# **Inorganic Fertilizer Materials** and Related Products: 2002

### **Summary**

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS. United States production of sulfuric acid in 2002 totaled 39,196,360 thousand

short tons (100 percent H2SO4), approximately 2.2 percent below the 2001 figure of 40,064,372 short tons.

Production of synthetic ammonia, nitric acid, and ammonium compounds decreased 8.9 percent to 34,023,742 short tons in 2002, from the 2001 level of 31,251,201 short tons. Phosphoric acid production increased 2.6 percent to 11,845,435 short tons in 2002, from the 2001 level of 11,545,9000 short tons.

Production of superphosphate and other phosphatic fertilizer materials for 2002 increased 5.4 percent to 8,544,739 short tons (100 percent P2O5), from the 2001 level of 8,109,218 short tons (100 percent P2O5).

For general CIR information, explanation of general terms and historical note, see the appendix.

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Table 1. Shipments and Production of Principal Fertilizer Materials: 1998 to 2002 [Quantity in thousands of short tons. Value in millions of dollars]

## Total shipments including interplant transfers

	Product description					•		
Product	1			Total				Value
code		Year		production		Quantity		(f.o.b. plant)
3253111120	Ammonia, synthetic anhydrous 1/	2002	r/	13,598		5,924		917
		2001		12,227		4,894		904
		2000		15,809		6,337		915
		1999		17,337		(X)		(X)
		1998		18,475		8,303		1,214
3253111201	Ammonium nitrate, original melt liquor 2/	2002	,	6,973	,	3,671		486
		2001	r/	6,431	r/	3,317		551
		2000		7,979		4,146		541
		1999		7,630		(X)		(X)
		1998		9,079		(X)		(X)
3253111240	Ammonium sulfate 1/	2002		2,848		2,292		194
		2001		2,588	r/	2,353	r/	249
		2000		2,808		2,082		103
		1999		2,875		(X)		(X)
		1998		2,787		2,861		181
3253114100	Urea (100 percent)	2002		7,758		5.564		824
	, ,	2001		6,702		4,426	r/	647
		2000		7.682		4,682		646
		1999		8,907		(X)		(X)
		1998		8,865		5,586		667
3253111111	Nitric acid (100 percent)	2002		7,651		1,686		203
		2001		7,074		1,868	r/	174
		2000		8,708		2,344		280
		1999		8,945		(X)		(X)
		1998		9,285		1,506		160
3253121100	Phosphoric acid (100 percent P2O5)	2002		11,846		3,395		1,192
		2001		11,546	r/	3,384	r/	937
		2000		12,492		3,952		1,126
		1999		13,708		4,415		(X)
		1998		13,891		4,649		1,515
3251881100	Sulfuric acid, gross (100 percent)	2002		39,196		11,003		499
		2001		40,064	r/	10,940		557
		2000		43,643		11,930		572
		1999		44,756		(X)		(X)
		1998		48,513		13,043		683
3253124100	Superphosphates and other fertilizer materials	0000		0.545		0.450		0.040
	(100 percent P2O5)	2002		8,545		8,456		2,342
		2001		8,109		8,055	r/	2,232
		2000		8,899		8,822		2,649
		1999		9,133		9,769		(X)
		1998		10,259		10,293		3,046

r/Revised by 5 percent or more from previously published data. X Not applicable.

<sup>1/</sup>Excludes data for byproduct ammonia liquor and ammonium sulfate published by the Department of Energy.

 $<sup>2/\</sup>mbox{Represents}$  total amount of original melt liquor produced for all purposes.

