Sulfur in May 2026

This workbook includes 7 tables.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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S- Chemical symbol and abbreviation for sulfur.

TRADE DATA

Trade data are sourced from the U.S. Census Bureau (https://usatrade.census.gov/). "HTS" refers to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, and "Schedule B" refers to the Schedule B export classification system used by the United States.

"Imports" refers to "imports for consumption." The import valuation is the U.S. customs value, as appraised by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and is generally defined as the price actually paid or payable for merchandise when sold for exportation to the United States, excluding U.S. import duties, freight, insurance, and other charges incurred in bringing the merchandise to the United States.

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

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Table 1. Salient sulfur statistics.
[Data are in thousand metric tons.]

Period	Production			Shipments, all sources	Stocks, end of period[1]
	Petroleum[2]	Natural gas	Total		
2025					
January–December	7,180	325	7,500	7,490	129
Year-to-date	2,960	172	3,130	3,130	118
May	632	35	667	650	118
June	580	34	614	621	111
July	618	28	647	645	112
August	624	20	645	642	115
September	644	9	653	651	117
October	539	10	549	549	117
November	565	26	590	582	125
December	648	27	675	671	129
2026					
January	627	35	661	659	132
February	565	28	593	607	118
March	643	32	675	661	132
April	587	14	601	612	121
May	654	19	674	667	127
Year-to-date	3,080	128	3,200	3,210	127

[1]Subject to inventory adjustments.
[2]Includes a small quantity from coking operations.

Table 2. U.S. imports of sulfur.

[Data are in thousand metric tons and thousand dollars. Data adjusted by U.S. Geological Survey and Acuity Commodities.]

Period	Canada		Total, all countries[1]	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	2025			
January–December	1,380	287,000	1,900	493,000
Year-to-date	486	77,500	1,000	277,000
May	71	10,800	129	27,100
June	98	11,400	99	12,200
July	113	19,800	113	20,500
August	120	18,200	121	19,000
September	133	35,100	135	36,600
October	134	35,300	135	35,800
November	150	41,300	151	42,300
December	142	48,600	143	49,500
	2026			
January	140	55,200	141	56,300
February	88	35,300	88	36,100
March	174	78,800	177	80,700
April	174	77,800	176	79,400
May	170	57,600	171	59,000
Year-to-date	745	305,000	753	311,000

[1]May include other countries not listed.

Table 3. U.S. imports of sulfuric acid.
[Data are in thousand metric tons and thousand dollars.]

Period	Canada			Mexico			Total, all countries[1]		
	Quantity	Sulfur content	Value	Quantity	Sulfur content	Value	Quantity	Sulfur content	Value
2025									
January–December	1,790	585	187,000	742	243	77,300	3,490	1,140	366,000
Year-to-date	746	244	76,900	324	106	38,800	1,380	451	154,000
May	159	52	17,300	68	22	7,860	305	100	33,200
June	140	46	15,400	61	20	5,600	286	94	29,200
July	143	47	15,500	60	19	5,480	275	90	28,700
August	142	47	15,300	56	18	5,200	303	99	31,200
September	164	54	17,300	71	23	6,530	397	130	40,200
October	149	49	15,700	54	18	4,950	258	84	25,400
November	155	51	16,100	59	19	5,360	322	105	30,600
December	151	49	14,600	58	19	5,330	267	87	26,600
2026									
January	143	47	13,300	62	20	5,990	277	91	28,400
February	153	50	14,600	60	20	6,080	361	118	34,800
March	149	49	15,400	61	20	6,180	293	96	31,900
April	147	48	17,500	42	14	4,200	290	95	34,200
May	134	44	16,400	41	13	4,170	201	66	24,800
Year-to-date	726	237	77,200	266	87	26,600	1,420	465	154,000

[1]May include other countries not listed.

Table 4. U.S. exports of sulfur and sulfuric acid.
[Data are in thousand metric tons and thousand dollars.]

