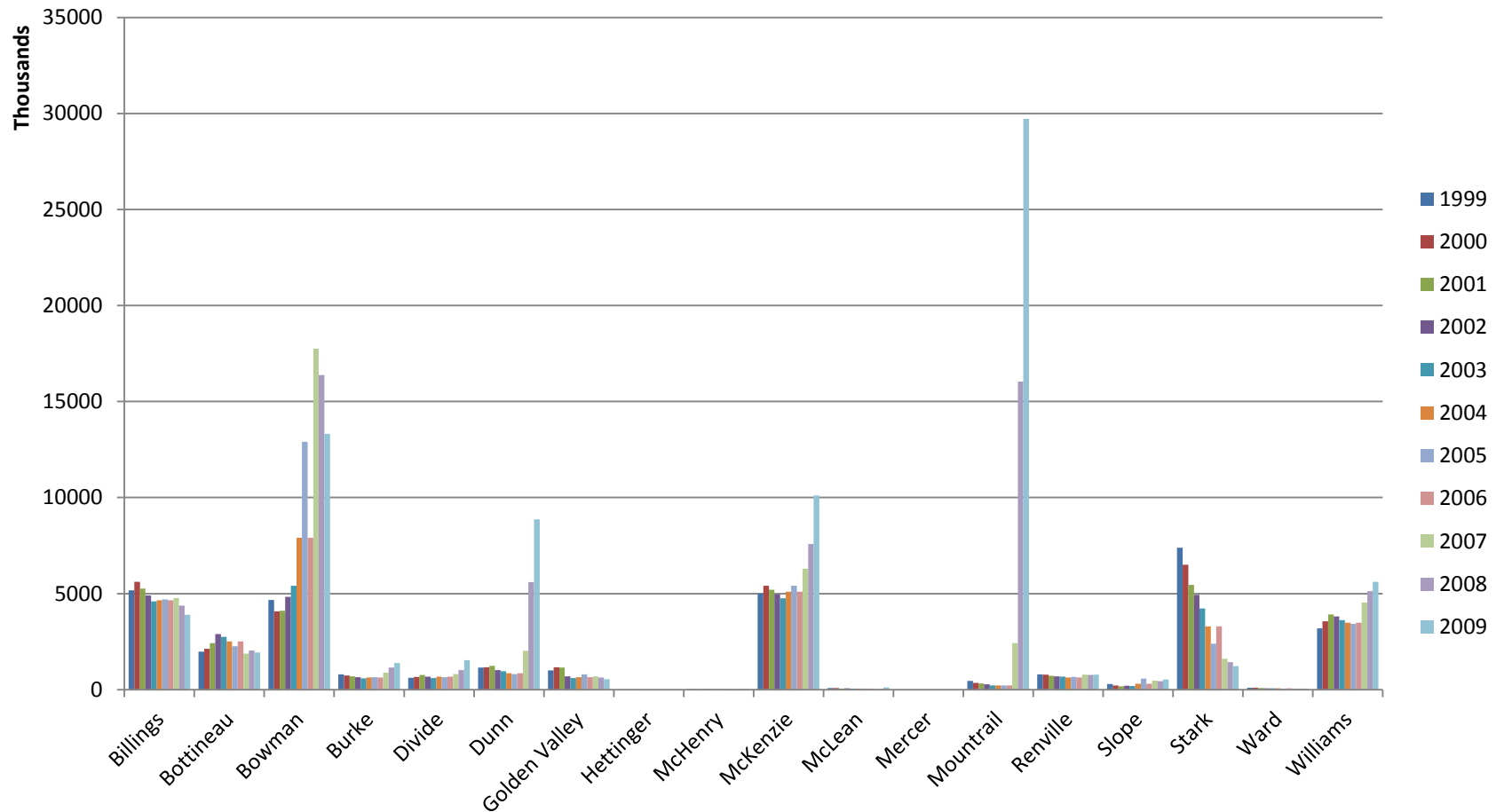
# Road Impacts

- An sample Bakken horizontal well requires 2,024 truck trips during the drilling phase

Rig Related Movements		
Item	Number of Trucks	Inbound/Outbound
Sand	80	Inbound
Water (Fresh)	400	Inbound
Water (Waste)	200	Outbound
Frac Tanks	100	Inbound/Outbound
Rig Equipment	50	Inbound/Outbound
Drilling Mud	50	Inbound
Chemical	4	Inbound
Cement	15	Inbound
Pipe	10	Inbound
Scoria/Gravel	80	Inbound
Fuel trucks	7	Inbound
Frac/cement pumper trucks	15	Inbound
Workover rigs	1	Inbound
Total - One Direction	1012	
Total Trucks	2024	

# Impacts are Localized

## Production by County (Barrels)



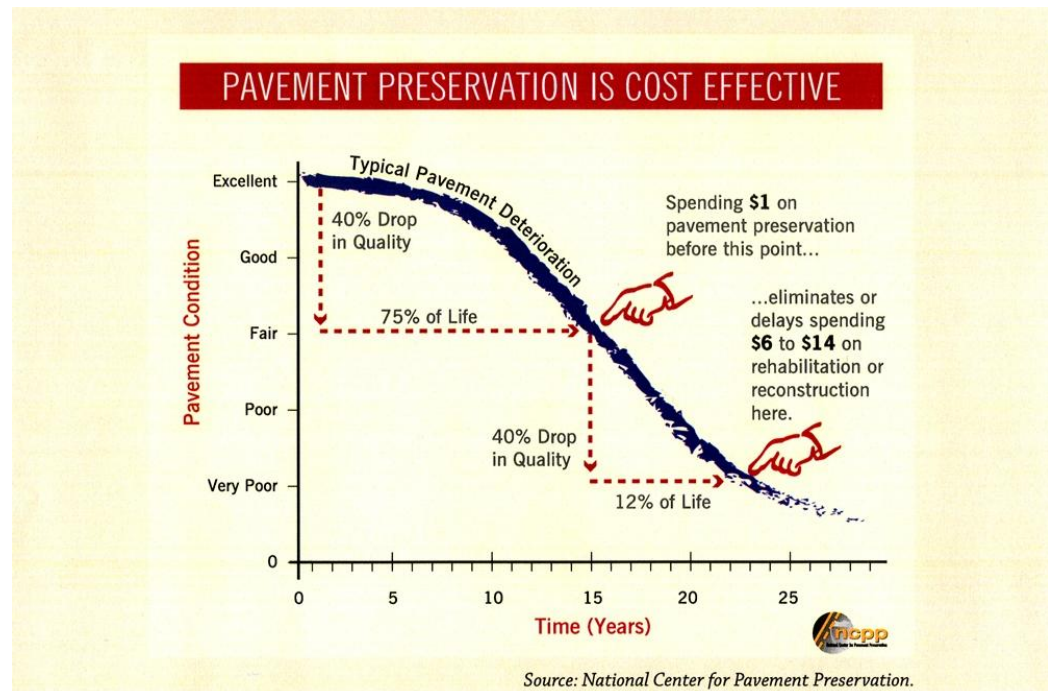
# Road Impacts

- The number of outbound trucks during the production phase depends on initial production rate and pipeline access
- In North Dakota, 96% of well locations are located more than  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile from the state system, thus requiring the use of local road systems designed for low traffic volumes



# Existing Road Conditions

- Resurface vs. Reconstruction
  - Roadway Width – practice of thin-lift overlays maintains surface condition but reduces roadway width
  - Existing condition
  - Is resurfacing feasible?





# Improvement Responses to Impacts

- Gravel Roads
  - Increase blading frequency (low impact)
  - Increase gravel application frequency (medium impact)
  - Upgrade to a paved surface type (high impact)
- Paved Roads
  - Increased ESALs decrease pavement life
  - Structural Overlays
  - Reconstruction
    - Insufficient roadway width
    - Existing condition poor



