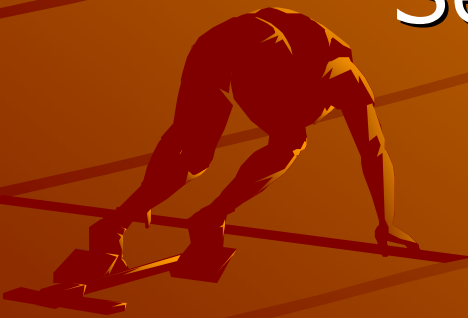




Fayetteville Shale

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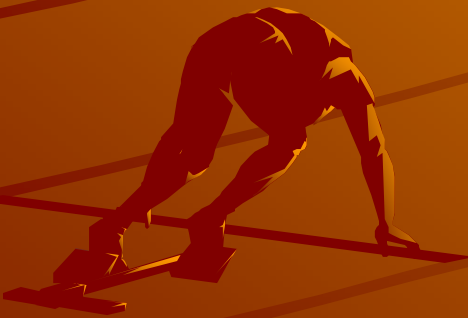


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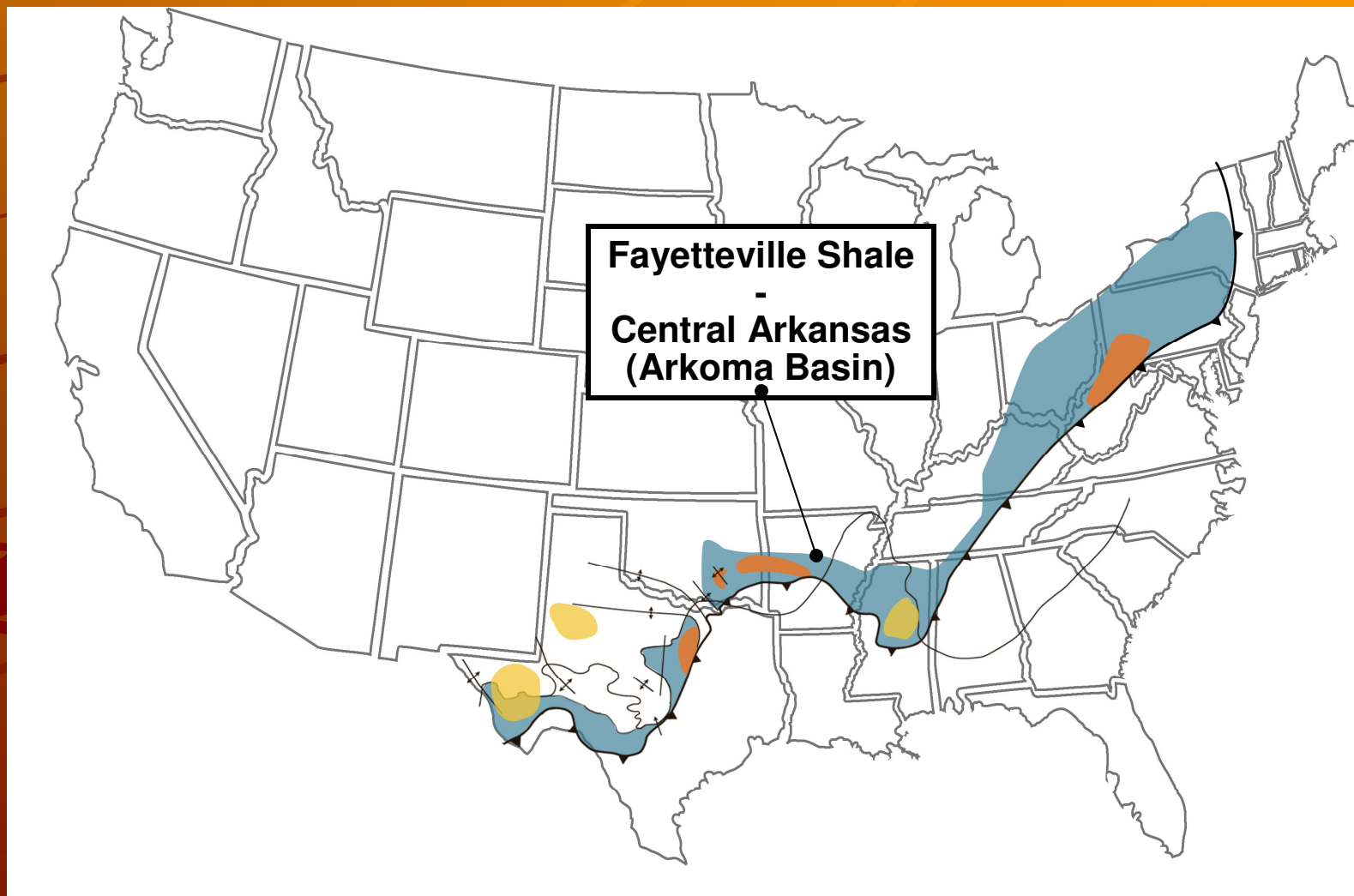


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Where is the Fayetteville Shale??





What is the Fayetteville Shale?

- ✦ Mississippian Age organic rich shale
 - Thermally mature shale – dry gas (98% methane)
- ✦ Geologic Equivalent to the Barnett Shale of North Texas
- ✦ Size – 4,000 square miles
- ✦ Productive Formations
 - Hale Sand
 - Fayetteville
 - ✦ Upper and Lower (Lower is usually our target)
 - Moorefield
- ✦ Depth – 1500' - 6500' TVD
- ✦ Thickness – 50' Western AR – 500' Eastern AR



