

Table 870. Selected Mineral Products—Average Prices: 1990 to 2006

[Excludes Alaska and Hawaii, except as noted]

| Year | Nonfuels | | | | | | | Fuels | | | |
|----------------|---|---|---------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|--|---|--|---|
| | Copper, cathode ¹ (cents per lb.) | Platinum ² (dol./ troy oz.) | Gold (dol./ troy oz.) ³ | Silver (dol./ troy oz.) ³ | Lead ⁴ (cents per lb.) | Tin (New York) ⁵ (cents per lb.) | Zinc ⁶ (cents per lb.) | Sulfur, crude ⁷ (dol./ metric ton) | Bituminous coal ⁸ (dol./ short ton) | Crude petroleum ⁸ (dol./ bbl.) | Natural gas ⁸ (dol./ 1,000 cu. ft.) |
| 1990 | 123 | 467 | 385 | 4.82 | 46 | 386 | 75 | 80.14 | 27.43 | 20.03 | 1.71 |
| 1993 | 92 | 370 | 361 | 4.30 | 32 | 350 | 46 | 31.86 | 26.15 | 14.25 | 2.04 |
| 1994 | 111 | 411 | 385 | 5.29 | 37 | 369 | 49 | 30.08 | 25.68 | 13.19 | 1.85 |
| 1995 | 138 | 425 | 386 | 5.15 | 42 | 416 | 56 | 44.46 | 25.56 | 14.62 | 1.55 |
| 1996 | 109 | 398 | 389 | 5.19 | 49 | 412 | 51 | 34.11 | 25.17 | 18.46 | 2.17 |
| 1997 | 107 | 397 | 332 | 4.89 | 47 | 381 | 65 | 36.06 | 24.64 | 17.23 | 2.32 |
| 1998 | 79 | 375 | 295 | 5.54 | 45 | 373 | 51 | 29.14 | 24.87 | 10.87 | 1.96 |
| 1999 | 76 | 379 | 280 | 5.25 | 44 | 366 | 53 | 37.81 | 23.92 | 15.56 | 2.19 |
| 2000 | 88 | 549 | 280 | 5.00 | 44 | 370 | 56 | 24.73 | 24.15 | 26.72 | 3.68 |
| 2001 | 77 | 533 | 272 | 4.39 | 44 | 315 | 44 | 10.01 | 25.36 | 21.84 | 4.00 |
| 2002 | 76 | 543 | 311 | 4.62 | 44 | 292 | 39 | 11.84 | 26.57 | 22.51 | 2.95 |
| 2003 | 85 | 694 | 365 | 4.91 | 44 | 340 | 41 | 28.71 | 26.73 | 27.56 | 4.88 |
| 2004 | 134 | 849 | 411 | 6.69 | 51 | 547 | 53 | 32.50 | 30.56 | 36.77 | 5.46 |
| 2005 | 173 | 900 | 446 | 7.34 | 61 | 483 | 67 | 30.92 | 37.51 | 50.28 | 7.33 |
| 2006 | 315 | 1,200 | 610 | 11.6 | 77 | 520 | 145 | 28.00 | (NA) | 59.69 | 6.42 |

NA Not available. ¹ U.S. producer price. ² Average annual dealer prices. ³ 99.95 percent purity. ⁴ Nationwide delivered basis. ⁵ Composite price. ⁶ Platt's Metals Week price for North American Special High Grade zinc. Average prices for 1990 are for U.S. High Grade Zinc. ⁷ F.o.b. (Free on Board) works. ⁸ Average value at the point of production or domestic first purchase price.

Source: Nonfuels, through 1994, U.S. Bureau of Mines, thereafter, U.S. Geological Survey, *Minerals Yearbook* and *Mineral Commodities Summaries*, annual; fuels, U.S. Energy Information Administration, *Annual Energy Review* and most recent year from *Monthly Energy Review*.