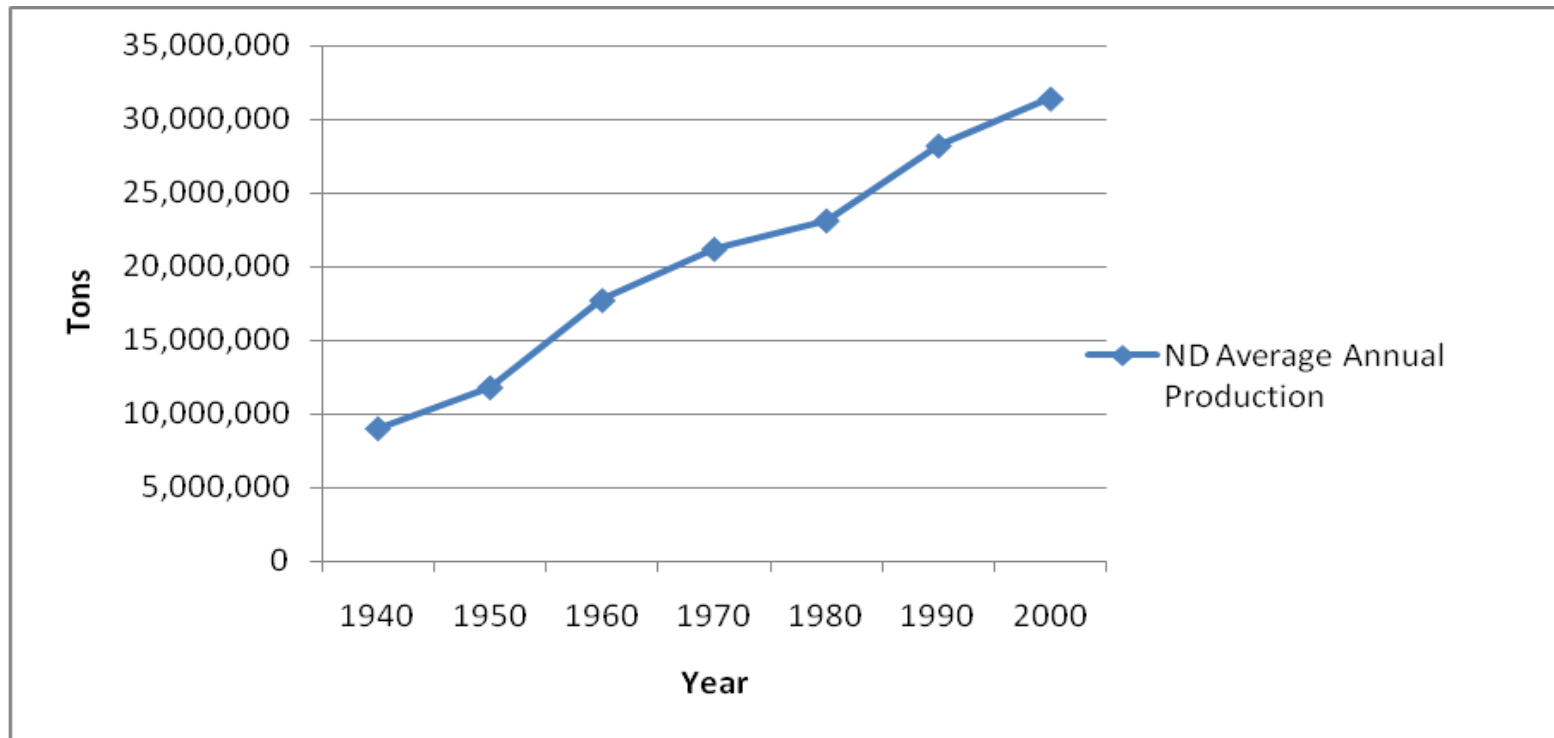
# *Additional Factors*

## *Agriculture*

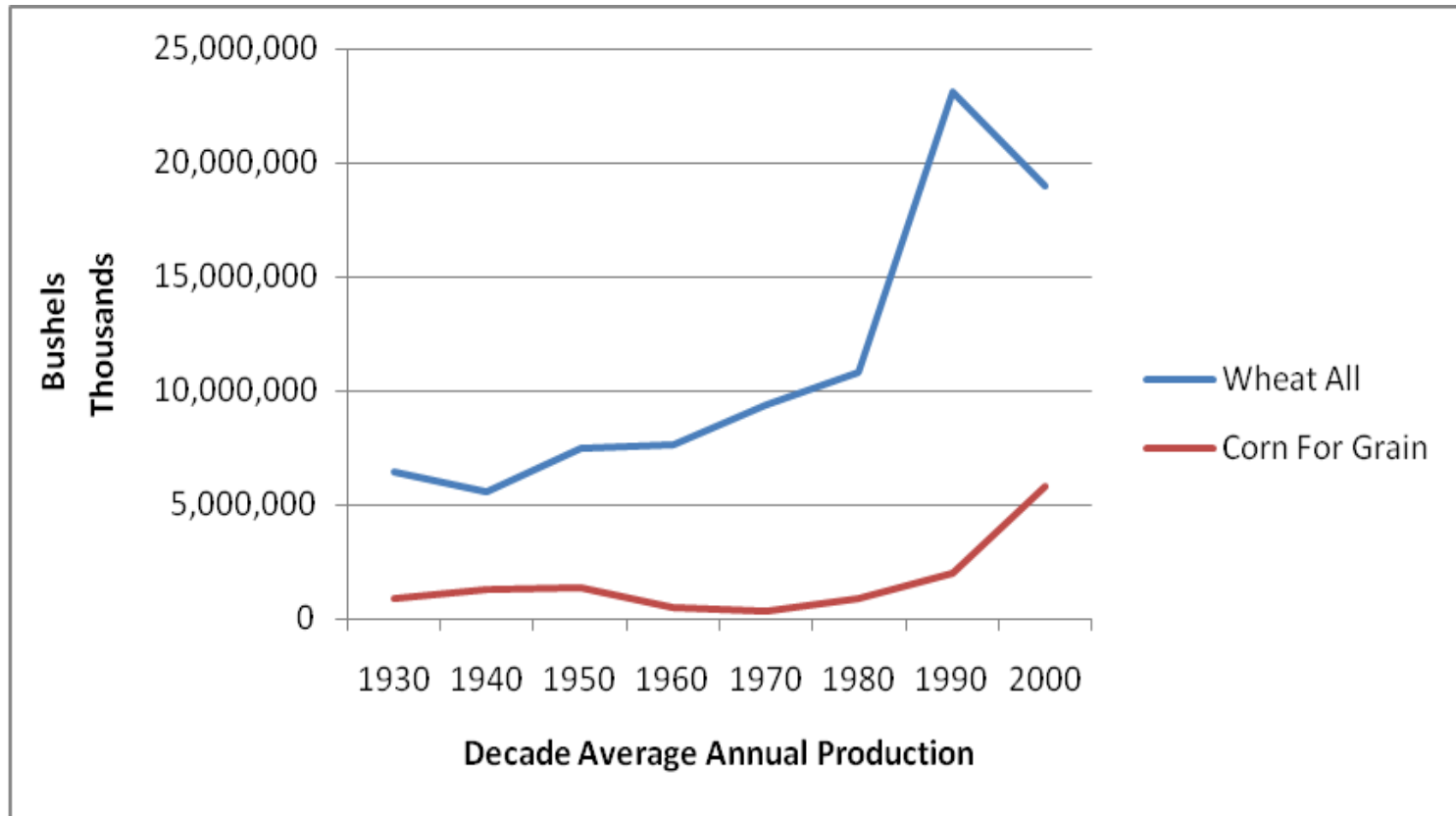
# Changing Agriculture

- Farm Size Increasing
- Acres Increased by 2,000,000 Since 1997
- More Tons/Acre
- More Inputs (fertilizer, chemicals)
- Larger Equipment
- Larger Trucks (Semis)
- Reduced Grain Elevator Numbers (Shuttles)
  - From 1029 in 1950 to 402 today
  - Capacity increased from 60 million bu to 288 million b
  - From 10 miles to market in 1950 to 30 miles today

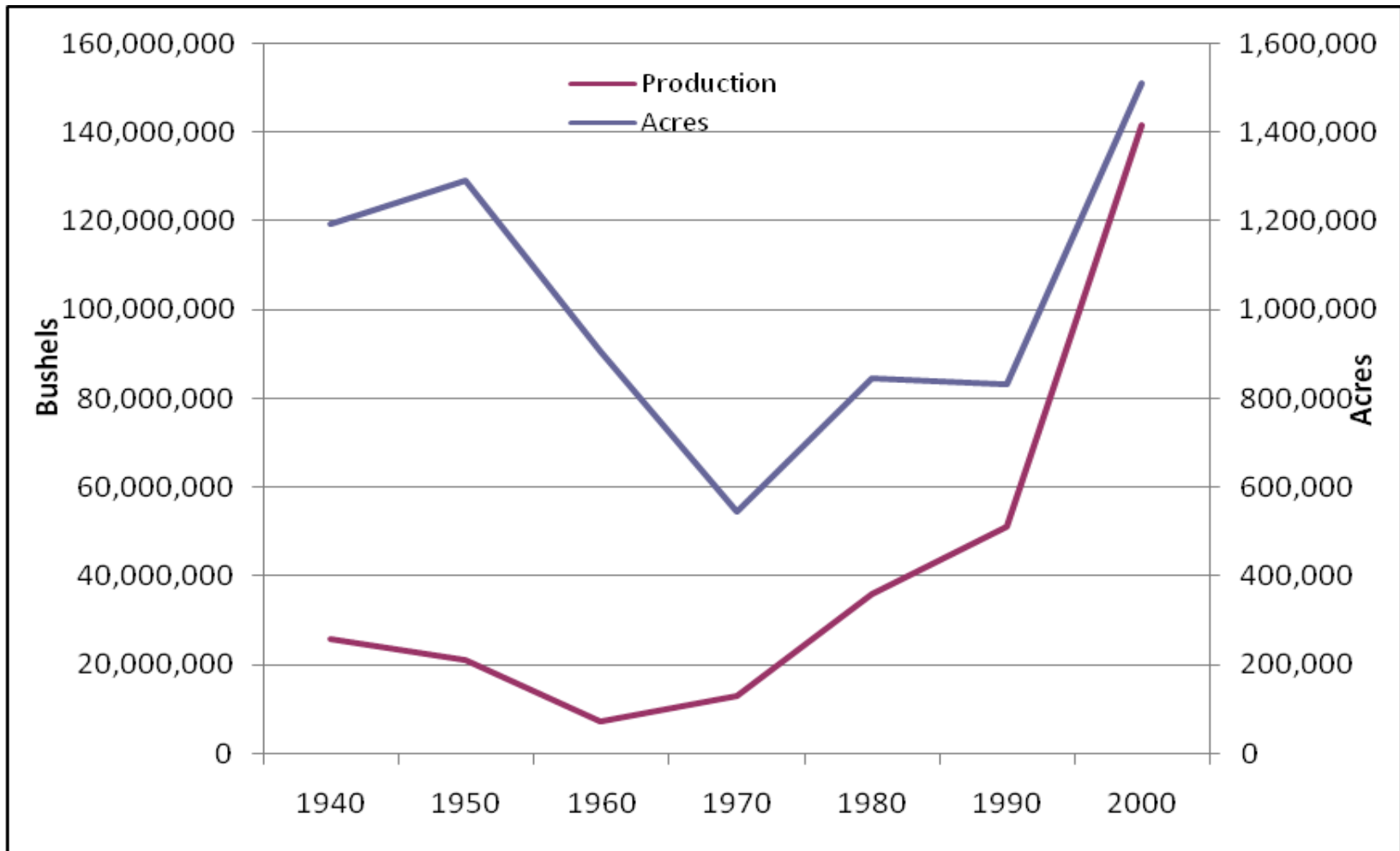
# North Dakota Decade Average Annual Crop Production (NASS)