	Chemical and basis		2002	Tot	al shipments, including			2001	Tot	tal shipments including	i,			
Product	Chemical and basis		Total	inter	plant transfers			Total	inter	plant transfe	ers			
code			production		Quantity	Value	Stocks 1/	production		Quantity		Value		Stocks 1/
3253111120	Ammonia: Synthetic, anhydrous (100 percent) Fourth quarter. Third quarter. Second quarter. First quarter.	a/r/ a/r/ a/r/	13,598,090 3,556,834 3,227,625 3,299,171 3,514,460	b/ b/ b/r/ b/	5,923,779 1,481,583 b/r/ 1,426,516 b/ 1,411,020 b/r/ 1,604,660 b/r/	917,177 249,789 b/r/ 218,653 b/ 216,159 a/ 232,576 a/r/	(X) 383,628 a/ 349,842 b/ 329,492 a/ 365,805 b/	12,226,684 3,747,475 2,777,924 2,772,017 2,929,268	b/ b/ b/ b/	4,894,215 1,708,465 1,004,388 1,118,552 1,062,810	b/ b/ b/ b/	903,620 294,889 181,076 229,530 198,125	a/ a/r/ a/ a/	(X) 349,849 316,552 337,761 360,107
3253111121	Fertilizer use	a/ a/r/	12,211,127 3,223,872 2,897,377 2,972,960 3,116,918	b/ b/ b/r/ b/	5,264,841 1,339,168 b/r/ 1,270,723 b/ 1,275,497 b/r/ 1,379,453 b/r/	811,065 221,512 b/r/ 193,081 b/ 197,016 a/ 199,456 a/r/		10,981,374 3,317,879 2,502,317 2,522,392 2,638,786	b/ b/ b/	4,340,828 1,459,022 898,087 1,046,155 937,564	b/ b/ b/	815,408 258,475 163,036 216,728 177,169	a/ a/r/ a/ a/	(X) 335,913 301,731 318,449 330,651
3253111131	Other uses	a/r/	1,386,963 332,962 330,248 326,211 397,542	b/ b/ b/ a/	658,938 142,415 b/r/ 155,793 b/r/ 135,523 225,207 b/r/	106,112 28,277 25,572 (S) b/r/ 33,120	(X) (S) a/ (S) b/ 21,529 b/ (S) b/	1,245,310 429,596 275,607 249,625 290,482	a/ b/ b/	553,387 249,443 106,301 (S) 125,246	b/ b/	88,212 36,414 18,040 (S) (S)	b/ b/ b/	(X) 13,936 14,821 19,312 29,456
3253111201	Ammonium nitrate (100 percent): Original melt liquor 2/	a/r/	6,973,448 1,836,336 1,676,249 1,725,841 1,735,022	b/ b/ b/ b/r/	3,671,076 923,369 b/ 853,308 b/ 1,044,247 a/r/ 850,152 b/r/	486,018 126,860 a/r/ 107,871 r/ 142,680 a/r/ 108,607 a/r/	216,512 a/r/	6,430,961 1,724,619 1,426,879 1,511,709 1,767,754	a/r/		a/r/ b/ a/r/ b/r/	550,878 148,072 127,958 151,117 123,731	a/ a/ a/	(X) 132,186 186,912 177,312 97,355
3253111211	Consumed in the manufacture of other nitrogen solutions (e.g., CAN17, AN20, AAN)  Fourth quarter  Third quarter  Second quarter  First quarter	a/ r/	98,716 21,858 22,695 24,796 29,367		(X) (X) (X) (X) (X)	(X) (X) (X) (X) (X)	(X) (D) (D) (D) (D)	106,056 33,393 20,794 27,201 24,668		(X) (X) (X) (X) (X)		(X) (X) (X) (X) (X)		(X) (D) (D) (D) (D)
3253111216	Liquor consumed in the manufacture of urea-ammonium nitrate solutions Fourth quarter Third quarter Second quarter	a/r/ a/r/	2,812,086 728,234 732,018 732,979		(X) (X) (X) (X) (X)	(X) (X) (X) (X) (X)	(X) r/ (D) a/r/ (D) a/r/ (D) a/r/	2,704,431 700,759 583,937 652,381		(X) (X) (X) (X) (X)		(X) (X) (X) (X) (X)		(X) (D) (D) (D)
3253111221	First quarter. High density prill and granular Fourth quarter. Third quarter. Second quarter. First quarter.	a/r/ a/r/ a/r/	618,855 1,871,256 496,228 369,589 444,726 560,713	b/r/ a/r/	(X) 1,683,208 420,523 a/r/ 357,320 b/r/ 522,159 r/ 383,206 a/r/	(X) 209,606 47,465 r/ 40,885 r/ 75,234 r/ 46,022 r/	55,491 r/ 58,451 r/ 59,141 r/	767,354 1,719,049 488,442 308,673 385,576 536,358	r/ r/ r/ r/ a/r/	(X) 1,581,814 435,615 299,151 423,206 423,842	r/ r/ r/ r/ a/r/	(X) 283,882 77,679 54,612 88,882 62,709		20,532 (X) 40,211 73,121 71,327 34,952
3253111226 3253111231	Low density prill and grained.  Fourth quarter	b/ b/r/	1,655,810 442,322 418,794 394,834 399,860 535,580	b/ b/	1,615,285 410,603 b/ 406,603 b/r/ 418,737 b/r/ 379,342 b/r/ 372,583	223,397 55,774 57,258 57,699 52,666 53,015	(X) r/ (S) b/r/ (S) b/r/ (S) b/r/ (S) b/r/ (X) r/	1,518,425 420,960 394,117 357,974 345,374 383,000	b/ b/ b/	1,392,902 378,273 365,242 327,451 321,936 341,951	b/ b/ b/	220,371 58,941 60,344 50,992 (S) 46,625	b/ b/ b/ b/	(X) 28,694 36,273 26,073 23,564 (X)
	Fourth quarterThird quarterSecond quarterFirst quarter	b/r/ b/r/	147,694 133,153 128,506 126,227	b/	92,243 89,385 b/r/ 103,351 b/r/ 87,604 b/	(S) r/ 9,728 b/r/ 9,747 b/ 9,919 a/r/	21,274 b/r/	81,065 119,358 88,577 94,000	b/ b/ b/	79,452 93,596 82,204 86,699	b/ b/ b/	11,452 13,002 11,243 10,928	b/ a/ b/ b/	19,717 20,645 13,603 10,499
3253111240	Ammonium sulfate (100 percent)		2,847,530 739,275 738,856 722,645 646,754	r/ r/	2,292,366 (D) (D) 642,659 r/ 574,657 r/	193,732 (D) (D) 59,981 51,618 r/	(X) 223,223 193,948 153,971 159,770	2,588,036 715,165 607,008 648,667 617,196	r/ r/	2,352,661 603,373 527,102 629,531 592,655	r/ r/ r/ r/	248,744 61,244 56,287 67,818 63,395	r/ r/	(X) 169,473 125,449 67,043 93,116
3253111241	Synthetic (direct synthesis from sulfuric acid and ammonia) Fourth quarter Third quarter. Second quarter.		(D) (D) (D) (D)		(D) (D) (D) (D)	(D) (D) (D) (D)	(X) (D) (D) (D)	(D) (D) (D) (D)		(D) (D) (D) (D)		(D) (D) (D) (D)		(X) (D) (D) (D)
3253111246	First quarter  Byproduct 3/  Fourth quarter.  Third quarter.  Second quarter.  First quarter.		(D) (D) (D) (D) (D) (D)		(D) (D) (D) (D) (D) (D)	(D) (D) (D) (D) (D) (D)	(D) (X) (D) (D) (D) (D)	(D) (D) (D) (D) (D) (D)		(D) (D) (D) (D) (D) (D)		(D) (D) (D) (D) (D) (D)		(D) (X) (D) (D) (D) (D)
3253111250	Nitrogen solutions, including mixtures (100 percent N)	r/	2,953,312 772,208 769,669 746,846 664,589	r/ r/	3,006,888 730,509 791,632 r/ 841,325 643,422 r/	492,478 126,075 r/ 136,436 127,587 102,380	(X) 127,817 144,959 r/ 108,490 r/ 166,683	2,931,631 749,727 636,677 722,623 822,604	r/ r/	2,865,129 692,175 675,767 800,445 696,742	r/ r/ r/ r/	558,662 146,221 122,142 162,292 128,007		(X) 196,787 155,280 250,322 220,099
3253111251	Ammonium nitrate/urea solutions Fourth quarter	a/ a/	2,844,591 740,080 747,403 724,540 632,568	a/r/ a/r/	2,863,675 684,379 a/ 762,329 b/r/ 809,687 a/ 607,280 b/r/	483,705 123,125 a/r/ 134,746 125,697 a/ 100,137 r/	139,008 a/r/ 103,778 a/r/	2,859,499 729,859 622,727 706,038 800,875	a/r/ a/r/	2,795,480 (D) 663,278 781,961 (D)	r/ a/r/ a/r/	548,929 (D) 120,485 159,553 (D)		(X) (D) 151,812 247,984 (D)
3253111256	All other solutions 4/	b/r/ b/r/	108,721 (S) 22,266 22,306 32,021	5/1/	143,213 (S) (S) (S) (S)	8,773 (S) (S) (S) (S)	(X) r/ (D) a/r/ 5,951 a/r/ (D) a/r/ (D) a/r/	72,132 19,868 13,950 16,585 21,729	r/ a/r/ a/r/	(D) 69,649 (D) 12,489 18,484 (D)	r/ a/r/	9,733 (D) 1,657 2,739 (D)		(D) (X) (D) 3,468 2,338 (D)
3253111111	Nitric acid (100 percent) 5/	b/	7,651,362 2,035,832 1,862,708 1,847,011 1,905,811	b/r/	1,685,551 426,594 b/r/ 382,917 382,855 (S)	203,168 49,013 (S) (S) (S)	(X) (X) b/ (X) b/ (X) b/ (X) b/	7,073,889 1,871,004 1,572,368 1,659,945 1,970,572	b/ b/	(S)	r/ a/r/ b/r/ a/r/ b/r/	173,540 38,578 30,003 51,456 53,503		(X) (X) (X) (X) (X)

