

**SPEE Denver Chapter October 8, 2025, Luncheon Meeting. Speaker: Mr. Phil Kandel will be speaking on How to Calculate Your RBL Borrowing Base**



**Abstract.:** The introduction will focus on the context for Bank Engineers duties and roles in the reserves-based loan process and being an employee of the Bank. The heart of the presentation will walk through the data required and the process of evaluation undertaken by the Bank Engineer, including the timeline for the process. Finally, after the individual inputs are discussed, the final amount of the Borrowing Base or Loan Amount will be calculated. With some input from your specific bank, the evaluator will be able to estimate, for their particular company, the loan amount before setting foot through your bank's doors.

**Speaker Bio.:** After graduating with a Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Geological Engineering from the University of Toronto, **Phil Kandel** spent the first few years of his career as an open pit Mining Engineer with Syncrude Canada Ltd in the Tar Sands of Northern Canada at Fort McMurray Alberta in the late 1970's. He later joined AMOCO Canada and began his career as a Petroleum Engineer in the Pembina Field near Drayton Valley Alberta. He specialized in Reserves Evaluations beginning with the Royal Bank of Canada in Calgary Alberta and Denver CO in the early-to-mid 1980's. He continued as a Reserves Engineer with junior and intermediate sized oil and gas companies and a natural gas pipeline company until the early 1990's. Later, he spent a dozen years as a consultant reserves engineer with both Sproule Associates and AJM Petroleum Consultants in Calgary before returning to Denver to join the oil and gas division of Wells Fargo Bank in 2007. Phil retired after almost 14 years with Wells Fargo approximately five years ago and has presented at the SPEE annual meeting in Halifax in 2015 and Hilton Head in 2025. He is a lifetime member of SPE, holds a PE in Colorado, Texas and Alberta and has been a member of the SPEE since 1998. He served as Membership Coordinator for the Calgary Chapter of the SPEE from 2001 to 2007 and Chairman of the Qualifications Committee of the national SPEE from 2012-2014.

# HOW TO CALCULATE YOUR RBL BORROWING BASE

WHAT DO BANK ENGINEERS REALLY DO?

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# Topics

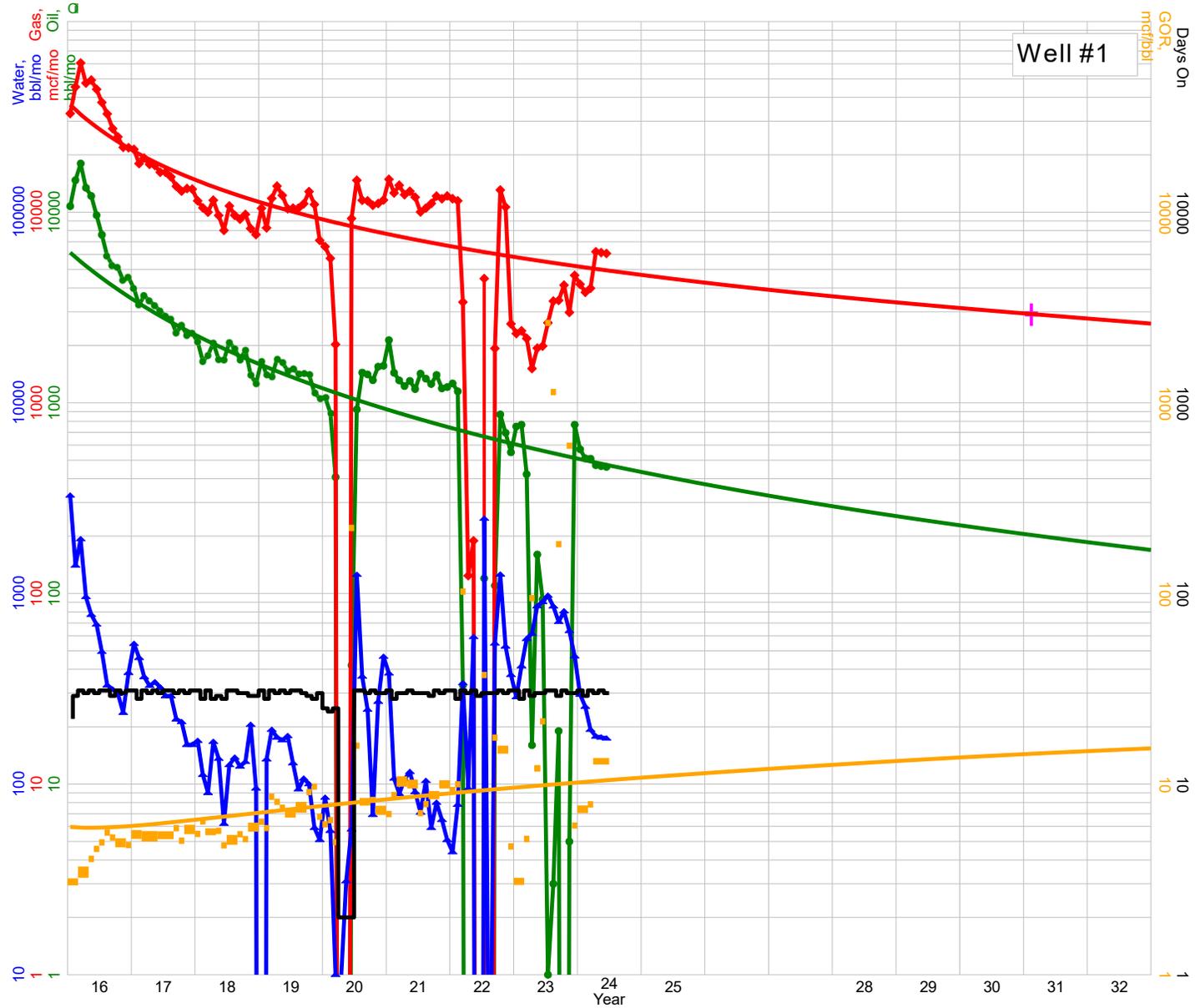
- Introduction
- Reserve Forecasts
- Production Forecasts
- LOS
  - Actual Commodity Prices Received and Differentials
  - Opex
  - Historical Production
- Hedges
- BB Calculation
- Summary

