

Chevron 3Q Profit Slumps 51 Percent

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NEW YORK (AP) — Chevron said Friday it pushed its way through a weak third quarter by pumping more oil out of the ground as prices recovered from a severe plunge earlier in the year.

The nation's second-largest oil and gas producer, boosted revenues by increasing oil production by 11 percent. Its average sale price for crude and natural gas liquids over the past three months was \$62 per barrel which is better than last quarter, but well below the \$103 it fetched during the same period last year.

Higher crude prices come with their own costs for integrated companies like Chevron, because it costs more for their refineries to make fuel even if less is being used during the economic downturn.

"We continued to experience weak margins on the sale of gasoline and other refined products," said Chairman and CEO Dave O