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	Total shipments,									Z001  Total shipments,							
	Chemical and basis					uding								luding			
Product code			Total production		Quantity		Value		Stocks 1/		Total production		Quantity		Value		Stocks 1/
3253114100	Urea original melt liquorFourth quarter	a/	7,758,421 2,028,999	a/	5,564,090 1,408,029	a/	823,951 212,035	r/	(X) 163,184	a/	6,701,996 1,998,209	a/	4,425,778 1,369,480	r/ a/r/	647,445 186,225	a/	(X) 281,807
	Third quarterSecond quarter	a/	1,922,127 1,917,244	a/ a/	1,343,820 1,383,576	a/ a/	204,613 202,350	r/ r/	136,562 145,045	a/ a/	1,476,726 1,527,620	a/ a/	966,275 1,064,256	a/r/	131,699 169,616	a/ a/	194,949 215,372
	First quarter		1,890,051	a/	1,428,665	a/	204,953	r/	173,244	a/	1,699,441	a/	1,025,767	a/r/	159,905	a/	179,350
3253114111	Consumed in the manufacture of urea- ammonium nitrate solutions		2,310,520		346,369		65,625		(X)		2,293,733		276,000		70,011		(X)
	Fourth quarterThird quarter		630,137 605,476		86,793 75,904		17,074 14,423		(D) (D)	a/r/ a/r/	599,407 501,147		(D) 57,158		(D) 12,118		(D) (D)
	Second quarterFirst quarter		565,609 509,298		112,435 71,237		21,712 12,416		(D) (D)	a/r/ b/	550,018 643,161		(D) (D)		(D) (D)		(D) (D)
3253114121	Prills Fourth quarter		1,841,340 495,042	a/	1,661,227 436,754	a/	226,437 59,978	r/	(X) 91,399	a/	1,615,486 472,865	b/	1,397,435 369,525	b/	197,221 48,082	<b>b</b> /	(X) 172,164
	Third quarter Second quarter		438,110 452,029	a/ b/	397,265 395,550	b/r/ b/	57,033 52,900	r/	75,155 73,211	a/ a/	414,786 386,639	b/ b/	380,980 347,367	b/ b/	47,004 52,780	b/	97,840 (D)
3253114131	First quarter Granular		456,159 3,497,216	b/	431,658 3,454,888	ь/	56,526 491,637	r/	86,473 (X)	a/	341,196 2,524,830	b/	299,563 2,495,255	b/ r/	49,355 323,683	<b>b</b> /	86,461 (X)
	Fourth quarter Third quarter		875,971 854,085	a/ a/	859,770 846,740	a/ a/	126,022 123,075	r/ r/	57,102 46,091	a/ a/	854,359 479,155	a/ a/	842,346 449,267	a/r/ a/r/	107,028 57,072		95,684 66,051
0070114141	First quarter		872,166 894,994	a/ a/	851,079 897,299	a/ a/	117,587 124,953	a/r/ a/r/	58,527 77,233	a/ a/	529,044 662,272	a/ a/	581,421 622,221	a/r/ a/r/	77,725 81,858		84,973 80,303
3253114141	All other (liquor sales, melamine, feed- stock, other)		109,345		101,606		40,252		(X)		267,947		257,088		56,530		(X)
	Fourth quarter		27,849 24,456		24,712 23,911		8,961 10,082		(D) (D)		71,578 81,638		(D) 78,870		(D) 15,505		(D) (D)
	Second quarter First quarter		27,440 29,600		24,512 28,471		10,151 11,058		(D) (D)		61,919 52,812		(D) (D)		(D) (D)		(D) (D)
3253121100	Phosphoric acid (100 percent P2O5) Fourth quarter		11,846,435 3,042,740		3,394,602 898,782	r/	1,191,809 319,457		(X) 169,774		11,545,900 3,332,999	r/ r/	3,384,337 1,062,816	r/ r/	937,362 257,690		(X) 165,849
	Third quarterSecond quarter		2,922,987 2,935,541		822,240 834,174	r/ r/	288,594 292,318		146,859 151,452		2,784,212 2,640,823	r/ r/	816,057 816,058	r/	199,997 230,821		166,283 163,163
	First quarter		2,945,167		839,406	r/	291,440		168,051		2,787,866	r/	783,180		248,854		175,875
3253121111	ThermalFourth quarter	a/	134,259 41,148		86,807 (D)		63,308 (D)	r/	(X) 4,275	r/ a/r/	136,072 26,778	r/ r/	116,107 25,985	r/ r/	82,747 18,684		(X) 6,544
	Third quarter  Second quarter		34,666 36,893	r/	21,282 (D)	r/	15,724 (D)	r/ r/	3,799 2,353	r/ r/	30,778 32,681	r/ r/	27,220 27,843	r/ r/	19,794 19,903		4,514 5,203
3253121121	First quarter		21,552 11,712,176	r/	12,859 3,307,795	r/	9,945 1,128,501	r/	1,438 (X)	r/	45,835 11,409,828	r/ r/	35,059 3,268,230	r/ r/	24,366 854,615		5,958 (X)
	Fourth quarter Third quarter	a/	3,001,592 2,888,321		(D) 800,958	a/r/	(D) 272,870	a/	165,499 143,060		3,306,221 2,753,434	r/ r/	1,036,831 788,837	r/ r/	239,006 180,203		159,305 161,769
