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VALUE OF MINERAL PRODUCTION.

1913.

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Coal	. \$13,496,710
Clay and clay products	. 5,575,581
Stone and lime	. 854,814
Gypsum	. 1,157,939
Lead and zinc	. 4,150
Mineral waters	. 7,369
Sand and gravel	. 528,066
Cement	. 3,972,876
*Other products	. 14,840
Total	.\$25.612.345
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Coal	.\$13,364,070
Clay and clay products	. 6,405,995
Stone and lime	. 594,681
Gypsum	
Lead and zinc	
Mineral waters	. 30,179
Sand and gravel	. 556,868
Cement	4,008,915
*Other products	. 19,700
Total	\$26,301,865
1915.	
Coal	
Clay and clay products	.,
Stone and lime	,
Gypsum	, ,
Lead and zinc	•
Mineral waters	,
Sand and gravel	
Cement	,,
*Other products	. 21,550
Total	\$27,062,950
*Sand-lime brick, mineral paints and natural gas.	

¹The mineral statistics were compiled by the Iowa Geological Survey in co-operation with the United States Geological Survey.

In 1915 the value of the mineral production in Iowa was \$27,-062,950. This is the highest figure of record for the state, exceeding the value of production in 1914 by \$761,085. The following table shows the value of Iowa's mineral output during each of the past 10 years:

VALUE OF MINERAL PRODUCTION IN IOWA FOR THE YEARS 1906 TO 1915 INCLUSIVE.

1906	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	\$16,414,447
1907		
1913		25,612,345
1914		26,301,865
1915	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	27,062,950

From this table it will be seen that the value of the output in 1915 exceeded the value of a decade earlier by \$10,648,503. With the exception of the year 1911, the value of each year of the past ten years has been greater than that of the preceding year.

The four most important products of Iowa in order of their value of production are coal, clay and clay products, cement and gypsum. These products in 1915 had a value of \$25,724,776, which was ninety-five per cent of the total value of all the mineral products of the state. The values of coal, clay and clay products, sand and gravel, and cement were greater in 1915 than in 1914 but the values of stone and lime, gypsum, and mineral waters were less in 1915 than in 1914.

The number of mineral producers in Iowa in 1915 was 540; the number in 1914 was 563.

The total production by counties for 1915 is given in Table I.

TABLE I

Value of Total Mineral Production, By Counties, for 1915.

