## GYPSUM

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The United States in 1995 continued to lead the world in gypsum production and in per capita consumption of gypsum wallboard. Also during the year, the holdings of several U.S. gypsum producers changed significantly as acquisitions further consolidated the industry. For example, Georgia Pacific Corp. purchased the gypsum operations of the Canadian company, Domtar Inc. The sale included Domtar facilities in both the United States and Canada. In addition, National Gypsum Co. was purchased by Delcore, Inc., a subsidiary of Golden Eagle Industries, Inc. By yearend, negotiations were underway for the merger of Standard Gypsum Corp. and Temple-Inland Forests Products Corp.

Data on the domestic gypsum industry are developed by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) from monthly, quarterly, and annual surveys of gypsum operations and from data provided by the Gypsum Association. The 1995 USGS survey, which canvassed 115 gypsum operations, had a response rate of $96 \%$, accounting for virtually all of domestic production. The output of producers that did not respond to the survey was estimated from annual canvasses of previous years and from other sources.

## Production

Although domestic output of crude gypsum declined slightly in 1995, the United States continued to be the world's leading gypsum producer. Domestic production of crude gypsum reached 16.6 million tons, valued at $\$ 121$ million, accounting for $17 \%$ of global output. (See tables 1 and 8.)

Crude gypsum was mined domestically by 30 companies at 57 mines in 19 States. The top producing States, in descending order, were Oklahoma, Iowa, Texas, Nevada, Michigan, California, and Indiana. These 7 States, with 37 mines, produced more than 1 million tons each and together accounted for $70 \%$ of total domestic output. (See table 2.)

Leading producers were U.S. Gypsum Co., 11 mines; Georgia-Pacific Corp., 9 mines; National Gypsum Co., 7 mines; and Harrison Gypsum Inc., 3 mines. These 4 companies produced almost two-thirds of total U.S. crude gypsum.

The 10 largest gypsum mines in the United States accounted for $41 \%$ of domestic output in 1995. These mines, owned by 6 companies, had an average output of 682,000 tons.

Gypsum was calcined (partially dehydrated) by 12 companies at 69 plants in 28 States, principally for the manufacture of gypsum wallboard and plaster. Both the tonnage and value of calcined output was about the same as in 1994. Leading States, in descending order, were California, Iowa, Texas, Florida, Nevada, and New York. These 6 States, with 26 plants, accounted for $43 \%$ of national output. (See table 3.)

Companies with the most calcining plants were U.S. Gypsum

Co., 20 plants; National Gypsum, 18 plants; Georgia-Pacific, 17 plants; and Celotex Corp., 4 plants. These 4 companies produced more than $80 \%$ of national output.

The largest 10 calcining plants in the United States accounted for almost one-third of domestic production in 1995. These plants, owned by 5 companies, had an average output of 487,000 tons.

Yearend stocks of crude gypsum at mines and calcining plants totaled 2.1 million tons. At yearend 1994, stocks were 2.6 million tons.

Several U.S. companies manufacture gypsum wallboard products and plaster from gypsum that they mine or purchase. According to the Gypsum Association in the United States, annual production capacity at domestic plants that manufactured gypsum wallboard products increased slightly in 1995 to a total of 25.1 billion square feet ( 2.33 billion square meters). Surveys by the USGS indicate that total wallboard shipments were 22.5 billion square feet ( 2.09 billion square meters), or $90 \%$ of production capacity. (See table 5.) During 1995, the ownership of several U.S. wallboard manufacturing operations changed and an idled wallboard plant was reopened.

## Consumption

Apparent U.S. consumption of crude gypsum (defined as mine output plus net imports, industry stock changes, and byproduct production) was 26.4 million tons in 1995. Domestic sources (mining plus 1.2 million tons of byproduct gypsum) met $68 \%$ of domestic consumption requirements; remaining needs were satisfied with imports.

Gypsum products are categorized as either "calcined" (i.e., the combined water is removed by heating) or "uncalcined." About 20 million tons of the gypsum was calcined for use in wallboard and plaster products during 1995, accounting for $74 \%$ of total gypsum use in the United States. Uncalcined gypsum used in portland cement manufacture, agriculture, and fillers accounted for the remaining consumption. (See table 4.)

