



# Investor Presentation

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# Premier Utica Shale Operator



## CONSISTENT, RETURNS-FOCUSED STRATEGY

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DIVERSE  
ASSET BASE

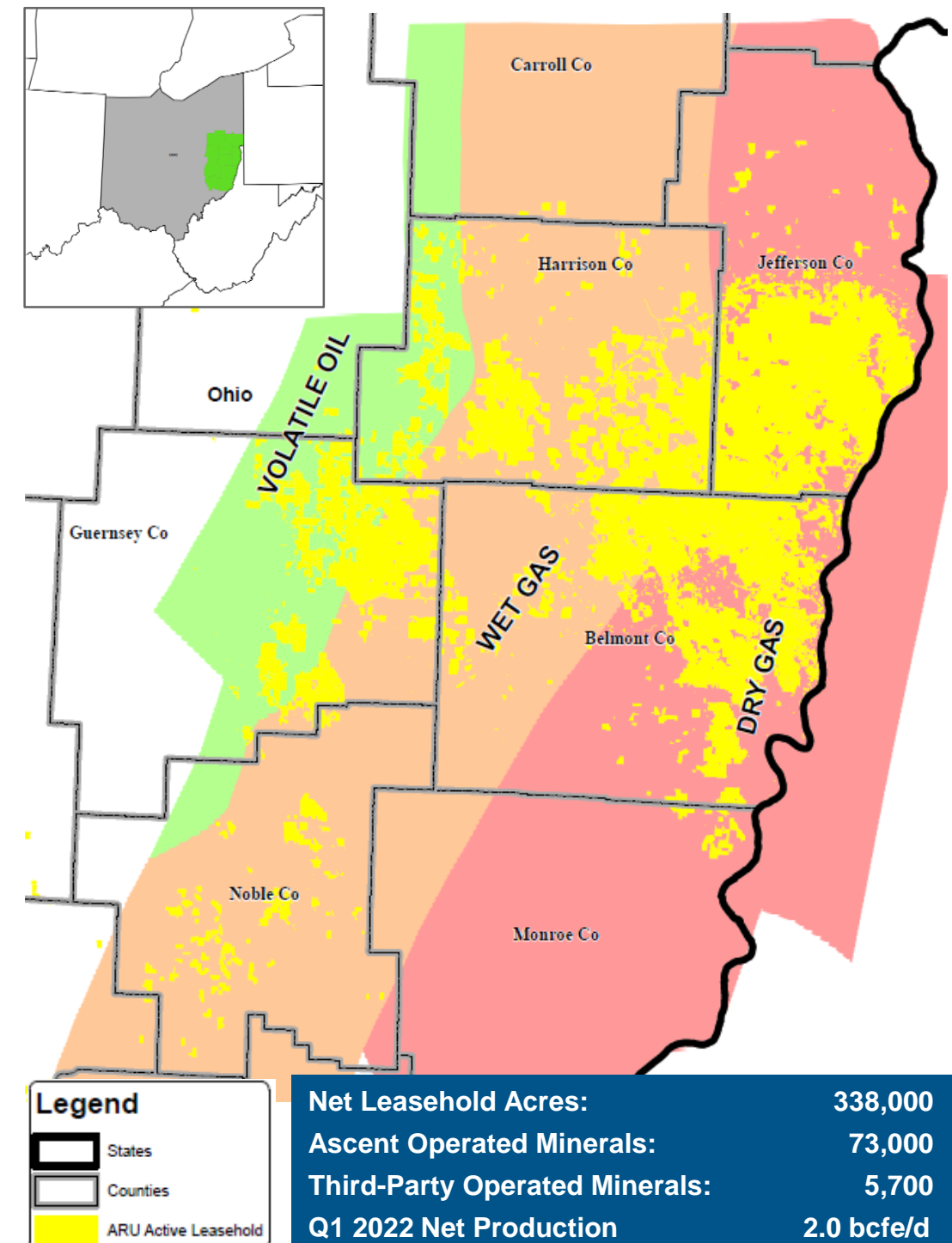
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METRICS &  
EXECUTION

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RESPONSIBLE  
OPERATIONS

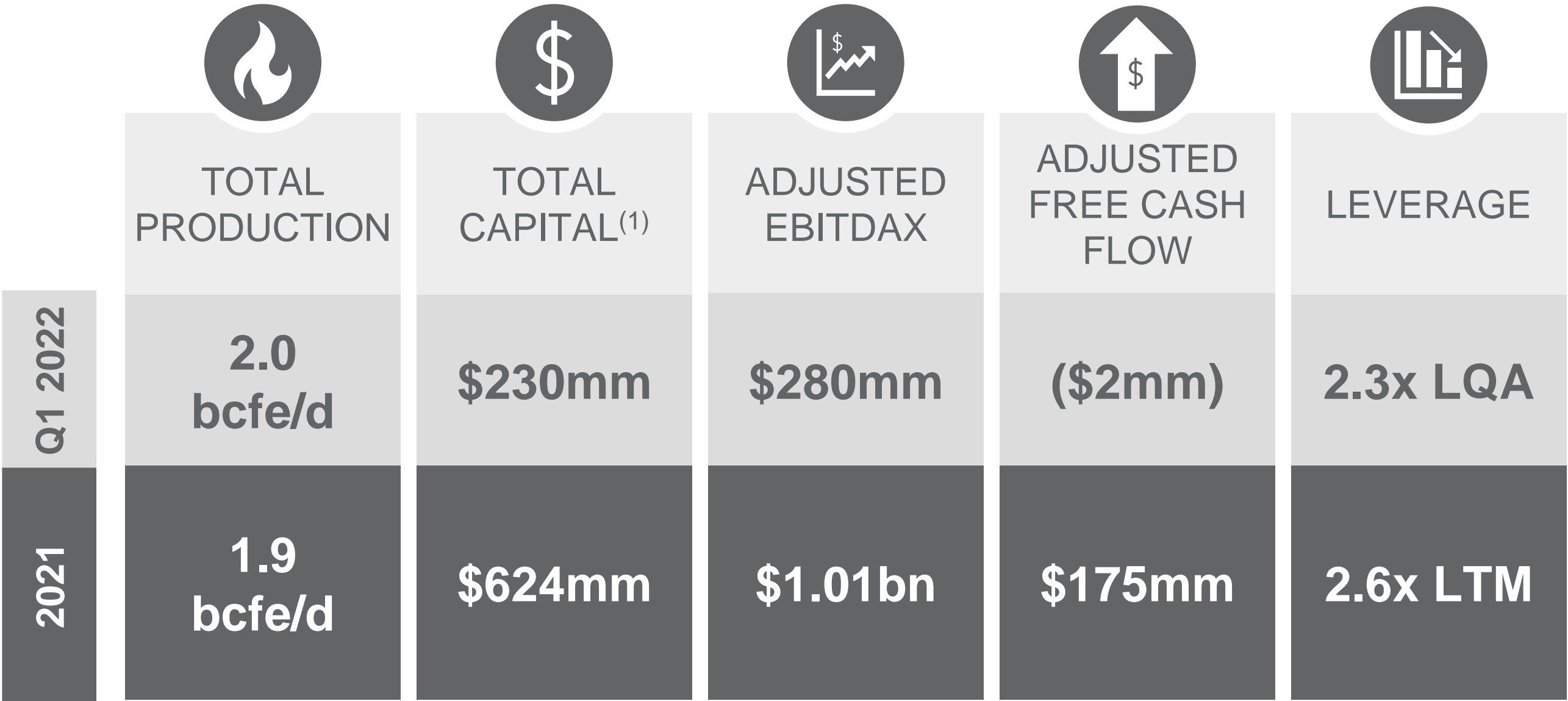
SUSTAINABLE FREE  
CASH FLOW  
GENERATION

