

Mineral Industry Surveys

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MARKETABLE PHOSPHATE ROCK IN NOVEMBER 2014

U.S. marketable phosphate rock production in November was 2.07 million metric tons (Mt), which was 6% less than that in October and 14% less than that in November 2013. Production for January through November was 24.7 Mt, which was 15% less than that in the same period of 2013.

Phosphate rock used in the United States in November was 2.07 Mt, which was 13% less than that in October and 13% less than that in November 2013. Phosphate rock used in January through November was 25.5 Mt, which was 4% less than that in the same period of 2013. U.S. producer stocks were slightly more than those at the end of October and 23% less than those at the end of November 2013.

Imports of phosphate rock were 161,000 metric tons in November, which was 12% less than that in October and 30% less than that in November 2013. Total imports for January through November were 2.29 Mt, which was 28% less than that in the same period of 2013.

Estimated apparent consumption for 2014, using annualized data, was 30.3 Mt, compared with 31.9 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–November	28,900	26,500 ^r	8,300 ^r
November	2,410	2,370	8,300 ^r
December	2,320	2,260	9,000
January–December	31,300	28,800	9,000
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	2,290	2,180	7,590
July	2,290	2,420	7,280
August	2,380	2,640	6,870
September	2,170	2,340	6,560
October	2,200 ^r	2,370	6,270 ^r
November	2,070	2,070	6,370
January–November	24,700	25,500	6,370

^rRevised.

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–November ^r	3,180	388,000
November	229	22,300
December	285	32,200
January–December	3,460	420,000
2014:		
January	210	22,000
February	289	25,400
March	209	21,200
April	277	30,400
May	224	28,300
June	171	15,400
July	224	20,000
August	234	25,900
September	106	7,490
October	182	21,100
November	161	13,000
January–November	2,290	230,000

^rRevised.

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.

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	33.6	27.0
Used by producers	27.3	28.8	27.8
Yearend stocks	6.7	9.0	6.2
Imports for consumption ^e	3.1	3.4	2.5
Average value per ton	\$144.04	\$121.31	NA
Apparent consumption ^{e, 2, 3}	30.4	31.9	30.3

^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.