Most calcined gypsum is used to manufacture prefabricated wallboard products; a small amount was used in industrial and building plasters. Measures based on the surface area of wallboard products indicate that regular wallboard and fireresistant type X wallboard accounted for $86 \%$ of gypsum prefabricated products sold in the United States during 1995. Mobile home board, water/moisture-resistant board, lath, veneer base, and sheathing comprised most of the balance. In descending order, the leading sales areas for the prefabricated products were the South Atlantic, East North Central, Pacific, and West South Central regions of the United States. (See table 5.)

More than two-thirds of the uncalcined gypsum consumed in the United States during 1995 was used in portland cemen t while the remainder was used primarily for agricultura 1 purposes. The cement industry uses gy psum to retard the setting time of mortar and concrete. Fine ly ground gypsum rock is used in agriculture to neutralize alkaline and saline soils, improve the permeability of argillaceous materials, and provide sulfur an d catalytic support for maximum fertilizer utilization an $d$ leguminous productivity. Small amounts of very pure gypsum also are used as fillers and in glassmaking, papermaking, an d pharmaceutical applications.

In addition to mined gypsum, more than 1.2 million tons o f byproduct gypsum generated by various industrial processe s was consumed in 1995. Byproduct gypsum is used principally in agriculture but some is used for gypsum wallboar d manufacturing. Consumption in 1995, valued at $\$ 5.1$ million, was $26 \%$ greater than in 1994.

## Prices

The average of the values per ton (f.o.b. mine or plant ) reported by producers for 1995 increased slightly to $\$ 7.29$ for crude gypsum, increased slightly t o $\$ 17.36$ for calcined gypsum, and decreased slightly to $\$ 4.20$ for byproduct gypsum. Th e average of per-ton values reported for prefabricated products , plasters, and uncalcined products were $\$ 104, \$ 110$, and $\$ 13$, respectively. Delivered prices for uncalcined gypsum to agricultural markets and cem ent plants reportedly exceeded \$40 per ton in some cases, depending on transport mode an d distance.

Spot prices for gypsum wallboard products in Decembe r 1995, based on truckloads delivered, showed a wide range . Regular $1 / 2$-inch wallboard prices ranged from $\$ 93$ per thousand square feet (928 square meters) at Cincinnati to $\$ 190$ at Detroit. The average price in December for 20 U.S. citie s was $\$ 151$ per thousand square feet. This represented a sligh t increase compared with that of December 1994. ${ }^{1}$

## Foreign Trade

In 1995, the United States imported crude gypsum from a $t$ least 11 countries and exported crude gypsum to more than 20 countries. Imports for consumption of crude gypsum decreased $4 \%$ to 8.2 million tons. Net imports represented $32 \%$ of apparent consumption.

Crude gypsum from Canada and Mexico was used mainly to supply wallboard plants in coastal mar kets. Imports from Spain, the other major source of imported gypsum, reportedly wer e used principally for portland cement manufacture. (See tables 6 and 7.)

Wallboard exports totaling about 77 million square feet (7.14 million square meters) were shipped to at least 36 countries ; imports were about 670 million square feet ( 62.10 millio $n$ square meters) from 13 countries, principally Canada. Foreign subsidiaries of some domestic wallboard producers produce d much of the crude gypsum that was imported to supply U.S . coastal wallboard plants.

## World Review

In addition to the United States, more than 90 countries ar e known to produce gypsum worldwide. Estimated worl d production in 1995 was 98.1 million tons. However, thi s estimate may be low because, in some countries, significan $t$ production is used by producers in their other products and not reported. Also, production from small deposits in developin $g$ countries is intermittent and often unreported. (See table 8.)

Due to the wide global distributio $n$ of gypsum resources, most world production is consumed domestically by the producin $g$ nations. Notable exceptions in clude Canada and Mexico, which export significant portions of their output to the United States. As in the United States, industrialized nations use gypsu m primarily for wallboard products. However, in developin g countries (particularly tho se of Asia) most gypsum is utilized by cement plants.

Global production capacity for gypsum wallboard in 1995 reportedly reached 54 billion square feet ( 5 billion squar e meters) at 240 plants worldwide. Most capacity is estimated to be in the United States (45\%), Wes tern Europe (20\%), and Asia (20\%).

## Outlook

Forecasts indicate that gypsum demand in North America n markets will rise by approximately $3 \%$ per annum through the remaining 1990's. ${ }^{2}$ This demand will be driven primarily by the construction industry, particularly in the United States wher e more than $90 \%$ of the gypsum currently consumed is used fo $r$ gypsum wallboard products, building plasters, and the manufacture of portland cement.