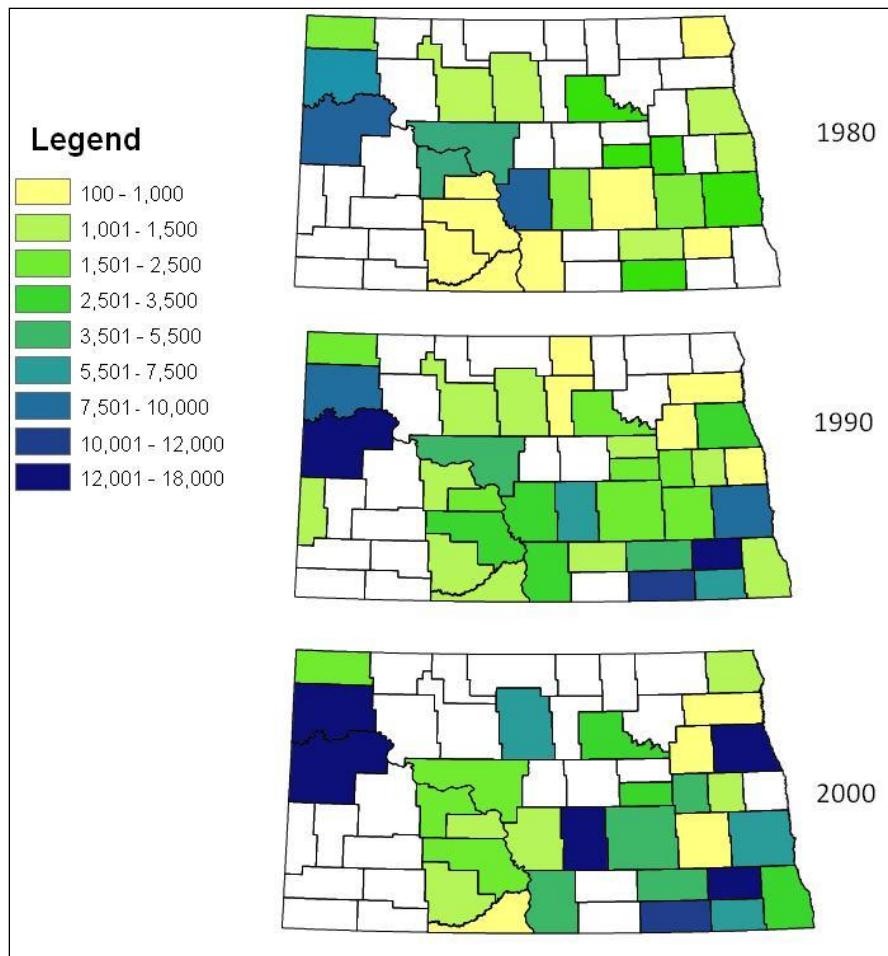
# North Dakota Wheat versus Corn Bushels (NASS)