DISCIPLINED  
FINANCIAL  
STRATEGY

## NO FEDERAL LEASES



# Strong First Quarter Operational and Financial Results



Continued Execution of Strategy-Driven Financial Performance

1. Excludes capitalized interest.

# Clear Vision to Creating Maximum Value

## WORLD CLASS RESOURCE AND EXECUTION



- Unique combination of rock quality, pressure and deliverability support best-in-class productivity and capital efficiency
  - Highest average 12 month cumulative gas production and quickest return of capital in North America
- 338,000 net acres, including 73,000 mineral acres, offer hydrocarbon optionality and more than 13 years of inventory at current activity levels
  - Contiguous acreage position allows for operational control and longer lateral development (2022E avg. of 13,800')
  - Scale supports right-sized operations and allows us to capture additional operational efficiencies
  - Mineral ownership reduces royalty burdens and enhances economics

## SUSTAINABLE FREE CASH FLOW



- Economies of scale drive capital efficiencies, margins and corporate returns
- Lowest development costs in Appalachia at \$565 per lateral foot<sup>(1)</sup> in 2021
- Strategic FT portfolio offers flow assurance and access to premium out-of-basin markets (i.e. better differentials)
- Leasing program replaces substantial portion of each year's developed inventory
- Forecasting third consecutive year of positive free cash flow generation

## STRONG BALANCE SHEET & ROBUST LIQUIDITY



- Focused financial strategy with no term debt maturities until 2025 and in excess of \$1.2 billion of liquidity
- Free cash flow will continue to be used to reduce debt toward our leverage and absolute debt targets
- Disciplined commodity hedging program protects balance sheet and reduces volatility

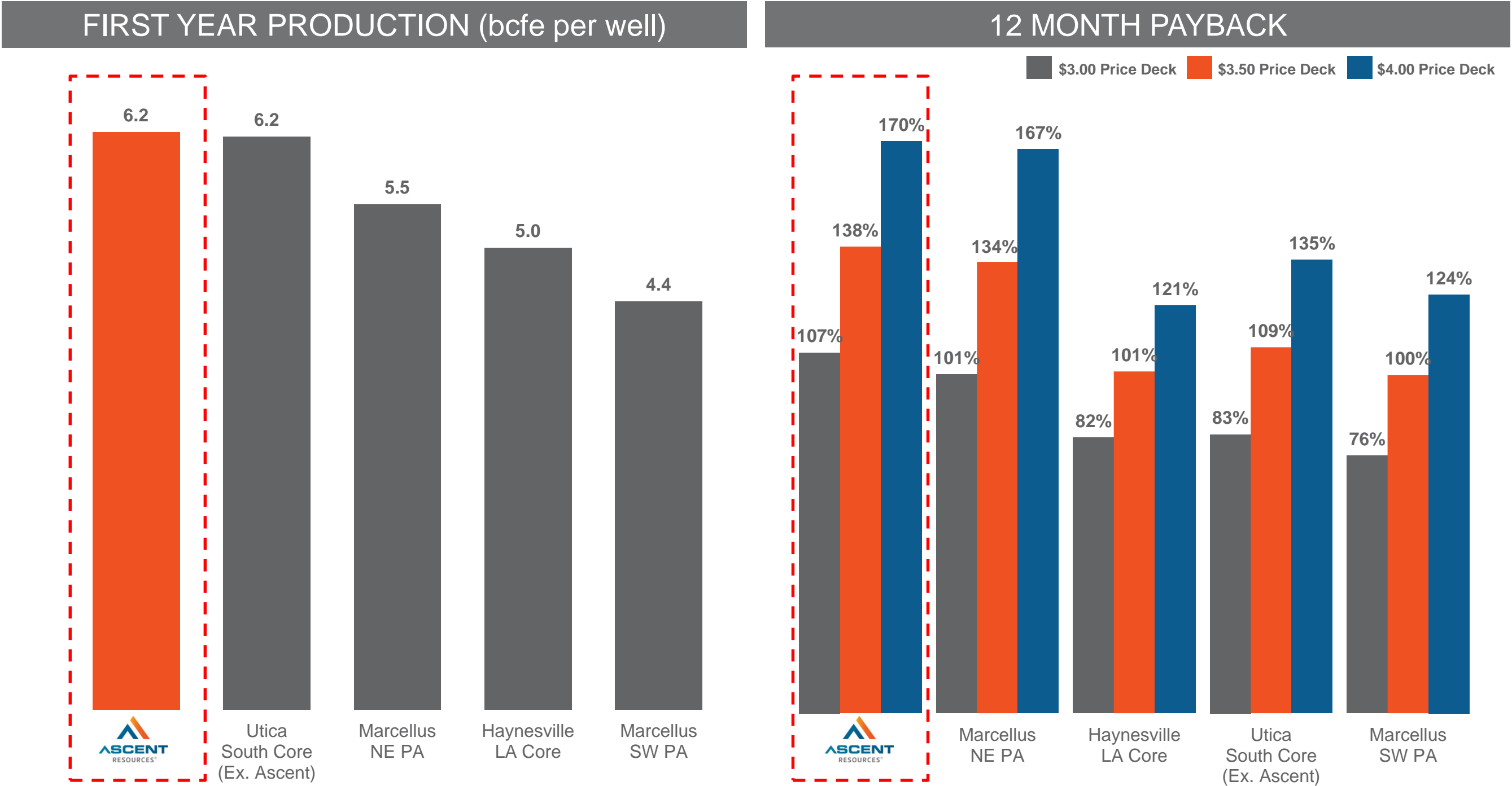
## COMMITMENT TO ESG EXCELLENCE



- Enduring focus on employee and contractor health and safety
- Focused on minimizing our environmental impact and supporting our local communities and employees
- Best operating practices and technology focus contribute to low GHG / Methane emissions intensity and future reductions
- Endeavor to achieve carbon neutrality for Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions by 2025

1. Development costs are inclusive of all drilling, completions, facility and pad costs.

# Combination of Well Performance and Cost Structure Driving Fastest Paybacks



Source: Enverus data as of May 2, 2022.  
Notes: Data limited to 2020+ wells with 12 months of production. Payback calculation based on first-year capital recovery from Enverus Single Well Model. Based on actual 12-month cumulative production.