Utilization of byproduct gypsum from i ndustrial processes and electric utility flue gas wastes will remain low. More favorable economic circumstances that support byproduct gypsum as a replacement for natural gypsum (e.g., rising ore costs) ar e necessary to encourage further substitution.

[^0]TABLE 1
SALIENT GYPSUM STATISTICS $1 /$
(Thousand metric tons and thousand dollars)

|  | 1991 |  | 1992 |  | 1993 |  | 1994 | 1995 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| United States: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Active mines and plants 2/ | 112 |  | 109 |  | 112 |  | 108 | 115 |
| Crude: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mined | 14,000 |  | 14,800 |  | 15,800 |  | 17,200 | 16,600 |
| Value | \$94,200 |  | \$101,000 |  | \$107,000 |  | \$115,000 | \$121,000 |
| Imports for consumption | 6,930 |  | 7,180 |  | 7,390 |  | 8,470 | 8,160 |
| Byproduct gypsum sales | 618 |  | 630 |  | 846 |  | 950 | 1,220 |
| Calcined: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Produced | 13,900 |  | 15,100 |  | 15,200 |  | 16,700 | 16,700 |
| Value | \$241,000 |  | \$250,000 |  | \$272,000 |  | \$288,000 r/ | \$290,000 |
| Products sold (value) | \$1,350,000 | 3/ | \$1,350,000 | 3/ | \$1,780,000 | 3/ | \$2,630,000 | \$2,120,000 |
| Exports (value) | \$85,600 |  | \$97,000 |  | \$77,600 |  | \$73,400 | \$75,100 |
| Imports for consumption (value) | \$88,100 |  | \$96,000 |  | \$111,000 |  | \$141,000 | \$166,000 |
| World: Production | 100,000 |  | 99,200 | r/ | 96,900 | r/ | 99,500 r/ | 98,100 e/ |

e/ Estimated. r/ Revised.
1/ Data are rounded to three significant digits.
2/Each mine, calcining plant, or combination mine and plant is counted as one establishment; includes plants that sold byproduct gypsum.
3/ Does not include value of plasters sold.

TABLE 2
CRUDE GYPSUM MINED IN THE UNITED STATES, BY STATE OR REGION 1/

| State | 1994 |  |  | 1995 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Active mines | Quantity <br> (thousand metric tons) | Value (thousands) | Active mines | Quantity (thousand metric tons) | Value (thousands) |
| Arizona and New Mexico | 6 | 997 | \$7,540 | 5 | 880 | \$6,330 |
| Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana | 5 | 1,550 | 11,800 | 5 | 1,490 | 11,400 |
| California, Nevada, Utah | 12 | 3,080 | 16,600 | 12 | 3,000 | 16,600 |
| Colorado, South Dakota, Wyoming | 5 | 737 | 5,260 | 5 | 756 | 5,380 |
| Indiana, New York, Ohio, Virginia | 5 | 2,020 | 18,600 | 5 | 2,000 | 19,300 |
| Iowa | 6 | 2,210 | 12,700 | 6 | 2,240 | 13,800 |
| Michigan | 5 | 1,790 | 15,300 | 5 | 1,510 | 14,900 |
| Oklahoma | 9 | 2,890 | 17,000 | 8 | 2,830 | 17,000 |
| Texas | 6 | 1,870 | 10,100 | 6 | 1,880 | 16,200 |
| Total | 59 | 17,200 | 115,000 | 57 | 16,600 | 121,000 |

1/ Data are rounded to three significant digits; may not add to totals shown.