			•			<u> </u>	
Counties	No. of Producers	Coal	Clay and Clay Products	Stone and Lime	Sand and Gravel	Other Products	Total
Adair	1	<u> </u>	*]	-
Adams	$\frac{1}{5}$	\$ 21,300					\$ 21,300
Allamakee	4	φ 21,000	*	\$ 4,123	'		\$ 21,500
	55	2,376,497	*.	9 4,1∠0			9 401 400
Appanoose Audubon	95	2,370,497	<u>"</u> `		e 005		2,401,406
D	5 6				\$ 205		<u> </u>
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Black Hawk	12	200 070	# 100 OF	8,028	60,315		
Boone	12	329,676	\$ 128,257				*
Bremer	4				1,760		1,760
Buena Vista	5		-		- -		
Butler	2				*		
Calhoun	1		~				
Carroll	1		*		*		*
Cass	1						
Cedar	1		*				*
Cerro Gordo	10		1,830,220	*		*	5,076,994
Cherokee	4				25,301	\	25,301
Chickasaw	1		-35-30		*		*
Clay	1		1.00	ASSIMETICAL!	Colonia	17	
Clayton	3	2 (10 m) 2 =	- Call (4)	*	*		
Clinton	7		*	*	15,545	46.00	24,270
Dallas	11	905,355	#		10,010		29 M. W.
Delaware	1	000,000	*				
Des Moines	6	in Allentin	15-11-15	*	16,802	13777	37,66
Dickinson	3	100			*	*	#
Dubuque	16		20,337	68,512	19,674	CTO F	108,52
Emmet	1 1	i	20,001	00,012	10,019	1	100,020
Fayette	5		*	*	14 910		31,156
	3		*		14,218		31,100
Floyd Franklin	6		*		1,100	ļ	
		\	- *		1,100	¦	I
Fremont	1						<u>"</u>
Greene	2	_ ~	*				
Grundy	1		*				l .
Guthrie	6	10,887					
Hamilton	2		*				*
Hancock	2		*				*
Hardin	6		*	*	9,900		94,114
Harrison	1	·		*			*
Henry	3	İ	*	*			*
Howard	2		*	*	*		₩-
Humboldt	2 2		*				⊕ ;
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lowa	2		*			l	*
Jackson,	3			*	*	ł	
Jasper	11	555,030	*			*	592,30
Jefferson	6	*	29,493			*	34,00
Johnson	4		# # ± ± ± ± ± ± ± ± ± ± ± ± ± ± ± ± ± ±	- -	*	1	32,000
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Counties	No. of Procuents	Coal	Clay and Clay Products	Stone and Lime	Sand and Gravel	Other Products	Total
Kossuth	2		*		* *		*
Lee	9		*	53,842	*		62,327
Linn	11		25,675	*	34,695		*
Louisa	5		*	*		\$ 250	8,400
Lucas	Ĭ	*					*
Lyon	3			<i>-</i>	39,921		39,921
Madison	$\overline{2}$			*			*
Mahaska	14	395,629	*				*
Marion	20	552,968	*		14,114		*
Marshall	5		*	*	*		*
Mills	4		3,775				3,778
Mitchell	2			*			*
Monroe	17	3,418,329	*				*
Montgomery	1			· *			*
Muscatine	9		14,884	*	46,482		*
O'Brien	4				5,836		5,836
Osceola	2		10 Sec. 1		*		*
Page	3	*	*				*
Palo Alto	3	37 635 76			30,022		30,022
Plymouth	6	25+ 341 344 HC	*		12,484		*
Pocahontas	1	A-1 (\$ 15) (\$ A	Adhest You	*			*
Polk	44	3,255,677	791,371	201	146,636	*	*
Pottawattamie_	3		23,303			77	23,303
Poweshiek	4		37,147				37,147
Sac	3	A STATE OF THE STA	*		*	MISSAN COM	*
Scott	13		30,833	119,646	*	*	*
Sioux	. 5				8,510	De letter S.	8,510
Story	5		*		6,997	12 9	*
Tama	6	The state of	55,458				55,458
Taylor	2	*	100			7.5.2.7	*
Union	1		*			Carlotte Contract	*
Van Buren	. 7	*	*	***	*	1973	#
Wapello	17	549,467	83,662	- E # 3 Y	*	*	654,43
Warren	3	*	*		E STATE		*
Washington	4		40,282	2.59			40,282
Wayne	Ī	*	-0,202	P. 2.		\	*
Webster	$2\overline{1}$	41.025	*		*	1,289,428	2,581,223
Winnebago	$\frac{1}{2}$	11,020	*		*		*
Winneshiek	1 2		*		*		*
Woodbury,	$\frac{1}{2}$		*		*	*	*
Wright	3		*		. *		*
County values							
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less than three						1	
producers and						1	
small coal						1	
mines	1	1,165,768	3,634,391	251,086	210 278	4 148 486	14,961,13
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						\$5,438,164	

^{*}Included in County values and totals.

COAL.

Coal has been for many years the chief mineral mined in Iowa, the yearly production for several years having varied up and down between 7,000,000 and 8,000,000 tons. In 1915 the production was 7,614,143 tons with a value of \$13,577,608 at the mines. The five leading coal producing counties in order of tonnage in 1915 were Monroe, Polk, Appanoose, Lucas and Dallas. It is of interest to note that Lucas county now ranks fourth, whereas Mahaska county, which for many years previous to 1914 ranked fourth, dropped to eighth place in 1915. Dallas, Jasper, Marion, Polk and Wapello counties produced a considerably larger tonnage in 1915 than in 1914.

The chief use of Iowa coal is by the railways and for domestic purposes, and the Iowa coal now has keen competition on the markets of Iowa with coal from other states.

The average price of coal at the mines during the year 1915 was \$1.78.

In 1915 there were 15,549 men employed in coal mining in Iowa, in 1914 there were 16,057.