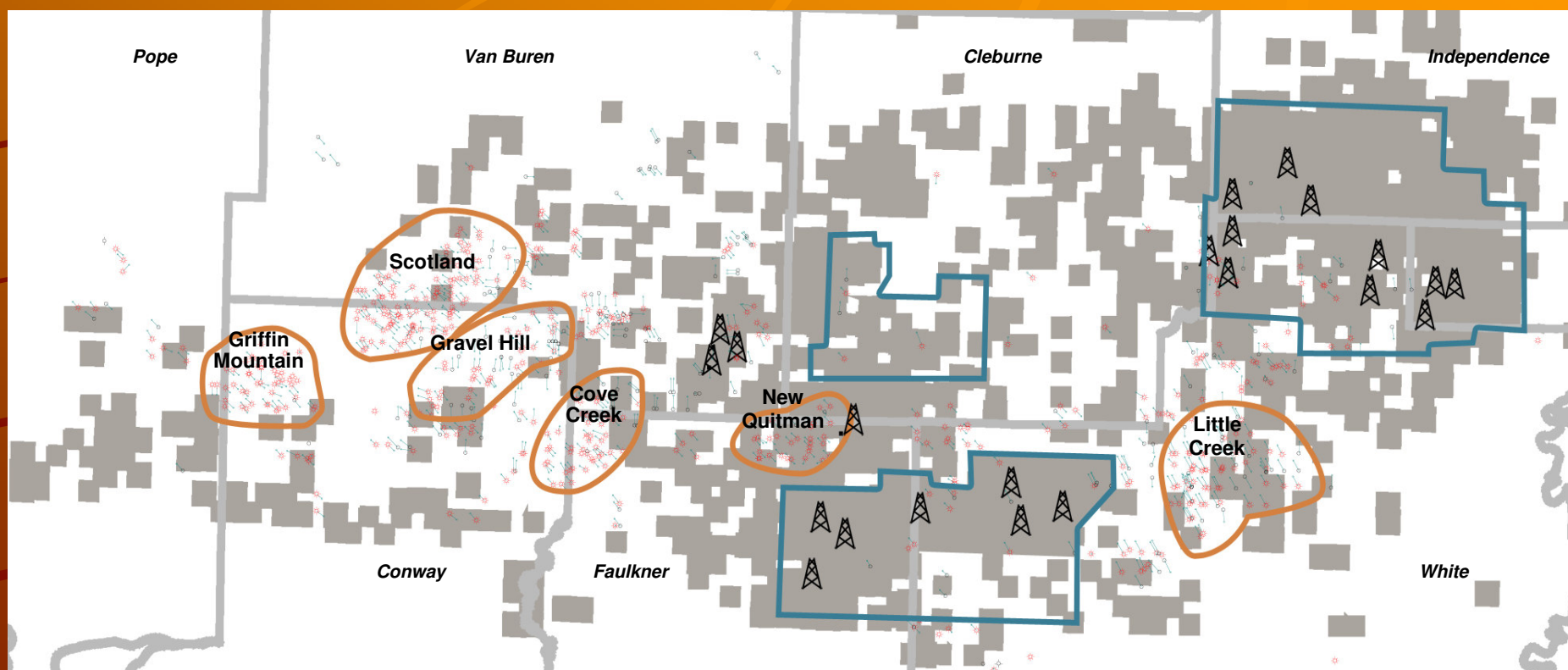
History



- ✦ **2003** – SEECO starts leasing acreage
- ✦ **2004** – SEECO successfully tests horizontal drilling and completion technology
- ✦ **2005 – Current**
 - XTO acquires 380,000 acres
 - SEECO acquires 860,000 acres
 - Chesapeake acquires 415,000 core acres
 - Several smaller companies acquire sizeable acreage positions
- ✦ **June 2007** – XTO spuds 1st Well
- ✦ **2008** – XTO ramps up drilling activity
- ✦ **Currently** – 7 rigs drilling for XTO



Acreage



✚ XTO - 380,000 net acres

General Well Plan

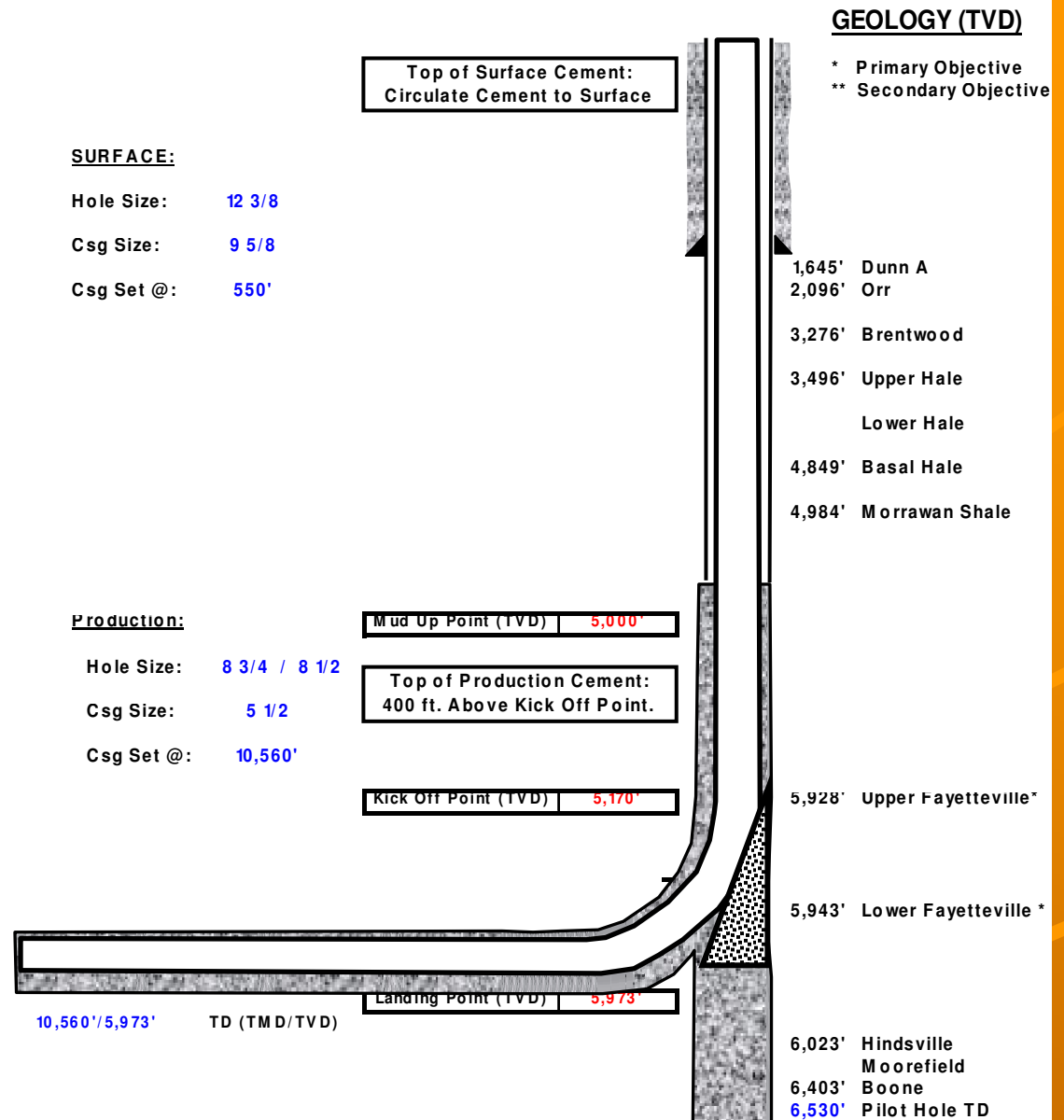
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– Air/Mist