TABLE 3
CALCINED GYPSUM PRODUCED IN THE UNITED STATES, BY STATE OR REGION 1/

| State | 1994 |  |  | 1995 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Active plants | Quantity (thousand metric tons) | Value (thousands) | Active plants | Quantity (thousand metric tons) | Value <br> (thousands) |
| Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah | 5 | 1,050 | \$8,270 | 5 | 1,040 | \$8,400 |
| Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma | 7 | 1,910 | 27,700 | 7 | 1,990 | 24,100 |
| California | 5 | 1,420 | 23,800 | 5 | 1,360 | 23,400 |
| Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia | 6 | 1,510 | 32,700 | 6 | 1,320 | 33,300 |
| Florida | 3 | 1,210 | 29,400 | 3 | 1,180 | 28,000 |
| Georgia | 3 | 513 | 8,780 | 3 | 506 | 8,860 |
| Illinios, Indiana, Kansas | 6 | 1,380 | 23,300 | 6 | 1,400 | 23,500 |
| Iowa | 5 | 1,520 | 23,500 | 5 | 1,470 | 22,400 |
| Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey | 5 | 997 | 21,400 | 5 | 1,100 | 23,500 |
| Michigan | 4 | 598 | 13,500 | 4 | 601 | 13,400 |
| Nevada | 4 | 1,190 | 15,100 | 4 | 1,180 | 13,600 |
| New York | 4 | 998 | 17,600 | 4 | 1,020 | 22,000 |
| Ohio | 3 | 440 | 9,280 | 3 | 425 | 8,940 |
| Texas | 6 | 1,490 | 24,000 | 5 | 1,290 | 20,100 |
| Washington and Wyoming | 3 | 516 | 9,910 | 4 | 859 | 16,600 |
| Total | 69 | 16,700 | 288,000 | 69 | 16,700 | 290,000 |

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TABLE 4
GYPSUM PRODUCTS (MADE FROM DOMESTIC, IMPORTED, AND BYPRODUCT GYPSUM) SOLD OR USED

IN THE UNITED STATES, BY USE 1/
(Thousand metric tons and thousand dollars)

| Use | 1994 |  | 1995 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Quantity | Value | Quantity | Value |
| Uncalcined: |  |  |  |  |
| Portland cement | 4,750 | 54,200 | 4,680 | 54,600 |
| Agriculture and miscellaneous 2/ | 2,520 | 33,700 | 2,140 | 33,600 |
| Total | 7,260 | 88,000 | 6,810 | 88,200 |
| Calcined: |  |  |  |  |
| Plasters | 553 | 88,400 | 806 | 89,300 |
| Prefabricated products 3/ | 19,200 | 2,450,000 | 18,700 | 1,950,000 |
| Total calcined | 19,700 | 2,540,000 | 19,500 | 2,030,000 |
| Grand total | 27,000 | 2,630,000 | 26,300 | 2,120,000 |

1/ Data are rounded to three significant digits; may not add to totals shown.
2/ Includes byproduct gypsum.
3/ Includes weight of paper, metal, or other materials and some byproduct gypsum.

TABLE 5
PREFABRICATED GYPSUM PRODUCTS SOLD OR USED IN THE UNITED STATES 1/

| Product | 1994 |  |  | 1995 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Thousand square feet | Thousand metric tons 2/ | Value (thousands) | Thousand square feet | Thousand metric tons 2/ | Value (thousands) |
| Lath: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3/8 inch | 6,890 | 4 | \$1,410 | 6,100 | 4 | \$1,250 |
| 1/2 inch | 137 | (3/) | 24 | 57 | (3/) | 11 |
| Other | 5,870 | 5 | 407 | -- | -- | -- |
| Total | 12,900 | 10 | 1,840 | 6,160 | 4 | 1,270 |
| Veneer base | 419,000 | 374 | 36,700 | 394,000 | 352 | 36,300 |
| Sheathing | 286,000 | 242 | 33,500 | 314,000 | 266 | 36,800 |
| Regular gypsumboard: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3/8 inch | 918,000 | 711 | 69,100 | 839,000 | 661 | 65,400 |
| $1 / 2$ inch | 11,900,000 | 9,360 | 1,490,000 | 10,600,000 | 8,440 | 928,000 |
| 5/8 inch | 1,470,000 | 1,230 | 57,300 | 1,510,000 | 1,290 | 80,500 |
| 1 inch | 172,000 | 155 | 31,900 | 169,000 | 156 | 31,300 |
| Other 4/ | 129,000 | 101 | 16,500 | 195,000 | 154 | 24,000 |
| Total | 14,600,000 | 11,500 | 1,660,000 | 13,300,000 | 10,700 | 1,130,000 |
| Type X gypsumboard | 5,530,000 | 5,160 | 461,000 | 6,080,000 | 5,510 | 486,000 |
| Predecorated wallboard | 87,100 | 78 | 27,900 | 84,200 | 75 | 27,300 |
| 5/16-inch mobile home board | 1,230,000 | 843 | 117,000 | 1,260,000 | 943 | 139,000 |
| Water-moisture-resistant board | 658,000 | 558 | 84,500 | 880,000 | 740 | 75,700 |
| Other | 408,000 | 382 | 27,200 | 139,000 | 116 | 14,100 |
| Grand total | 23,200,000 | 19,200 | 2,450,000 | 22,500,000 | 18,700 | 1,950,000 |

1/ Data are rounded to three significant digits; may not add to totals shown.
2/ Includes weight of paper, metal, or other materials.
3/ Less than $1 / 2$ unit.
4/ Includes 1/4, 7/16, and 3/4-inch gypsumboard.

