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U.S. production of uranium concentrate was 980,933 pounds U₃O₈, down 9 percent from the previous quarter, and down 9 percent from the third quarter 2007.

During the third quarter, U.S. uranium oxide (U₃O₈) was produced at:


- One mill
 - 1 White Mesa Mill
- Six in-situ-leach plants
 - 1 Alta Mesa Project
 - 2 Crow Butte Operation
 - 3 Kingsville Dome
 - 4 Rosita
 - 5 Smith Ranch-Highland Operation
 - 6 Vasquez

Rosita resumed production in the third quarter 2008; the last time Rosita produced uranium concentrate was in 1999.

As of September 2008, U.S. uranium concentrate production totaled 2,864,437 pounds U₃O₈. This amount is 15 percent lower than the 3,357,733 pounds produced during the first nine months of 2007.

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Total Production of Uranium Concentrate in the United States

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Table 1. Total Production of Uranium Concentrate in the United States, 1996 - 3rd Quarter 2008
(Pounds U₃O₈)

Calendar-Year Quarter	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	P2008
1st Quarter	1,734,427	1,149,050	1,151,587	1,196,225	1,018,683	709,177	620,952	E400,000	E600,000	709,600	931,065	1,162,737	810,189
2nd Quarter	1,460,058	1,321,079	1,143,942	1,132,566	983,330	748,298	643,432	E600,000	E400,000	630,053	894,268	1,119,536	1,073,315
3rd Quarter	1,691,796	1,631,384	1,203,042	1,204,984	981,948	628,720	579,723	E400,000	588,738	663,068	1,083,808	1,075,460	980,933
4th Quarter	1,434,425	1,541,052	1,206,003	1,076,897	973,585	553,060	E500,000	E600,000	E600,000	686,456	1,196,485	1,175,845	NA
Calendar-Year Total	6,320,706	5,642,565	4,704,574	4,610,672	3,975,545	2,639,256	E2,344,107	E2,000,000	2,282,406	2,689,178	4,105,626	4,533,578	--

P = Preliminary data.

NA = Not available.

E = Estimated data.

-- = Not applicable.

Notes: The reported 4th quarter 2002 production amount was adjusted by rounding to the nearest 100,000 pounds to avoid disclosure of individual company data. This also affects the 2002 annual production. The reported 2003 and 1st, 2nd, and 4th quarter 2004 production amounts were adjusted by rounding to the nearest 200,000 pounds to avoid disclosure of individual company data. This also affects the 2003 and 2004 annual production totals.

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Number of Uranium Mills and Plants Producing Uranium Concentrate

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Uranium Concentrate Processing Facilities	End of 1996	End of 1997	End of 1998	End of 1999	End of 2000	End of 2001	End of 2002	End of 2003	End of 2004	End of 2005	End of 2006	End of 2007	End of September 2008
Mills - conventional milling [1]	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Mills - other operations [2]	2	3	2	2	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0
In-Situ Leach Plants [3]	5	6	6	4	3	3	2	2	3	3	5	5	6
Byproduct Recovery Plants [4]	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	9	11	9	7	6	4	3	2	3	4	6	6	7

[1] Milling uranium-bearing ore.

[2] Not milling ore, but producing uranium concentrate from other (non-ore) materials.

[3] Not including in-situ leach plants that only produced uranium concentrate from restoration.

[4] Uranium concentrate as a byproduct from phosphate production.

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U.S. Uranium Mills by Owner, Capacity, and Operating Status

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Table 3. U.S. Uranium Mills by Owner, Capacity, and Operating Status

Mill Owner(s)	Mill Name	Milling Capacity (short tons of ore per day)	Operating Status at End of			
			2007	1st Quarter 2008	2nd Quarter 2008	3rd Quarter 2008
Cotter Corporation	Canon City Mill	400	Standby	Standby	Standby	Standby
Denison White Mesa L.L.C.	White Mesa Mill	2,000	Operating- Processing Alternate Feed	Operating- Processing Alternate Feed	Operating	Operating
Energy Fuels Resources Corp.	Piñon Ridge Mill	1,000	-	Developing	Developing	Developing
Kennecott Uranium Company/Wyoming Coal Resource Company	Sweetwater Uranium Project	3,000	Standby	Standby	Standby	Standby
Uranium One Utah, Inc.	Shootaring Canyon Uranium Mill	750	Changing License To Operational	Changing License To Operational	Changing License To Operational	Changing License To Operational
Total Milling Capacity:		7,150				

- = No data reported.

Note: An operating status of "operating" usually indicates the mill was producing uranium concentrate at the end of the period.