✦ Hammer



Example Well 9N 10W



General Well Plan

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✦ Hammer

✦ PRODUCTION

– Vertical /Pilot Hole

✦ Air/mist to
Morrowan Shale

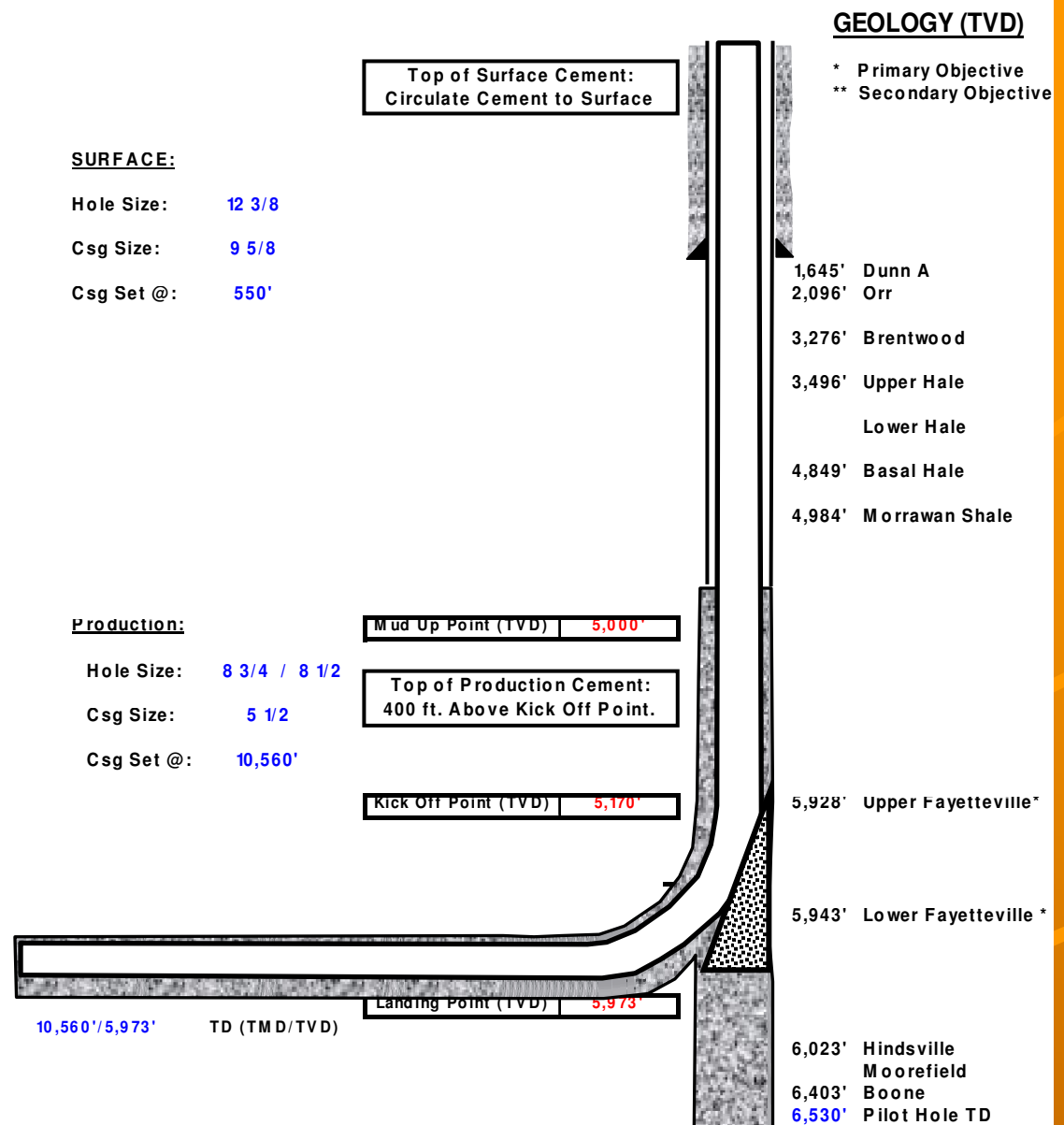
✦ Hammers

✦ Tricones

✦ Mud up w/ Oil
Base @ Morrowan
Shale

✦ 6-blade PDC w/
backup cutters
(Pilot Hole)

Example Well 9N 10W



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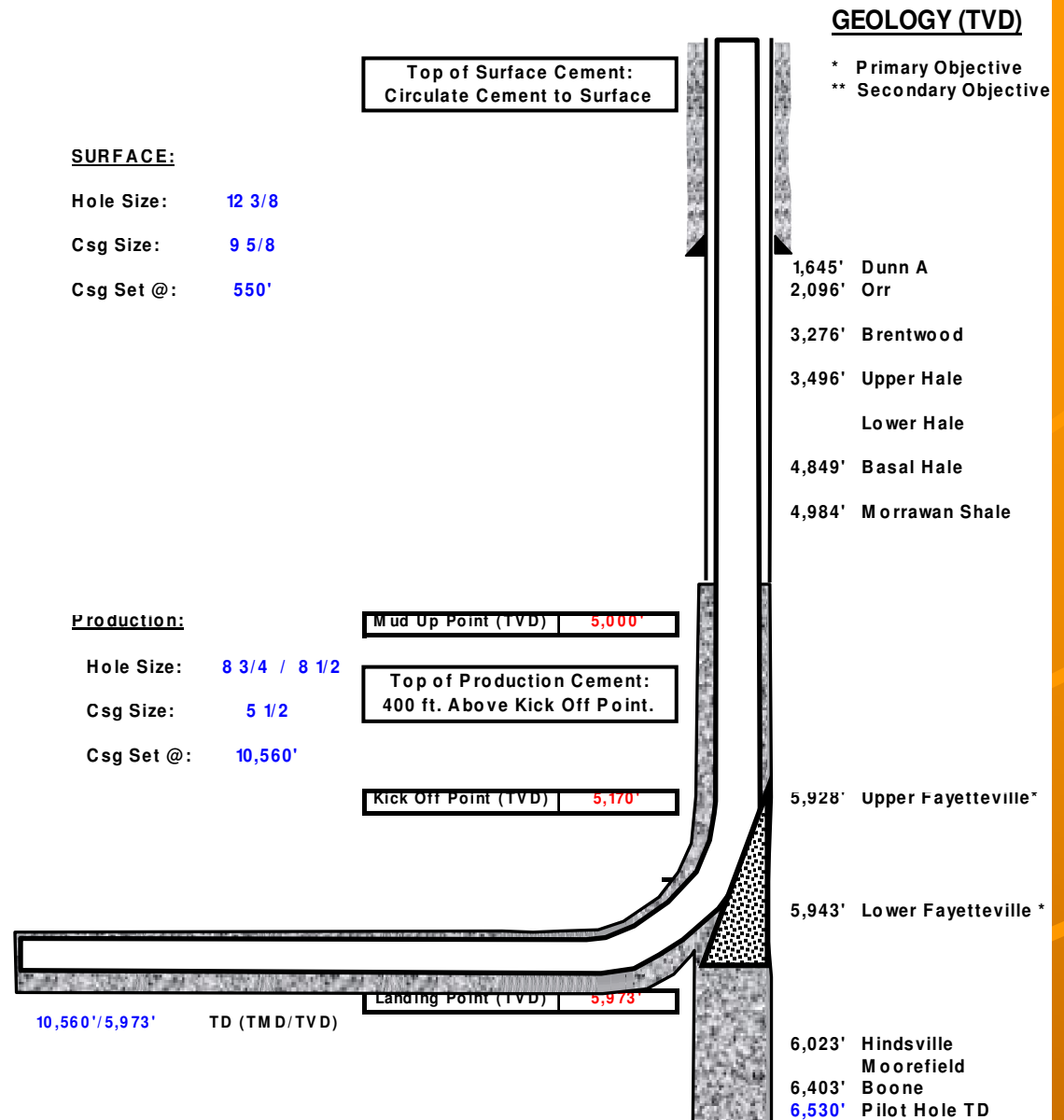
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- Curve
 - ✦ Whip Stock (Pilot Hole)
 - ✦ 10 deg build rate