Period	Sulfur		Sulfuric acid		
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Sulfur Content	Value
2025					
January–December	1,750	429,000	188	62	39,700
Year-to-date	693	131,000	88	29	15,400
May	83	23,700	30	10	4,610
June	164	46,100	14	5	4,140
July	195	44,300	15	5	3,500
August	121	31,000	14	5	2,590
September	182	48,000	13	4	2,760
October	110	28,900	14	5	2,780
November	218	77,700	15	5	4,410
December	71	22,600	16	5	4,210
2026					
January	169	72,300	19	6	3,530
February	91	45,700	10	3	2,260
March	260	91,300	15	5	3,650
April	233	125,000	15	5	4,030
May	438	302,000	23	8	6,150
Year-to-date	1,190	635,000	82	27	19,600

Table 5. U.S. consumption of sulfur.
[Data are in thousand metric tons.]

Period	Domestic sources[1]	Imports	Consumption
2025			
January–December	5,730	1,900	7,630
Year-to-date	2,430	1,000	3,440
May	566	129	696
June	457	99	556
July	450	113	563
August	521	121	642
September	469	135	605
October	439	135	574
November	365	151	516
December	599	143	742
2026			
January	490	141	631
February	516	88	605
March	401	177	578
April	379	176	555
May	230	171	400
Year-to-date	2,020	753	2,770

[1]Calculated as shipments minus exports.

Table 6. Recovered sulfur produced and shipped in the United States, by PAD (Petroleum Administration for Defense) district.
[Data are in thousand metric tons.]

District and source	Year-to-date 2025		April 2026		May 2026		Year-to-date 2026	
	Production	Shipments	Production	Shipments	Production	Shipments	Production	Shipments
PAD 1								
Petroleum and coke	68	69	14	14	13	12	65	65
Natural gas	2	2	1	1	1	1	3	3
Total	70	71	14	15	13	13	68	68
PAD 2								
Petroleum and coke	570	562	80	81	121	119	544	545
Natural gas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	570	562	80	81	121	119	544	545
PAD 3								
Petroleum and coke	1,800	1,800	399	406	425	423	1,980	1,990
Natural gas	13	14	3	3	3	3	13	13
Total	1,810	1,810	401	408	428	425	2,000	2,000
PAD 4 and 5								
Petroleum and coke	521	523	95	95	96	94	484	482
Natural gas	156	157	11	13	16	16	112	111
Total	678	680	106	108	112	110	596	592
Grand total	3,130	3,130	601	612	674	667	3,200	3,210

Table 7. Comparative sulfur and sulfuric acid statistics.

[Data are in million metric tons per year (annualized basis) and dollars per metric ton for period shown.]

Category	2025	2026		
		April	May	Year-to-date
Production	7.50	7.32	7.93	7.75
Shipments	7.49	7.43	7.86	7.75
Exports of sulfur	1.75	2.83	5.15	2.88
Imports of sulfur				
Canada	1.38	2.11	2.00	1.80
Total[1]	1.90	2.14	2.01	1.82
Exports of H_2SO_4	0.19	0.18	0.27	0.20
Imports of H_2SO_4				
Canada	1.79	1.78	1.58	1.75
Mexico	0.74	0.51	0.49	0.64
Total[1]	3.49	3.53	2.36	3.44
Consumption				
Domestic sources	5.73	4.60	2.70	4.87
Imports	1.90	2.14	2.01	1.82
Total	7.63	6.74	4.71	6.69
Sulfur export values[2]	245	536	689	534
Sulfur import values[2]				
Canada	209	448	339	409
Average[2]	259	452	346	413
H_2SO_4 export values[2]	211	278	265	241
H_2SO_4 import values[2]				
Canada	104	119	122	106
Mexico	104	101	101	100
Average[1]	105	118	124	108

[1]Includes other countries not listed.

[2]Average value per ton.