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SODA ASH IN DECEMBER 2025

Soda ash production in December 2025 was 838,000 metric tons (t), a 2% decrease compared with the previous month's production, and a 19% decrease compared with that in December 2024. For the full year of 2025, soda ash production was 11.3 million metric tons (Mt), a 3% decrease compared with the production for 2024 (tables 1 and 4). Ending stocks in December were 369,000 t, 17% less than the ending stocks in November (table 1).

Wyoming trona production in December 2025 was 1.37 Mt, an 8% decrease compared with the previous month's revised production, and a 21% decrease compared with that in December 2024. Full year trona production in 2025 was 18.5 Mt, 5% less than production in 2024 (table 1).

Exports of soda ash in December were 587,000 t, a 23% increase compared with the previous month's exports, and 15% less than those in December 2024. For the full year of 2025, exports of soda ash were 6.80 Mt, 8% less than the amount for 2024 (tables 2, 4). Imports of soda ash in December 2025 were 452 t compared with 600 t (revised) in November 2025. Soda ash import tonnages can differ significantly from month to month, but generally are much smaller than soda ash export tonnages (tables 3, 4).

Apparent consumption in December 2025 was 328,000 t, 6% less than the apparent consumption in November 2025, and 26% less than that in December 2024. For the full year of 2025, apparent consumption was 4.45 Mt, 2% more than the apparent consumption for the full year of 2024 (table 4). Apparent consumption can change significantly from month to month mostly owing to variation in the quantity of exports but usually stabilizes over the course of the year.

All percentages in this report were calculated using unrounded data.

Update

On February 4, 2026, Searles Valley Minerals Inc. announced a workforce reduction and the closure of their soda ash plant at

its Trona, CA, facility owing to economic pressures caused by a global oversupply in soda ash markets (Searles Valley Minerals Inc., 2026). The facility has an estimated annual nameplate production capacity of 1.3 Mt. Soda ash production ceased on February 15, 2026 (K. Walker, Business Manager – Soda Group, Searles Valley Minerals Inc., oral commun., March 10, 2026).

Prices

The annual average value of U.S. soda ash production for 2025 was \$143.97 per short ton (\$158.70 per metric ton), a 6% decrease compared with the 2024 average value of \$153.63 per short ton (\$169.35 per metric ton).

Reference Cited

Searles Valley Minerals Inc., 2026, Searles Valley Minerals announces workforce reduction at soda ash and boric acid operations due to market and cost pressures: Ridgecrest, CA, Searles Valley Minerals Inc. press release, February 4, 2 p.

A worksheet has been added to the Excel table files that includes a button to remove text and numerical footnotes from data cells. This will allow users to only have numbers in data cells. Please see the worksheet titled [RemoveTextButton](#) for instructions on how to use the tool. Note: you must download the Excel file in order to use the tool.

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Table 1. Salient soda ash statistics.

[Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown. Data are in thousand metric tons. Revised data are marked with a superscript “r”.]

Soda ash			
Period	Production¹	Stocks, end of period	Wyoming trona production
2024			
December	1,040	245	1,730
January–December	11,700	245	19,400
2025			
January	1,000	318	1,760
February	954	290	1,510 ^r
March	964	327	1,680 ^r
April	955	203	1,560 ^r
May	1,010	283	1,600
June	1,060	437	1,580
July	963	408	1,560
August	979	412	1,550
September	832	352	1,450
October	920	411	1,530
November	859	445	1,490 ^r
December	838	369	1,370
January–December	11,300	369	18,700

¹Production data include soda ash equivalent from soda liquors only. Soda ash equivalent from mine water is not included. Soda liquors are withheld to avoid disclosing company proprietary data.

Table 2. U.S. exports of soda ash by country or locality in 2025.[Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals. Data are in metric tons unless otherwise specified. Source: U.S. Census Bureau (<https://usatrade.census.gov/>).]