	Second quarter First quarter		2,898,648 2,923,615		(D) 826,547		(D) (S)		149,099 166,613		2,608,142 2,742,031	r/ r/	694,441 748,121		210,918 224,488		157,960 169,917
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3253121211	FertilizerFourth quarter	a/	11,064,728 2,829,121 2,709,409		(D) (D) (D)		(D) (D) (D)		(X) (D) (D)		10,742,771 3,129,076 2,590,063	r/ r/	2,604,485 868,077 622,422	r/ r/	652,561 192,960 134,101		(X) (D) (D)
	Third quarterSecond quarterFirst quarter		2,750,484 2,775,714		(D) (D)		(D) (D)		(D) (D)		2,390,063 2,444,035 2,579,597	r/ r/ r/	523,546 590,440	r/ r/ r/	154,896 170,604		(D) (D) (D)
3253121221	Feed and otherFourth quarter		647,448 172,471		(D) (D)		(D) (D)		(X) (D)		667,057 177,145	r/ r/	663,745 168,754	r/ r/	202,054 46,046		(X) (D)
	Third quarter Second quarter		178,912 148,164		(D) (D)		(D) (D)		(D) (D)		163,371 164,107	r/ r/	166,415 170,895	r/ r/	46,102 56,022		(D) (D)
	First quarter By grade:		147,901		(D)		(D)		(D)		162,434	r/	157,681	r/	53,884		(D)
3253121311	Ortho (less than 65 percent P2O5) Fourth quarter	a/	10,254,342 2,605,169		2,050,717 (D)		634,452 (D)		(X) (D)		9,903,379 2,821,800	r/	1,944,071 (D)	r/	531,527 (D)		(X) 135,227
	Third quarter Second quarter		2,529,536 2,559,617		489,258 (D)		149,617 (D)		128,929 132,425		2,438,256 2,256,995	r/	(D) 393,072	r/	(D) 114,261		141,218 137,792
3253121321	First quarterSuper (more than 65 percent P2O5)		2,560,020 1,457,834		518,100 1,257,078	b/r/	158,975 494,049		(D) (X)		2,386,328 1,506,449	r/	430,393 1,324,159	r/	124,208 323,088		151,780 (X)
	Fourth quarterThird quarter	r/	396,423 358,785		(D) 311,700	b/r/	(D) 123,253		(D) 14,131		484,421 315,178		(D) (D)		(D) (D)		24,078 20,551
	Second quarter First quarter		339,031 363,595		(D) 308,447		(D) (S)	r/	16,674 (D)		351,147 355,703		301,369 317,728		96,657 100,280		20,168 18,137
3253124100	Superphosphate and other phosphatic fertilizer materials:																
	Gross weightFourth quarter		18,280,961 4,558,165	r/	15,743,932 3,819,373		(X) (X)		(X) 602,372		17,206,164 5,008,137		14,938,906 4,451,758		(X) (X)		(X) 476,324
	Third quarterSecond quarter		4,525,121 4,695,661	-	3,899,451 4,184,462		(X) (X)		510,238 416,039		4,230,357 3,881,965		3,866,003 3,494,292		(X) (X)		499,804 578,077
	First quarter Nitrogen content		4,502,014 2,738,557		3,840,646 (X)		(X) (X)		598,188 (X)		4,085,705 2,550,562		3,126,853 (X)		(X) (X)		725,819 (X)
	Fourth quarterThird quarter	r/	712,779 669,896		(X) (X)		(X) (X)		(X) (X)		714,358 592,997		(X) (X)		(X) (X)		(X) (X)
	Second quarterFirst quarter		686,361 669,521		(X) (X)		(X) (X)		(X) (X)		623,446 619,761		(X) (X)		(X) (X)		(X) (X)
	Phosphoric oxide content (100 percent P2O5)		8,544,739		8,455,605		2,342,200		(X)		8,109,218		8,054,737	r/	2,232,220		(X)
	Fourth quarterThird quarter		2,153,684 2,129,840	r/	2,100,606 2,079,673		581,874 599,689		(X) (X)		2,376,081 1,994,812		2,246,137 1,825,132	r/ r/	538,479		(X) (X)
	Second quarter First quarter		2,158,103 2,103,112		2,222,777 2,052,549		610,417 550,220		(X) (X)		1,845,340 1,892,985		1,887,940 2,095,528		542,316 543,028		(X) (X)
3253124111	Normal and enriched: Gross weight		(D)		(D)		(X)		(X)		(D)		(D)		(X)		(X)
	Fourth quarter Third quarter		(D) (D) (D)		(D) (D) (D)		(X) (X) (X)		(A) (D) (D)		(D) (D) (D)		(D) (D) (D)		(X) (X) (X)		(A) (D) (D)
	Second quarter First quarter		(D) (D) (D)		(D) (D)		(X) (X) (X)		(D) (D) (D)		(D) (D) (D)		(D) (D) (D)		(X) (X) (X)		(D) (D) (D)
	Nitrogen content		(X) (X)		(X) (X)		(X) (X) (X)		(X) (X)		(X) (X)		(X) (X)		(X) (X) (X)		(X) (X)
	Third quarter		(X) (X)		(X) (X)		(X) (X)		(X) (X)		(X) (X)		(X) (X)		(X) (X)		(X) (X)
	First quarter		(X)		(X)		(X)		(X)		(X)		(X)		(X)		(X)