# Decade Average Annual Corn Production and Acres in North (NASS)

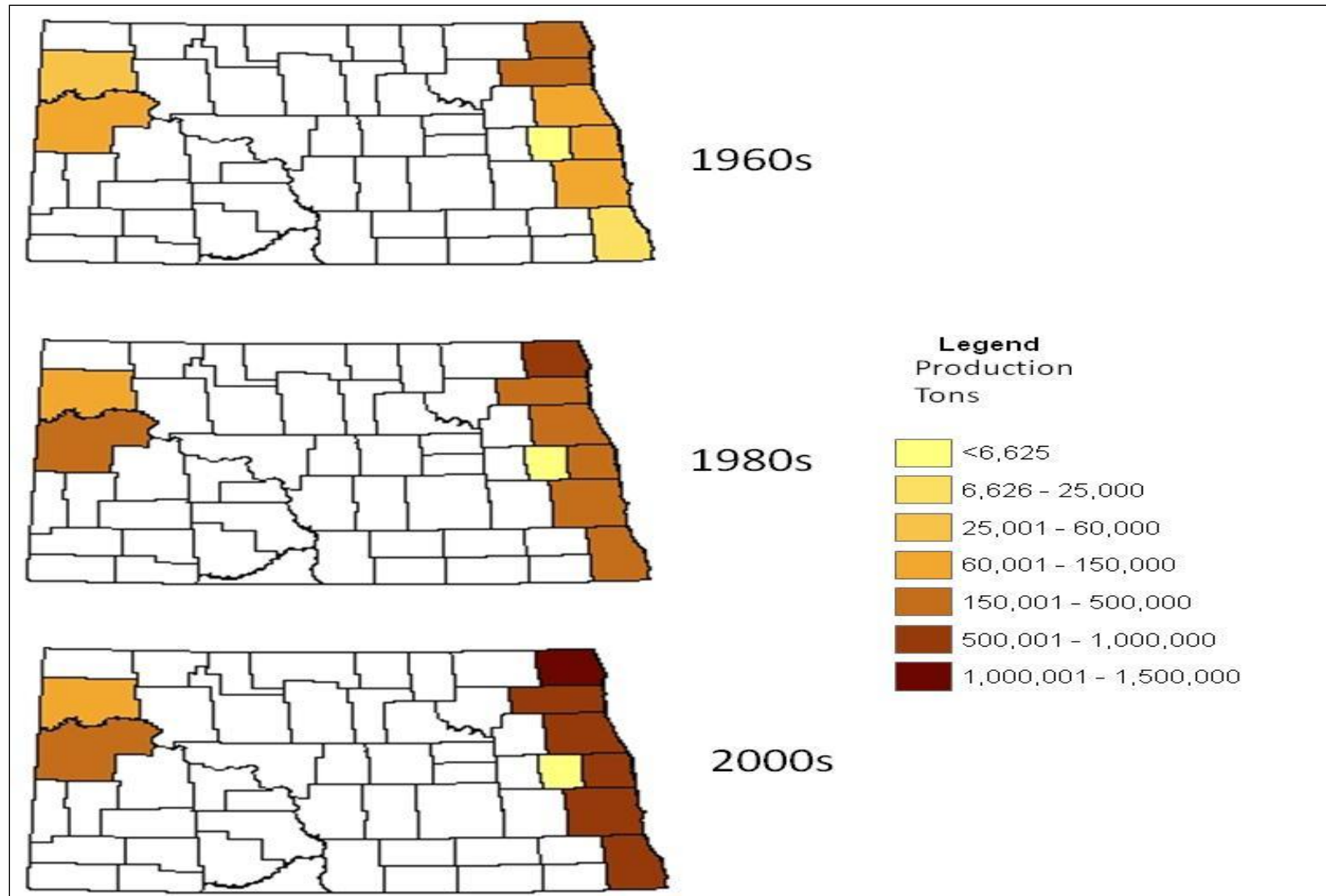


# Irrigated Acres

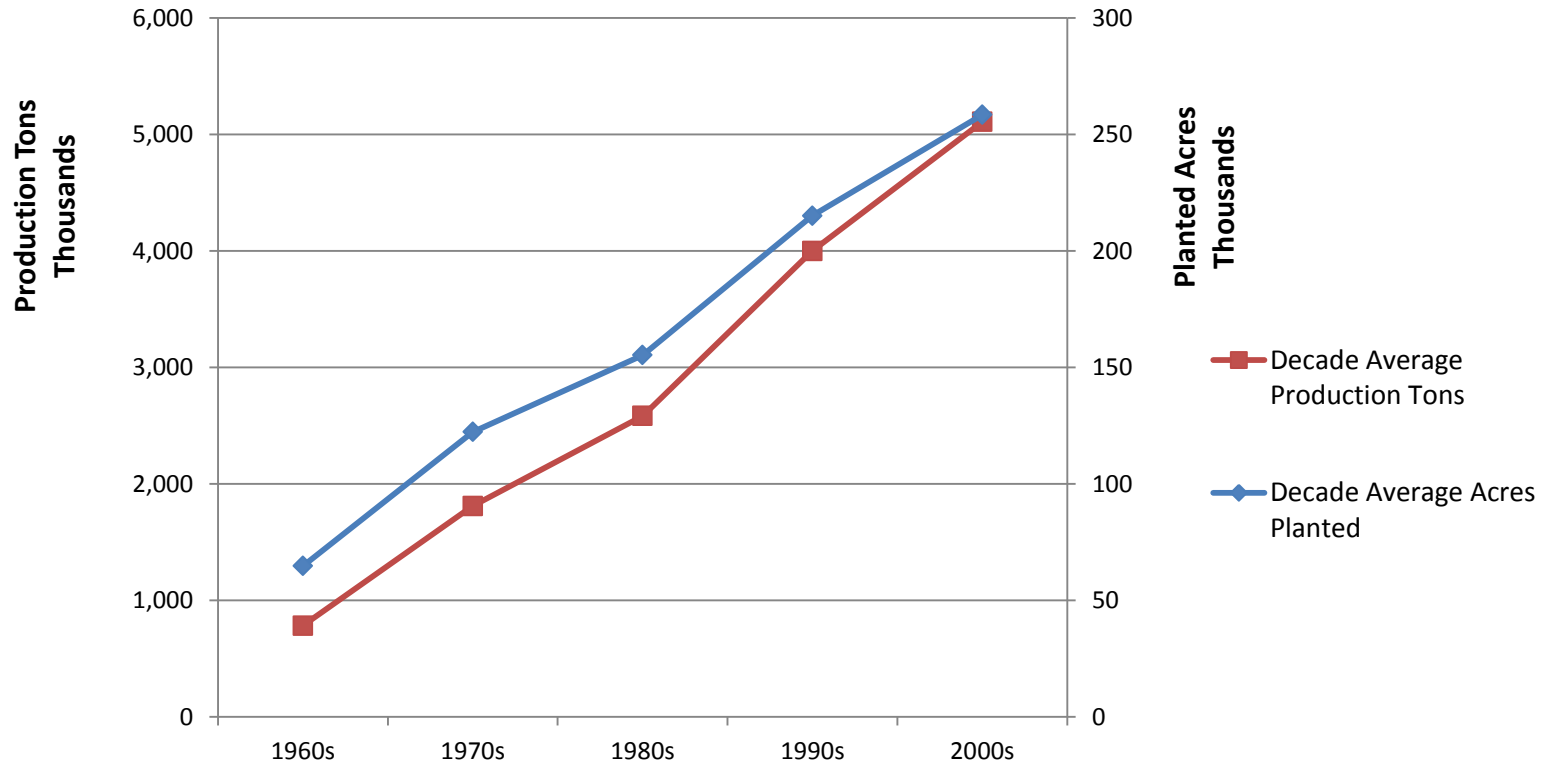




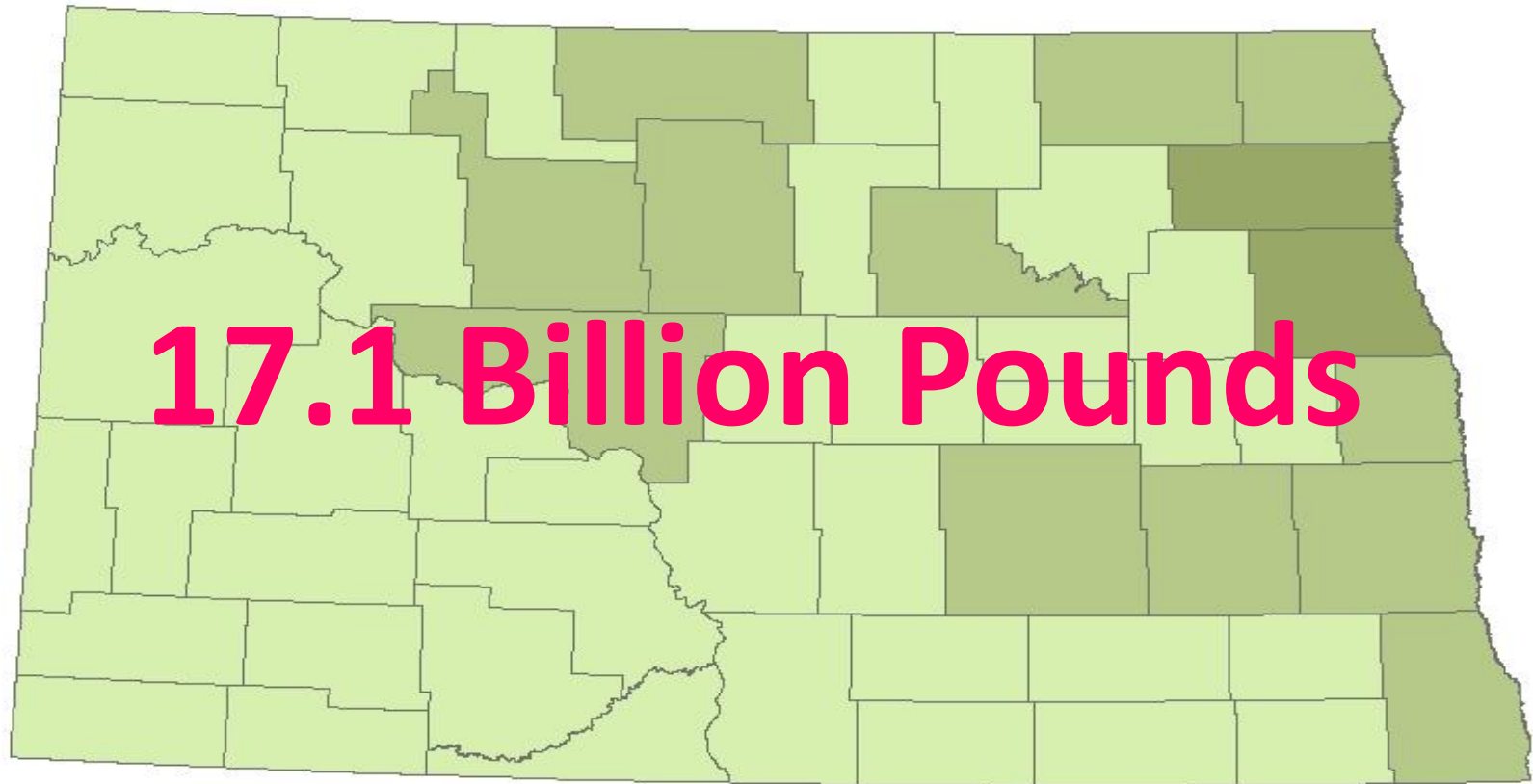
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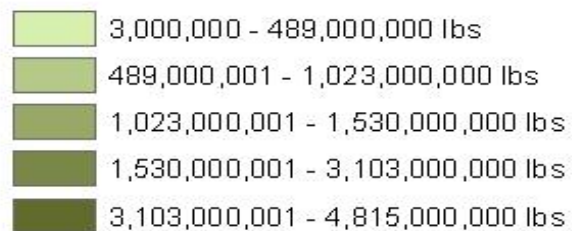
# Sugarbeet Production Tons and Planted Acres (NASS)



