

3.—Percentages of the Total Value of Mineral Production, by Principal Minerals, 1939-48—concluded

Mineral	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.
NON-METALLICS (EXCLUDING FUELS)										
Asbestos.....	3.3	2.9	3.8	4.0	4.4	4.2	4.6	5.0	5.1	5.1
Gypsum.....	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.7
Quartz.....	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Salt.....	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6
Sulphur.....	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2
TOTALS, NON-METALLICS².....	5.3	4.9	6.1	6.5	7.3	7.7	8.0	8.7	8.5	8.2
STRUCTURAL MATERIALS										
Clay products.....	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.8	2.4	2.2	2.1
Cement.....	1.8	2.2	2.3	2.5	2.2	2.4	2.9	4.0	3.4	3.4
Lime.....	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.3
Sand and gravel.....	2.4	2.2	1.9	1.6	1.7	2.1	2.1	3.1	3.6	3.7
Stone.....	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.6	2.2	2.6	2.2
TOTALS, STRUCTURAL MATERIALS.....	7.4	8.0	8.1	8.0	7.9	8.8	9.7	13.1	13.1	12.7
Grand Totals.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

¹ Not released for publication.² Includes minor items not specified.

Although the year 1926 was not a normal year in mineral production to the same extent as in some other productive fields, the rapid changes that have resulted from circumstances arising since then can be seen more clearly by using 1926 as a base year. Table 4 shows the indexes of volume of mineral production by principal minerals, for the years 1939-48.

4.—Indexes of Volume of Mineral Production, by Principal Minerals, 1939-48

(1926=100)

Mineral	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
METALLICS										
Cobalt.....	110.2	119.5	39.6	12.6	26.5	5.5	16.4	11.1	86.1	232.4
Copper.....	457.4	492.6	483.4	453.6	432.2	411.0	356.8	276.4	339.4	361.7
Gold.....	290.4	302.8	304.7	276.0	208.1	166.6	153.7	161.5	175.0	201.2
Lead.....	136.9	166.3	162.1	180.5	156.5	107.3	122.3	124.7	113.9	117.9
Nickel.....	344.1	373.7	429.5	434.0	43.8	417.9	373.0	292.4	361.0	400.9
Platinum metals.....	1454.6	1023.3	1134.6	2598.1	1768.8	1025.6	3412.2	1224.5	1048.4	1380.1
Silver.....	103.5	106.5	97.2	92.5	77.5	60.9	57.9	56.1	55.9	72.0
Zinc.....	263.1	282.8	341.7	387.0	407.3	367.4	345.0	313.9	277.3	312.3
FUELS										
Coal.....	94.3	106.6	110.6	114.5	108.4	103.3	94.1	108.1	96.3	111.9
Natural gas.....	183.2	214.7	226.4	237.9	230.5	234.6	252.0	249.4	274.1	305.1
Petroleum.....	2147.5	2357.3	2780.6	2844.0	2758.3	2771.2	2327.6	2081.4	2110.7	3371.3
NON-METALLICS (EXCLUDING FUELS)										
Asbestos.....	130.4	124.1	171.0	157.3	167.2	150.1	167.1	199.8	236.9	256.5
Gypsum.....	160.9	163.9	180.3	64.1	50.6	67.5	95.0	204.9	282.6	364.0
Quartz.....	682.1	800.7	884.5	748.9	765.6	749.8	652.2	609.0	791.3	869.2
Salt.....	161.7	177.0	213.6	249.0	261.9	264.8	256.4	204.9	277.5	282.3
Sulphur ¹	547.5	442.2	673.8	787.0	667.3	642.9	648.1	608.4	574.7	536.4
STRUCTURAL MATERIALS										
Cement.....	65.8	86.8	96.1	104.8	83.9	82.6	97.3	132.8	137.1	162.2
Lime.....	133.4	173.2	208.0	213.8	219.3	213.9	201.1	203.1	236.1	254.5
Sand and gravel.....	182.9	183.3	184.7	154.0	150.4	166.0	173.9	233.4	331.9	401.3
Stone.....	85.1	116.4	124.1	124.7	112.9	93.7	97.0	125.9	170.2	182.8

¹ 1928=100, previous years not being comparable.