# INTRODUCTION

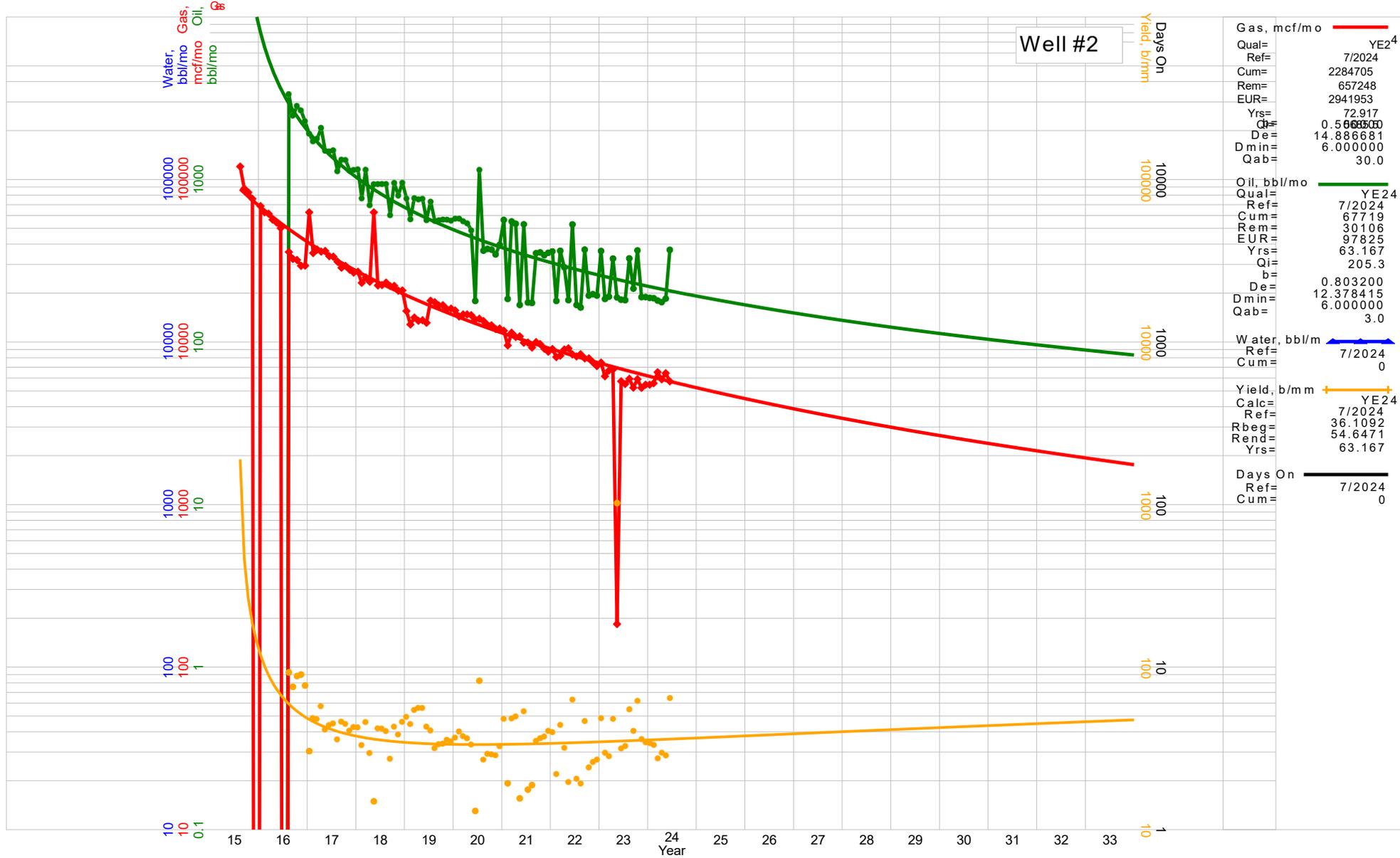
- Small (<\$2-5 million) vs. Large Loans (>\$5 million)
- Information Required:
  - ARIES/PHDWin (most common) Database
  - PDP, PDNP, PUD and Total Proved Outputs
  - One-Line Summaries (optional)
  - 12 months of LOS (ideal; at least minimum for new company; reconciliation to forecast in database if large variance used in evaluation)
  - Commodity contract details
  - Hedging Information (actual) or Assumptions (usually set by Banker/Company)
  - Bank Price Deck
- Match Run
- Timeline

# April 2025

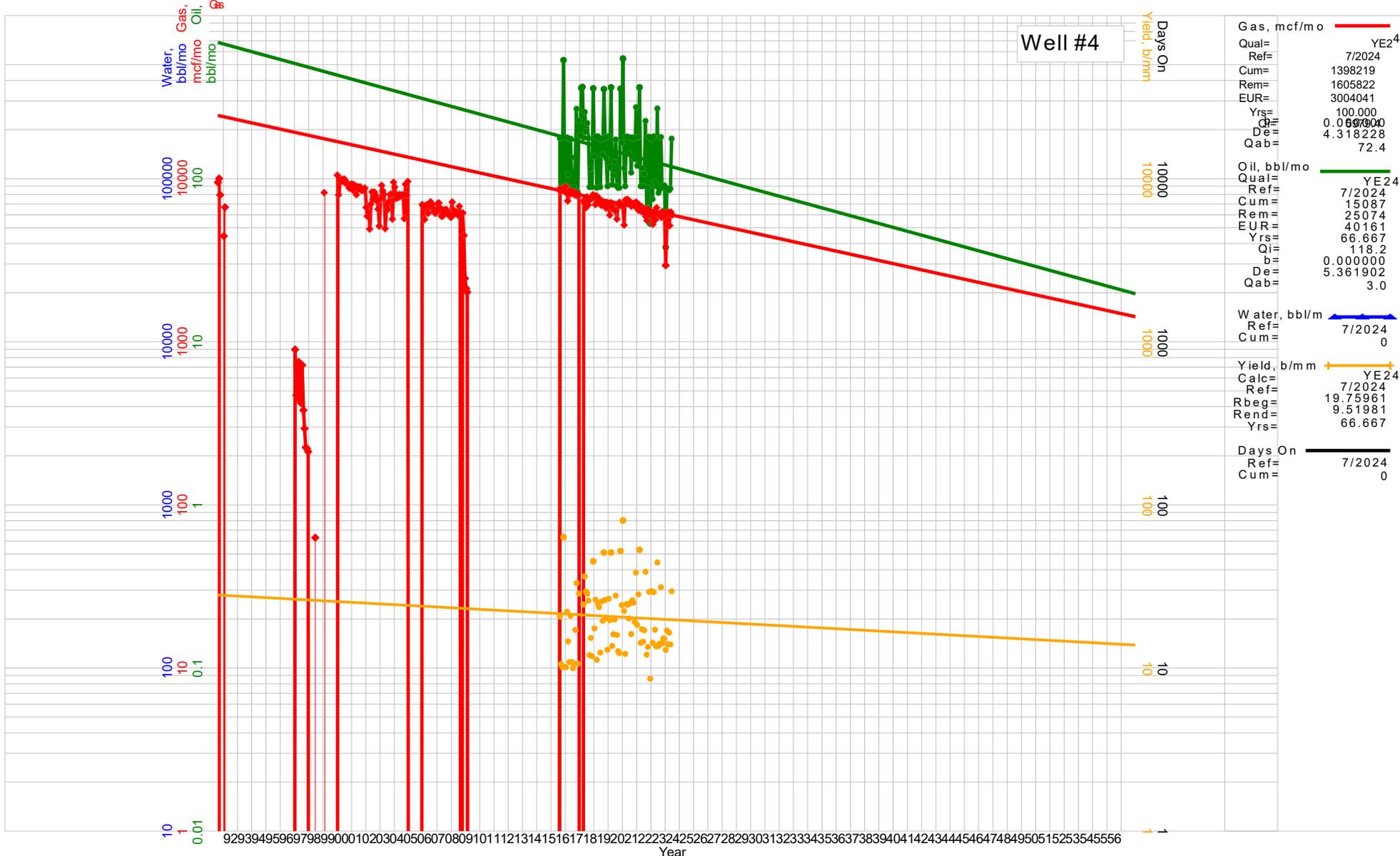
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		<b>BANKER AND ENGINEERS MEETING:</b>  Engineer begins analysis; Banker begins analysis		<b>BANK ENGINEER PROVIDES REPORT</b>		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		<b>LOAN DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED TO FIRST LEVEL CREDIT SUPERVISOR</b>		<b>FIRST LEVEL INTERNAL APPROVAL BY LEAD BANK</b>		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	<b>SECOND LEVEL INTERNAL APPROVAL BY LEAD BANK</b>		<b>FINAL INTERNAL APPROVALS BY LEAD BANK</b>		<b>RESPONSE FROM SYNDICATE BANKS REQUIRED</b>	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	<b>ALLOTMENTS TO SYNDICATE BANKING GROUP</b>	<b>LOAN CLOSE AND FUNDING</b>				
27	28	29	30			