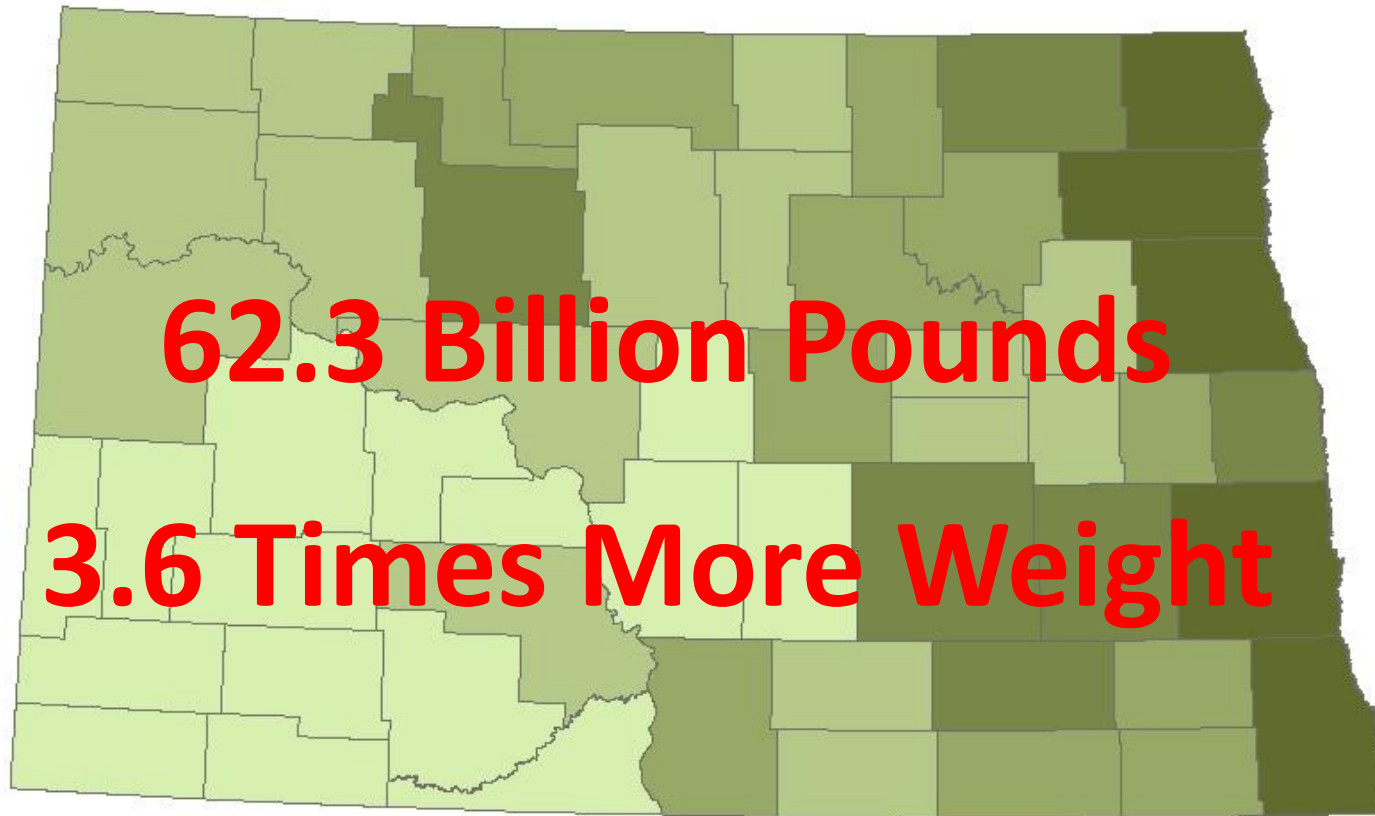
## All Crops in Pounds 1950



### Legend



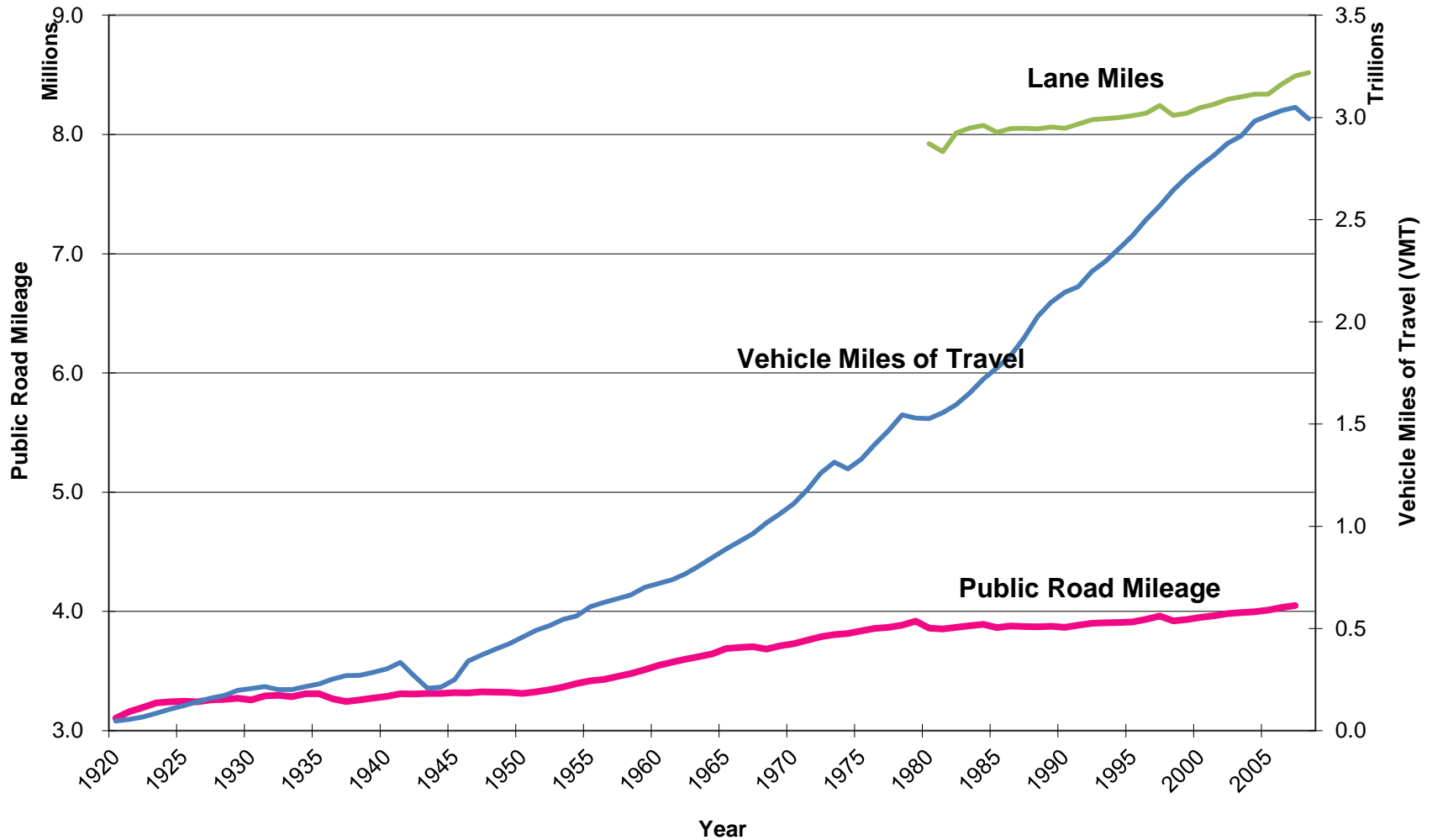
All Crops in Pounds  
2008



**Legend**



# Public Road Mileage - VMT - Lane Miles 1920 – 2008 (FHWA)





# *Long Term Implications*

# Several Factors

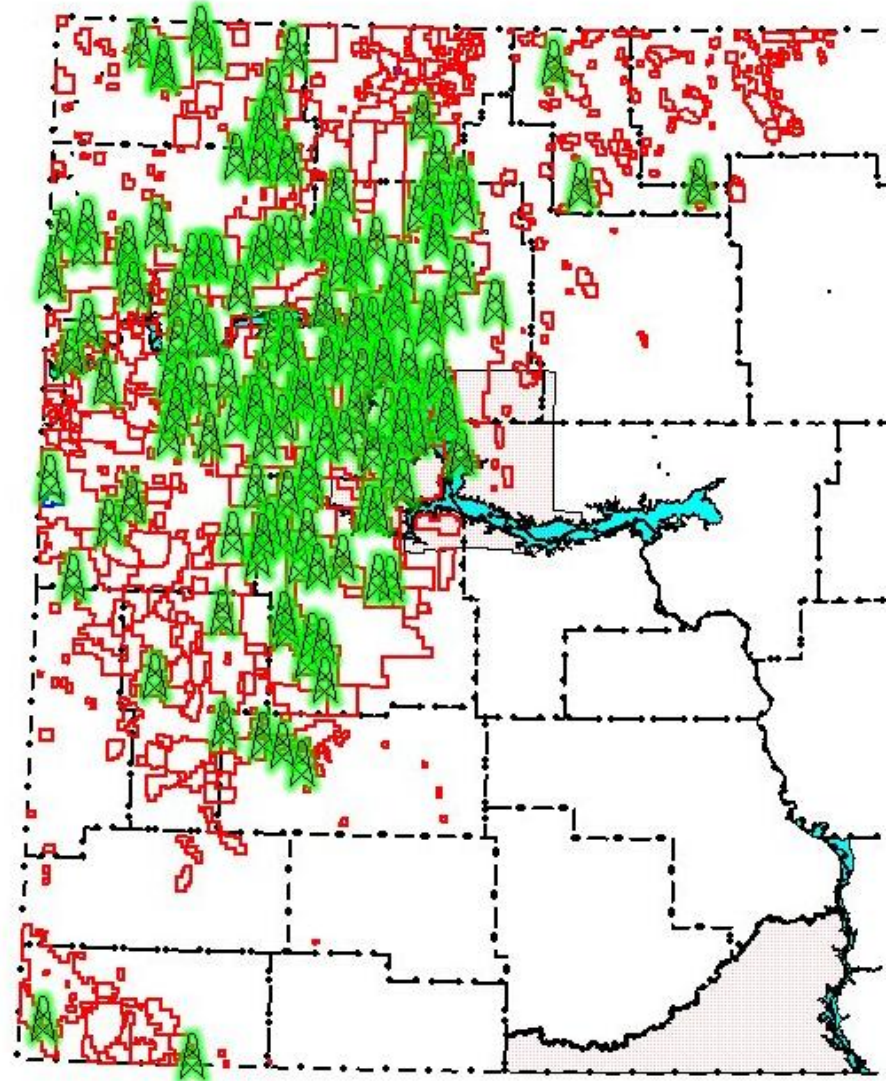
- Future of the carbon based economy
- Global growth of the middle class
  - China, India, Brazil, and others
- Drilling technology
- Other sources of oil

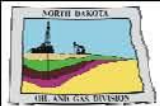


# Current Activity

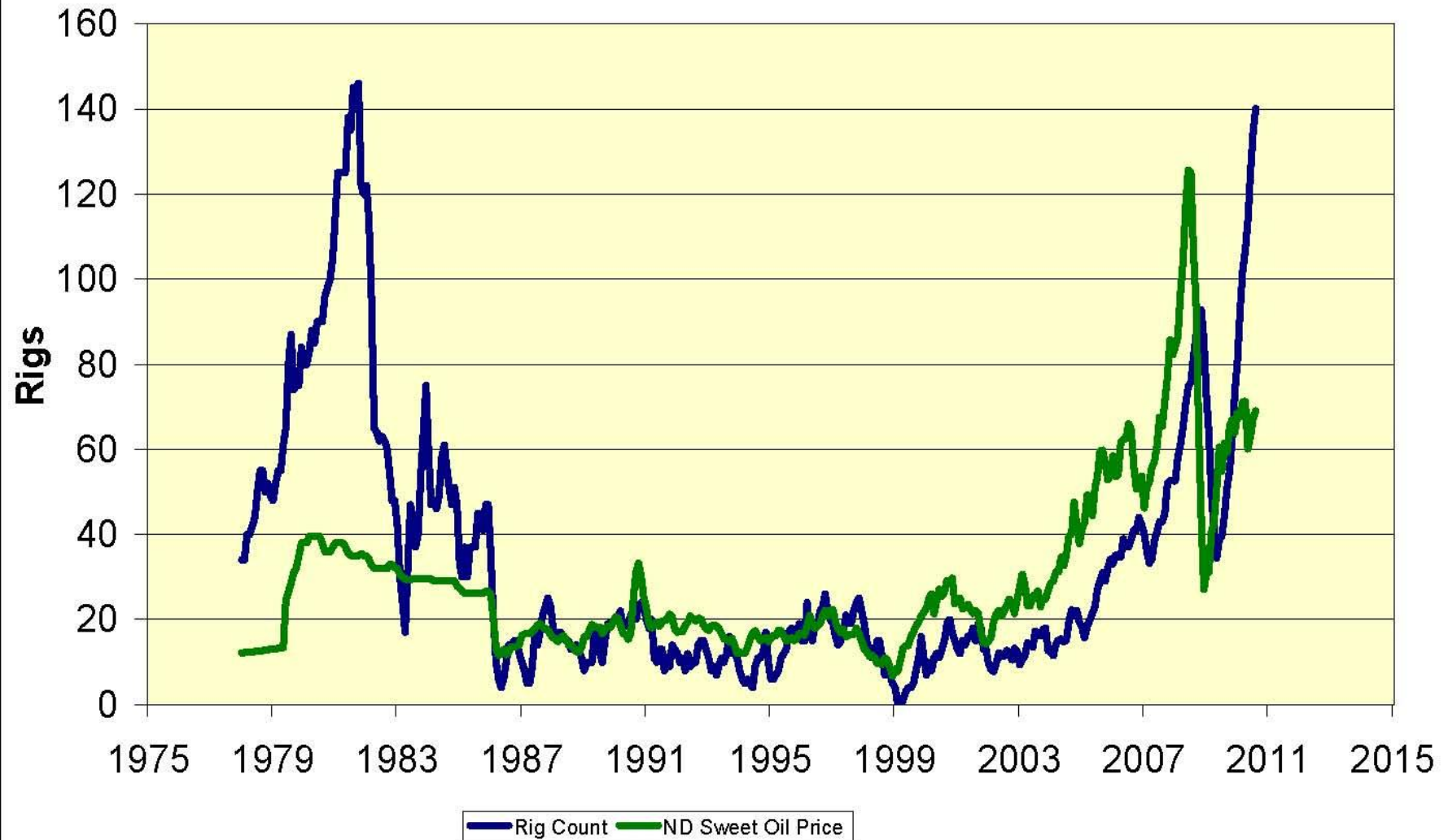
- On 11/2 there were 154 rigs operating in North Dakota

— (Source: ND Oil & Gas)