TABLE 6
IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF CRUDE GYPSUM, BY COUNTRY 1/
(Thousand metric tons and thousand dollars)

| Country | 1994 |  | 1995 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Quantity | Value | Quantity | Value |
| Australia | 28 | 231 | 33 | 272 |
| Bahamas, The | 218 | 1,160 | 298 | 1,490 |
| Canada 2/ | 5,900 | 45,600 | 5,560 | 43,800 |
| China | (3/) | 2 | (3/) | 4 |
| Dominican Republic | (3/) | 10 | (3/) | 8 |
| Germany | (3/) | 2 | -- | -- |
| Hong Kong | -- | -- | (3/) | 4 |
| India | (3/) | 10 | -- | -- |
| Italy | -- | -- | (3/) | 2 |
| Jamaica | 73 | 603 | -- | -- |
| Japan | (3/) | 42 | (3/) | 22 |
| Mexico | 1,990 | 11,600 | 1,890 | 11,600 |
| Spain | 264 | 2,060 | 379 | 2,730 |
| United Kingdom | 1 | 97 | (3/) | 95 |
| Total | 8,470 | 61,400 | 8,160 | 60,000 |

1/ Data are rounded to three significant digits; may not add to totals shown.
2/ Includes anhydrite.
3/ Less than $1 / 2$ unit.

Source: Bureau of the Census

TABLE 7
SUMMATION OF U.S. GYPSUM AND GYPSUM PRODUCTS TRADE DATA 1/
(Thousand metric tons and thousand dollars)

| Year | Crude 2/ |  | Plasters 3/ |  | Boards 4/ |  | Other 5/ <br> Value | Total <br> Value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Quantity | Value | Quantity | Value | Quantity | Value |  |  |
| Exports: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1994 | 89 | 4,090 | 153 | 22,800 | 74 | 19,800 | 26,700 | 73,400 |
| 1995 | 79 | 4,240 | 159 | 23,900 | 64 | 17,300 | 29,600 | 75,100 |
| Imports for consumption: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1994 | 8,470 | 61,400 | 5 | 980 | 370 | 39,700 | 39,300 | 141,000 |
| 1995 | 8,160 | 60,000 | 8 | 1,520 | 560 | 64,400 | 40,300 | 166,000 |

1/ Data are rounded to three significant digits; may not add to totals shown.
2/ Import and export data are for "Gypsum; anhydrite, " Harmonized Tariff Schedule 2520.10.0000.
3/ Import and export data are for "Plasters, " Harmonized Tariff Schedule 2520.20.0000.
4/ Import and export data are for "Boards, sheets, panels, tiles and similar articles, not ornamented: Faced or reinforced with paper or paperboard only," Harmonized Tariff Schedule 6809.11.0000.
5/ Import and export data are for "Boards, sheets, panels, tiles, and similar articles, not ornamented: other, " Harmonized Tariff Schedule 6809.19.000 and "Other articles," Harmonized Tariff Schedule 6809.90.0000.

TABLE 8
GYPSUM: WORLD PRODUCTION, BY COUNTRY 1/ 2/
(Thousand metric tons)