# Proven Operating Capabilities Drive Basin-Leading Cost Structure



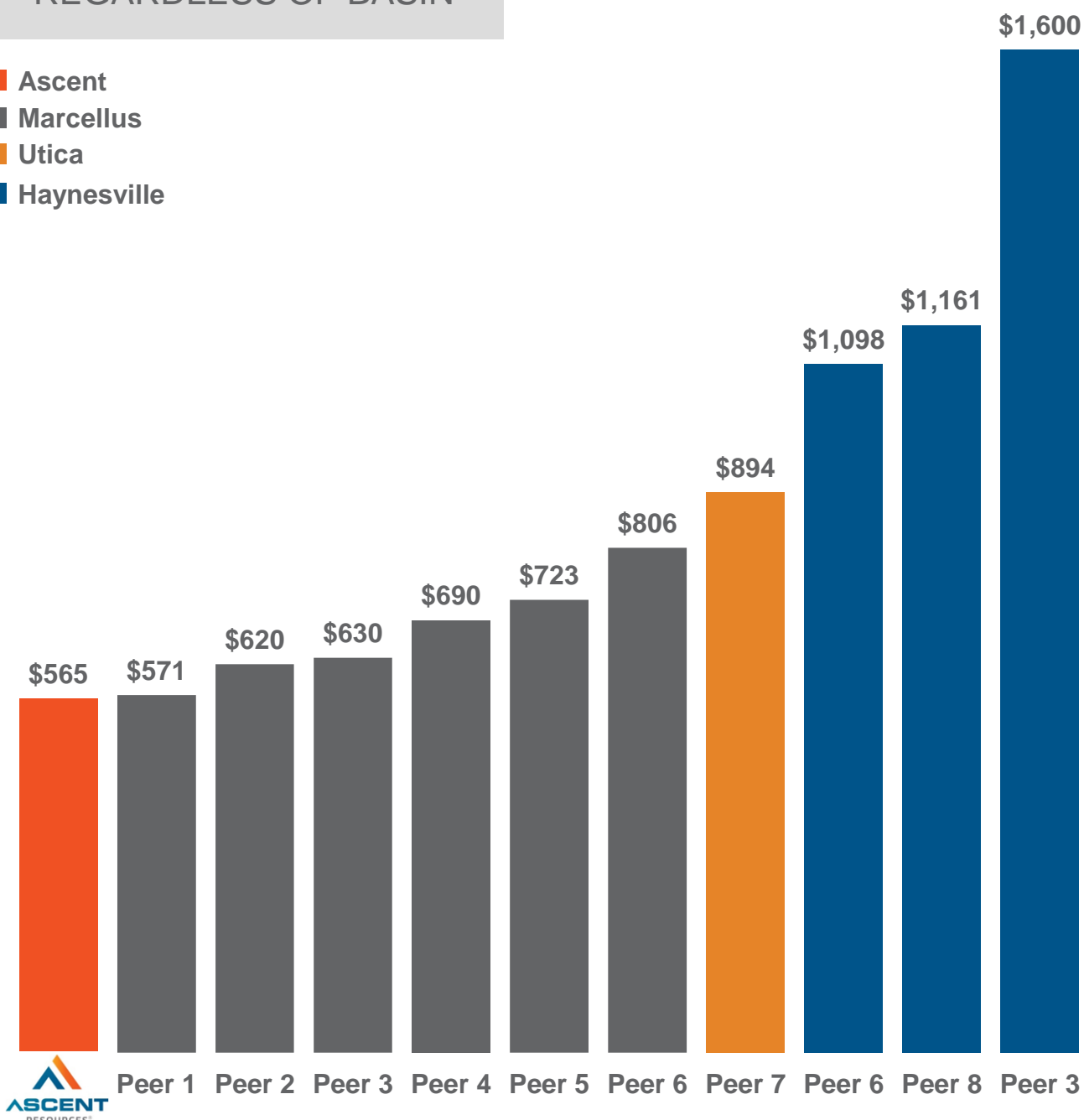
## WELL COST SUMMARY

- Ascent's per lateral foot development costs were the lowest in Appalachia in 2021
  - Well costs averaged \$636 per lateral foot in Q1 2022 and \$565 in 2021
- Right-sized operations allow us to achieve significant value and cost savings compared to more geographically dispersed peers
- Culture of innovation, technological advances, and proprietary data continue to drive sustainable and repeatable operational performance
- Monitoring incremental cost inflation impacting goods and services, including commodities such as steel, sand, diesel and labor

