

OIL FIELDS

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1. Location: position in state and county or counties
2. Beginning: people and events leading to discovery
3. First well: name (if any), dates of beginning and bringing in, depth, productivity
4. Important subsequent wells: dates brought in, depth, productivity
5. History of financing, ownership, changes of ownership
6. Important production statistics and years achieved
7. Cumulative production figure and year (as recent as possible)
8. Most recent available count of wells in production
9. Brief information on secondary or tertiary recovery
10. Significance of field for other development
11. Broad significance with regard to the oil industry in Texas and elsewhere
12. General effects outside the oil industry—e.g., on financial or philanthropic endeavors of owners, on politics, etc.

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