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	Chemical and basis				interpla	luding nt tran	sfers						interpla	luding nt tran	sfers		
Product code			Total production		Quantity		Value		Stocks 1/		Total production		Quantity		Value		Stocks 1/
code			production		Quantity		value		Stocks 17		production		Quantity		value		Stocks 17
	Phosphoric oxide content (100 percent P2O5)		(D)		(D)		(D)		(X)		(D)		(D)		(D)		(X)
	Fourth quarter		(D)		(D)		(D)		(X)		(D)		(D)		(D)		(X)
	Third quarter		(D)		(D)		(D)		(X)		(D)		(D)		(D)		(X)
	Second quarterFirst quarter		(D) (D)				•		(X) (X)		(D) (D)		(D) (D)		(D) (D)		(X) (X)
3253124121	Concentrated:		(D)		•		•		(A)		(D)		(D)		(D)		(21)
	Gross weight		(D)		(D)		(X)		(X)		(D)		(D)		(X)		(X)
	Fourth quarterThird quarter		(D) (D)		(D) (D)		(X) (X)		(D) (D)		(D) (D)		(D) (D)		(X) (X)		(D) (D)
	Second quarter		(D)		(D)		(X)		(D)		(D)		(D)		(X)		(D)
	First quarter		(D)		(D)		(X)		(D)		(D)		(D)		(X)		(D)
	Nitrogen content		(X) (X)		(X) (X)		(X) (X)		(X) (X)		(X) (X)		(X) (X)		(X) (X)		(X) (X)
	Third quarter		(X)		(X)		(X)		(X)		(X)		(X)		(X)		(X)
	Second quarterFirst quarter		(X) (X)		(X) (X)		(X) (X)		(X) (X)		(X) (X)		(X) (X)		(X) (X)		(X) (X)
	Phosphoric oxide content (100 percent		(11)		(A)		(11)		(A)		(20)		(11)		(11)		(21)
	P2O5)		(D)		(D)		(D)		(X)		(D)		(D)		(D)		(X)
	Fourth quarterThird quarter		(D) (D)		(D) (D)		(D) (D)		(X) (X)		(D) (D)		(D) (D)		(D) (D)		(X) (X)
	Second quarter		(D)		(D)		(D)		(X)		(D)		(D)		(D)		(X)
3253124131	First quarter		(D)		(D)		(D)		(X)		(D)		(D)		(D)		(X)
3233124131	Monoammonium phosphates: Gross weight		4,594,471		4,104,481		(X)		(X)		4,324,335		3,910,677		(X)		(X)
	Fourth quarter	a/	1,191,247	a/	1,015,317		(X)	r/	145,825		1,222,534		1,232,614		(X)		120,652
	Third quarterSecond quarter		1,083,872 1,262,917		985,307 1,111,905		(X) (X)		132,328 146,270		1,013,443 940,051		888,687 985,682		(X) (X)		165,722 181,767
	First quarter		1,056,435		991,952		(X)		130,554		1,148,307		803,694		(X)		247,898
	Nitrogen content	,	442,070		(X)		(X)		(X)		500,112		(X)		(X)		(X)
	Fourth quarterThird quarter	a/ r/	108,878 105,100		(X) (X)		(X) (X)		(X) (X)		103,112 86,352		(X) (X)		(X) (X)		(X) (X)
	Second quarter	r/	120,205		(X)		(X)		(X)		157,709		(X)		(X)		(X)
	First quarter	r/	107,887		(X)		(X)		(X)		152,939		(X)		(X)		(X)
	Phosphoric oxide content (100 percent P2O5)		2,291,562		2,278,122		615,968		(X)		2,232,618		2,034,362		545,136		(X)
	Fourth quarter	a/	604,423		595,901	a/	159,099		(X)		627,408		536,738		140,861		(X)
	Third quarter  Second quarter		552,356 595,172	r/ r/	561,349 590,243		153,100 158,472		(X) (X)		523,471 516,749		451,407 540,956		130,034 145,457		(X) (X)
	First quarter		539,611	r/	530,629	r/	145,297		(X)		564,990		505,261		128,784		(X)
3253124211	Diammonium phosphates:		44 700 740		0.047.070		an		an		44 000 545		0.477.070		an.		an
	Gross weightFourth quarter	a/	11,700,743 2,824,887	a/	9,947,372 2,374,046		(X) (X)	a/r/	(X) 338,942	a/	11,028,515 3,244,974	a/	9,475,273 2,786,050		(X) (X)		(X) 239,377
	Third quarter		2,987,310		2,519,495		(X)		279,003	a/	2,794,838	a/	2,570,574		(X)		233,834
	Second quarter		2,983,869 2,904,677		2,650,496 2,403,335		(X) (X)		179,699 300,476		2,485,775 2,502,928	a/	2,134,311 1,984,338		(X) (X)		266,498 324,513
	First quarter Nitrogen content		2,198,338		2,403,335 (X)		(X) (X)		300,476 (X)		1,994,965		1,984,338 (X)		(X) (X)		324,513 (X)
	Fourth quarter	a/r/	575,012		(X)		(X)		(X)	a/	582,255		(X)		(X)		(X)
	Third quarterSecond quarter		545,033 546,230		(X) (X)		(X) (X)		(X) (X)	a/	496,941 (D)		(X) (X)		(X) (X)		(X) (X)