## 2021 WELL COST per lateral foot<sup>(1,2)</sup>

**SUBSTANTIALLY** LOWER  
ALL-IN WELL COSTS  
REGARDLESS OF BASIN

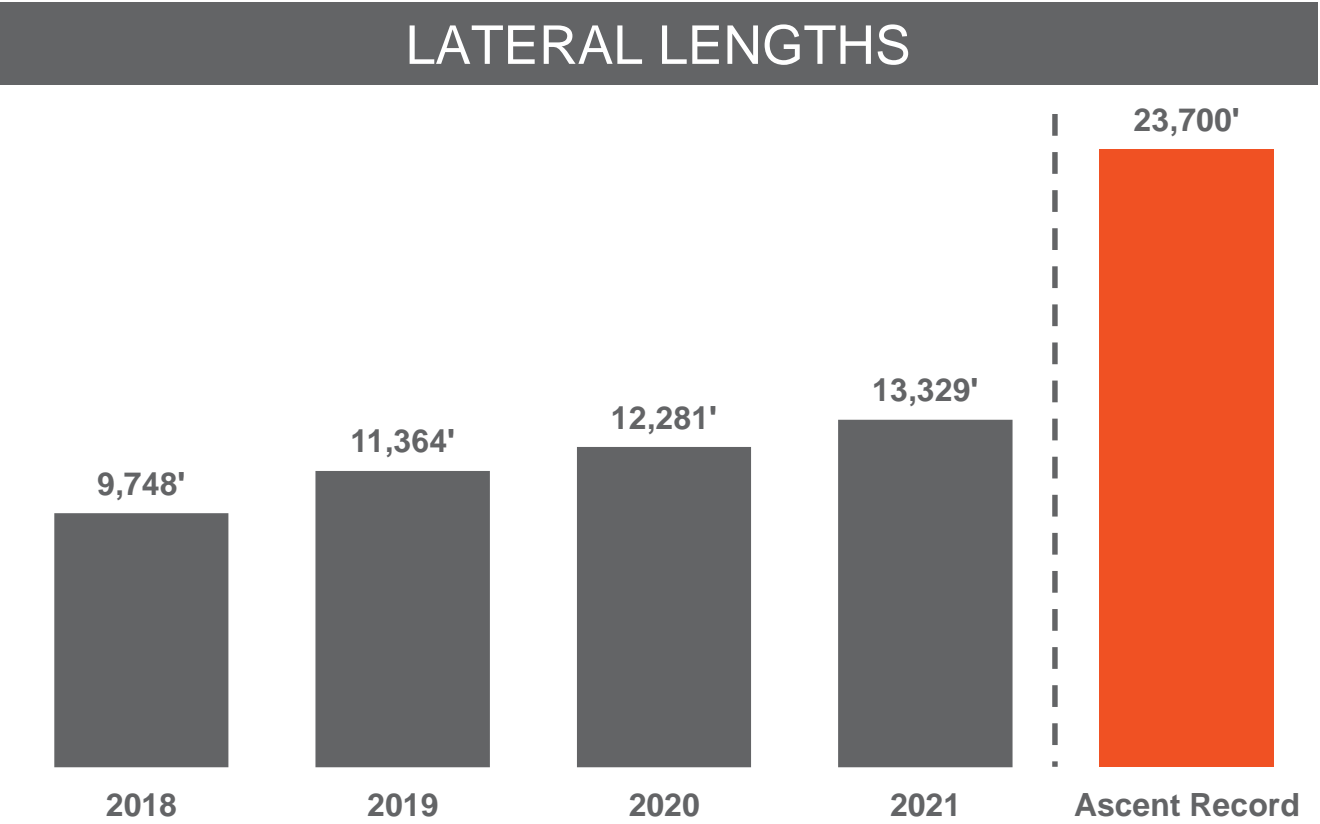
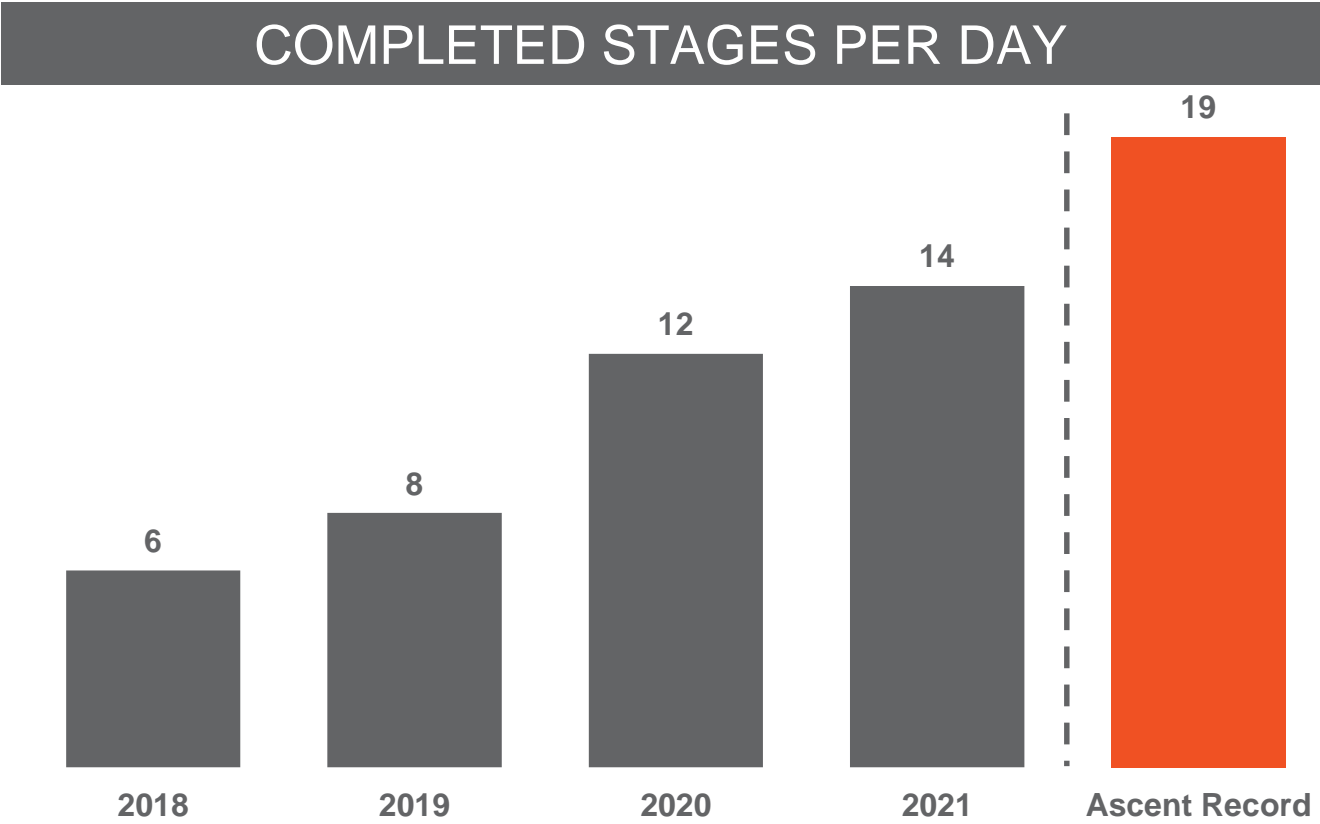