The output, disposition of product, value, average price per ton, average number of days worked, and average number of men employed in 1915 are given, tabulated by counties, in Table II.

TABLE II

Coal Production for Iowa in 1915, By Counties, in Short Tons.

Counties	Loaded at Mine for Shipment	Sold to Local Trade and Used by Employees		Total Quantity	Total Value	Average Price Per Ton	Average Number of Days Active	Average Number of Employees
Adams Appanoose Boone Dallas Guthrie	1,147,423 109,731 449,262	8,120 57,508 41,384 11,219 3,968	20,619 5,145 10,400	8,340 1,225,100 156,260 470,881 3,968	\$ 21,300 2,376,497 329,676 905,355 10,887	\$ 2.55 1.94 2.11 1.92 2.74	174 245 195 214 157	45 4,139 447 863 27
Jasper Mahaska Marion Monroe Polk Wapello Webster	252,096 229,403 322,242 2,058,876 1,509,531 293,717 12,380	15,961 13,765 28,116 40,841 203,685 15,626	2,618 9,797 57,632 31,088 4,650	245,786 360,155 2,157,349 1,744,304 313,993	555,030 395,629 552,968 3,418,329 3,255,677 549,467 41,025	2.07 1.61 1.54 1.87	223 192 218 206 223 179 147	514 432 782 3,704 2,932 589 79
*Counties with less than three producers and small mines	578,917	62,093	6,450	928,007	1,165,768			1,075
Total	6,963,698	502,286	. 148,159	7,614,143	\$13,577,608	\$ 1.78	220	15,549

^{*}Greene, Jefferson, Keokuk, Lucas, Page, Taylor, Van Buren, Warren, Wayne.

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Iowa's rank as a coal producing state in 1915 is given in the following table. From this table it is seen that Iowa ranked tenth in tonnage and ninth in value. The same relations prevailed in 1914.

RANK OF LEADING COAL-PRODUCING STATES IN 1915, WITH QUANTITY AND VALUE OF PRODUCT AND PERCENTAGE OF EACH2.

PRODUCTION.

Rank	State	Quantity (short tons)	Percentage of Total Production
1	Pennsylvania: Anthracite	88,995,061	16.8
	Bituminous	157.955.137	29.7
2	West Virginia	77,184,069	14.5
3	Illinois	58,829,576	11:1
、 4 、 5	Ohio	22,434,691	4.2
	Kentucky	21,361,674	4.0
6	Indiana	17,006, 1 52	3.2
7	Alabama	14,927,937	. 2.8
8	Colorado	8,624,980	1.6
9	Virginia	8,122,596	1.5
10	Iowa	7,614,143	1.4

VALUE

Rank	State	Value	Percentage of Total Value
1	Pennsylvania:		
	Anthracite	\$184,653,498	26.9
	Bituminous	167,419,705	24.4
2	West Virginia	74,561,349	10.8
3	Illinois	64,622,471	9.4
4	Ohio	24.207.075	3.5
5	Kentucky	21,494,008	3.1
6	Alabama	19,066,043	2.8
7	Indiana	18,637,476	2.7
8	Colorado	13.599.264	2.0
9	-	13.577.608	2.0
10	Kansas	11,360,630	1.6

From Advance Chapters of Mineral Resources of the United States for 1915.

CLAY AND CLAY PRODUCTS.

The value of clay and clay products in Iowa in 1915 was \$6,749,088, a figure that has not been exceeded in the history of the clay industry in the state. Previous to 1915 the year 1914 held the record for value of production, in which year the value was \$6,405,995.

The following table shows the value of clay and clay products of Iowa during each year from 1906 to 1915.

PRODUCTION OF CLAY AND CLAY PRODUCTS IN IOWA FROM 1906 TO 1915.