	First quarter		532,063		(X)		(X)		(X)		(D)		(X)		(X)		(X)
	Phosphoric oxide content (100 percent																
	P2O5) Fourth quarter	a/	5,414,862 1,321,264	a/	5,392,434 1,312,182		1,532,191 373,882		(X) (X)	a/	5,078,207 1,495,896	a/	5,286,803 1,497,949	r/ a/r/	1,507,051 414,914		(X) (X)
	Third quarter		1,377,702		1,332,971	a/r/	400,200		(X)	a/	1,288,474	a/	1,177,139	a/r/	363,825		(X)
	Second quarterFirst quarter		1,376,487 1,339,409		1,433,364 1,313,917		405,887 352,222		(X) (X)		1,145,792 1,148,045		1,173,105 1,438,610	a/ r/	354,600 373,712		(X) (X)
3253124222	Other ammonium phosphates and other		1,333,403		1,313,317	a/1/	332,222		(A)		1,146,043		1,436,010	17	3/3,/12		(A)
	phosphatic fertilizer materials:																
	Gross weightFourth quarter	a/	791,855 248,320	a/r/	556,659 167,592		(X) (X)	r/	(X) 57,833	a/	581,366 238,734	<b>b</b> /	326,770 138,408		(X) (X)		(X) 56,964
	Third quarter		154,255	b/r/	94,526		(X)		53,188	a/	101,026	b/	65,202		(X)		52,559
	Second quarter		148,972 240,308	b/r/ b/	99,640 194,901		(X) (X)		(D) 68,244	a/ a/	144,600 97,006	b/ b/	67,553 55,607		(X) (X)		(D) 56,968
	First quarterNitrogen content	a/17	98,149	D/	194,901 (X)		(X)		08,244 (X)	r/	55,485	D/	33,607 (X)		(X)		30,908 (X)
	Fourth quarter		28,889		(X)		(X)		(X)		28,991		(X)		(X)		(X)
	Third quarterSecond quarter		19,763 19,926		(X) (X)		(X) (X)		(X) (X)		9,704 (D)		(X) (X)		(X) (X)		(X) (X)
	First quarter		29,571		(X)		(X)		(X)		(D)		(X)		(X)		(X)
	Phosphoric oxide content (100 percent		202.402		044.000		00.470		an		044 500		100.010	,	40.000		an.
	P2O5)Fourth quarter	b/r/	286,168 93,191		244,922 (D)		66,478 (D)		(X) (X)	<b>b</b> /	211,593 105,693		163,819 (D)	r/	46,329 (D)		(X) (X)
	Third quarter	b/r/	63,273	b/r/	44,271	b/r/	11,904		(X)	b/	32,981		(D)		(D)		(X)
	Second quarter First quarter		45,327 84,377		(D) (D)		(D) (D)		(X) (X)	b/	(S) 29,354		(S) (S)	<b>b</b> /	(S) 6,592		(X) (X)
		u, 1,	01,077		(2)		(2)		(11)	Β,	20,001		(5)		0,002		(11)
3251881100	Sulfuric acid (100 percent): 5/		20 400 200		44 000 074		400 500		an		40.004.000	,	40.000.000		==0 ==00		an
	Total grossFourth quarter	a/	39,196,360 10,042,939	a/	11,003,274 2,654,439	b/r/	498,576 121,461	a/r/	(X) 437.584	a/	40,064,372 10,990,233	b/	10,939,677 2,749,473	b/	556,726 140,807	a/r/	(X) 694,333
	Third quarter		9,831,633	a/r/	2,790,828	b/r/	131,326	a/r/	304,999	a/	9,875,014	b/r/	2,774,792	b/	139,114	b/r/	460,480
	Second quarter First quarter		9,842,123 9,479,665		2,846,312 2,711,695		127,607 118,182		358,429 389,181	a/ a/			2,724,479 2,690,933	b/ b/	139,632 137,173		540,080 531,843
			3,473,003	a/1/	2,711,033	D/1/	110,102	a/1/	365,161	a/	3,033,312	D/1/	2,030,333	D/	137,173	D/1/	331,643
3251881111	By feedstock: Elemental sulfur		33,063,058		6,222,302		295,287		(X)		32,794,151	r/	6,013,676		318,439		(X)
3231001111	Fourth quarter	a/	8.529.740	b/	1,546,688	b/r/	72,676		(X)		9,506,563	b/	1.544.815	b/	82,514		(X)
	Third quarter		8,239,004	b/r/	1,668,764	b/r/	76,525		(X)	a/	8,057,646	b/r/	1,538,955	b/r/	78,743		(X)
	Second quarter First quarter		8,217,721 8,076,593		1,540,491 1,466,359	b/ b/	74,684 71,402		(X) (X)				1,431,897 1,498,009	b/r/ b/r/	75,135 82,047		(X) (X)
3251881121	Smelting metallic sulfide ore		2,789,469	2/1/	2,484,617	J/	54,193		(X)		2,677,699	5/1/	2,499,188	2/1/	55,591		(X)
	Fourth quarter		731,078 674,670		565,036 523,197		13,460 13,568		(X) (X)	b/ b/	677,160 600,214		(S) (S)		(S) (S)		(X) (X)
	Third quarter Second quarter		719,892		705,306		14,016		(X) (X)	b/	694,186		(S)		(S)		(X) (X)
	First quarter		663,829		691,078		13,149		(X)	b/	706,139		(S)		(S)		(X)

