

Mineral Industry Surveys

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MARKETABLE PHOSPHATE ROCK IN MAY 2014

U.S. marketable phosphate rock production in May was 2.34 million metric tons (Mt), which was 4% more than that in April and 22% less than that in May 2013. Production for January through May was 11.2 Mt, which was 18% less than in the same period of 2013.

Phosphate rock used in the United States in May was 2.37 Mt, which was slightly less than that in April and 3% less than that in May 2013. Phosphate rock used in January through May was 11.3 Mt, which was 4% less than that in the same period of 2013. U.S. producer stocks were slightly less than those at the end of April and 5% more than those at the end of May 2013.

The U.S. Census Bureau does not report some of the phosphate rock import data from Morocco, which is the major

supplier to the United States. Therefore, annual imports of phosphate rock were estimated based on reported data from Census and PIERS.

Estimated apparent consumption for 2014, using annualized data, was 29.9 Mt, compared with 31.3 Mt in 2013.

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TABLE 1
U.S. PHOSPHATE ROCK STATISTICS¹

(Thousand metric tons)

Period	Marketable production	Used	Stocks, end of period ²
2013:			
January–May	13,600	11,800	8,180
May	3,000	2,460	8,180
June	2,650	2,480	8,350
July	2,580	2,480	8,250
August	2,650	2,550	8,220
September	2,570	2,450	8,140
October	2,430	2,340	8,300
November	2,410	2,370	8,420
December	2,320	2,260	8,580
January–December	31,200	28,700	8,580
2014:			
January	2,250	2,110	8,830
February	2,040	2,130	8,820
March	2,340	2,250	9,020
April	2,250	2,420	8,700
May	2,340	2,370	8,580
January–May	11,200	11,300	8,580

¹Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown.

²Includes inventory adjustments.

TABLE 2
U.S. IMPORTS OF PHOSPHATE ROCK¹

(Thousand metric tons and thousand dollars)

Period	Quantity	Value ²
2013:		
January–May	809	116,000
May	182	22,600
June	173	17,200
July	223	28,000
August	233	24,500
September	177	24,500
October	243	30,200
November	113	11,500
December	227	25,200
January–December	2,200	277,000
Total year ³	2,560	323,000
2014:		
January	154	15,200
February	178	15,800
March	154	15,900
April	222	23,900
May	167	19,200
January–May	875	90,000

¹Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown.

²Cost, insurance, and freight values at U.S. ports.

³Includes an estimate for data not reported by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau; some data on phosphate rock imports from Morocco were not reported by Census.

TABLE 3
COMPARATIVE U.S. PHOSPHATE ROCK STATISTICS

(Million metric tons, unless otherwise specified)

	2012	2013	2014 ^{e, 1}
Marketable production	30.1	31.2	26.3
Used by producers	27.3	28.7	27.3
Yearend stocks	6.7	8.6	8.6
Imports for consumption ^c	3.1	2.6	2.6
Average value per ton	\$144.04	\$126.15	NA
Apparent consumption ^{e, 2, 3}	30.4	31.3	29.9

^eEstimated. NA Not available.

¹Annualized data.

²Data may not add to totals shown because of independent rounding.

³Calculated as domestic sold or used plus imports.