Year	t .		Value
1906			\$3,477,237
1907	+ <u>'</u>		3,733.476
1908			4,078,627
1909			4,916,513
1910			5,335,036
$\frac{1911}{1912}$			4,436,839 4.524,492
1912			5.575.581
1914	And the second s	100	6,405,995
1915			6,749,088

The output of clay and clay products in 1914 and 1915 was distributed as follows:

	19	14	19	1915		
Product	Quantity in Thousands	Value	Quantity in Thousands	Value		
Common brick Paving brick or block Face brick Drain tile Sewer pipe Fireproofing Other products	11,183	\$1,067,746 211,905 148,394 3,180,836 558,751 1,083,397 150,716 4,250	125,752 30,573 11,916	\$ 898,855 300,781 153,322 3,802,599 448,722 1,008,457 130,870 5,473		
Total		\$6,405,995		\$ 6,749,08		

The clay product in 1915 is tabulated by counties in Table III, in which the distribution of the leading products is given.

TABLE III

Value of Iowa Clay and Clay Products for 1915, Tabulated By Counties

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Conaties	No. of Producers	Common Brick	Paving Brick or Block	Face Brick	Drain Tile	Other Pro- ducts†	Total Value
Adair	.1	*	·		*		*
Allamakee	. 1					* '	*
Appanoose	Ĩ	*				Ì	*
Audubon	2	*			*	· *	*
Benton	2 5 3	\$ 4,050			\$ 28,894	*	*
Boone	3	43,192	*	*	*	*	128,257
Buena Vista,	3	*			25,577		10 1 *c
Calhoun	1	*			*	*	NO.
Cass	1	*			*	*	Action Com-
Cedar	1	*			*		*
Cerro Gordo	7	25,856			1,417,908	\$ 386,456	1,830,220
Clay	1	*			*		*
Clinton	2	*			*		*
Dallas	6	5,394		*	221,346	57,240	*
Delaware	1	*					*
Des Moines	1	*			*		*
Dubuque	3	20,337		·			20,337
Fayette	1	· *			*	*	*
Floyd	1	*		·	*	*	*
Franklin	1	*			*	*	*
Fremont	1	15 B. C.			\		*
Grundy	1	*		*			*
Guthrie	2 2				*	*	*
Hamilton		3 . T			*	*	*
Hancock	1				*		*
Hardin	1				*		*
Henry	$\begin{vmatrix} ar{2} \\ 1 \end{vmatrix}$	*	22		*	*	*
Howard	1	*	<u> </u>		*	*	*
Humboldt	1			-	*		*
Iowa	2	*			*		*
Jasper	4	6,850			16,300	*	*
Jefferson	3	*			23,402	*	29,493
Johnson	2 2 8	*			*		#
Jones	2	*			*	*	*
Keokuk		2,648			175,689	*	*
Kossuth	1	*			*	*	*
Lee	3	2,980		*			*
Linn	4	20,855			4,820		25,675
Louisa	1	* ,			*	*	#
Mahaska		*	*		*	*	*
Manaska	2	1					
Marion	4	6,177	*		25,777	46,247	*
	4 2	6,177 *	*		25,777 *	46,247 *	*
Marion	4	*			25,777 *	46,247 *	* * 3,775
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TABLE III—Continued

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Counties	No. of Pro- ducers	Common Brick		Paving Brick or Block	Face Brick	Drain Tile	Other Pro- ducts†	Total Value
Page Plymouth	2	*			, , , ,	*	*	*
Polk Pottawattamie_	10 3	140,195 23,303		204,744	*	151,233	*	791,371 23.303
Poweshiek	4	3,036		*		3 0,722	*	37,147
ScottStory	$\frac{1}{4}$	8,385 *	- - -	*	*	*	*	30,8 3 3
Tama Union	6 1	16,186 *			*. *	25,222 *	*	55,45 8
Van Buren Wapello	$\frac{1}{2}$	* 27,790		*	5,050	*	*	* 83,662
Warren Washington	2 4	7,942		 		23,324		40,282
Webster Winnebago Winneshiek	10 1 1	71,690	 			696,829	478,412	*
Woodbury Wright	1	*		*		*	*	*
**Pottery and clay sold Counties with								10,898
less than three producers		445,826	3	96,041	148,324	935,556	605,336	3,623,493
Totals	161	\$ 898,851	\$	300,785	\$153,324	\$3,802,599	\$1,582,707	\$6,749,088

[†]Includes sewer pipe, fireproofing, etc.
*Included in "Counties with less than three producers."
**Black Hawk, Hardin, Muscatine, Wapello, Webster and Woodbury counties.