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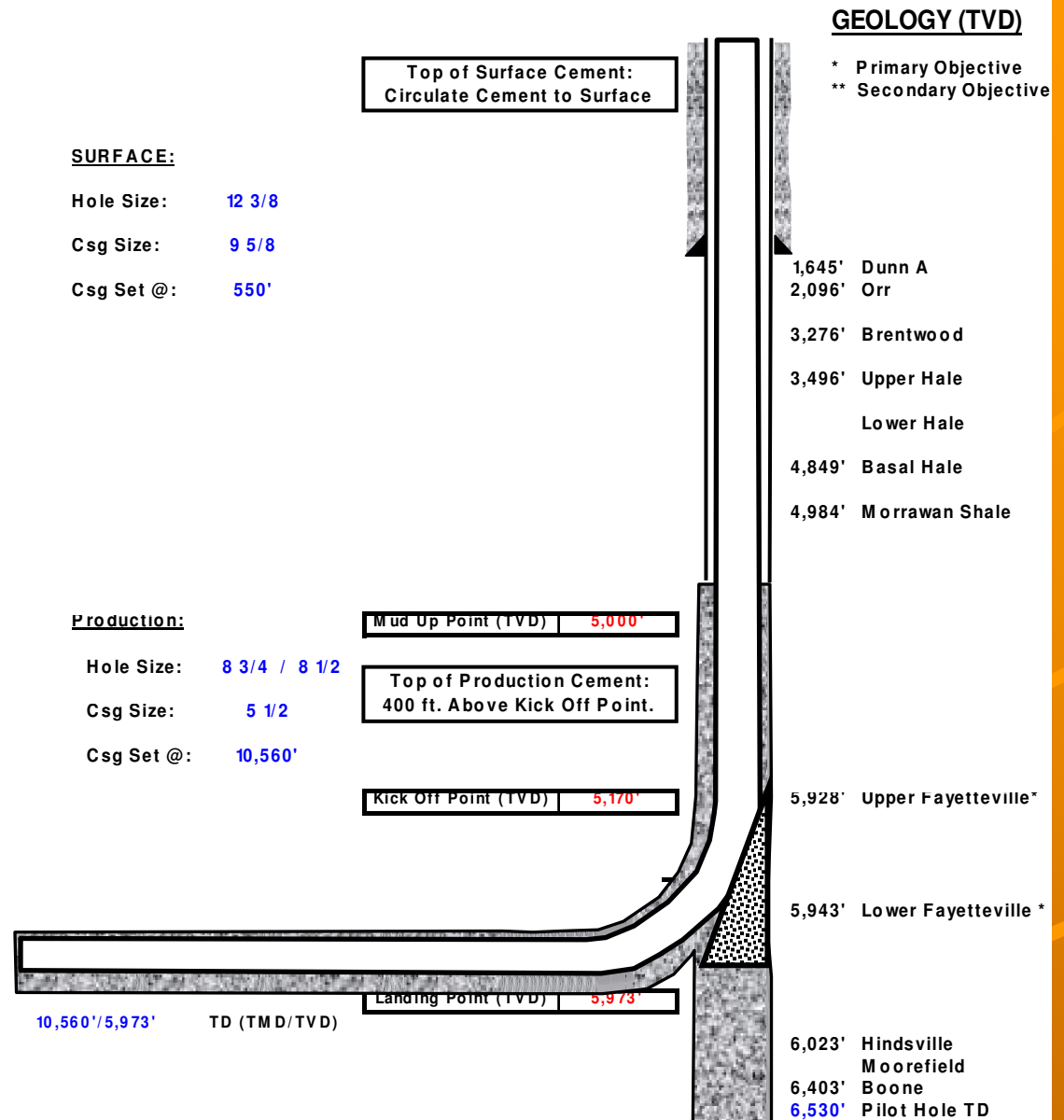
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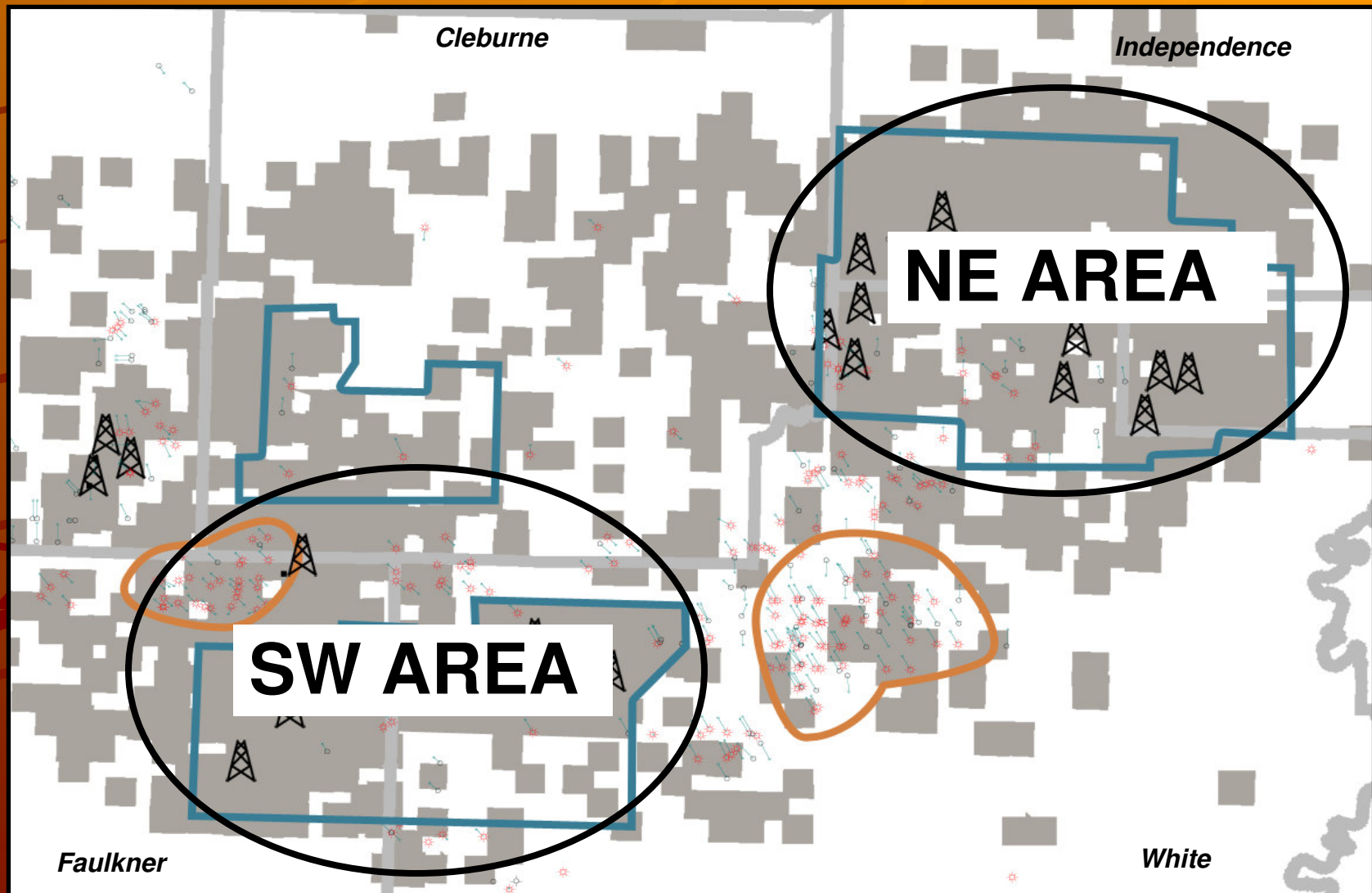
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- Curve
 - ✦ Whip Stock (Pilot Hole)
 - ✦ 10 deg build rate
- Lateral
 - ✦ Lower Fayetteville
 - ✦ 2500' to 4300'

Example Well 9N 10W



Primary Drilling Activity



NE AREA

Less complex / more forgiving area
(Independence, N. White, Cleburne Co.)



✦ Vertical

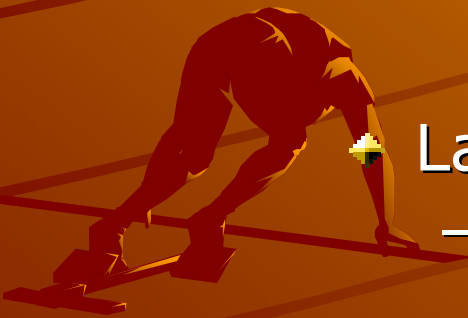
- One Hammer bit to Mud up pt (Morrowan)
- Possible 300-400 bbl/hr water