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Table 4. U.S. Uranium In-Situ-Leach Plants by Owner, Capacity, and Operating Status

In-Situ-Leach Plant Owner	In-Situ-Leach Plant Name	Production Capacity (pounds U ₃ O ₈ per year)	Operating Status at End of			
			2007	1st Quarter 2008	2nd Quarter 2008	3rd Quarter 2008
COGEMA Mining, Inc.	Christensen Ranch	650,000	Changing License To Operational	Changing License To Operational	Changing License To Operational	Changing License To Operational
COGEMA Mining, Inc.	Irigaray Ranch	-	Inactive	Inactive	Inactive	Changing License To Operational
COGEMA Mining, Inc.	Texas Operations	-	Reclamation	Reclamation	Reclamation	Reclamation
Cameco Corporation	Crow Butte Operation	1,000,000	Operating	Operating	Operating	Operating
HRI, Inc.	Church Rock	1,000,000	Partially Permitted And Licensed	Partially Permitted And Licensed	Partially Permitted And Licensed	Partially Permitted And Licensed
HRI, Inc.	Crownpoint	1,000,000	Partially Permitted And Licensed	Partially Permitted And Licensed	Partially Permitted And Licensed	Partially Permitted And Licensed
Lost Creek ISR LLC	Lost Creek Project	1,000,000	-	Developing	Developing	Developing
Mestena Uranium LLC	Alta Mesa Project	1,000,000	Producing	Producing	Producing	Producing
Power Resources, Inc. dba Cameco Resources	Smith Ranch-Highland Operation	5,500,000	Operating	Operating	Operating	Operating
South Texas Mining Venture, LLP	Hobson ISR Plant	1,000,000	Under Construction	Under Construction	Under Construction	Operational
South Texas Mining Venture, LLP	La Palangana	1,000,000	Partially Permitted And Licensed	Partially Permitted And Licensed	Partially Permitted And Licensed	Partially Permitted And Licensed
URI, Inc.	Kingsville Dome	1,000,000	Producing	Producing	Producing	Producing
URI, Inc.	Rosita	1,000,000	Standby	Standby	Standby	Producing

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URI, Inc.	Vasquez	800,000	Producing	Producing	Producing	Producing
Urinerz Energy Corporation	Nichols Ranch ISR Project	-	-	-	-	Developing
Uranium One	Moore Ranch	2,000,000	-	Developing	Developing	Developing
Total Production Capacity:		17,950,000				

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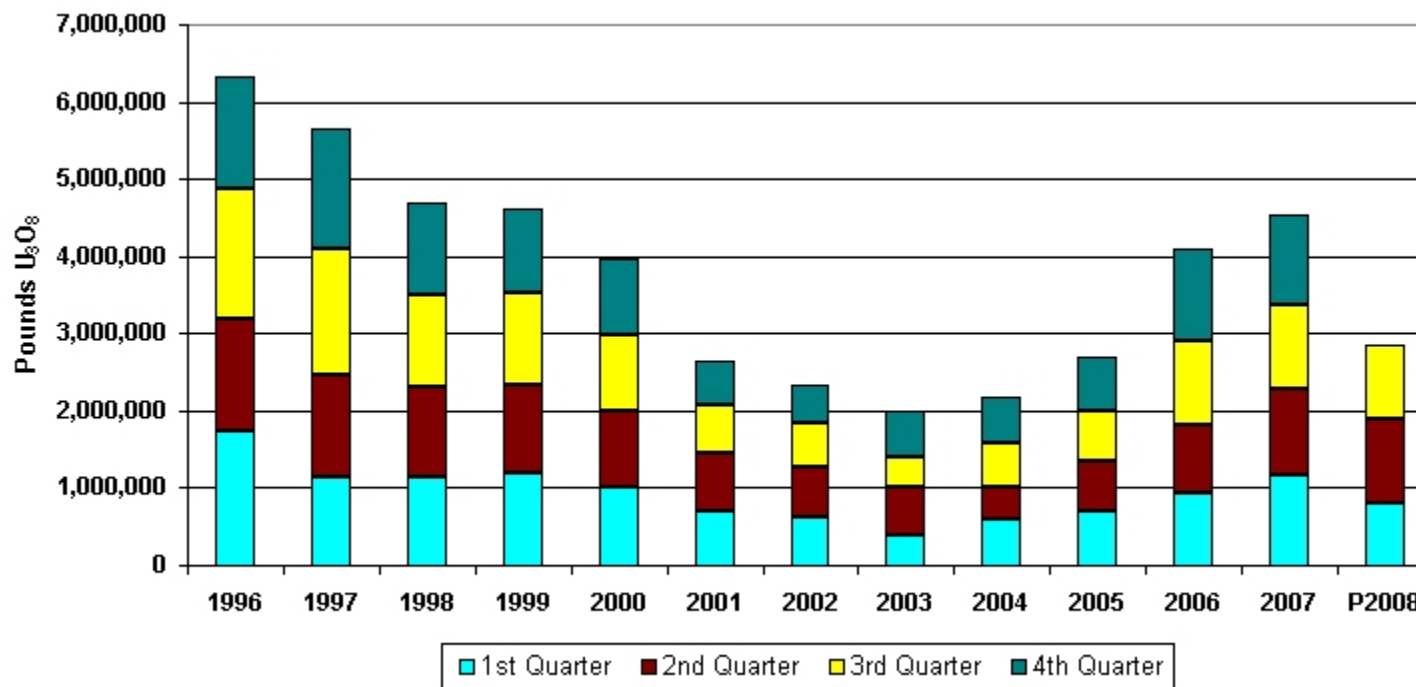
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