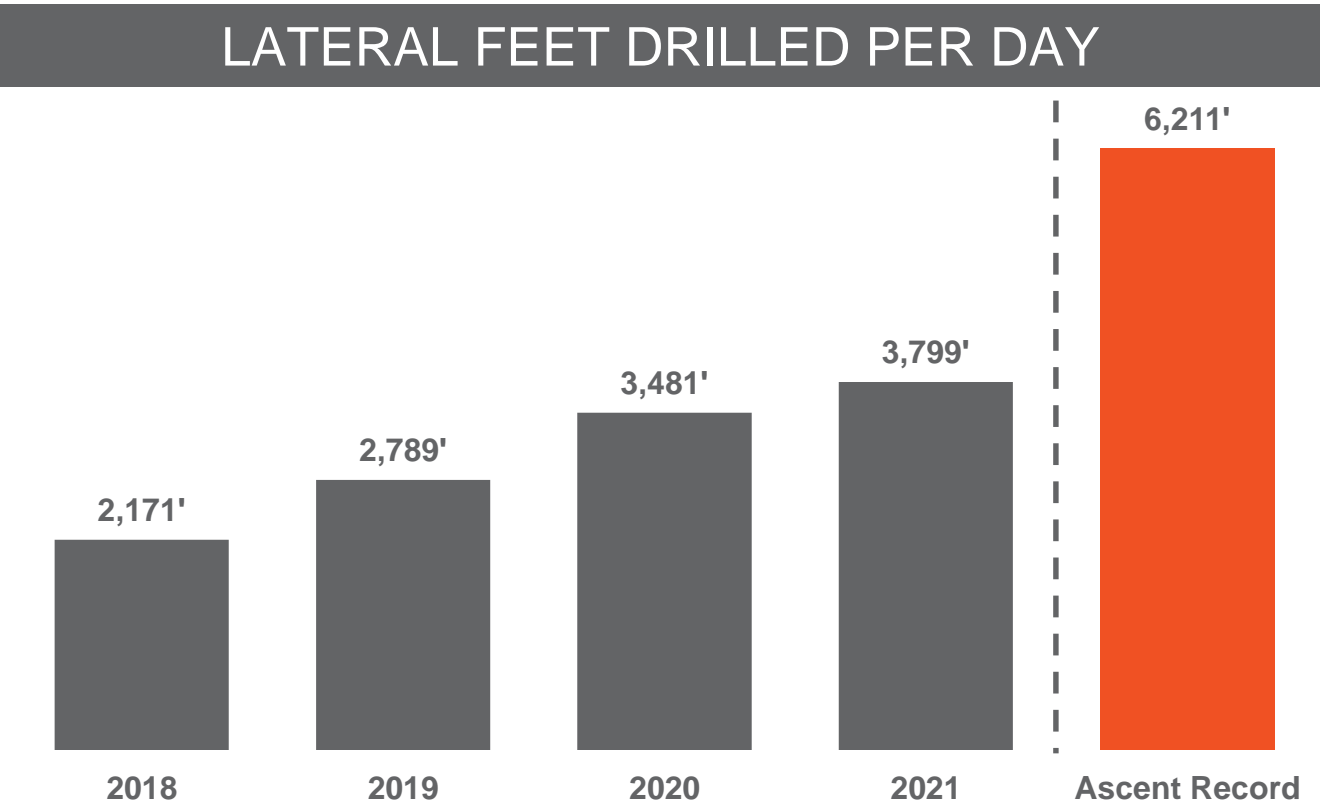
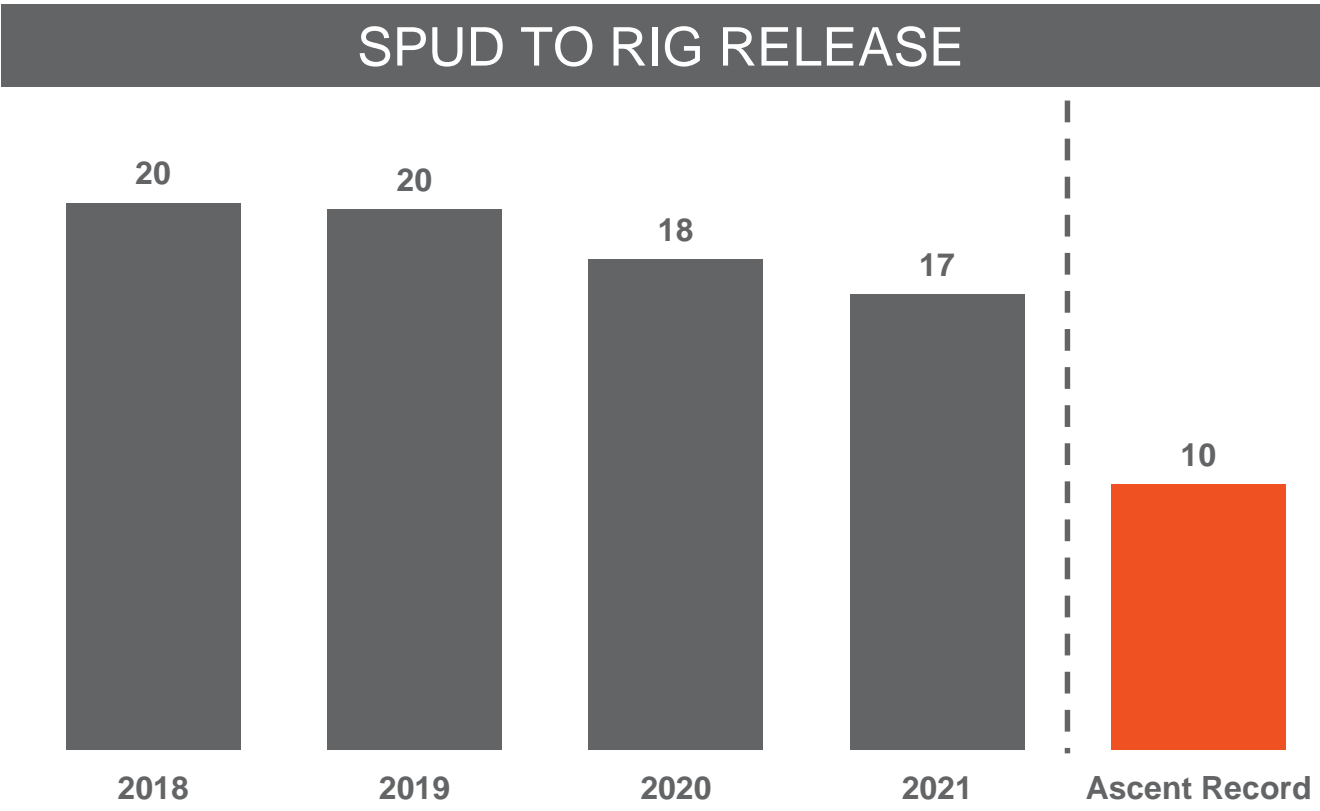
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■ Marcellus  
■ Utica  
■ Haynesville