✦ Curve

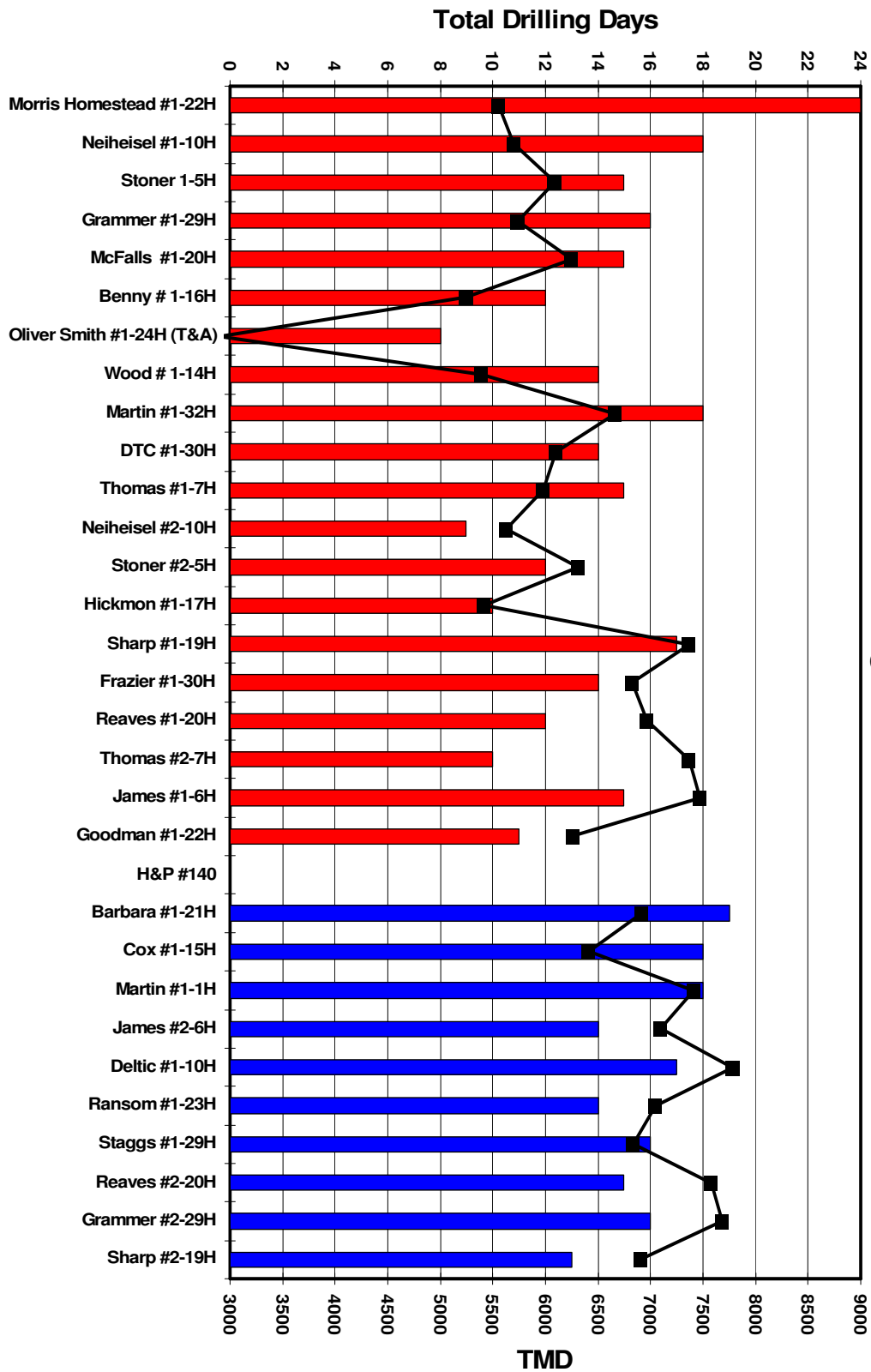
- Still using Tricones to build curve
 - ✦ Sands in Morrowan damage the gauge of a PDC

✦ Lateral

- Hole cleaning
 - ✦ ROP > 120 fph
 - ✦ Pump rates ~ 375 gpm
 - ✦ Mud properties
 - R-6 value > than 14