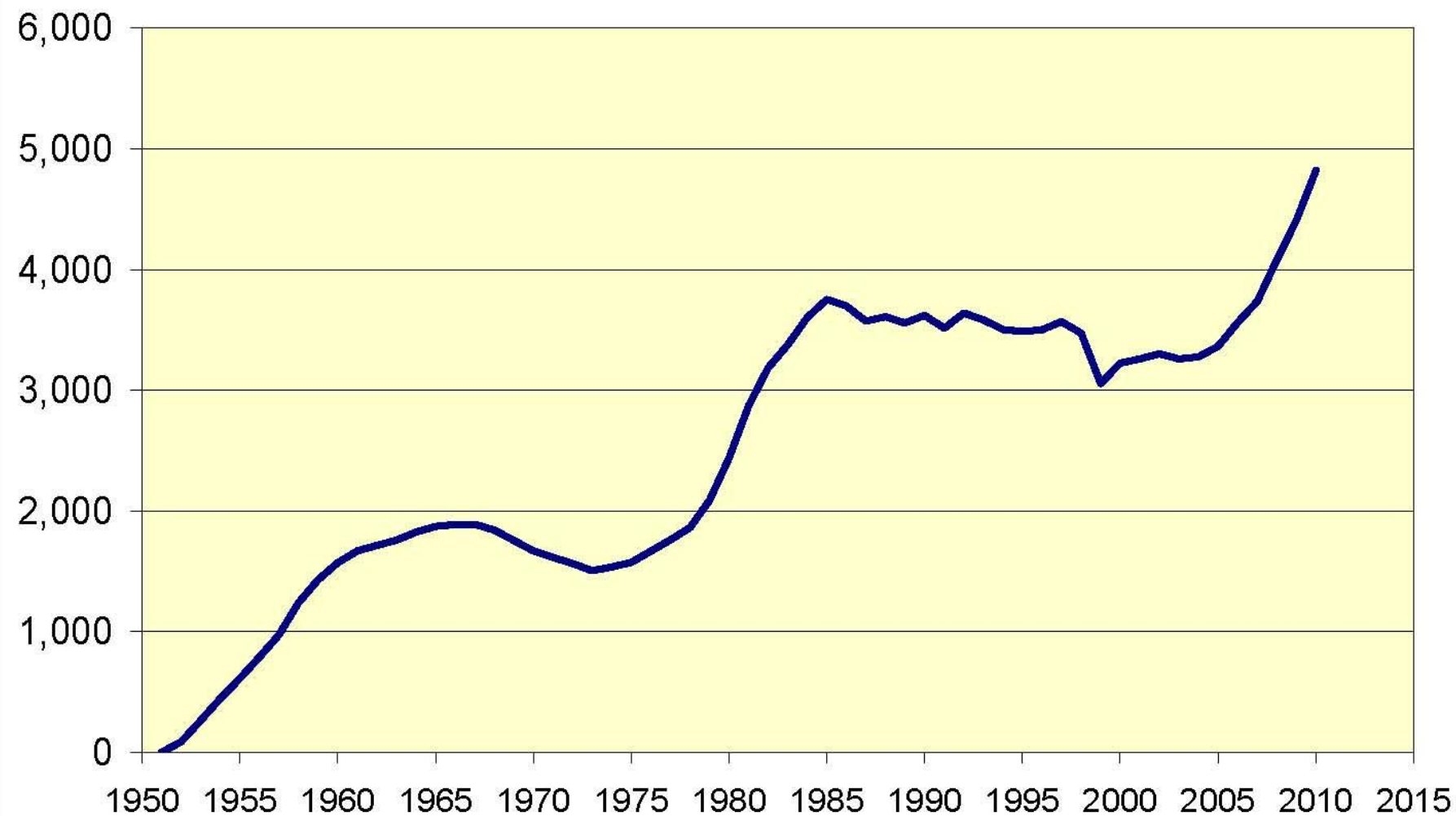


## North Dakota Average Monthly Rig Count





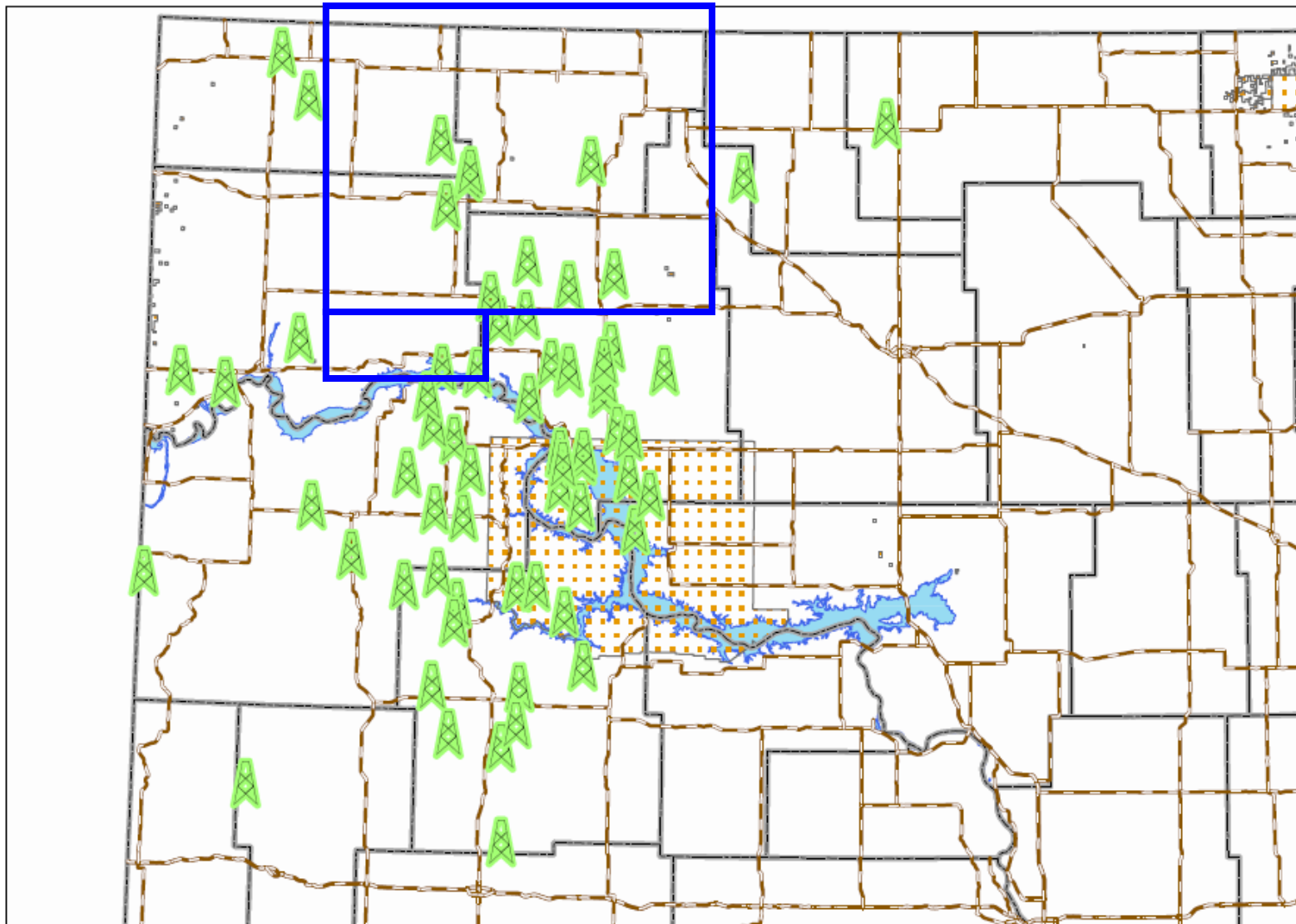
## North Dakota Wells Producing Each Year



# Duration of Impacts

- ND Oil & Gas
  - Western North Dakota
    - 1,450 to 2,940 wells/year
    - 10 to 20 years in duration
      - 21,250 new wells
      - If estimate and technology hold, this represents 43 million truck trips for the drilling alone

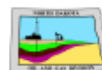
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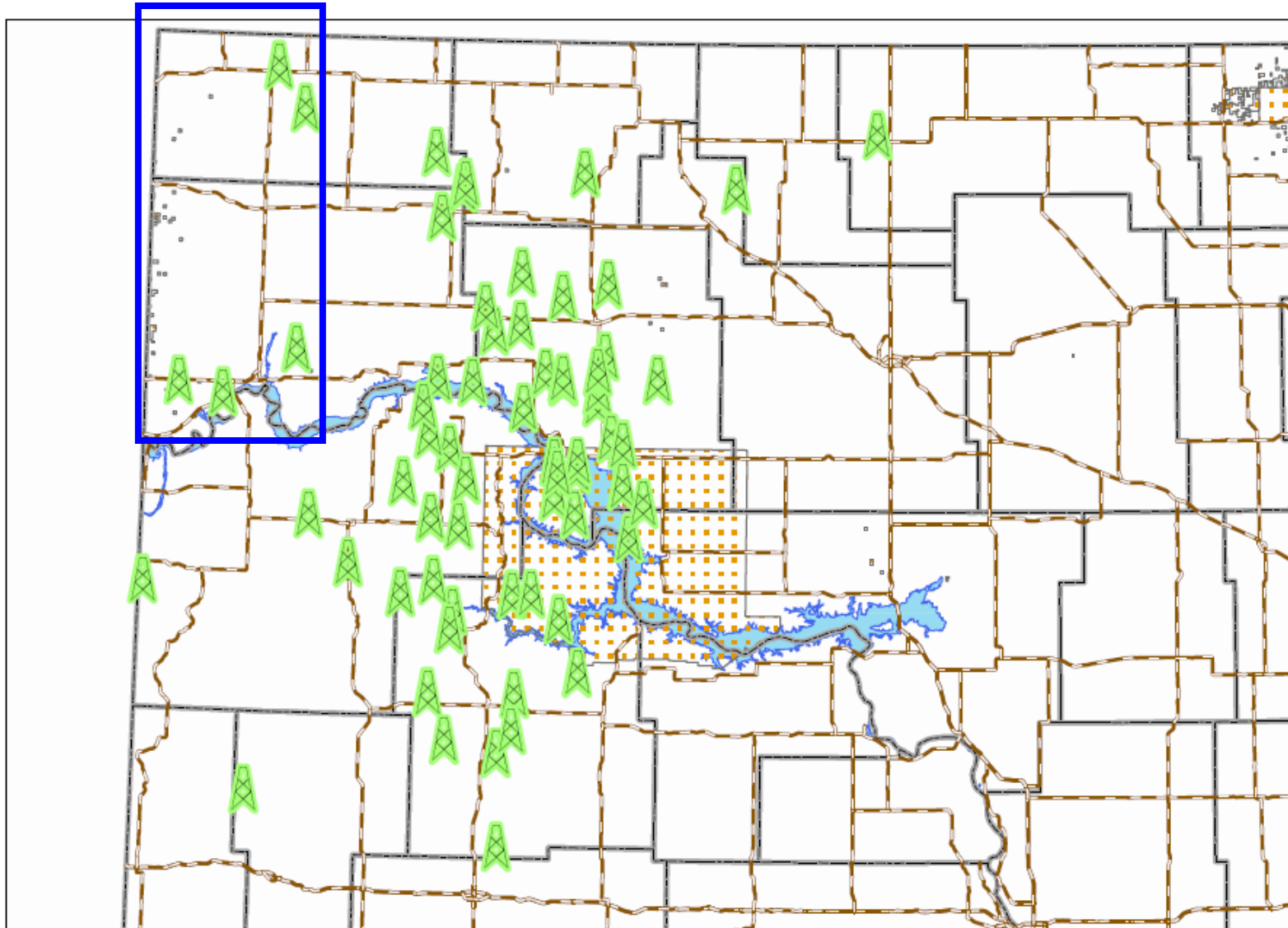
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# Ray-Tioga Area

- 430 to 540 wells per year
- 3.5 million – 4.5 million gallons fracturing water per day May through December
- 11 to 14 years