Oil, bbl/mo	YE24
Qual=	7/2024
Cum=	223226
Rem=	57637
EUR=	280863
Yrs=	71.750
Qi=	469.5
b=	0.556100
De=	14.344675
Dmin=	6.000000
Qab=	3.0
Gas, mcf/mo	YE24
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EUR=	2111879
Yrs=	80.667
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Dmin=	6.000000
Qab=	30.0
Water, bbl/m	7/2024
Cum=	37677
GOR, mcf/bbl	YE24
Calc=	7/2024
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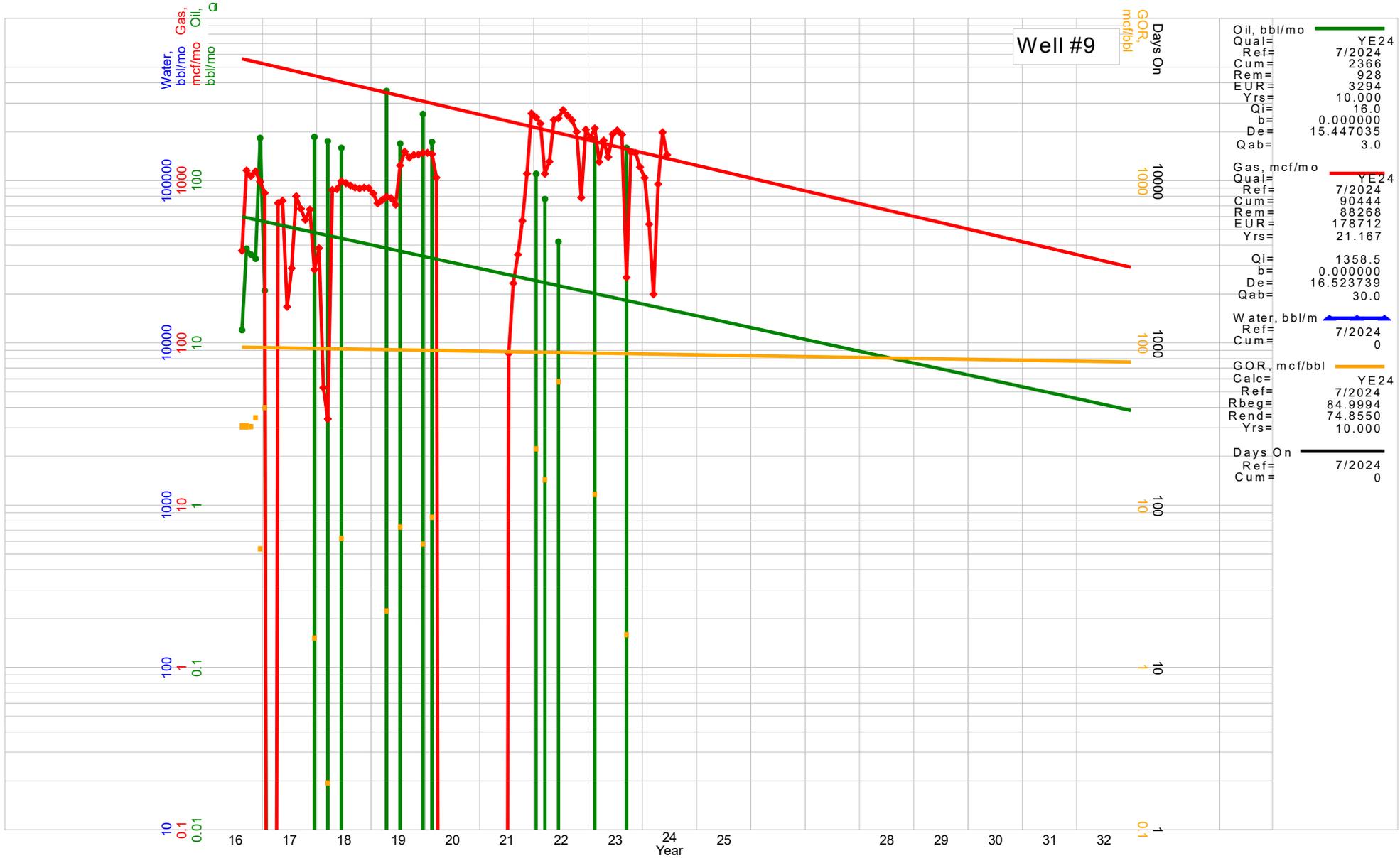


