

Mineral Industry Surveys

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SODA ASH IN JANUARY 2026

Soda ash production in January 2026 was 870,000 metric tons (t), a 4 percent increase compared with the previous month's production, and a 13 percent decrease compared with that in January 2025 (tables 1 and 4). Ending stocks in January were 316,000 t, 14 percent less than the ending stocks in December 2025 (table 1). Wyoming trona production in January 2026 was 1.56 million metric tons, a 14 percent increase compared with the previous month's production, and an 11 percent decrease compared with that in January 2025 (table 1).

Exports of soda ash in January were 497,000 t, a 15 percent decrease compared with the previous month's exports, and 13 percent less than those in January 2025 (tables 2, 4). Imports of soda ash in January 2026 were 584 t compared with 452 t in December 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 January 2026 was 427,000 t, 30 percent more than the apparent consumption in December 2025, and 10 percent more than that in January 2025 (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.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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FOOTNOTES AND TERMINOLOGY

Year-to-date indicates the sum of all months or quarters for the given year to the given period.

Estimated data contained in a row or column are marked with a superscript "e." Preliminary data contained in a row or column are marked with a superscript "p."

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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.

Only the leading trade partners are listed individually in the table. Data for all countries are provided in the data release file at (insert link to data release)."

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. Salient soda ash statistics.
 [Data are in thousand metric tons.]

Soda ash			
Period	Production¹	Stocks, end of period	Wyoming trona production
2025			
January	1,000	318	1,760
February	954	290	1,510
March	964	327	1,680
April	955	203	1,560
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
December	838	369	1,370
Year-to-date	11,300	369	18,700
2026			
January	870	316	1,560

¹Production data includes 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 2026.

[Data are in metric tons unless otherwise specified.]

January					
Country or locality	Quantity ¹	Value ² (thousand dollars)	Unit value (dollars per metric ton)	Percent of total quantity	
Argentina	17,700	3,800	215	4	
Australia	7,500	1,460	195	2	
Brazil	46,100	8,120	176	9	
Canada	12,300	3,380	275	2	
Chile	16,500	3,110	189	3	
China	50,000	9,420	188	10	
Colombia	6,400	944	148	1	
France	7,000	1,120	161	1	
Germany	5,020	752	150	1	
Guatemala	12,600	2,220	176	3	
Indonesia	45,800	6,110	133	9	
Japan	41,500	7,950	191	8	
Korea, Republic of	39,700	6,510	164	8	
Mexico	97,200	24,600	254	20	
Taiwan	14,100	2,370	168	3	
Thailand	33,500	5,070	151	7	
Vietnam	40,900	6,430	157	8	
Other ³	3,670	1,550	423	1	
Total	497,000	95,000	191	100	

¹Includes all countries materials exported from U.S. ports, HTS code 2836200000.²Free alongside ship values at U.S. ports, HTS code 2836200000.³All countries and (or) localities receiving less than 1,000 metric tons of exports from the United States in 2026 included in "Other."

Table 3. U.S. imports of soda ash by country or locality in 2026.

[Data are in metric tons unless otherwise specified.]

January				
Country or locality	Quantity¹	Value² (thousand dollars)	Unit value (dollars per metric ton)	Percent of total quantity
Canada	196	21	107	34
China	79	51	645	14
France	18	13	733	3
Germany	2	26	12,800	<0.5
Italy	178	158	884	31
Japan	2	10	5,710	<0.5
Mexico	19	50	2,550	3
Norway	2	4	2,360	<0.5
Sweden	88	73	831	15
Total	584	406	695	100

¹All countries and (or) localities receiving less than 1,000 metric tons of exports from the United States in 2025 included, HTS code 2836200000.

²Cost, insurance, freight values and free alongside ship values at U.S. ports, HTS code 2836.200.000

Table 4. U.S. apparent consumption of soda ash.
 [Data are in metric tons.]

Period	Production	Exports	Imports	Net stock		Apparent consumption ¹
				Increase	Decrease	
2025						
Year-to-date	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	33,400	0	350,000
December	838,000	587,000	452	0	76,000	328,000
2026						
January	870,000	497,000	584	0	53,000	427,000

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