| Country | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 e/ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Afghanistan e/ | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Algeria e/ | 152 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 175 |
| Angola e/ | 57 | 57 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| Argentina | 384 | 514 | 519 | 520 e/ | 510 |
| Australia e/ | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Austria 3/ | 655 | 792 | 876 | 1,069 | 1,000 |
| Azerbaijan e/ | XX | 100 | 75 | 60 | 50 |
| Bolivia e/ | 4 | 6 | 4 | $1 \mathrm{r} / 4 /$ | $24 /$ |
| Bhutan | 27 r/ | 25 r/ | 20 e/ | $45 \mathrm{r} /$ | 52 4/ |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina e/ | XX | 50 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Brazil 3/ | 967 | 888 | 874 r/ | 789 r/ | 810 |
| Bulgaria 3/ | 63 | 125 | $143 \mathrm{r} /$ | $150 \mathrm{r} /$ | 150 |
| Burma | 34 | 31 | 28 | $38 \mathrm{r} /$ | $354 /$ |
| Canada 3/ | 6,830 | 7,566 | 7,880 | 8,500 | 7,956 4/ |
| Chile | 336 | 424 | 511 | $552 \mathrm{r} /$ | 550 |
| China e/ | 10,500 | 11,000 | 10,600 | 10,500 | 11,000 |
| Colombia | 639 | 671 | 439 | 450 | 440 |
| Croatia e/ | XX | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| Cubae/ | 130 | 125 | 125 | 125 | 130 |
| Cyprus | $37 \mathrm{e} /$ | 35 r/ | $40 \mathrm{r} /$ | 89 r/ | 90 |
| Czech Republic | XX | XX | 560 e/ | 591 | $5424 /$ |
| Czechoslovakia e/ 5/ | 624 | 600 | XX | XX | XX |
| Dominican Republic | 118 | 83 | 85 e/ | 83 e/ | 80 |
| Ecuador e/ | 24 4/ | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 |
| Egypt 3/ | 1,239 | 1,425 r/ | 1,199 | 1,200 e/ | 1,200 |
| El Salvador e/ | 5 | 5 | $5 \mathrm{r} /$ | $5 \mathrm{r} /$ | 5 |
| Eritrea | XX | XX | XX | (6/) | (6/) |
| Ethiopia e/ 3/7/ | 2 | 3 | 3 | 31 | 54 |
| France 3/ | 5,600 e/ | 5,160 | 5,000 e/ | 5,200 r/ | 5,000 |
| Germany (marketable) 3/ | 4,210 e/ | 4,353 | 2,678 | 2,264 r/ | 2,000 |
| Greece 3/ | 475 r/ | 452 r/ | $400 \mathrm{e} /$ | 454 r/ | 450 |
| Guatemala | 52 | 68 | 60 e/ | $61 \mathrm{r} / \mathrm{e} /$ | 62 |
| Honduras e/ | 27 | 26 | 26 | 26 | 26 |
| Hungary e/3/ | 110 | $50 \mathrm{r} /$ | $22 \mathrm{r} / 4 /$ | $25 \mathrm{r} /$ | 25 |
| India | 1,553 | 1,301 | 1,805 r/ | 1,676 r/ | 1,600 |
| Indonesia | 404 | 400 e | 2 | $1 \mathrm{r} /$ | $14 /$ |
| Iran $8 /$ | 8,839 r/ | 8,253 r/ | 7,799 r/ | 8,430 | 8,230 4/ |
| Iraq e/9/ | 190 | 380 | 450 | 450 | 450 |
| Ireland | 342 | 343 | 318 | 325 e/ | 350 |
| Israel | 26 | $48 \mathrm{r} /$ | $48 \mathrm{r} /$ | $48 \mathrm{r} / \mathrm{e} /$ | 48 |
| Italy e/ | 1,290 | 1,300 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| Jamaica | 136 | 145 | 152 | 204 r/ | $2084 /$ |
| Japan | 4,508 r/ | 4,322 r/ | 3,953 r/ | 3,873 r/ | 3,900 |
| Jordan | 55 | 83 | 195 | 193 r/ | 190 |
| Kenya e/ 3/ | 36 | 36 | 36 | 36 | 36 |
| Laos | 77 | 80 | 80 e/ | 85 e/ | 85 |
| Latvia e/ | XX | 350 | 300 | $61 \mathrm{r} / 4 /$ | 79 4/ |
| Lebanon e/ | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Libya e/ | 180 | 180 | 160 r/ | 160 r/ | 160 |
| Luxembourg e/ 3/ | (6/) | (6/) | (6/) | (6/) | (6/) |
| Macedonia e/ | XX | 30 | 30 | 25 r/ | 25 |
| Mali e/ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Mauritania | 3 | 3 | $3 \mathrm{r} /$ | -- r/ | -- |
| Mexico 3/ | 4,774 | 5,160 | 5,340 | 5,040 r/ | 4,918 4/ |
| Moldova e/ | XX | 75 r/ | 25 r/ | $15 \mathrm{r} / 4 /$ | 14 4/ |
| Mongolia e/ | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| Morocco e/ | 450 | 450 | 450 | 450 | 450 |
| Namibia e/ | -- | (6/) | (6/) | (6/) r/4/ | -- |
| Nicaragua 3/ | 16 | 9 | 11 | $11 \mathrm{r} / \mathrm{e} /$ | 13 |
| Niger | 1 | 2 | $2 \mathrm{e} /$ | $2 \mathrm{e} /$ | 2 |
| Pakistan | 522 | 462 | 535 | 607 r/ | 314 4/ |
| Paraguay e/ | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 8--Continued
GYPSUM: WORLD PRODUCTION, BY COUNTRY 1/2/
(Thousand metric tons)