1. 2021 Peer costs sourced from a combination of public company disclosures and Enverus. Ascent well costs include drilling, completions, facility and pad costs.

2. Peers include AR, CHK, CNX, CRK, EQT, GPOR, RRC, SWN.

# Sustainable Efficiency Gains Driven by Innovation



Note: Annual operational metrics are based on full-year averages; Ascent records are based on single-well results.

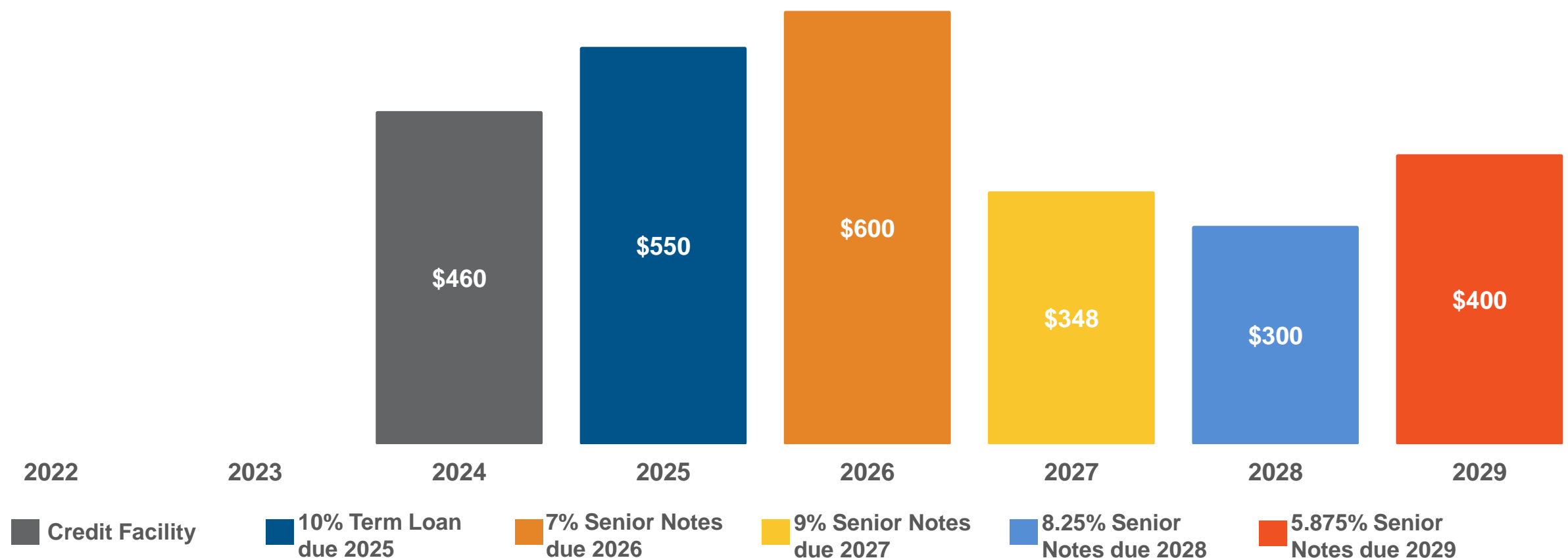


# Low Risk Capital Structure and Maturity Profile



- Weighted average maturity profile of ~5 years
- No debt maturities until 2024 and no term debt maturities until 2025
- Strong liquidity position in excess of \$1.2 billion
- Borrowing base reaffirmed at \$1.85 billion in April 2022
- Expect to be well below leverage target of <2.0x by year-end

## DEBT MATURITIES (as of 3/31/22)<sup>(1)</sup>



1. Principal amount only.

# Setting the Course for Lasting Sustainability

## ENVIRONMENTAL



- Focused on reducing our environmental impact and minimizing emissions, with a focus on achieving carbon neutrality by 2025 for Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions
- Committed to reducing freshwater use while minimizing impacts in the local communities in which we operate
- Seeking RSG certification for substantially all production in 2022

## SOCIAL



- Commitment to diversity and inclusivity throughout the organization, with 31% of senior-level positions and 48% of all corporate positions held by women
- Comprehensive safety program demands safety-first approach
- Partnered with Switch Energy Alliance to promote energy education
- Great Place to Work™ certified for the past six years

## GOVERNANCE

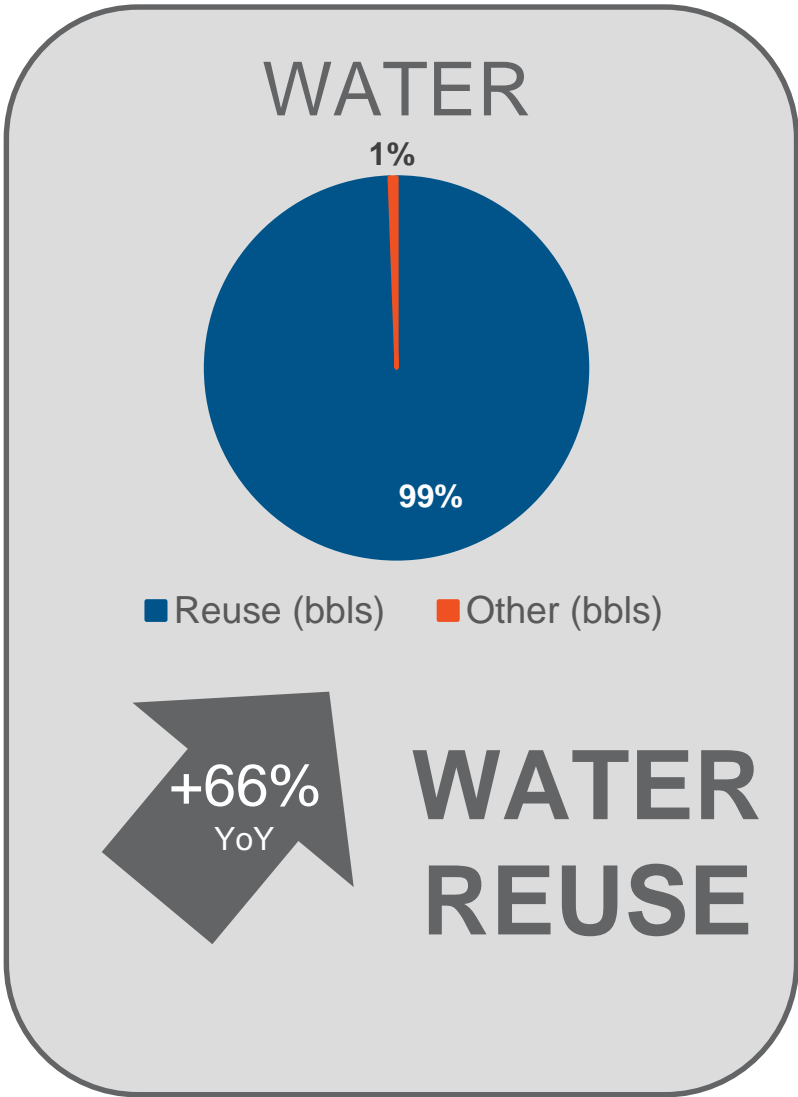
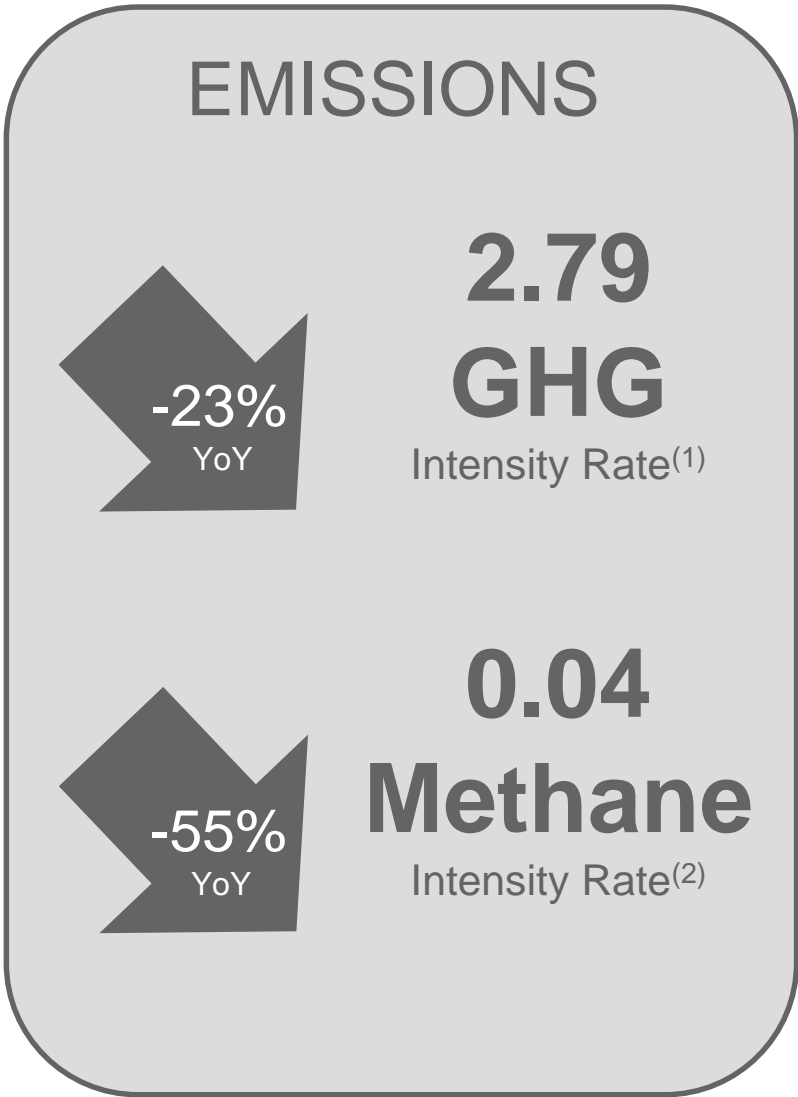