The following table shows the rank of the ten leading states in value of clay products in 1915. It includes also the number of operating firms and the percentage of the total value produced by each of the ten states:

TEN LEADING STATES IN VALUE OF CLAY PRODUCTION IN 1914 AND 1915.

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State	Rank	Number of Oper- ating Firms Reporting	Value not including Raw Clay Sold	Percent- age of Total Value
Ohio	1	543	\$37,166,768	22.53
Pennsylvania	$ar{f 2}$	369	21,846,996	13.24
New Jersey	3	148	16,484,652	9.99
Illinois	$\frac{4}{5}$	263	13,318,953	8.07
New York	5	205	9,078,933	5.50
Indiana	-6	240	7,655,285	4.64
Iowa	7	171	6,401,745	3.88
Missouri	8	98	6,077,284	3.68
West Virginia	9	. 58	5,761,411	3.49
California	10	84	4,461,661	2.70

1915.

State	Rank	Number of Oper- ating Firms Reporting	Value not including Raw Clay Sold	Percent- age of Total Value
Ohio Pennsylvania New Jersey Illinois New York Indiana Iowa Missouri West Virginia California	2 3 4 5 6 7 8	524 352 149 247 192 221 161 58 89 82	\$36,839,621 22,726,031 15,965,418 14,791,938 9,489,002 7,090,630 6,743,615 6,284,527 5,431,569 3,599,375	22.58 13.93 9.79 9.07 5.82 4.35 4.13 3.85 3.33 2.21

From this table it will be seen that in 1915 Iowa ranked seventh among the states of the country.

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The three principal clay products in order of value in 1915 were drain tile, fireproofing and common brick. Cerro Gordo county continued to be the chief producer of clay and clay products, the value of the output in 1915 being \$1,830,220, to which value drain tile alone contributed \$1,417,908.

The value of drain tile and common brick sold in Iowa in the past ten years has been as follows:

PRODUCTION OF DRAIN TILE AND COMMON BRICK IN IOWA FROM 1906 TO 1915.

Year	Drain Tile	Common Brick
1906	0,500,000	\$ 1,125,009 1,085,383 896,890 1,072,340 1,088,266 1,025,011 1,017,097 1,052,036 1,067,746 898,851

STONE AND LIME.

The value of stone and lime produced in Iowa in 1915 was \$577,295. The distribution of output in 1915 with the distribution in 1914 for comparison is as follows:

		1914		1915
Limestone— Building Riprap and rubble Crushed Stone— Road making Railroad ballast Concrete *Other purposes		32,332 96,482 17,438 97,747 278,071 15,292 56,000	\$	32,665 106,064 28,315 78,886 261,541 28,185 41,120
Sandstone Total limestone and lime	\$	593,362 1,319	\$	576,776 519
Total stone and lime	\$	594,681	1\$	577,295

^{*}Paving, curbing, flagging, etc.

The distribution of limestone and lime in 1915 is given by counties in Table IV.

TABLE IV

Production of Limestone and Lime in 1915.

Counties	•	Pro.		Riprap	C	rushed Sto	ne .		,				
Albaniasce	Counties	No. of ducers	No. of P ducers	No. of ducers	No. of ducers	Building Stone	and			Concrete	Lime	Other Uses	Total Value
Appanoose	Allamakee	3	*		L	i			* *	\$ 4.123			
Benton		ĺ ť	1	1.00	*					*			
Black Hawk	Benton	ī					*			*			
Carro Gordo	Black Hawk	5	*		*		\$ 3,526		*	8.028			
Marshall	_		*		·			*	*				
Minton	Navton		*		*		*			*			
Description			*	*						*			
Oubuque 9 \$ 4,190 \$ 28,908 * * * 68,512 'ayette 1 * * * * Hardin 2 * * * * Harrison 1 * * * * Henry 1 * * * * 1 * * * * 1 * * * * 1 * * * * 4 * * * * 5 * * * * * 5 * * * * * 4ee 4 * * * * 4 * * * * * 1 * * * * * 4 * * * * * 4 * * * * * 4 * * * * * 4 * * * * * 4 * * * * * 4 *				*						*			
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Tuscatine		2		1					*				
Pocahontas		1.		*									
Scott		1		,,,			*						
Van Buren 2 *		L C	*	92 000	*	*	70 397		*	110.167			
Vapello 1		b	*	23,990			13,021			119,101			
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	producers		28,475	27,462	\$ 28,315	\$ 78,886°	194,900	Ф 41,120	ф 28,185	251,086			
Total \$ 32,665 \$106,064 \$ 28,315 \$ 78,886 \$261,541 \$ 41,120 \$ 28,185 \$ 576,776	Total		\$ 30 665	\$ 106.064	¢ 98315	¢ 78 886	\$ 261,541	\$ 41 190	\$ 28,185	\$ 576 775			