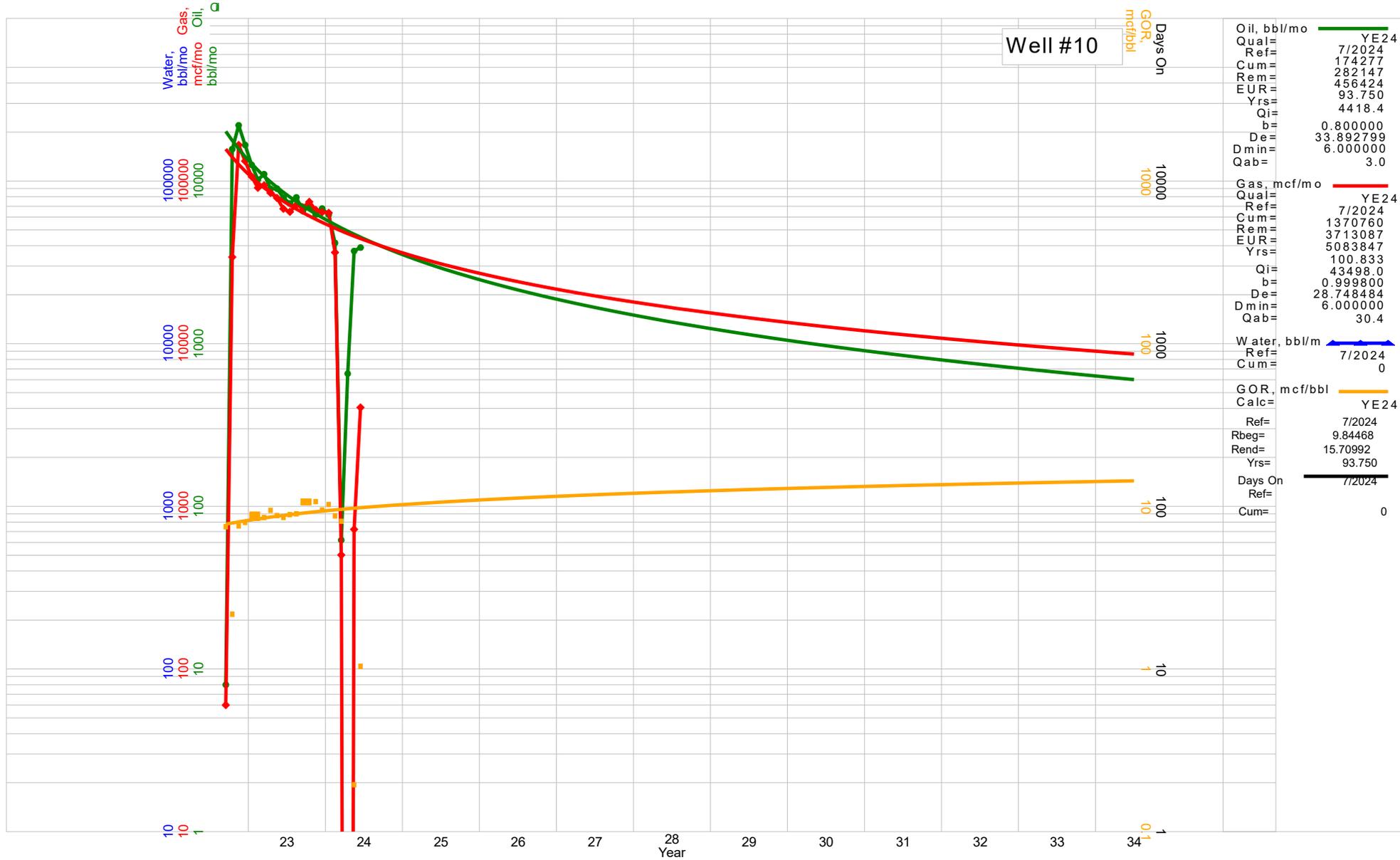


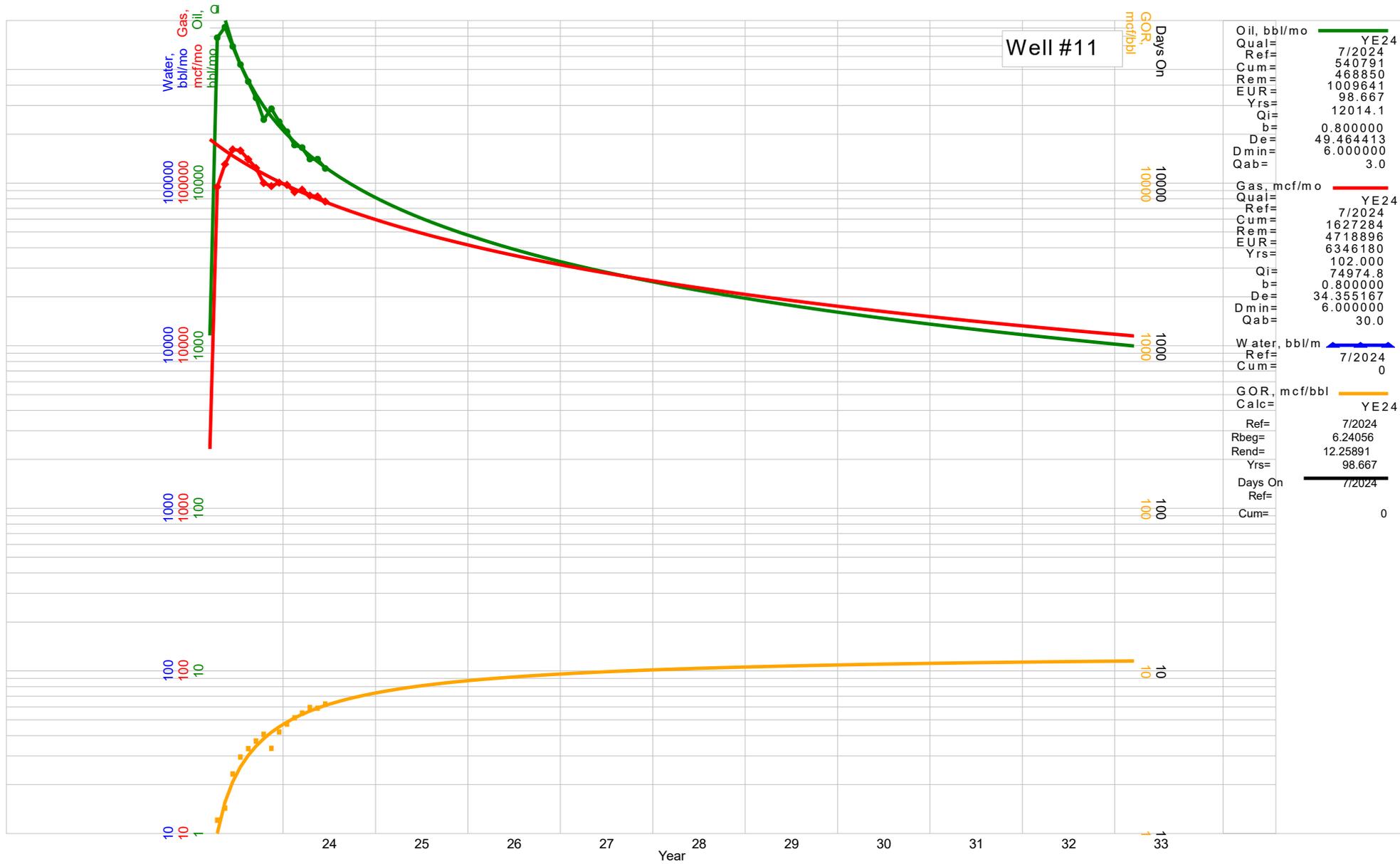


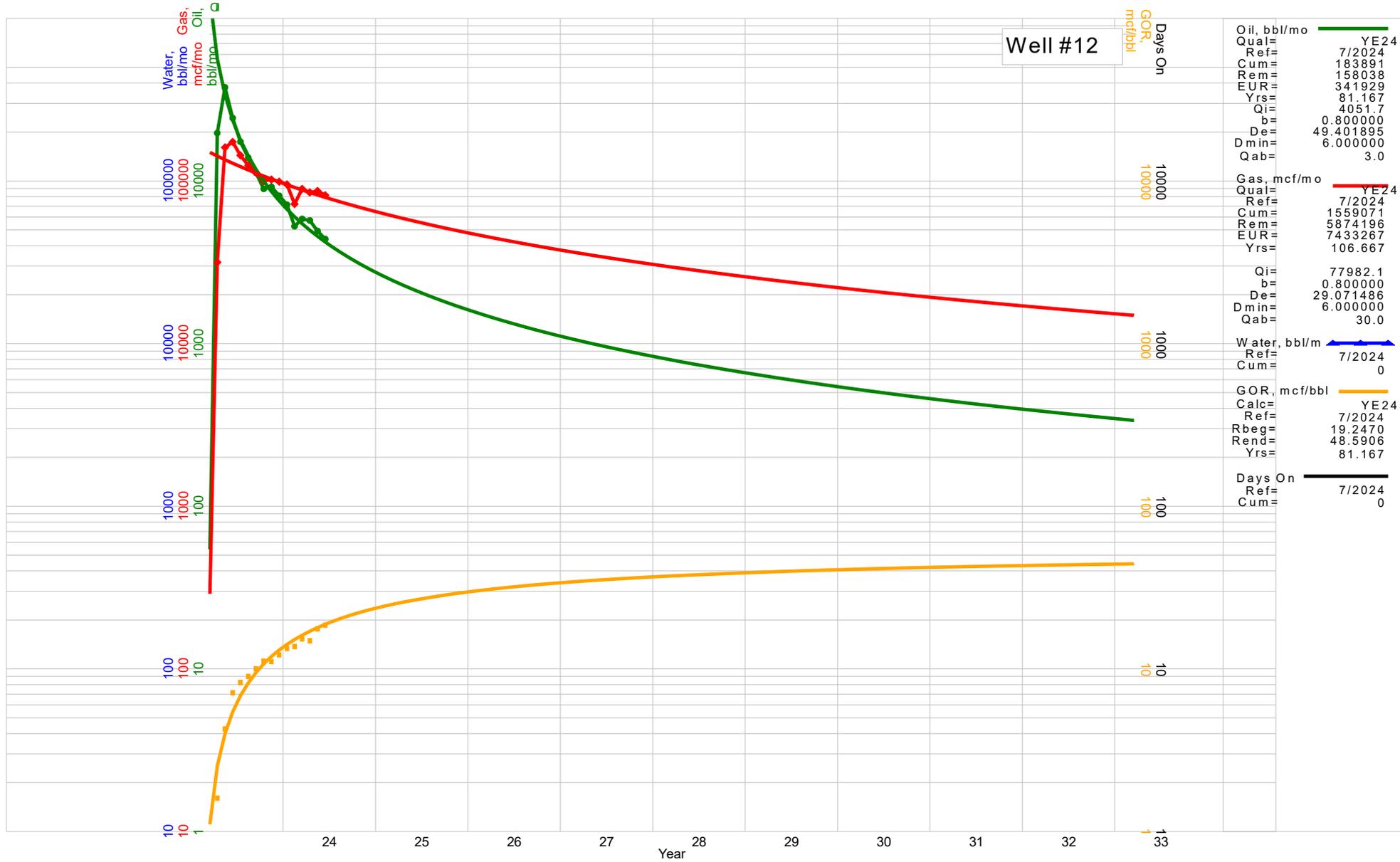


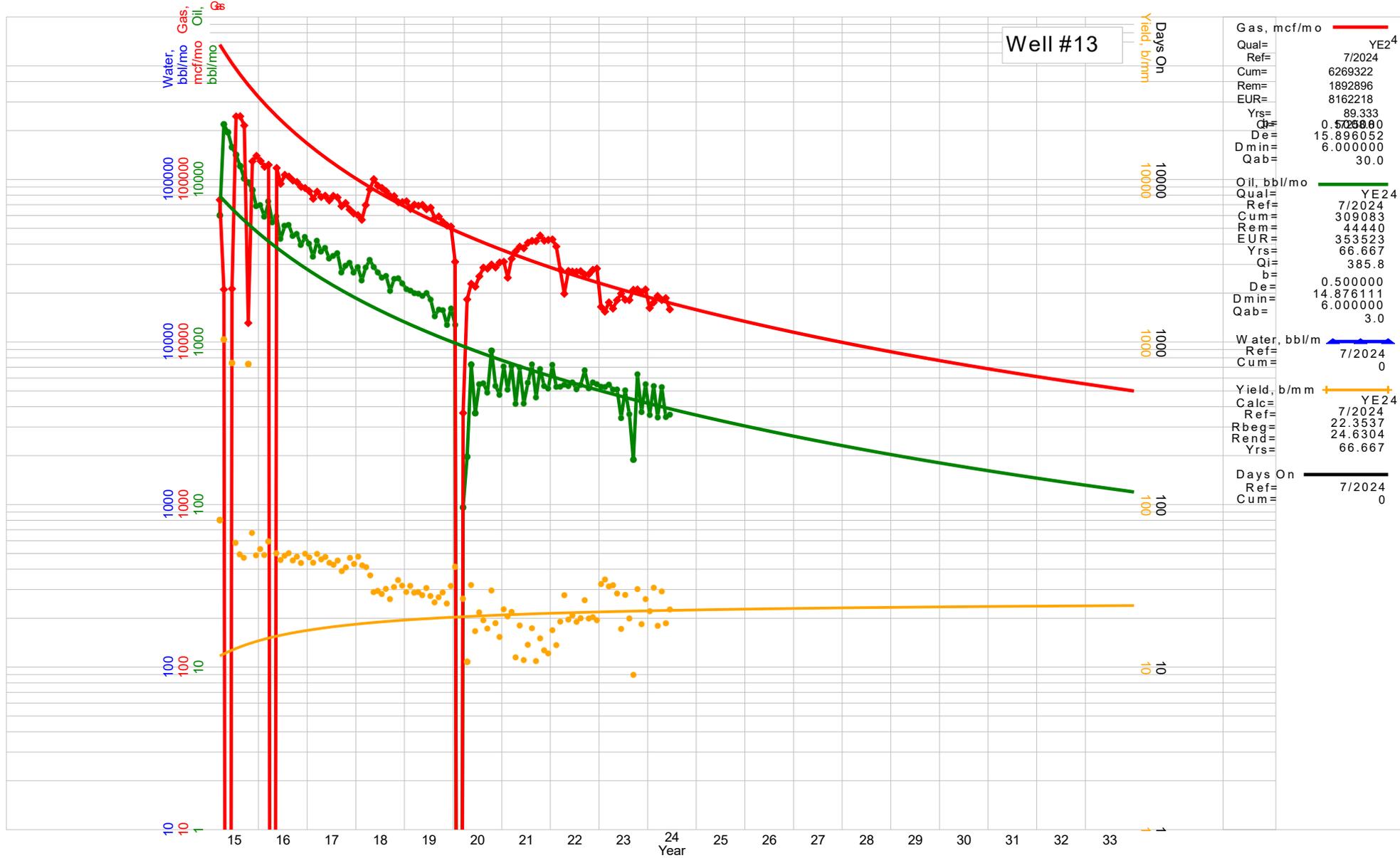




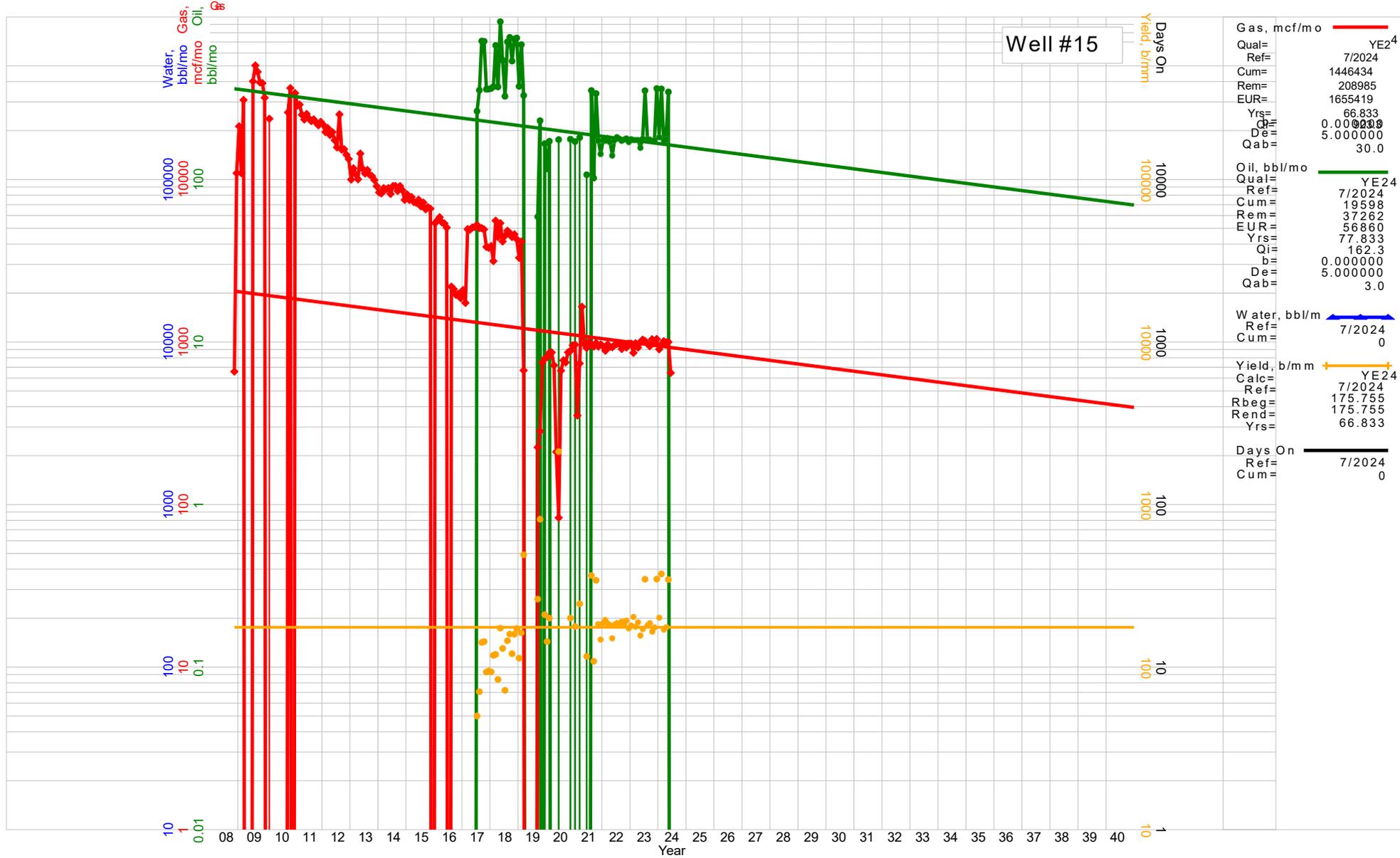


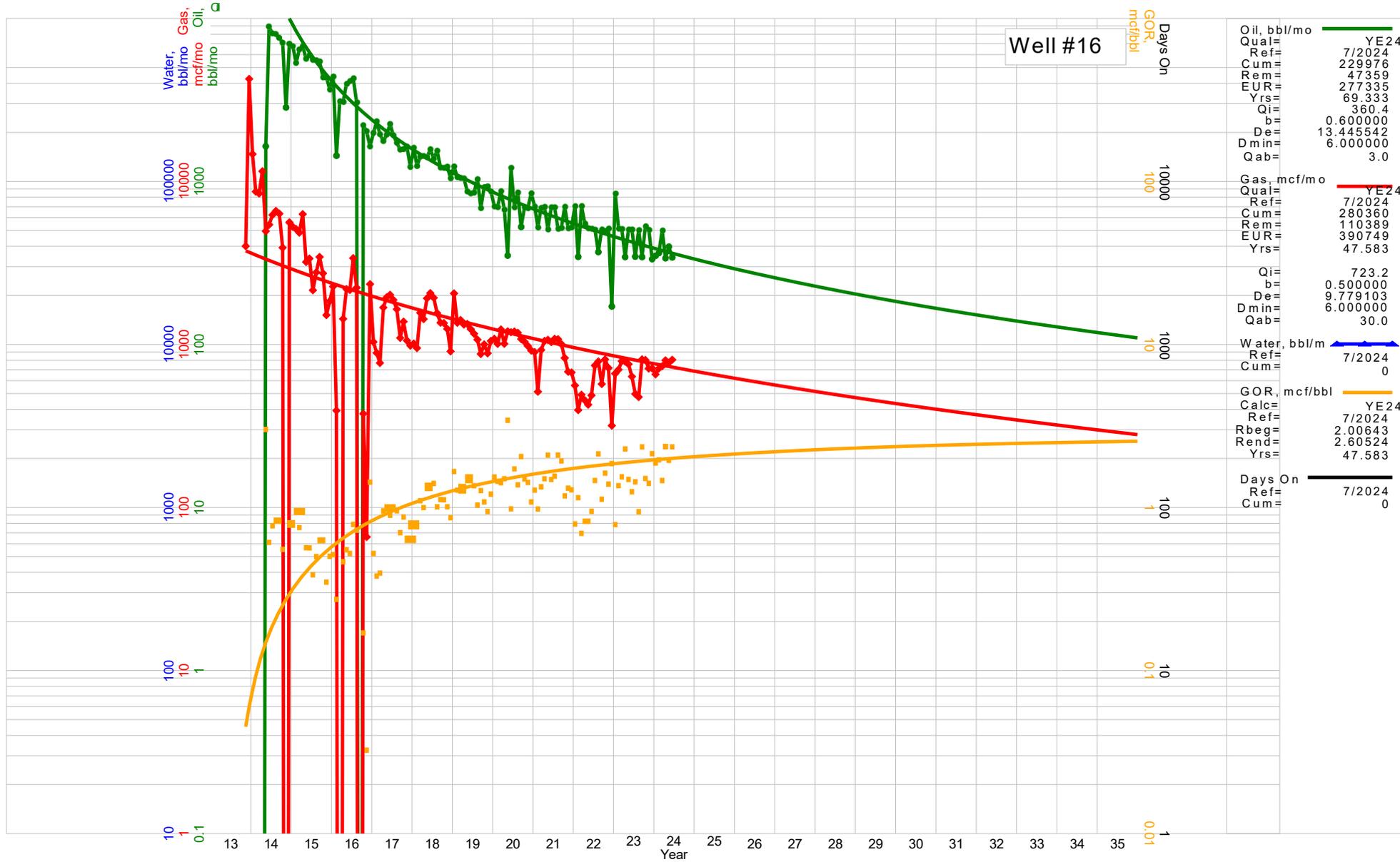






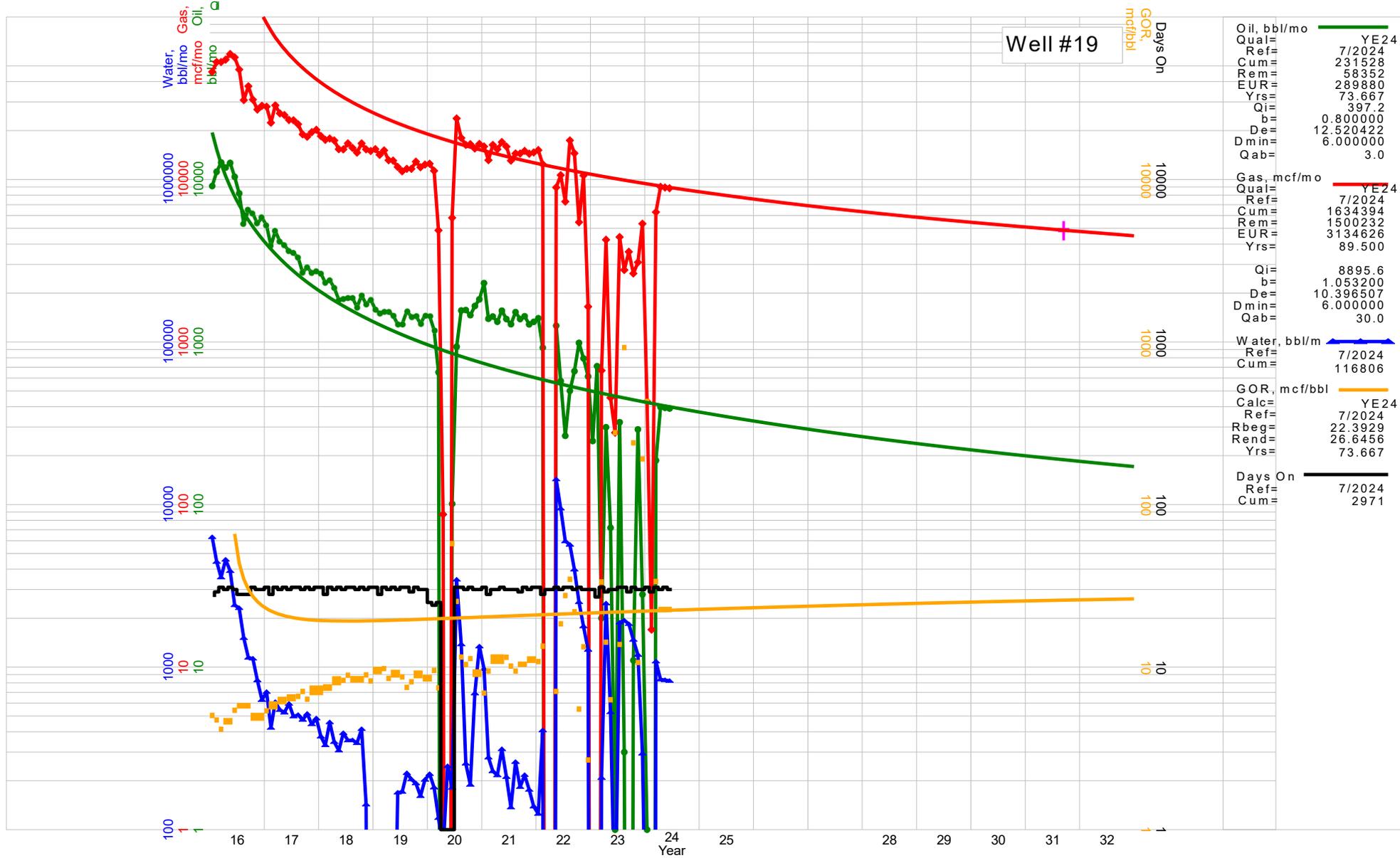












# PRODUCTION FORECASTS

- “Green Production” Risk Adjustment
  - Minimum 6 months of production
  - Was 100% excluded pre-1990’s
  - Engineer’s judgement (50% to 100%)
- “Concentration” Risk Adjustment
  - No one well >15% of PDP or TP PW9%
- Roll Forward to next BB Redetermination Date
  - If April 1 2025 BBRD then database and as of date is October 1 2025