- Diverse and experienced 12 member Board consisting of 2 independent directors and 2 women directors
- Committed to sound corporate governance that includes independent oversight of Audit, ESR and Compensation Committees
- Employee and management compensation is aligned with key financial and ESG performance metrics

For additional information please refer to Ascent's ESG Report



# Committed to Sustainable Improvement



## Compensation Aligned with ESG Performance

Note: 2021 Emissions and Safety metrics. Q1 2022 Water reuse.

1. Metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>e per MBOE.

2. Metric tons CH<sub>4</sub> per MBOE.

3. Includes contractors and employees. Number of OSHA recordable cases x 200,000 / number of employee hours worked.

4. Number of lost time cases x 200,000 / number of employee hours worked.

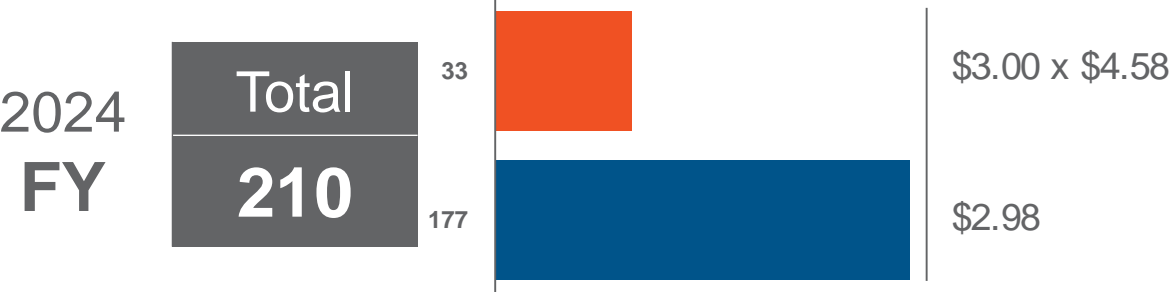
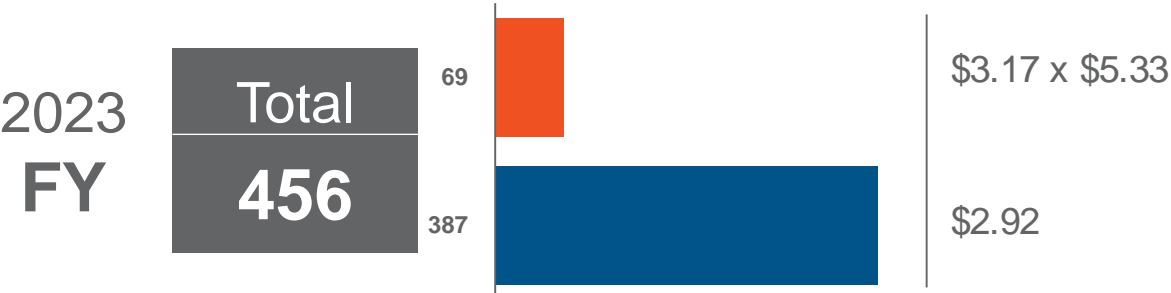


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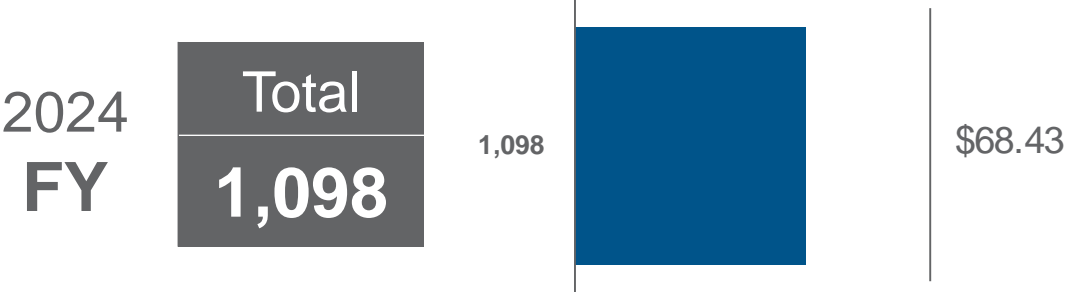
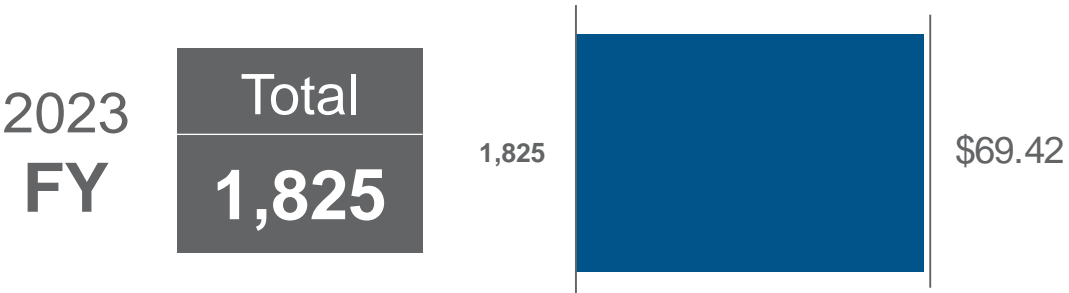
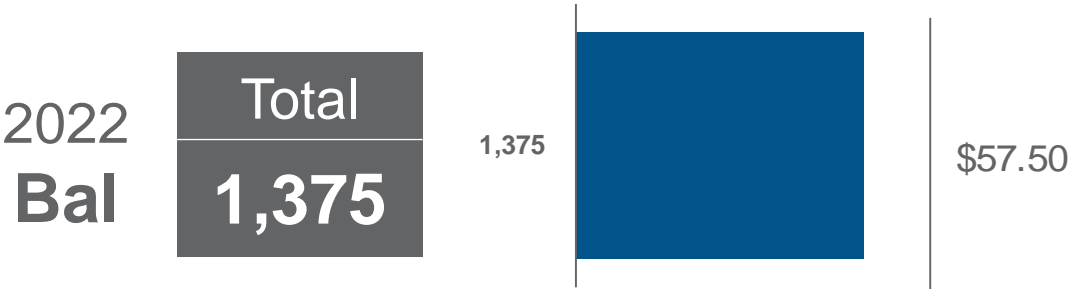
# Natural Gas and Crude Hedge Position