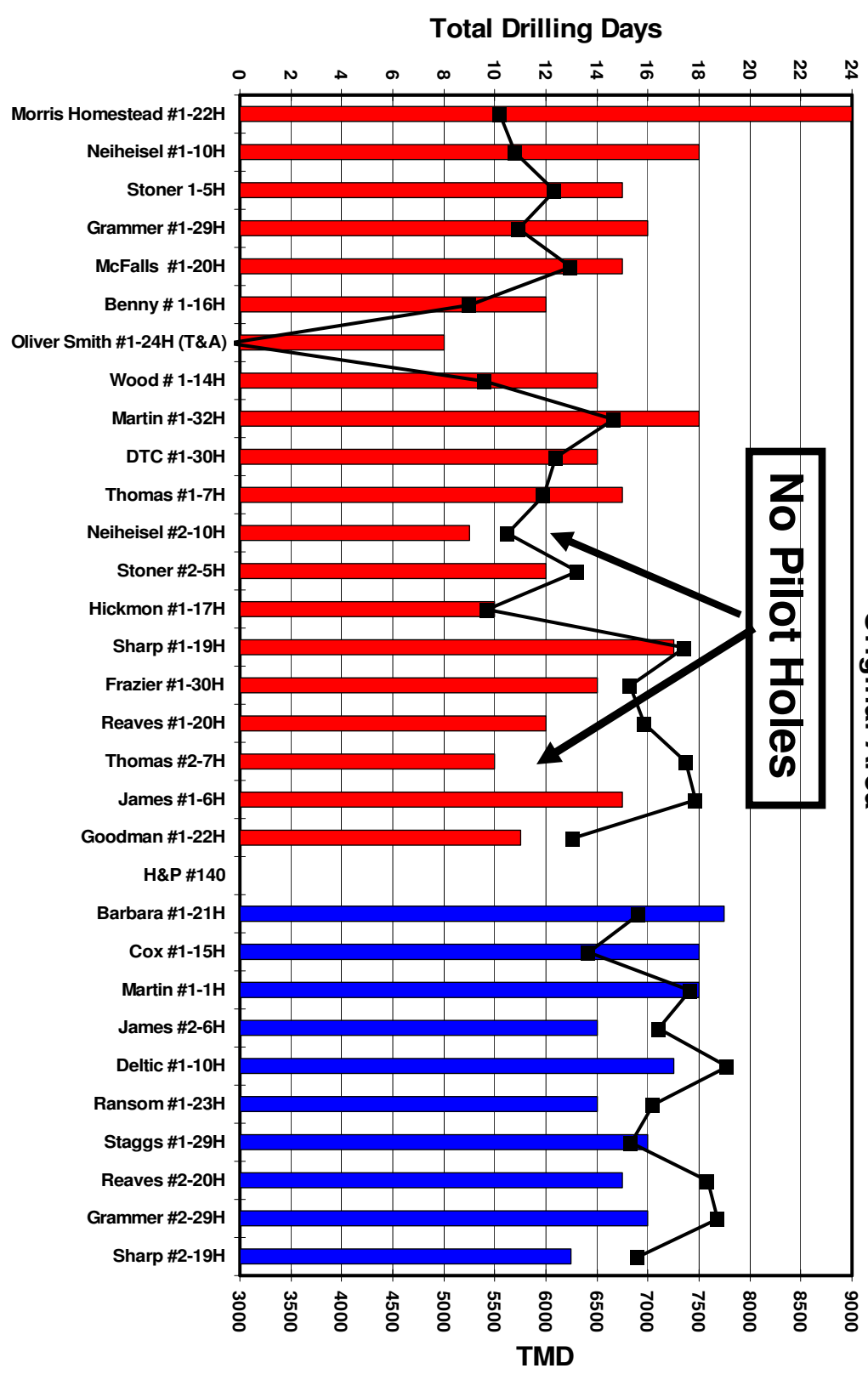


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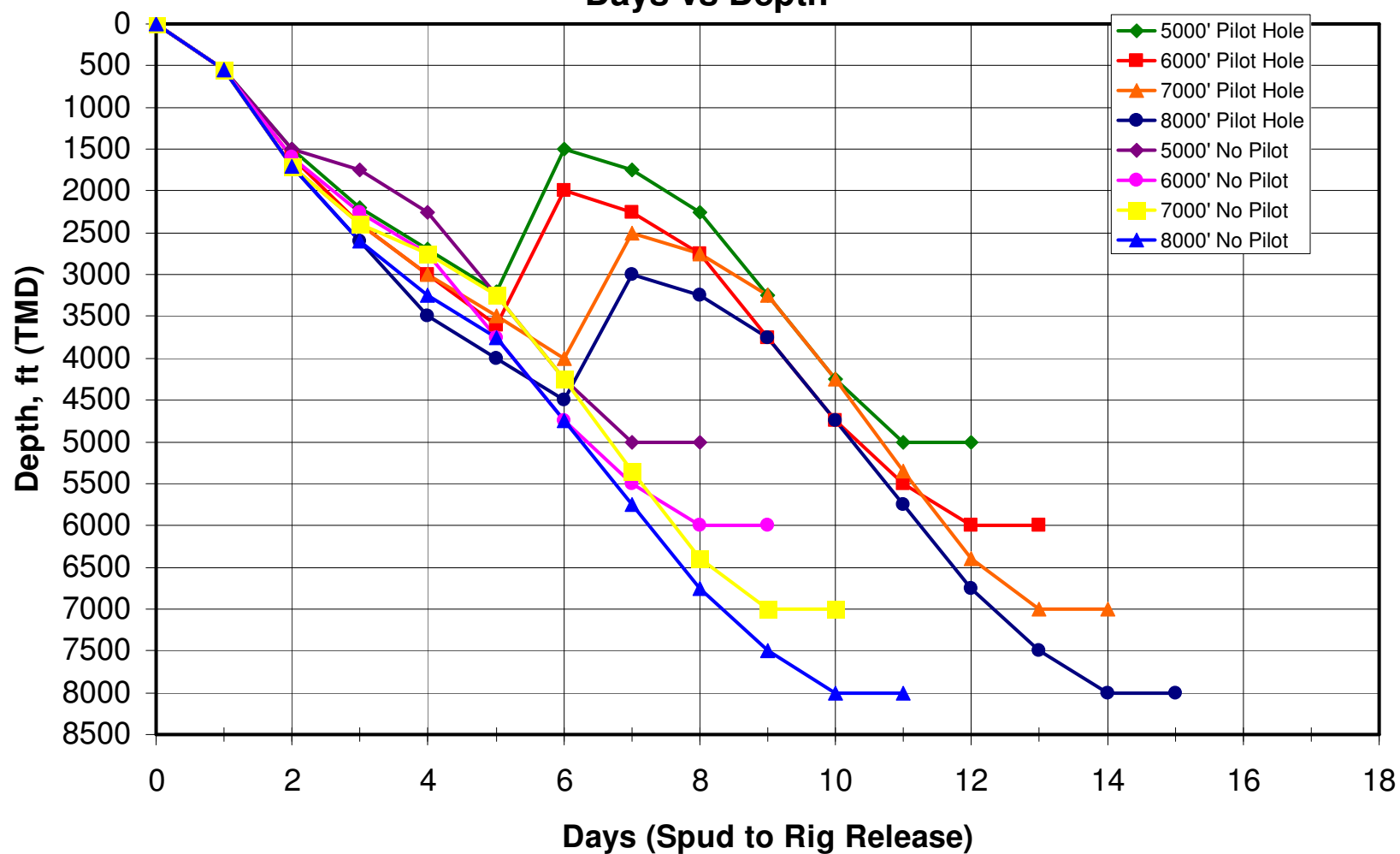
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No Pilot Holes



NE Area Goals

Days vs Depth



SW AREA

More complex / less forgiving area
(Faulkner, White, S. Cleburne Co.)



✦ Vertical

- Multiple Hammer bits to Mud up pt (Morrowan)
 - ✦ Possible Tricone depending on water.
- 6-Blade PDCs with backup cutters.

✦ Curve

- Can drill the curve with a PDC (w/o Whipstock)

✦ Lateral

- Target less defined and thinner
- Hole cleaning is much more important!

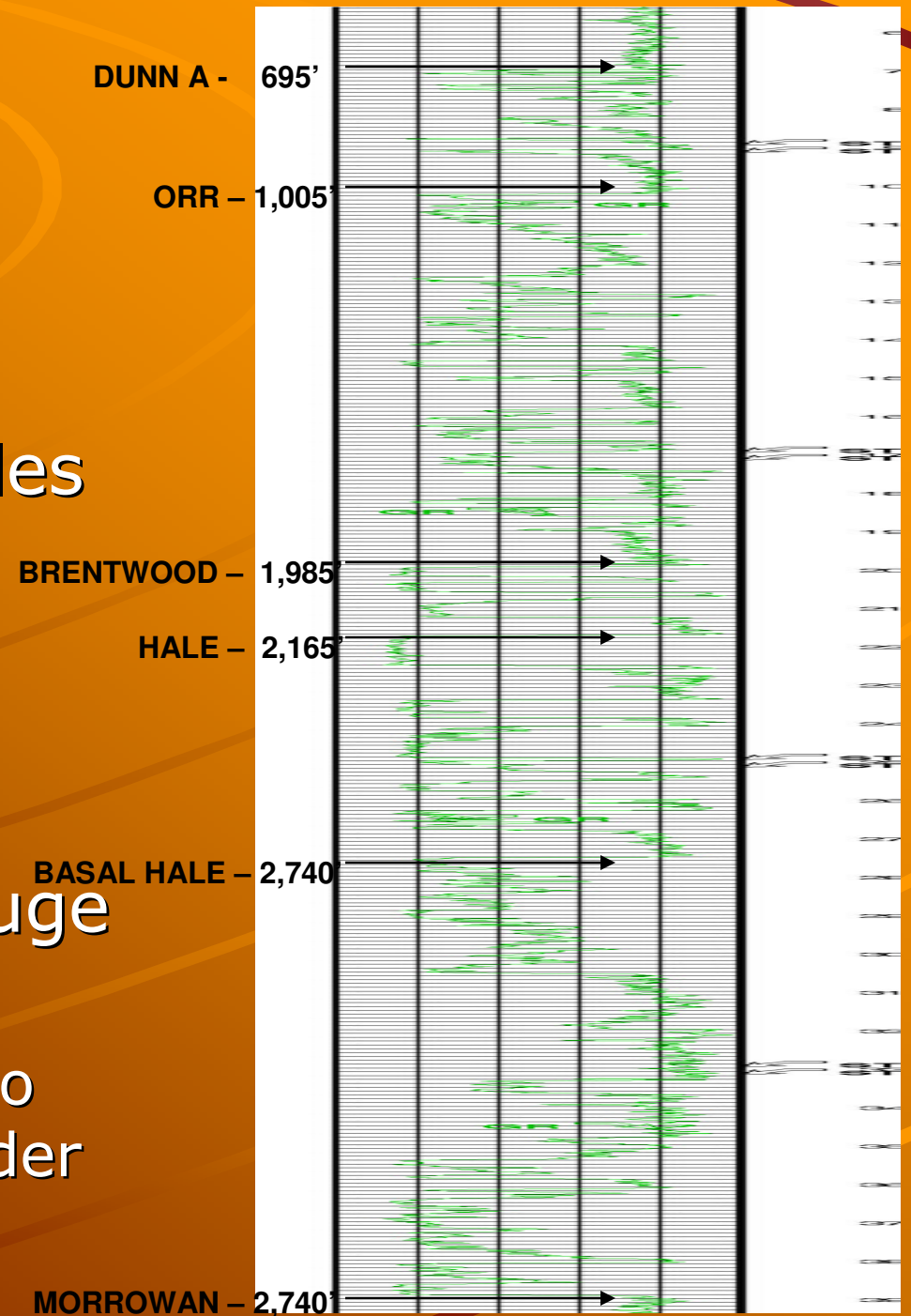


Hammer Bits

- Several Transitions between Shales and Sands throughout section.

- Generally Damages Gauge row.

