

THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF

SYRIA

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Natural gas and petroleum, which dominated Syria's mineral industry, accounted for about 60% of the nation's exports and more than 33% of the gross domestic product (Arab Petroleum Research Center, 2000, p. 426; U.S. Energy Information Administration, March 2000, Syria—Country analysis briefs, accessed January 30, 2001, at URL <http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/cabs/syria.html>). Other significant mineral industries included the mining of gypsum and phosphate rock and the manufacture of fertilizers, cement, and of steel from domestic

and imported scrap.

For more extensive coverage of the mineral industry of Syria, see the 1997 Minerals Yearbook, volume III, Mineral Industries of Africa and the Middle East.

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TABLE 1
SYRIA: PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES 1/

(Metric tons unless otherwise specified)

Commodity	1995	1996	1997	1998 e/	1999 e/
Cement, hydraulic thousand tons	4,463	4,500 r/ e/	4,460	4,500	4,500
Gas, natural: e/					
Gross million cubic meters	5,000	5,500	6,400	8,000	9,000
Dry do.	2,900	3,000	4,560	5,900 2/	6,200
Gypsum	335,683	325,000 e/	325,000 e/	300,000	300,000
Iron and steel, steel, crude e/	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000
Natural gas liquids e/ thousand 42-gallon barrels	1,800	2,000	2,250	2,500	2,700
Nitrogen:					
N content of ammonia	63,500	80,400	83,700	129,200	111,800
N content of urea	28,700	46,000	54,400	79,600 r/	73,400
Petroleum:					
Crude	222,650	220,500	204,800	202,000 r/	196,000
Refinery products:					
Liquefied petroleum gas thousand 42-gallon barrels	2,100	2,122	2,170	2,215 2/	2,200
Gasoline do.	11,907	11,406	11,400	11,785 2/	11,800
Naphtha do.	1,676	1,685	1,700	1,710 2/	1,700
Jet fuel do.	1,753	1,728	1,725	2,029 2/	2,000
Kerosene do.	1,484	1,491	1,500	1,546 2/	1,500
Distillate fuel oil do.	29,951	30,078	30,600	30,772 2/	30,700
Residual fuel oil do.	34,891	35,038	35,000	34,978 2/	35,000
Asphalt do.	1,900	1,916	1,900	1,900	1,900
Other do.	1,800	1,900	1,900	2,000	2,000
Total do.	87,462	87,364	87,895	89,000	88,800
Phosphate rock:					
Gross weight thousand tons	1,551	2,189	2,392	2,496 2/	2,100
P ₂ O ₅ content e/ do.	477 2/	670	730	760 r/	635
Salt	111,000	72,000	70,000	163,452 2/	150,000
Stone, sand and gravel: e/					
Stone, dimension, marble thousand cubic meters	1,800	1,156	1,150	1,200	1,200
Sand and gravel thousand tons	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,000
Sulfur, byproduct of petroleum and natural gas e/	9,824 2/	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000

e/ Estimated. r/ Revised.

1/ Table includes data available through January 20, 2001.

2/ Reported figure.