

Table 2: Projections of Future Oil Production Capabilities

Production Decline Begins (a)	Country	Production Potential in 2000 Compared to 1986 (b)
1987-1990	United States	Decline between 25% and 50%
	Peru	Decline between 25% and 50%
	United Kingdom	Decline greater than 50%
	Brazil	Decline between 25% and 50%
	Colombia	Decline between 25% and 50%
1991-1995	Argentina	Decline between 25% and 50%
	Egypt	Decline between 25% and 50%
	Canada	Decline less than 10%
	Soviet Union	Decline between 10% and 25%
1996-2000	Australia & New Zealand	Decline between 25% and 50%
	India	Level production
	Malaysia & Brunei	Level production
2001-2005	Ecuador *	Level production
	Oman	Level production
2006-2010	Qatar *	Level production
	Indonesia *	Level production
2021-2025	China	Level production
2026-2030	Nigeria *	2 times 1986 production
2031-2035	Algeria *	3 times 1986 production
2036-2040	Mexico	2 times 1986 production
2056-2060	Venezuela * & Trinidad	3 times 1986 production
2061-2065	Libya *	4 times 1986 production
2066-2070	Norway	2 times 1986 production
2071-2075	Tunisia	2 times 1986 production
2076-2080	United Arab Emirates *	5 times 1986 production
2091-2095	Saudi Arabia *	7 times 1986 production
2096-2100	Iran *	6 times 1986 production
2106-2110	Iraq *	5 times 1986 production
2171-2175	Kuwait *	12 times 1986 production

Notes: (a) The analysis was divided into five-year increments.

(b) For those countries which could increase output in the year 2000, the value given is not a forecast of increased production but only an indication of the level of production that could be achieved if the oil resource base calculated to exist were exploited at the maximum rate.

* Denotes a member of OPEC.

Source: Riva, 1987c, p. 16-17 and 19.