Table 2. Production, Shipments, Consumption, and Stocks of Fertilizer Materials and Other Related Chemicals [Quantity in short tons. Value in thousands of dollars]

2001

Total shipments, including interplant transfers							Total shipments, including interplant transfers										
Product code			Total production		Quantity		Value		Stocks 1/		Total production		Quantity		Value		Stocks 1/
code			production		quartity		varue		Stocks 17		production		quartity		varue		Stocks 17
3251881130	Decomposition of alkylation and																
	other spent acid		2,528,106		1,694,476		120,264		(X)		3,741,162	r/	1,821,824		151,252		(X)
	Fourth quarter	a/r/	580,078	a/r/	387,479	a/r/	27,705		(S)	a/r/	594,244	a/r/	409,626	b/	35,521		(S)
	Third quarter	a/r/	704,619	a/r/	448,673	a/r/	34,070		(S)	a/	1,000,749	b/r/	500,800	b/	38,722		(S)
	Second quarter	a/r/	689,805	a/r/	446,953	a/r/	31,623	b/r/	54,938	a/	1,244,358	b/r/	502,446	b/	42,922		(S)
	First quarter	a/r/	553,604	a/r/	411,371	b/r/	26,866	b/r/	52,750	a/	901,811	b/r/	408,952	b/	34,087		(S)
3251881141	Other		815,727		601,879		28,832		(X)	r/	851,360	r/	604,989	r/	31,443		(X)
	Fourth quarter	a/	202,043	a/r/	155,236	b/	7,620		(X)	a/r/	212,266	a/r/	146,545	a/r/	7,706		(X)
	Third quarter	a/	213,340	a/r/	150,194	b/	7,163		(X)	a/r/	216,405	a/r/	168,484	a/r/	9,005		(X)
	Second quarter	a/	214,705	a/r/	153,562	b/	7,284		(X)	a/r/	212,433	a/r/	149,280	a/r/	7,674		(X)
	First quarter	a/	185,639	a/r/	142,887	a/r/	6,765		(X)	a/r/	210,256	b/r/	140,680	a/r/	7,058		(X)
	By grade:																
3251881212	Oleum grades		1,509,086		878,315		41,388		(X)	r/	1,399,889	r/	912,463	r/	53,524		(X)
	Fourth quarter	a/	375,539	a/r/	222,435	b/r/	10,531	b/r/	26,177	a/r/	386,177	b/r/	233,109	b/r/	13,523	b/	34,831
		a/r/	373,227	b/r/	213,886	b/r/	10,268	b/r/	24,874	a/r/	362,360	b/r/	238,269	b/r/	13,856	b/	18,648
		a/r/	374,078	a/r/	220,272	b/r/	10,324	b/r/	23,150	a/r/	307,924	b/r/	209,425	b/r/	12,334	a/	14,340
		a/r/	386,242		221,722		10.265	b/	30,713	a/r/	343,428			b/r/	13.811	b/	29,930
3251881231	Other than oleum grades		37.687.274		10.124.959		457,188		(X)		38.664.483		10.027.214		503,202		(X)
	Fourth quarter	a/	9,667,400	a/	2,432,004	b/r/	110,930	a/r/	411,407	a/	10,604,056	b/	2,516,364	b/	127,284	a/r/	659,502
	Third quarter		9,458,406	a/r/		b/r/	121.058	a/r/	280,125	a/	9,512,654	b/	2,536,523	b/	125,258	b/r/	441.832
	Second quarter		9,468,045	a/	2,626,040	b/r/	117,283	a/r/	335,279	a/	9,251,889	b/	2,515,054	b/		b/r/	525,740
	First quarter		9,093,423	a/		b/r/	107,917	a/r/	358,468	a/	9,295,884	b/	2,459,273	b/		b/r/	501,913
3251881311	Spent acid fortified in contact units and																
	included in above production data		(X)		(X)		(X)		(X)		(X)		(X)		(X)		(X)
	Fourth quarter		(X)		(X)		(X)		(D)		(X)		(X)		(X)		(D)
	Third quarter		(X)		(X)		(X)		(D)		(X)		(X)		(X)		(D)
	Second quarter		(X)		(X)		(X)		(D)		(X)		(X)		(X)		(D)
	First quarter		(X)		(X)		(X)		(D)		(X)		(X)		(X)		(D)
	Total new acid 6/		36,668,254		(X)		(X)		(X)		36,323,210		(X)		(X)		(X)
	Fourth quarter		9,462,861		(X)		(X)		(X)		10,395,989		(X)		(X)		(X)
	Third quarter		9,127,014		(X)		(X)		(X)		8,874,265		(X)		(X)		(X)
	Second quarter		9,152,318		(X)		(X)		(X)		8,315,455		(X)		(X)		(X)
	First quarter		8,926,061		(X)		(X)		(X)		8,737,501		(X)		(X)		(X)

<sup>-</sup> Represents zero. D Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual companies. N Nitrogen content. P205 Phosphoric oxide content. r/Revised by 5 percent or more from previously published data. S Suppressed does not meet publication standards. X Not applicable.

Note: Percent of estimation of each item is indicated as follows: a/10 to 25 percent of this item is estimated. b/26 to 50 percent of this item is estimated. c/Over 50 percent of this item is estimated.

<sup>1/</sup>Stocks held by producing companies include amounts held at their nonproducing locations.

2/Production represents total amount of ammonium nitrate produced including amounts for fertilizer, explosives, and other uses, and amounts consumed in manufacturing other products, and other uses, and amounts consumed in manufacturing other products, such as nitrogen solutions. Stocks represent total stocks held by producing total stocks held by producing companies, including stock of original melt liquor and amounts (liquid and solid) reported as fertilizer, explosives, and other uses.

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5/Includes data for government-owned, contractor-operated plants.

6/Total new acid equals total gross acid, minus fortified spent acid and sulfuric acid produced from the decomposition of alkylation acids and other spent acids and sludge acid.

