

CHART OF THE DAY

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The following excerpt (slightly edited) comes from The Launch Pad.

Oil prices have had one of their biggest weeks in four years, but are trimming those gains this morning. The joyous news of course is that U.S. production has declined, from a peak of 9.422mb/d to 9.384 over the past few weeks.

The IEA is forecasting that May production from U.S. shale will decline as well.

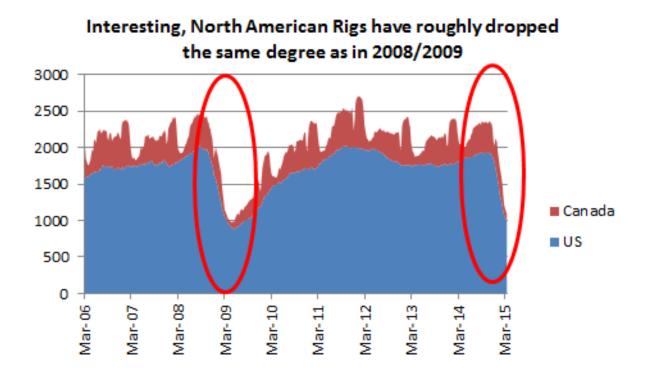
Idle rigs are starting to have an effect as we have Schlumberger cutting another 11,000 jobs, this follows 9,000 cut in January.

Active North American rigs have declined from 2,363 in November (yes, that was five months after oil prices started to drop) and are now at 1,087.

This afternoon we will hear the reading for rigs from last week.

Of interest, as the chart on the next page shows, the decline in rigs is very similar to the drop during 2008/2009.

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