Country or locality	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December		January–December			
												Quantity	Value ¹ (thousand dollars)	Unit value (dollars per metric ton)	Quantity	Percent of total quantity	Value ¹ (thousand dollars)
Argentina	0	21,500	11,100	28,300	13,000	22,400	32,500	24,000	3,000	28,000	10,000	15,000	4,260	284	209,000	3	66,900
Australia	15,000	43	0	31,500	7,500	0	50,000	7,500	43	0	7,500	0	0	0	119,000	2	25,400
Brazil	100,000	122,000	82,300	60,100	96,100	37,900	20,200	84,900	77,000	12,300	130,000	98,200	14,600	149	921,000	14	172,000
Canada	15,700	16,600	13,800	13,000	15,000	14,500	12,500	12,400	12,200	12,300	12,400	14,600	4,180	287	165,000	2	48,600
Chile	62,200	61,300	27,900	59,300	51,800	71,500	128,000	53,600	19,400	70,500	135,000	87,900	20,000	227	828,000	12	214,000
Colombia	21,000	41,100	0	31,000	22,000	9,000	22,000	8,000	5,000	35,000	0	9,000	2,040	227	203,000	3	42,900
France	0	10,000	0	0	0	0	0	10,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	20,000	0	3,890
India	35,200	0	59,000	68	53,900	54,800	35,000	189	74,800	35,000	0	77	23	300	348,000	5	62,200
Indonesia	73,200	71,400	87,700	65,600	97,800	28,700	47,500	50,000	63,200	40,200	23,300	85,200	10,300	121	734,000	11	132,000
Japan	3,000	3,140	3,100	40,500	4,100	26,500	13,000	21,500	3,060	24,800	80	0	0	0	143,000	2	27,800
Korea, Republic of	33,600	33,600	41	45,100	20,100	32,100	14,400	13,600	19,600	11,800	20,600	13,100	2,480	189	258,000	4	48,300
Malaysia	37,000	81,100	6,040	84,500	9,000	36,300	17,500	49,200	39,500	3,370	41	66,000	8,440	128	430,000	6	82,700
Mexico	98,800	100,000	102,000	96,800	104,000	100,000	96,800	111,000	105,000	119,000	83,000	92,100	24,000	260	1,210,000	18	310,000
Peru	0	11,000	4	6,070	10,000	0	8,090	7,000	7,000	6,770	0	14,300	3,210	225	70,300	1	16,700
Taiwan	10,100	12,000	0	17,500	11,500	0	29,000	17,000	9,500	10,000	9,000	0	0	0	126,000	2	26,500
Thailand	27,700	42,500	28,300	30,300	12,200	29,400	22,000	23,300	37,500	8,280	7,410	28,600	5,400	189	297,000	4	58,700
United Kingdom	136	34,000	100	34,000	31,100	31,000	128	0	60,000	0	30,000	0	0	0	221,000	3	35,500
Vietnam	32,800	0	28,500	41,100	8,500	5,030	3,630	49,300	19,500	14,200	6,140	41,000	4,530	110	250,000	4	44,000
Other	5,680	2,000	44,800	28,300	17,900	11,000	23,500	29,300	57,000	10,900	1,790	21,700	4,280	197	254,000	4	52,500
Total	571,000	663,000	495,000	713,000	586,000	510,000	576,000	571,000	612,000	443,000	476,000	587,000	108,000	184	6,800,000	100	1,470,000

¹Free alongside ship values at U.S. ports.

Table 3. U.S. imports of soda ash by country or locality in 2025.

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Country or locality	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December			January–December				
												Quantity	Value ¹ (thousand dollars)	Unit value (dollars per metric ton)	Quantity	Percent of total quantity	Value ¹ (thousand dollars)		
Australia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(²)	0	0	0	(²)	(²)	4	
Brazil	0	0	0	0	(²)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(²)	(²)	3
Canada	176	67	263	196	158	188	186	190	134	258	102	135	12	92	2,050	6	256		
China	2	40	43	20	20	21	46	45	43	3	23	87	48	554	390	1	280		
Czechia	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	(²)	11		
France	20	35	0	42	39	80	0	113	55	78	38	78	164	2,110	579	2	1,130		
Germany	36	18	15	29	19	1	3	20	21	17	12 ^r	39	101	2,620	228	1	731		
India	4	19	97	121	7	10	36	17	8	3	51	6	16	2,830	379	1	519		
Italy	0	118	138	40	158	20	0	98	136	58	78	20	20	992	864	2	625		
Japan	22	0	2	0	4	17	0	20	2	2	0	20	98	4,880	88	(²)	440		
Korea, Republic of	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	(²)	9		
Mexico	333	119	1	415	338	20	214	388	400	231	219	1	24	37,200	2,680	8	1,070		
Norway	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	1,700	5	(²)	14		
Sweden	5	19	4	7	8	5	4	3	77	55	77	66	68	1,030	331	1	1,110		
Turkey ³	27,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27,000	77	4,830		
United Kingdom	111	162	108	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	381	1	294		
Total	27,700	599	670	871	750	363	489	892	876	711	600^r	452	554	1,230	35,000	100	11,300		

¹Cost, insurance, and freight values at U.S. ports.

²Less than ½ unit.

³Data from Global Trade Tracker.

Table 4. U.S. apparent consumption of soda ash.

[Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown. Data are in metric tons.

Revised data are marked with a superscript "r".]

Period	Production	Exports	Imports	Net stock		Apparent consumption ¹
				Increase	Decrease	
2024						
January–December	11,700,000	7,400,000	71,100	0	5,580	4,350,000
December	1,040,000	691,000	718	0	95,400	444,000
2025						
January–December	11,300,000	6,800,000	35,000	123,000	0	4,450,000
January	1,000,000	571,000	27,700	73,200	0	388,000
February	954,000	663,000	599	0	28,700	320,000
March	964,000	495,000	670	37,800	0	433,000
April	955,000	713,000	871	0	124,000	366,000
May	1,010,000	586,000	750	79,700	0	345,000
June	1,060,000	510,000	363	154,000	0	400,000
July	963,000	576,000	489	0	28,900	417,000
August	979,000	571,000	892	3,940	0	405,000
September	832,000	612,000	876	0	59,700	281,000
October	920,000	443,000	711	59,100	0	419,000
November	859,000	476,000	600 ^r	33,400	0	350,000
December	838,000	587,000	452	0	76,000	328,000

¹Production plus imports minus exports plus or minus stock changes.