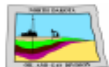
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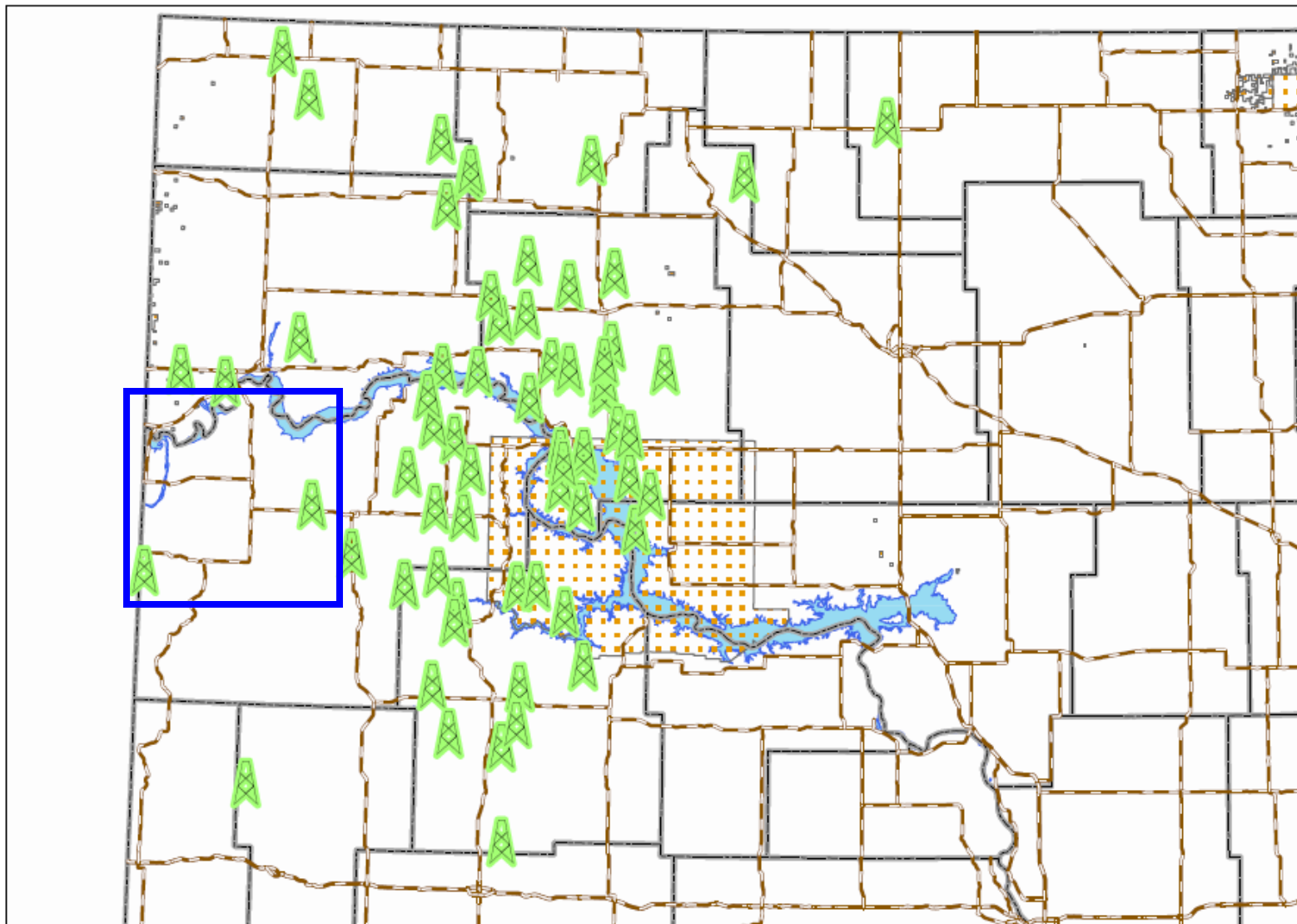




# Williston Area

- 70 to 90 wells per year
- 0.9 million – 1.1 million gallons fracturing water per year May through December
- 8 to 20 years

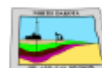
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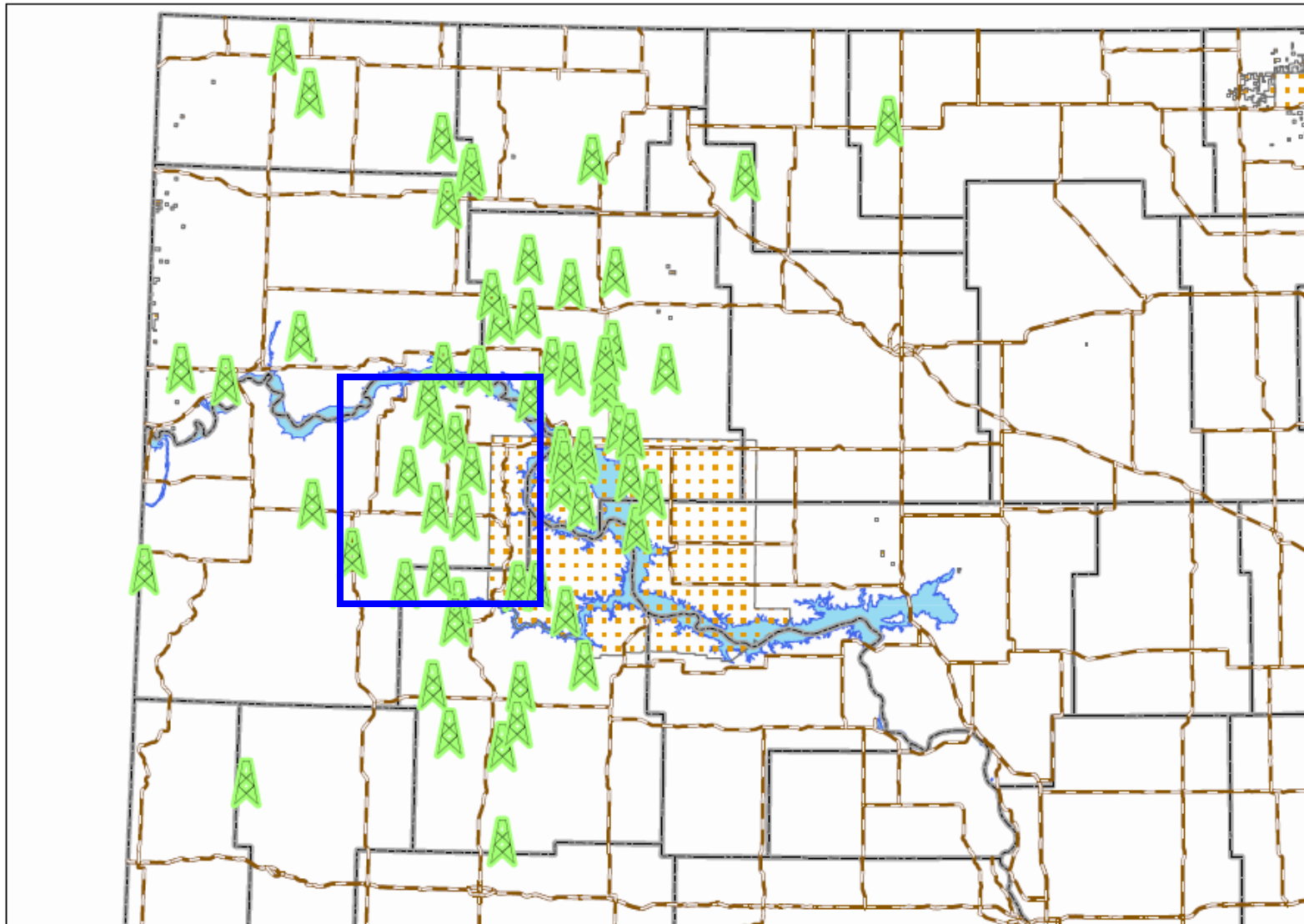
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# Alexander Area

- 120 to 150 wells per year
- 1.4 million – 1.8 million gallons fracturing water per day May through December
- 12 to 15 years

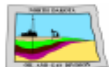
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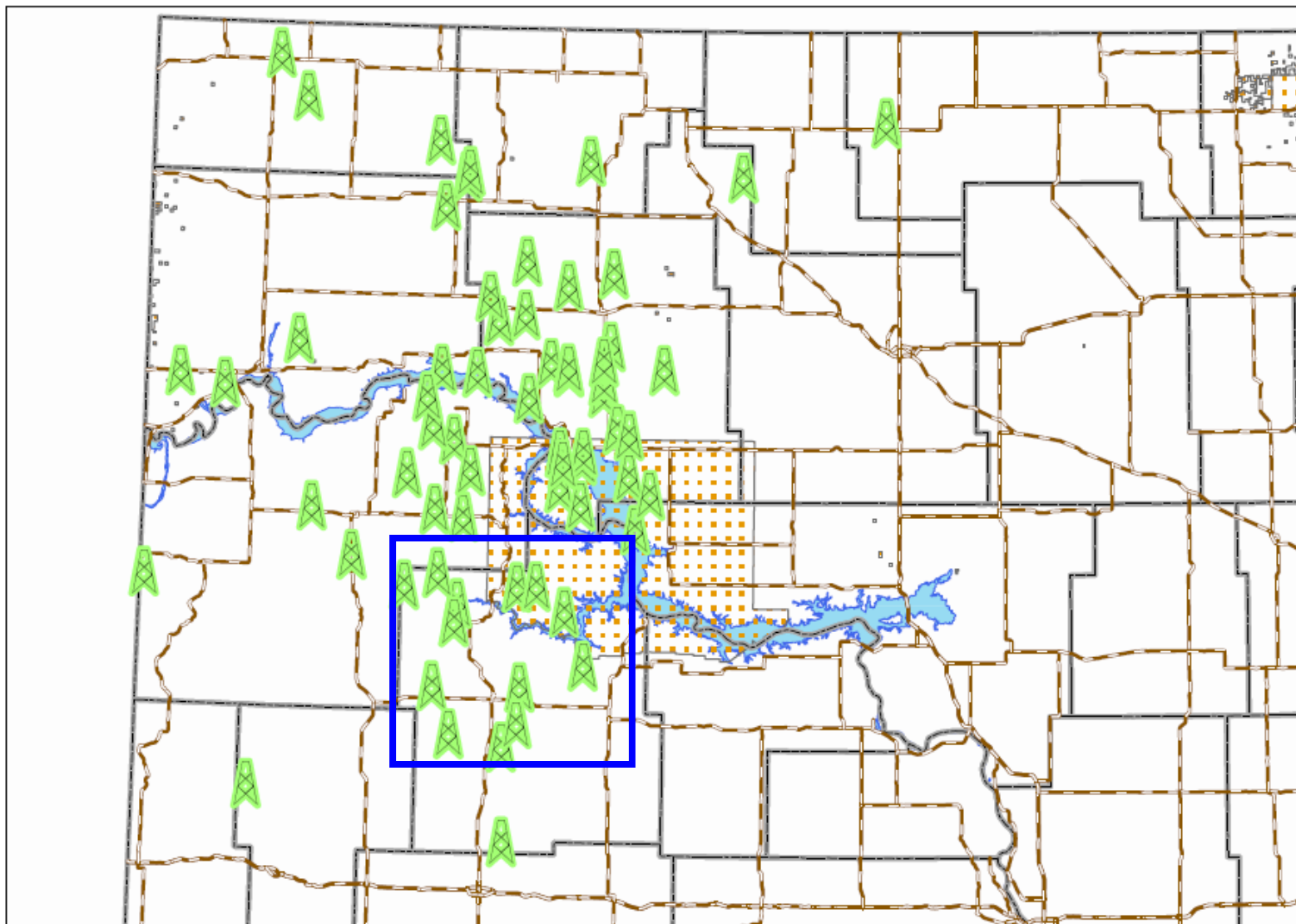
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# Watford City - Keene Area