*Included in "Counties with less than three producers."

SAND AND GRAVEL.

The value of sand and gravel produced in Iowa in 1915 was \$720,795. The value of output for the previous year was only \$556,868.

The sand and gravel sold in 1915 may be classified as follows, and in order that comparison may be made with 1914 the classification for that year is given also:

772. 3	1914		191 5
Kind—	Value	,	Value
Sand used for—			
MoldingBuilding	\$ 2,365 272,445	\$	160 262,587
Engine	 3,250		9,353
Other sand	 72,988		135,368
Gravel	 205,820	150	313,327
Total sand and gravel	\$ 556,868	\$	720,795

Table V shows the distribution of sand and gravel by counties in 1915.

TABLE V

Value of Sand and Gravel Produced in Iowa in 1915.

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Counties	No. of Producers	Molding . Sand	Building Sand	Engine Sand	Other Sand	Gravel	Total
Andubas	, .	J	J 00 00 F	<u> </u>	J		
Audubon Black Hawk	3 6		\$ 205			\$ 52,940	205
	1		7,375			\$ 52,940	60,315
BooneBremer	4			-		1,310	1 700
Buena Vista	2					1,510	1,760
Butler	2		-				
~ 11	1		-				
Cherokee			11,900		*	*	25,301
Chickasaw	ı		11,500			*	20,001 *
Clayton					*		*
Clinton	T		3,046	J -'		12,499	15,545
Des Moines			*	*	*	*	16,802
Dickinson	2		*			*	#
Dubuque			6,649			*	19,674
Emmet			0,010			*	#
Fayette			*		*		14,218
Floyd				[*	*
Franklin	5		598		*	475	1,100
Hardin			*	*	*	* 1.0	9,900
Howard			1			*	*
Ida	2		*				*
Jackson	ī		*	[*	*
Johnson			*		*	. *	*
Jones	100	Variable Control	C. Tallacian School			*	*
Kossuth		AND DISTURBED	. V			١. ا	*
Lee	2	S Hills and S Thomas		*			*
Linn	5					18,451	34,695
Lyon	. 3				*	12,509	39,921
Marion	3			T. Brank		*	14,114
Marshall	1	1			*	*	
Muscatine	4		- A (2)	SC MILITARY	\$ 10,055	21,427	46,482
O'Brien	. 4		3,530		*		5,836
Osceola	2		*			*	7.
Palo Alto	3		*		*		30,022
Plymouth			3,884		*	2,100	12,484
Polk	13		70,482	\$ 3,492	49,345	23,317	146,636
Sac	. 2		.*	*	*	*	*
Scott	. 1		*				*
Sioux	. 5		5,240			* .	8,510
Story	. 3		*		*	*	6,997
Van Buren	1		*	- -			*
Wapello	$\bar{2}$	*	*		*	*	*
Webster	. 2		*		*	*	*
Winnebago	ī		*				*
Winneshiek	$\bar{1}$		*		*	*	*
Woodbury	Ĩ		*				*
Wright	$\bar{2}$		*			*	*
Counties with	l						
less than three							
producers		160	149,678	5,861	75,968	168,299	210,278
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Total		\$ 1 6 0	\$ 262,587	\$ 9,353	\$ 135,368	\$ 313,327	720,795
*Included in "	Coun	ties with l	ess than t	hree pro	ducers."		

"Included in "Counties with less than three producers."

GYPSUM.

