



Mineral Industry Surveys

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MARKETABLE PHOSPHATE ROCK IN JULY 2014

U.S. marketable phosphate rock production in July was 2.29 million metric tons (Mt), which was the same as that in June and 11% less than that in July 2013. Production for January through July was 15.9 Mt, which was 16% less than in the same period of 2013.

Phosphate rock used in the United States in July was 2.42 Mt, which was 11% more than that in June and 2% less than that in July 2013. Phosphate rock used in January through July was 16.0 Mt, which was 4% less than that in the same period of 2013. U.S. producer stocks were 4% less than those at the end of June and 12% less than those at the end of July 2013.

U.S. phosphate rock imports for January to July 2014 were revised to include shipments of phosphate rock that were

reported in another trade category and were previously based in PIERS data. Imports for 2013 will be revised in the August phosphate rock Mineral Industry Surveys report.

Estimated apparent consumption for 2014, using annualized data, was 30.1 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–July	18,900	16,800	8,250
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	2,410	2,540	7,710
June ^f	2,290	2,180	7,590
July	2,380	2,420	7,280
January–July	16,000	16,000	7,280

^fRevised

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–July	1,210 ^r	161,000
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 ^f	210	22,000
February ^f	289	25,400
March ^f	209	21,200
April ^f	277	30,400
May ^f	224	28,300
June ^f	171	15,400
July	224	20,000
January–July	1,610	163,000

^fRevised

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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.

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	26.9
Used by producers	27.3	28.7	27.6
Yearend stocks	6.7	8.6	8.0
Imports for consumption ^e	3.1	2.6	2.5
Average value per ton	144.04	\$126.15	NA
Apparent consumption ^{e, 2, 3}	30.4	31.3	30.1

^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.