

Mineral Industry Surveys

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MARKETABLE PHOSPHATE ROCK JANUARY 2026

U.S. marketable phosphate rock production in January 2026 was 1.41 million metric tons (Mt), which was 3 percent lower than the revised amount in December 2025 and 8 percent lower than the revised amount in January 2025 (table 1).

Phosphate rock sold or used in the United States in January 2026 was 1.50 Mt, which was unchanged from the revised amount in December 2025, and 4 percent higher than the revised amount in January 2025. U.S. producer stocks in January 2026 were 9.33 Mt, which were 3 percent higher than the revised amount in December 2025, and 31 percent higher than the revised amount in January 2025 (table 1).

Imports of phosphate rock in January 2026 were 356,000 metric tons, which were 16 percent higher than those in December 2025 and those in January 2025 (table 2). Imports of phosphate rock can vary substantially from month to month based on sales contracts and production schedules of the phosphate plants.

Apparent consumption for 2026, based on annualized sold or used and import data, was 21.9 Mt, compared with 21.0 Mt in 2025 (table 3).

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TRADE DATA

Trade data is sourced from the U.S. Census Bureau (<https://usatrade.census.gov/>). "HTS" indicates the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States code.

Schedule B indicates the Schedule B of the United States number.

Imports refers to "imports for consumption." Import valuation is customs value, free-alongside-ship basis.

Exports refers to "domestic exports." Export valuation is on a free-alongside-ship basis.

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Table 1. U.S. phosphate rock statistics.

[Data are in thousand metric tons.]

Period	Marketable production	Sold or Used	Stocks, end of period¹
2025			
January	1,530	1,450	7,150
February	1,510	1,490	7,160
March	1,630	1,540	7,250
April	1,750	1,220	7,780
May	2,030	1,460	8,250
June	1,680	1,320	8,610
July	1,810	1,440	8,990
August	1,690	1,570	9,100
September	1,510	1,550	9,070
October	1,540	1,460	9,140
November	1,700	1,610	9,130
December	1,460	1,500	9,090
January-December	19,800	17,600	9,090
2026			
January	1,410	1,500	9,330

¹Includes inventory adjustments.

Table 2. U.S. imports of phosphate rock.

[Data are in thousand metric tons and thousand dollars.]

Period	Quantity	Value
2025		
January	306	37,000
February	284	33,300
March	271	28,700
April	270	28,300
May	309	32,800
June	321	34,900
July	276	28,800
August	201	22,300
September	337	36,600
October	273	28,600
November	210	22,400
December	308	33,900
January-December	3,370	368,000
2026		
January	356	39,500

Table 3. Comparative U.S. phosphate rock statistics.

[Quantity is in million metric tons and value is in thousand dollars.]

Product	2024	2025	2026¹
Marketable production	19.3	19.8	16.7
Sold or used by producers	19.0	17.6	17.7
Yearend stocks	9.9	9.1	9.3
Imports for consumption	3.4	3.4	4.2
Average value per ton	129	109	NA
Apparent consumption ^{2, 3}	22.4	21.0	21.9

¹Annualized data.

²Data may not add to totals shown because of independent rounding.

³Calculated as domestic sold or used plus imports.