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Bentek data analysis suggests 2015 production will average approximately 72.8 Bcf/d. Natural gas production should continue to grow throughout the year, driven primarily by continued gains in the Northeast, with associated gas production in Texas and the Midcontinent region providing additional supply.

The Bentek data analysis is based on an extensive sample of near real-time production receipt data from the U.S. lower 48 interstate pipeline system. Platts' Bentek production models are highly correlated with and provide an advance glimpse of federal government statistics from the U.S. EIA.

This Bentek Energy U.S. natural gas production data estimate will be published each month, covering the previous month's output activity. Bentek's dry gas production estimates are not observed data and are based on pipeline receipt nominations and certain state production data.

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