In 1915 the value of gypsum produced in Iowa was \$1,278,128; in 1914 the value of the output was \$1,321,457. Although New York produces a greater quantity of gypsum yearly than Iowa produces, the value of the Iowa product now exceeds the value of the output of New York. Iowa, therefore, ranks first in value of production among the states producing gypsum in the United States. The total production of gypsum in the state comes from Webster county, where the evidence indicates that there is an abundant supply for future needs.

There is an important deposit of gypsum at Centerville, but thus far no production has come from this locality. The main reason for the lack of production is the difficulty in handling the large amount of water which enters the shaft a few feet above the gypsum.

The value of the gypsum produced in Iowa during each of the past ten years is as follows:

PRODUCTION OF GYPSUM IN IOWA FROM 1906 TO 1915 INCLUSIVE.

Year	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Value
1906		\$ 573,498
1907		730 ,383
1908		564,688
1909		655,602
1910		943,849
1911		871,7 52
1912		845,628
1913		1,157,939
1914		1,321,457
1915	Fr to the section of	1,278,128

The principal items of production and distribution in 1915, and for 1914 for comparison, are as follows:

	1914			1915			
t .	Short	Tons		Value	Short tons		$_{ m Va^{lue}}$
Crude gypsum mined Distributed as follows: Sold crude—		,404			495,860		
To Portland cement mills, as land plaster, etc		5,185	\$	60,486	71,909	\$	59,930
Sold calcined— As hard wall plaster——— As stucco, plaster of		5,619		1,109,570	256,063		1,057,546
As stucco, plaster of Paris, etc		9,446		151,401	78,994		160,652
Total sold calcined	338	5,065	\$	1,260,971	335,057	\$	1,218,198
Total sold	400),250	\$	1,321,457	406,966	\$	1,278,128

LEAD AND ZINC.

In 1915 there was no production of lead and zinc in the state.

MINERAL WATERS.

The value of mineral waters sold in Iowa in 1915 was \$18,534; in 1914 the value was \$30,179. There were eight commercial springs in 1915, from which 198,739 gallons were sold for medicinal and table uses. The average price per gallon was nine cents. The eight springs reporting sales are as follows:

Colfax Mineral Spring, Colfax, Jasper county.

Colfax Grand Spring, Colfax, Jasper county.

Crystal Spring, Estherville, Emmet county.

Egralharve Spring, Montgomery, Dickinson county.

Hawkeye Hygeia Spring, Sioux City, Woodbury county.

Hestons Spring, Jefferson county.

Red Mineral Springs, Eddyville, Wapello county.

White Sulphur Spring, near Davenport, Scott county.

PORTLAND CEMENT.

In 1915 the three cement plants of Iowa, two of which are at Mason City, the third at Des Moines, produced cement to the value of \$4,119,952, which is the record figure for the state.

The figures for the quantity and value of the Portland cement shipped by the ten leading states in 1915 are as follows:

SHIPMENT OF PORTLAND CEMENT BY STATES, 1915

State	Shipping Plants	Quantity (bárrels)	Value	Average Price per Barrel
Pennsylvania Indiana Illinois New York Michigan Missouri Iowa California Kansas Ohio	20 5 8 11 5 3 7 10 5	28,188,450 8,577,513 5,435,655 5,275,101 4,727,768 4,628,484 4,590,336 4,532,452 3,780,735 1,961,409	\$20,252,961 7,336,821 4,884,026 4,039,215 4,454,608 4,007,679 4,119,952 6,338,918 2,826,443 1,917,920	\$.718 .855 .899 .766 .942 .866 .898 1.399 .748 .978
Total (ten states) Total (other states)	79 32	71,697,903 15,196,778	\$60,178,543 14,578,131	

NATURAL GAS.

The production of natural gas in Iowa in 1915 came from four shallow wells in Louisa county. The gas is obtained from sand pockets in the glacial deposits, and is used for lighting three dwellings. In many places in Iowa small amounts of gas have been found having the same relations to the drift deposits as has the gas of Louisa county. Gas in commercial quantities has not yet been found in any of the wells that have been drilled for water in the indurated rocks of the state.

IRON ORE.

In 1915 the Missouri Iron Company continued its investigations on the Waukon iron ores, but no ore was placed upon the market.

^{*}Advance chapter from mineral resources of the United States for 1915.