## Natural Gas TBtu, \$/MMBtu



## Crude Mbbls, \$/Bbl



Swaps   2-Way Collars   3-Way Collars

Note: Hedge position as of March 31, 2022 including April 2022 hedge restructurings. See consolidated financial statements for additional hedge book information.

# Quarterly Results



	Q1 2022
<b>Production (bcfe/d)</b>	<b>2.0</b>
% Natural Gas	93%
<b>Operating Expenses (\$/mcfe)</b>	
LOE	\$0.16
GP&T	1.31
Taxes Other than Income	0.06
G&A <sup>(1)</sup>	0.11
Total Operating Expenses	\$1.64
<b>Adj. EBITDAX (\$mm)</b>	<b>\$280</b>
<b>CAPEX Incurred (\$mm)</b>	
Drilling & Completions	\$199
Land	31
Capitalized Interest	10
Total CAPEX Incurred	\$240
<b>Adjusted Free Cash Flow (\$mm)</b>	<b>(\$2)</b>
<b>Operations</b>	
Operated Rigs	4
Wells Spud	17
Wells Completed	19
Wells TIL'd	10
Average Lateral Length of Wells TIL'd	15,457'
Drilling, Completion, Facility and Pad Cost (per lat. ft.)	\$636

1. Excludes stock-based compensation expense.



# Adjusted EBITDAX Reconciliation



(\$ in thousands)

	Three Months Ended		Twelve Months Ended	
	March 31,		March 31,	December 31
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Net Loss (GAAP)	(\$1,571,087)	(\$42,920)	(\$2,334,452)	(\$806,285)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to Adjusted EBITDAX:				
Exploration expenses	18,409	18,493	83,283	83,367
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	152,279	139,456	611,230	598,407
Interest expense, net	44,965	41,457	178,348	174,840
Change in fair value of commodity derivatives	1,628,397	77,659	2,471,114	920,376
Change in fair value of contingent payment right	7,980	5,446	22,455	19,921
Losses on purchases or exchanges of debt	-	-	3,822	3,822
Stock-based compensation	875	1,083	3,408	3,616
Non-recurring legal expense	-	-	1,372	1,372
Other	(1,784)	-	4,063	5,847
<b>Adjusted EBITDAX (Non-GAAP)<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>\$280,034</b>	<b>\$240,674</b>	<b>\$1,044,643</b>	<b>\$1,005,283</b>

1. Ascent defines "Adjusted EBITDAX" as net income (loss) before exploration expenses; depreciation, depletion, and amortization; interest expense, net; change in fair value of commodity derivatives; change in fair value of contingent payment right; stock-based compensation; and other non-recurring items. Adjusted EBITDAX is a supplemental measure of operating performance monitored by management that is not defined under GAAP and does not represent, and should not be considered as, an alternative to net income (loss), as determined by GAAP.

# Adjusted Free Cash Flow Reconciliation



(\$ in thousands)

	Three Months Ended		Twelve Months Ended	
	March 31,		March 31,	December 31
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities (GAAP)	\$282,030	\$210,346	\$832,321	\$760,637
Adjustments to reconcile Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities to Adjusted Free Cash Flow:				
Changes in operating assets and liabilities	(42,607)	(4,218)	49,461	87,850
Drilling and completion costs incurred	(198,378)	(126,491)	(637,945)	(566,058)
Acquisition and leasehold costs incurred	(31,236)	(8,402)	(80,548)	(57,714)
Capitalized interest incurred	(9,999)	(13,303)	(45,154)	(48,458)
Financing commodity derivative settlements	-	(3,456)	(7,732)	(11,188)
Non-recurring legal expense	-	-	1,372	1,372
Debt exchange fees	-	-	12	12
Other	(1,784)	-	6,713	8,497
<b>Adjusted Free Cash Flow (Non-GAAP)<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>(\$1,974)</b>	<b>\$54,476</b>	<b>\$118,500</b>	<b>\$174,950</b>

1. Adjusted Free Cash Flow is an indicator of a company's ability to generate funding to maintain or expand its asset base, make distributions and repurchase or extinguish debt. Ascent defines "Adjusted Free Cash Flow" as net cash provided by operating activities adjusted for changes in operating assets and liabilities; drilling and completion costs incurred; acquisition and leasehold costs incurred; capitalized interest incurred; financing commodity derivative settlements; and certain other non-recurring items. Adjusted Free Cash Flow is a supplemental measure of liquidity monitored by management that is not defined under GAAP and that does not represent, and should not be considered as, an alternative to net cash provided by operating activities, as determined by GAAP.

# Net Debt Reconciliation



(\$ in thousands)

	March 31,		December 31
	2022	2021	2021
Net Debt:			
Total debt	\$2,556,825	\$2,645,558	\$2,588,248
Less: cash and cash equivalents	6,054	6,034	5,674
Net Debt <sup>(1)</sup>	\$2,550,771	\$2,639,524	\$2,582,574
Net Debt to LTM Adjusted EBITDAX			
Net Debt	\$2,550,771	\$2,639,524	\$2,582,574
LTM Adjusted EBITDAX (Non-GAAP)	\$1,044,643	\$875,386	\$1,005,283
<b>Net Debt to LTM Adjusted EBITDAX</b>	<b>2.4x</b>	<b>3.0x</b>	<b>2.6x</b>
Net Debt to LQA Adjusted EBITDAX			
Net Debt	\$2,550,771	\$2,639,524	\$2,582,574
LQA Adjusted EBITDAX (Non-GAAP)	\$1,120,136	\$962,696	\$1,132,876
<b>Net Debt to LQA Adjusted EBITDAX</b>	<b>2.3x</b>	<b>2.7x</b>	<b>2.3x</b>

1. Ascent defines "Net Debt" as total debt less cash and cash equivalents. Management uses Net Debt to determine our outstanding debt obligations that would not be readily satisfied by our cash and cash equivalents on hand. Net Debt does not represent, and should not be considered as, an alternative to total debt, as determined by GAAP.