- Tricone run to ream out under gauge hole



Hole Cleaning



- ◆ Pump Rate
- ◆ Pipe Rotation
- ◆ Circulation
- ◆ Mud Properties
- ◆ Avoid Packing Off
 - Monitor Drilling Parameters
 - ◆ Torque
 - ◆ Drag
 - ◆ Pressure

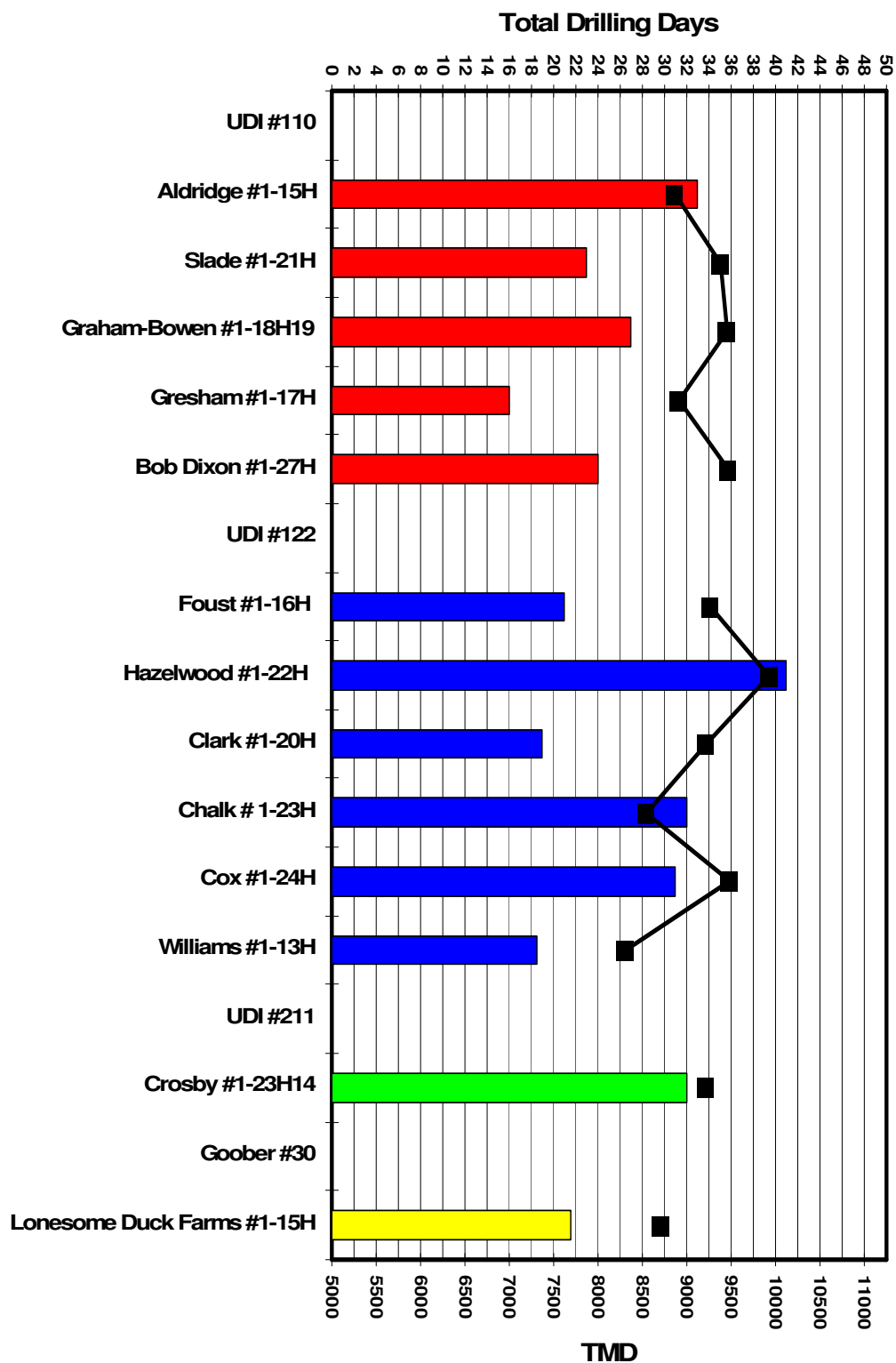


Hole Stability

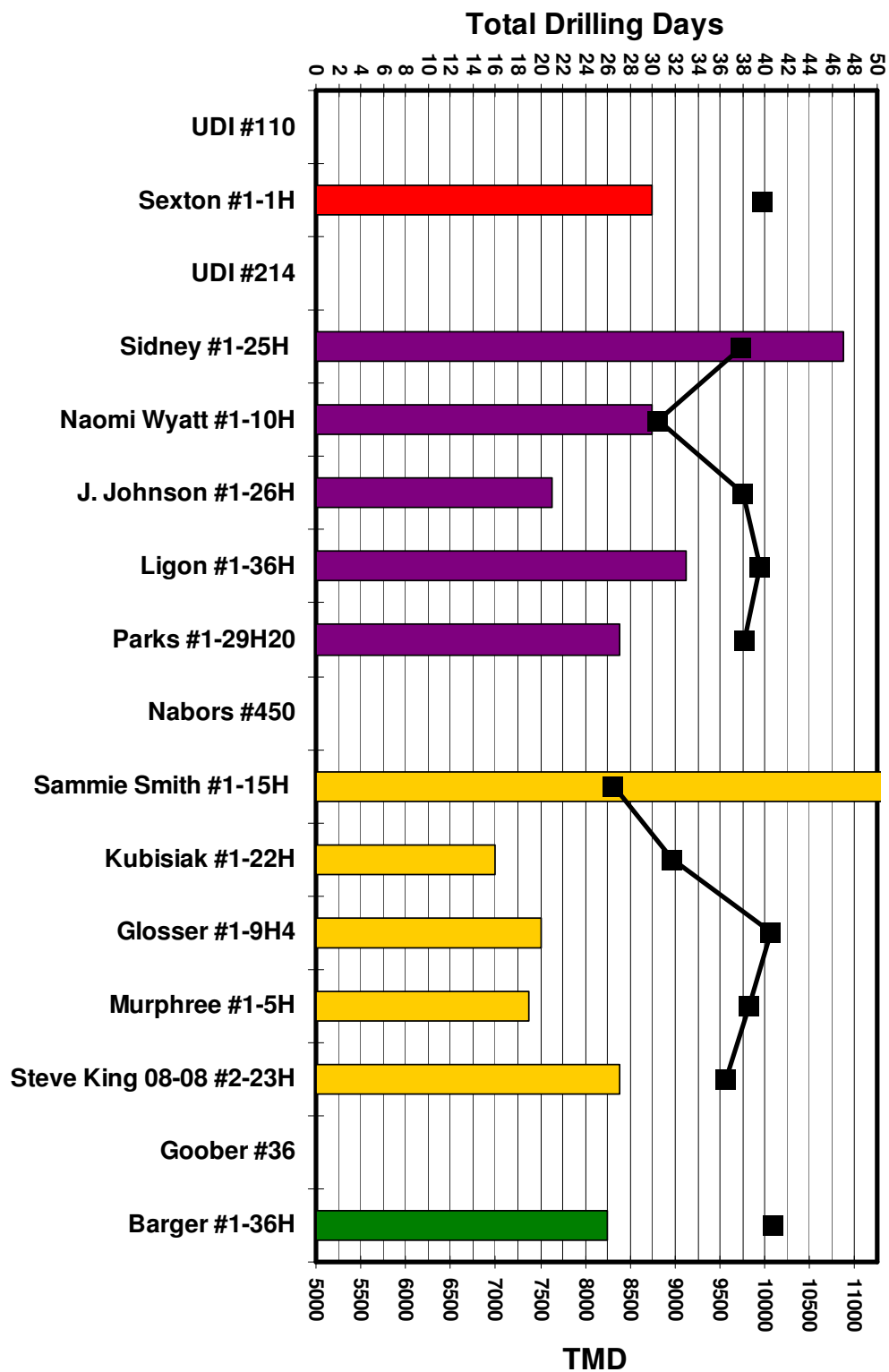
- ✦ Mud Weight
- ✦ Mud Additives
 - Plugging Agents
 - ✦ Gilsonite
 - ✦ Asphaltine
- ✦ Monitor Pump Pressures!
 - Avoid pressuring up on the formation