| Country | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 e/ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Peru e/ | 160 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 |
| Philippines 3/ | 28 | 25 | $25 \mathrm{e} /$ | $25 \mathrm{e} /$ | 25 |
| Poland 3/ | 819 r/ | 848 r/ | 832 | 1,055 r/ | 950 |
| Portugal 3/ | 359 | 417 | 459 | $450 \mathrm{e} /$ | 450 |
| Romania | 800 e/ | 800 e/ | $100 \mathrm{r} /$ | 124 r/ | 98 4/ |
| Russia | XX | 1,800 | 1,500 | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| Saudi Arabia | 375 e/ | 269 r/ | 327 r/ | 375 e/ | 375 |
| Serbia and Montenegro | XX | 48 | -- | $40 \mathrm{r} /$ | 40 |
| Sierra Leone e/ | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| Slovakia 3/ | XX | XX | 75 | 122 r/ | 120 |
| Slovenia e/ | XX | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Somalia e/ | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| South Africa | 420 | 334 | 284 | 304 r/ | 288 4/ |
| Spain 3/ | 7,212 r/ | 6,760 | 7,250 | 7,250 e/ | 7,500 |
| Sudan e/ 3/ | 7 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Switzerland e/ | 230 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 |
| Syria | 183 r/ | 234 | $300 \mathrm{r} /$ | 302 r/ | 300 |
| Taiwan | 4 | 2 | 3 | $3 \mathrm{r} /$ | 3 |
| Tajikistan e/ | XX | 500 | 400 | 300 | 200 |
| Tanzania 3/ | $9 \mathrm{r} /$ | 27 r/ | $1 \mathrm{r} /$ | $8 \mathrm{r} /$ | $14 /$ |
| Thailand | 7,196 | 7,111 | 7,455 r/ | 8,140 | 8,533 4/ |
| Tunisia e/ | 650 r/ 4/ | 650 r/ | 650 r/ | 650 r/ | 700 |
| Turkey | 307 | 278 | 493 r/ | $500 \mathrm{e} /$ | 500 |
| Turkmenistan e/ | XX | 250 r/ | 200 | 150 | 150 |
| U.S.S.R. e/ 10/ | 4,000 | XX | XX | XX | XX |
| United Arab Emirates e/ | 95 | 95 | 95 | 95 | 90 |
| United Kingdom e/ 3/ | 3,500 | 3,000 | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,500 |
| United States 11/ | 14,000 | 14,800 | 15,800 | 17,200 | 16,600 4/ |
| Uruguay e/ | 145 | 145 | 145 | 145 | 145 |
| Venezuela | 244 | 175 | 224 | 135 r/ | 135 |
| Vietnam e/ | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Yemen | 66 r/ | 80 | 90 r/ | 80 e/ | 80 |
| Yugoslavia e/ 12/ | 450 | XX | XX | XX | XX |
| Zambia e/ 9/ 13/ | 14 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 |
| Total | 100,000 | 99,200 r/ | 96,900 r/ | 99,500 r/ | 98,100 |

e/ Estimated. r/ Revised. XX Not applicable.
1/ World totals, U.S. data, and estimated data are rounded to three significant digits; may not add to totals shown.
2/ Table includes data available through Aug. 15, 1996.
3/ Includes anhydrite.
4/ Reported figure.
5/ Dissolved Dec. 31, 1992.
6/ Less than $1 / 2$ unit.
7/ Data are for years ending July 7 of that stated. Reported in cubic meters and estimated at mean weight of 1.5 tons per cubic meter. Data for 1991-93
probably does not include production for cement manufacture (normally 3-5\% of finished cement, equivalent of an additional 10,000 to 15,000 tons per year).
8/ Data are for years beginning Mar. 21 of that stated.
9/ For cement production only. Information is insufficient to formulate reliable estimates for output for other uses (plaster, mortar, etc.).
10/ Dissolved in Dec. 1991.
11/ Excludes byproduct gypsum.
12/ Dissolved in Apr. 1992.
13/ Data are for years beginning Mar. 1 of that stated.


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