# LEASE OPERATING STATEMENTS

- Net production of nearest historical period
- Historical net prices received
- LOE
- Workovers
- Recurring “Non-Recurring” Expenses
- Abandonments



--END-- MO- YEAR	GROSS OIL PRODUCTION ---MBBLS---	GROSS GAS PRODUCTION ---MMCF---	NET OIL PRODUCTION ---MBBLS---	NET GAS PRODUCTION ---MMCF---	NET OIL PRICE ---\$/BBL---	NET GAS PRICE ---\$/MCF---	NET OIL SALES ---M\$---	NET GAS SALES ---M\$---	TOTAL NET SALES ---M\$---
12-2025	119.857	322588.160	77.530	163075.744	67.982	1.597	5270.592	260399.568	396863.072
12-2026	99.350	281648.928	65.656	144002.528	68.006	1.597	4465.023	229988.960	354176.704
12-2027	84.813	250911.440	56.559	129397.208	68.031	1.598	3847.788	206759.680	320808.480
12-2028	73.388	225818.800	49.229	117435.704	68.054	1.599	3350.218	187769.888	293233.376
12-2029	64.101	205505.552	43.230	107561.080	68.074	1.600	2942.877	172053.248	270060.640
12-2030	56.274	187684.128	38.068	98803.144	68.096	1.600	2592.271	158131.360	249563.504
12-2031	49.460	172344.192	33.767	91012.792	68.107	1.601	2299.760	145735.904	231026.960
12-2032	44.297	158618.944	30.291	83856.512	68.124	1.602	2063.528	134379.920	214279.280
12-2033	39.683	145656.784	27.154	77213.752	68.143	1.603	1850.390	123808.224	198443.104
12-2034	35.699	134180.208	24.422	71349.288	68.165	1.604	1664.698	114462.648	184381.408
12-2035	32.136	123873.936	21.956	65844.244	68.176	1.605	1496.854	105708.968	171168.128
12-2036	29.036	113479.136	19.817	60354.244	68.192	1.607	1351.375	96982.304	158168.880
12-2037	26.433	103765.864	18.016	55123.660	68.211	1.609	1228.915	88668.640	145821.312
12-2038	23.935	94632.064	16.282	50174.220	68.224	1.610	1110.784	80789.592	134001.640
12-2039	21.559	86172.768	14.651	45735.880	68.244	1.612	999.833	73732.984	123310.600
S TOT	800.022	2606880.768	536.627	1360940.160	68.082	1.601	36534.908	2179371.776	3445306.880
AFTER	201.291	767963.008	137.248	402718.816	68.197	1.629	9359.862	656214.400	1198827.392
TOTAL	1001.313	3374843.904	673.875	1763659.008	68.106	1.608	45894.768	2835586.048	4644134.400

