

# Manitoba Industry Outlook

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## ***Abstract***

*Manitoba's oil industry had a record breaking year in 2012. A record 614 wells were drilled. Manitoba oil production increased for the ninth straight year setting a new annual production record of 17.9 million barrels. In Manitoba the focus of drilling activity again last year was the Bakken-Three Forks and Lower Amaranth formations.*

*The Manitoba Industry Outlook provides an overview of oil industry activity in 2012 and a forecast of 2013 activity; highlighting the ongoing challenges facing the industry in their relationship with the public, local governments and special interest groups..*

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