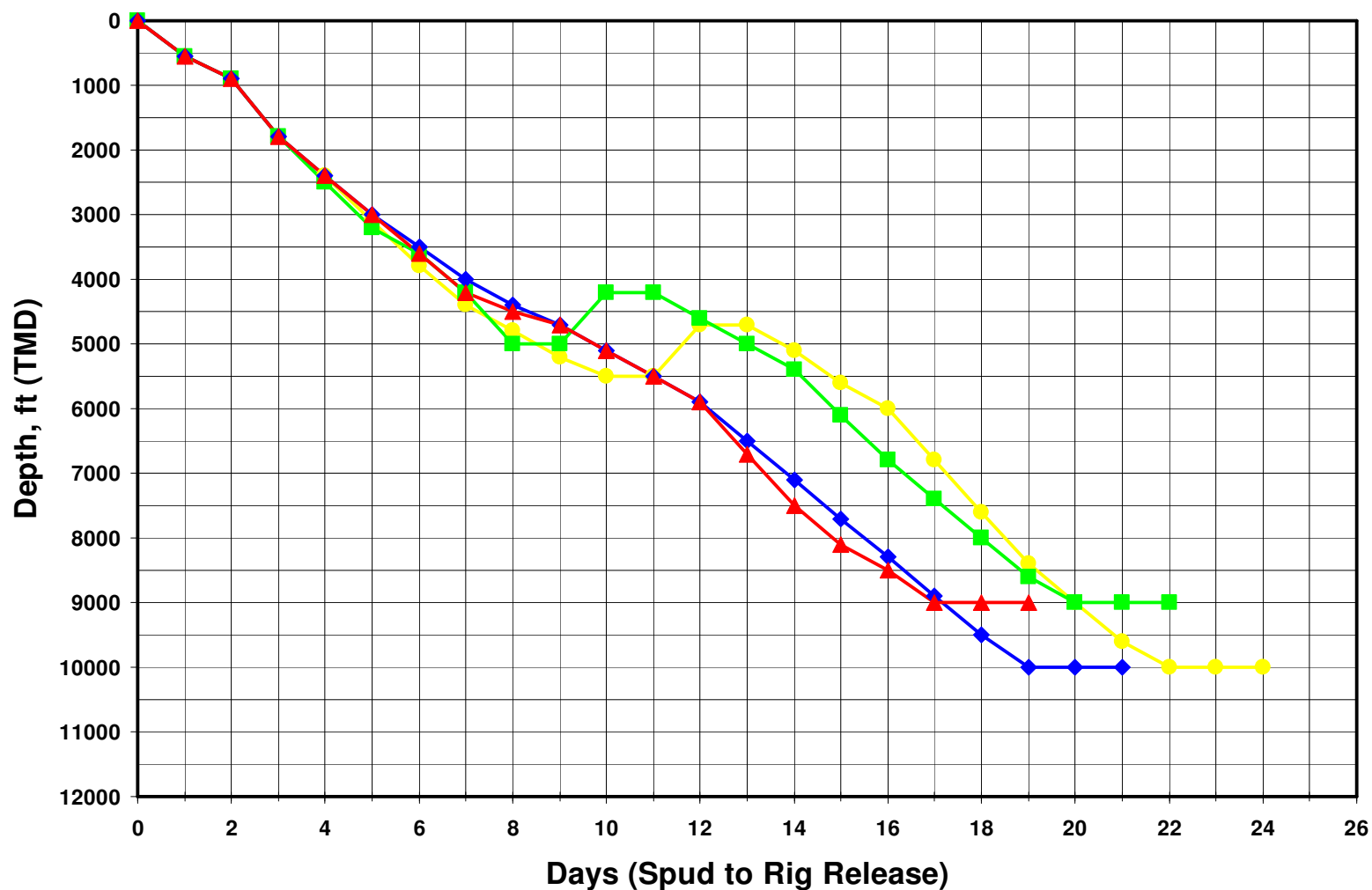
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Fayetteville Total Drilling Days SW Area 8N8W - 8N9W

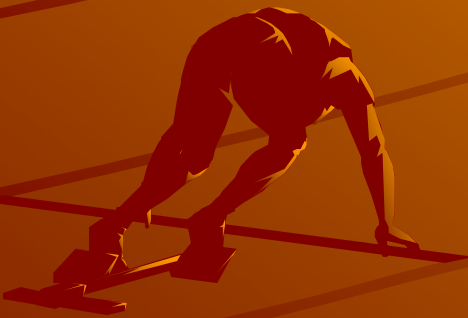


SW Area Goals Days vs Depth



Keys to Success

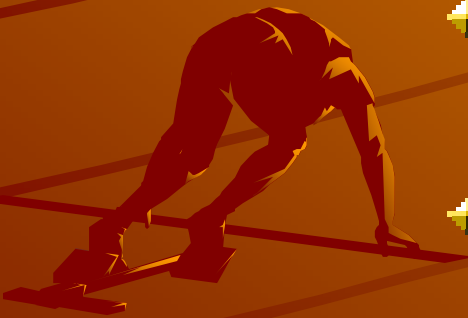
- ◆ Consistent program
- ◆ Minimize hole problems
 - Seismic data
 - ◆ Well planning (fault predictions)
 - Upgrade equipment and services
 - ◆ Pumps
 - ◆ Top Drives
- ◆ Control well costs to keep the project economic!





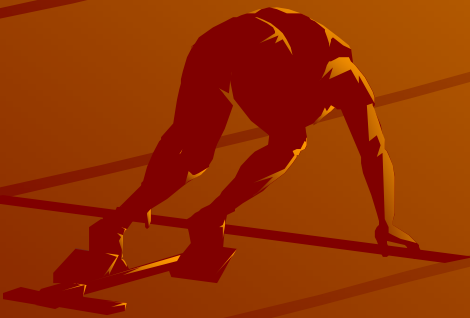
2009 Activity

- ◆ Budgeted 115 Wells
- ◆ 7 Drilling Rigs
- ◆ Continue to develop our infrastructure
- ◆ Dependent on product prices



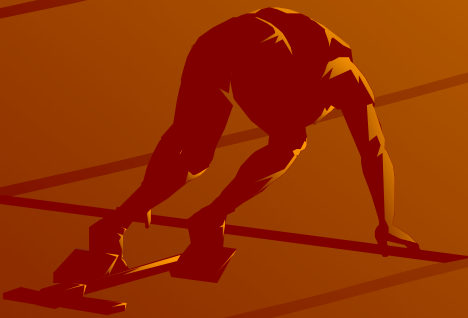


QUESTIONS?





Additional Information





XTO's Acreage (Approximately)



◆ Western AR Fairway -	100,000 acres
◆ Additional Leasing -	100,000 acres
◆ Pathfinder -	64,000 acres
◆ SEECO -	55,000 acres
◆ Alta -	20,000 acres
◆ Anadarko -	19,000 acres
◆ EUR Energy -	17,000 acres
◆ Other Acquisitions -	<u>5,000 acres</u>
	380,000 acres

Hammer Bits



Drilled from 512' to 1486'
(Orr Formation)
974' in 15 hrs @ 65 fph

Drilled from 1625' to 2337'
(Just topped the Lower Hale Formation)
712' in 22 hrs @ 32 fph