- 250 to 310 wells per year
- 2.0 million – 2.6 million gallons fracturing water per day May through December
- 5 to 7 years

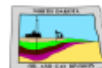
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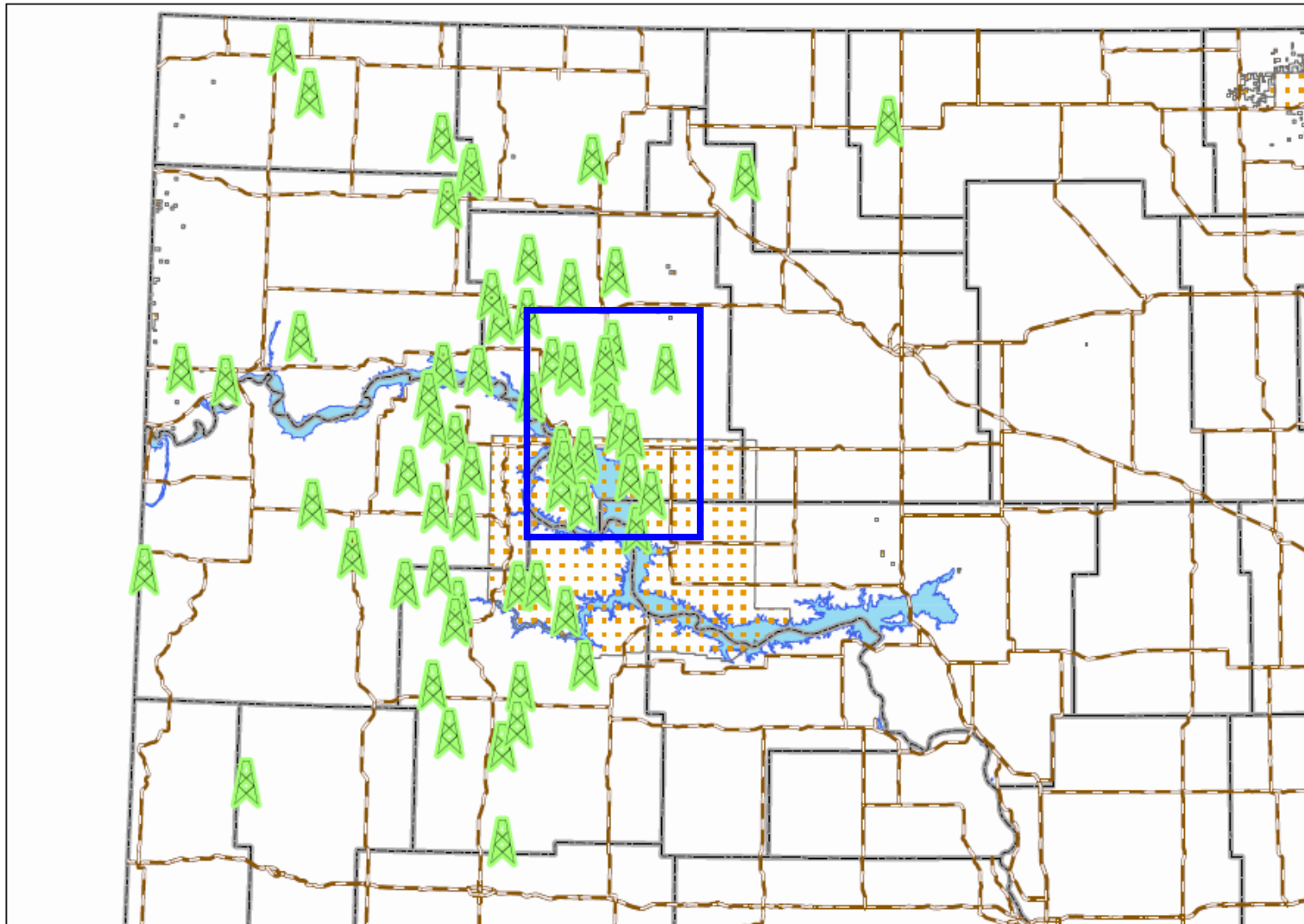


# Killdeer Area

- 235 to 290 wells per year
- 1.0 million – 1.2 million gallons fracturing water per day May through December
- 6 to 8 years



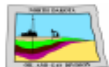
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# Parshall Area

- 375 to 470 wells per year
- 1.5 million – 2.0 million gallons fracturing water per day May through December
- 7 to 8 years



# *Political Considerations*

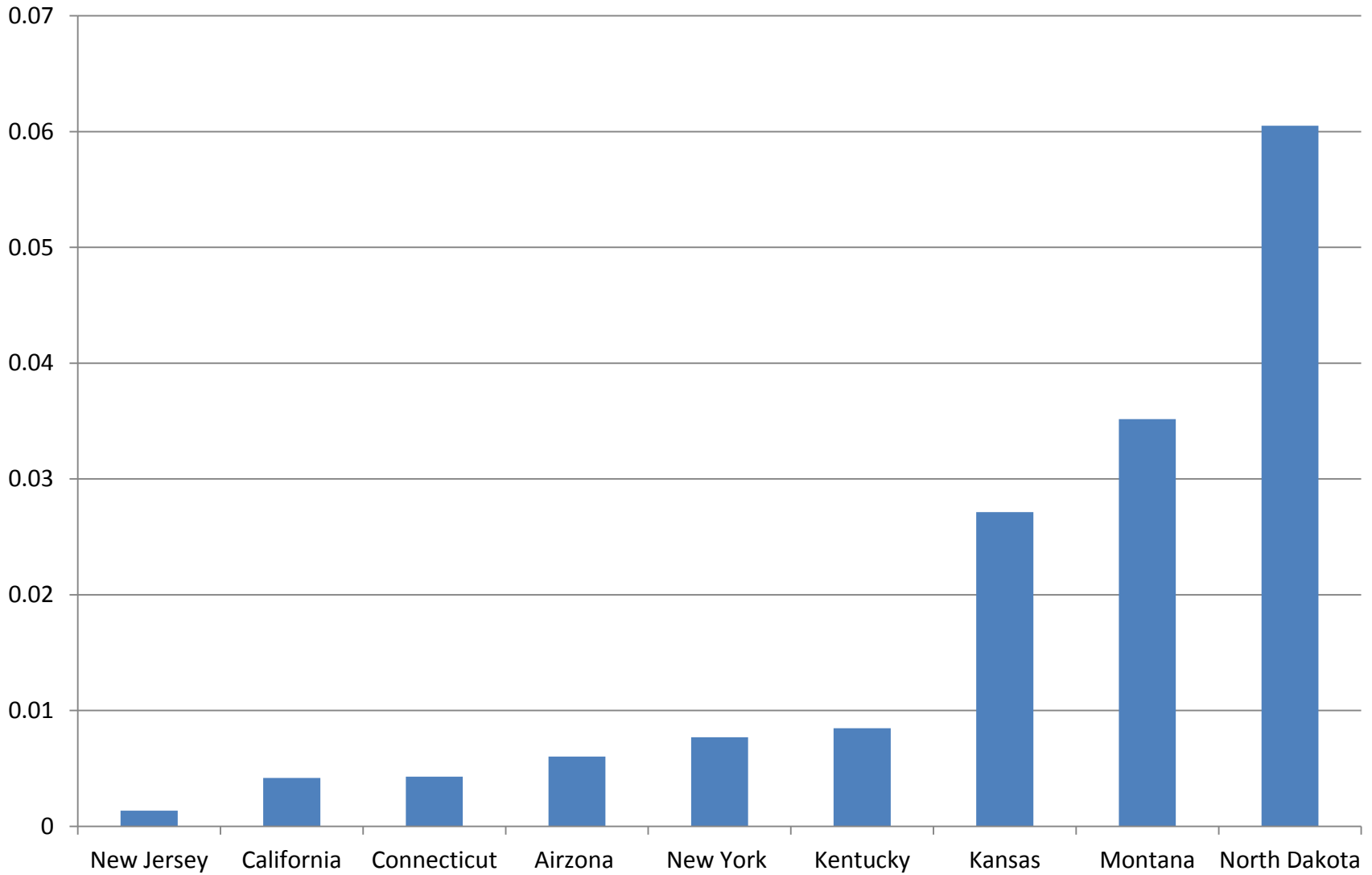
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# Federal Aid and Interstate Highway System

- Highway Trust Fund
- Donor/Donee system
  - Historically, North Dakota received about \$2 for every \$1 contributed to the Federal Highway Trust Fund
  - Federal Aid makes up about 57% of NDDOT budget
- Long standing battle in Congress over this system

# Lane Miles/Capita

## Federal-Aid-Highway Lane Miles



# North Dakota Politics, small p

- Not dissimilar from Federal debate
- East versus West
- Agriculture versus Oil
- Water issues
- Flood issues
  - Devils Lake
  - Red River

# National Issue

- The culture of free
  - Santa Claus
  - Easter Bunny
  - Tooth Fairy
- Honest discussion
  - What we want from government
  - What we're willing to pay for



# *Potential Solutions*



# State Driven

- Not a Federal issue
- Can't be solved at the local level
- State Legislature and Executive Branch has to resolve it
  - Extraction taxes go to the state
  - Problem is larger than Western ND
    - Western part most severe
  - Solution needs to be part of a system plan
  - Legislature's have the responsibility to look after the entire state and solve equity issues
  - Will need to viewed within the context of other major issues such as water supply and flood control



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# Summary

- Impact of oil development on roads
- Additional factors
- Long term implications
- Political considerations
- Potential solutions
- Expected long-term investments
  - Beneficial to the local communities, ND and U.S.
  - Logically one would presume that ND will deal with this effectively and efficiently

# UGPTI Oil Impact Study

- Agencies involved: ND Department of Commerce, ND Association of Oil & Gas Producing Counties
- Objectives
  - Estimate the incremental needs for county and local roads due to oil development activity in ND
  - Develop GIS/Cube based traffic flow model
  - Model inbound and outbound rig related movements and outbound oil and saltwater
  - Assign movements to specific routes
  - Estimate the incremental maintenance and improvement needs
- Final Report Release: December 3, 2010
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