--END-- MO- YEAR	AD VALOREM TAX -----M\$-----	PRODUCTION TAX -----M\$-----	DIRECT OPER EXPENSE -----M\$-----	INTEREST PAID -----M\$-----	CAPITAL REPAYMENT -----M\$-----	EQUITY INVESTMENT -----M\$-----	FUTURE NET CASHFLOW -----M\$-----	CUMULATIVE CASHFLOW -----M\$-----	CUM. DISC. CASHFLOW -----M\$-----
12-2025	10942.365	11108.447	233340.512	0.000	0.000	0.000	25726.492	25726.492	26047.030
12-2026	9762.874	10029.823	211385.744	0.000	0.000	0.000	115358.808	141085.296	126243.696
12-2027	8803.253	9142.661	193774.544	0.000	0.000	0.000	101943.264	243028.560	206711.104
12-2028	8025.782	8394.763	179013.808	0.000	0.000	0.000	89168.624	332197.184	270679.936
12-2029	7362.093	7756.894	166661.248	0.000	0.000	0.000	80643.144	412840.320	323278.656
12-2030	6816.246	7193.628	155556.464	0.000	0.000	0.000	74115.688	486956.000	367213.920
12-2031	6325.753	6671.089	145331.072	0.000	0.000	0.000	64099.612	551055.616	401760.288
12-2032	5863.657	6198.889	136011.760	0.000	0.000	0.000	60087.564	611143.168	431204.160
12-2033	5427.302	5754.312	126901.104	0.000	0.000	0.000	52325.272	663468.416	454520.544
12-2034	5039.300	5367.593	118917.952	0.000	0.000	0.000	48165.160	711633.600	474025.056
12-2035	4676.476	4992.336	111312.504	0.000	0.000	0.000	43621.636	755255.232	490089.152
12-2036	4340.328	4630.385	103498.360	0.000	0.000	0.000	38436.708	793691.968	502964.256
12-2037	4011.103	4300.381	95905.008	0.000	0.000	0.000	33549.782	827241.728	513181.792
12-2038	3689.147	3973.391	88492.096	0.000	0.000	0.000	30106.622	857348.352	521515.744
12-2039	3414.239	3674.762	81837.536	0.000	0.000	0.000	26517.908	883866.240	528176.864
S TOT	94499.912	99189.360	2147939.840	0.000	0.000	0.000	883866.240	883866.240	528176.864
AFTER	34900.840	37150.528	836100.672	0.000	0.000	0.000	171359.264	1055225.600	555245.056
TOTAL	129400.752	136339.888	2984040.448	0.000	0.000	0.000	1055225.472	1055225.600	555245.056

GROSS WELLS	GAS	P.W. %	P.W., M\$	LIFE, YRS.	DISCOUNT %	UNDISCOUNTED PAYOUT, YRS.	DISCOUNTED PAYOUT, YRS.	UNDISCOUNTED NET/INVEST.	DISCOUNTED NET/INVEST.	RATE-OF-RETURN, PCT.	INITIAL W.I., PCT.
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	30.0										
	6281.0										
GROSS ULT., MB & MMF	13421.08315915937.792				10.00	10.00	555238.464				
GROSS CUM., MB & MMF	12419.77012541094.912				0.00	12.00	504839.648				
GROSS RES., MB & MMF	1001.313 3374843.136				0.00	15.00	443832.832				
NET RES., MB & MMF	673.875 1763658.624				0.00	20.00	368814.688				
NET REVENUE, M\$	45894.772 2835586.304				0.00	25.00	315203.744				
INITIAL PRICE, \$	68.117 1.590				150.00	35.00	244137.824				
INITIAL N.I., PCT.	58.077 50.086				68.341	45.00	199502.208				
						75.00	130588.216				
						150.00	75574.440				

# HEDGES

- Swaps
- 2-way Collars
  
- Measured Against Bank Price Deck (not current strip)
  
- Say 2,000 bbl/month from April 1 2025 to March 31 2028 as SWAP
- Say Strike Price is \$65/bbl in 2025
- If Forecast Price is \$70; Hedge value is  $-\$5/\text{bbl}/\text{month} \times \text{Volume} \times 9 \text{ months}$
- If Forecast Price is \$45/bbl; Hedge value is  $+\$20/\text{bbl}/\text{month} \times \text{Volume} \times 9 \text{ months}$
  
- Say 2,000 bbl/month from April 1 2025 to March 31 2028 as 2-Way Collar
- Say low price is \$40/bbl and higher price is \$60/bbl in collar
- If Forecast Price is \$70/bbl; Hedge value is  $-\$10/\text{bbl}/\text{month} \times \text{Volume}$
- If Forecast Price is \$45/bbl; Hedge value is  $+\$15/\text{bbl}/\text{month} \times \text{Volume}$
- If Forecast Price is \$35/bbl; Hedge value is  $+\$5/\text{bbl}/\text{month} \times \text{Volume}$
  
- PW9% Value
- Usually Contribute 100%

# BB Calculation Inputs

- PDP (PW9%)—100%
- Hedges (PW9%)—100%
- PDNP (PW9%)—15% to 35%
- PUD (PW9%)—10% to 30%
- ADVANCE Rate—60% to 70%
- Blowdown Overhead (Bank to Bank; Payout Limitation)
- FNR Half-Life (Bank to Bank; Payout Limitation)
- Downside Price Deck (Bank to Bank; BB Limitation)

# BB Calculation Example

	BANK ENGINEER'S CASHFLOWS	Particular BANK's POLICY		Advance Rate	
	\$M	Contribution Allowed	\$M		\$M
PDP (PW9%)	5,000	100%	5,000	65%	3,250.0
HEDGES (PW9%)	200	100%	200	65%	130.0
PDNP (PW9%)	250	20%	50	65%	32.5
PUD (PW9%)	2,000	10%	<u>200</u>	65%	<u>130.0</u>
			5,450	65%	3,542.5
		ENGINEER'S BORROWING BASE	3,542.5		

# SUMMARY

- Talk to Your Bank's Engineer/Banker
- Provide LOS Reconciliation
- Provide Hedges and Commodity Contract Info
- Process is "Highly" Transparent

# Questions?

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