Table 3. Quantity of Production, Exports, Imports, and Apparent Consumption of Fertilizer Materials: 2002 and 2001 [Quantity in thousands of metric tons]

Product code	Product description	Production (quantity)	Exports of domestic merchan- dise (quantity)	Percent exports to production (quantity)	Imports for consump- tion (quantity)	Apparent consump- tion 3/ (quantity)	Percent imports to apparent consump- tion (quantity)
	2002						
3253111120	Ammonia, synthetic anhydrous	12,336.2	554.1	4.5	6,035.8	17,818.0	33.9
3253111201	Ammonium nitrate, original solution	6,326.3	95.2	1.5	1,043.1	7,274.2	14.3
3253111250	Nitrogen solutions, ammonium nitrate/ urea solutions	2,679.2	20.6	0.8	1,471.6	4,130.3	35.6
3253111240	Ammonium sulfate	2,583.3	924.1	35.8	311.2	1,970.4	15.8
3253114100	Urea	7,038.4	970.4	13.8	4,854.5	10,922.5	44.4
3253121100	Phosphoric acid	10,747.1	(D)	(D)	87.7	(D)	(D)
3253124111	Normal and enriched superphosphate	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
3253124121	Concentrated superphosphate	(D)	603.1	(D)	36.2	(D)	(D)
3253124211	Diammonium phosphates	10,614.9	7,305.5	68.8	158.7	3,468.1	4.6
3251881100	Sulfuric acid, gross	35,558.9	190.5	0.5	1,099.1	36,467.5	3.0
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3253111120	Ammonia, synthetic anhydrous	11,092.0	(D)	(D)	5,542.8	16,634.8	(D)
3253111201	Ammonium nitrate, original solution r/	5,834.2	19.3	0.3	952.5	6,767.4	14.1
3253111250	Nitrogen solutions, ammonium nitrate/ urea solutions	2,659.6	33.9	1.3	1,994.7	4,620.4	43.2
3253111240	Ammonium sulfate	2,347.9	668.1	28.5	335.4	2,015.2	16.6
3253114100	Urea	6,080.1	791.7	13.0	4,799.5	10,088.0	47.6
3253121100	Phosphoric acid	10,474.4	(D)	(D)	111.8	(D)	(D)
3253124111	Normal and enriched superphosphate	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
3253124121	Concentrated superphosphate	(D)	682.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
3253124211	Diammonium phosphates	10,005.1	6,410.6	64.1	133.5	3,728.0	3.6
3251881100	Sulfuric acid, gross	36,346.4	209.7	0.6	1,414.4	37,551.1	3.8

D Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual companies. r/Revised by 5 percent or more from previously published data.

Note: For comparison of North American Industry Classification System (NAICS)-based product codes, HTSUSA import codes, and Schedule B export codes, see Table 4.

<sup>1/</sup>Source: Census Bureau report EM 545, U.S. Exports.

<sup>2/</sup>Source: Census Bureau report IM 145, U.S. Imports for Consumption.

<sup>3</sup>/Apparent consumption is derived by subtracting exports from manufacturers' production plus imports. Apparent consumption does not include any adjustments for changes in inventories.

Table 4. Comparison of North American Industry Classification System (NAICS)-Based Product codes with Codes with Schedule B Export Codes and HTUSA Import Codes: 2002

Product code	Product description	Export code 1/	Import code 2/
3253111120	Anhydrous ammonia, synthetic	2814.10.0000	2814.10.0000
3253111201 3253111240 3253111251 3253114100 3253121100	Ammonium nitrate, original solution	3102.30.0000 3102.21.0000 3102.80.0000 3102.10.0000 2809.20.0010	3102.30.0000 3102.21.0000 3102.80.0000 3102.10.0000 2809.20.0010
3253124111 3253124121 3253124211	Normal and enriched superphosphates	2809.20.0020 2809.20.0030 3103.10.0010 3103.10.0020 3105.30.0000	2809.20.0020 2809.20.0030 3103.10.0010 3103.10.0020 3105.30.0000
3251881100	Sulfuric acid	2807.00.0000	2807.00.0000

<sup>1/</sup>Source: 2002 edition, Harmonized System-based Schedule B, Statistical Classification of Domestic and Foreign Commodities Exported from the United States.

<sup>2/</sup> Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, Annotated (2002).

### Appendix.

# General CIR Survey Information, Explanation of General Terms and Historical Note

### **GENERAL**

The CIR program has been providing monthly, quarterly, and annual measures of industrial activity for many years. Since 1904, with its cotton and fats and oils surveys, the CIR program has formed an essential part of an integrated statistical system involving the quinquennial economic census, manufacturing sector, and the annual survey of manufactures. The CIR surveys, however, provide current statistics at a more detailed product level than either of the other two statistical programs.

The primary objective of the CIR program is to produce timely, accurate data on production and shipments of selected products. The data are used to satisfy economic policy needs and for market analysis, forecasting, and decision making in the private sector. The product-level data generated by these surveys are used extensively by individual firms, trade associations, and market analysts in planning or recommending marketing and legislative strategies, particularly if their industry is significantly affected by foreign trade. Although production and shipments information are the two most common data items collected, the CIR program collects other measures also such as inventories, orders, and consumption. These surveys measure manufacturing activity in important commodity areas such as textiles and apparel, chemicals, primary metals, computer and electronic components, industrial equipment, aerospace equipment, and consumer goods.

The CIR program uses a unified data collection, processing, and publication system. The U.S. Census Bureau updates the survey panels for most reports annually and reconciles the estimates to the results of the broader-based annual survey of manufactures and the economic census, manufacturing sector. The manufacturing sector provides a complete list of all producers of the products covered by the CIR program and serves as the primary source for CIR sampling. Where a small number of producers exist, CIR surveys cover all known producers of a product. However, when the number of producers is too large, cutoff and random sampling techniques are used. Surveys are continually reviewed and modified to provide the most up-to-date information on products produced. The CIR program includes a group of mandatory and voluntary surveys. Typically the monthly and quarterly surveys are conducted on a voluntary basis. Those companies that choose not to respond to the voluntary surveys are required to submit a mandatory annual counterpart corresponding to the more frequent survey.

## NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM (NAICS), 1997

The adoption of the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) in the 1997 Economic Census has had a major impact on the comparability of current and historic data. Approximately half of the industries in the manufacturing sector of NAICS do not have comparable industries in the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system that was used in the past.

While most of the change affecting the manufacturing sector was change within the sector, some industries left manufacturing and others came into manufacturing. Prominent among those that left manufacturing are logging and portions of publishing. Prominent among the industries that came into the manufacturing sector are bakeries, candy stores where candy is made on the premises, custom tailors, makers of custom draperies, and tire retreading. The net effect of the classification changes are such that if the 1997 value of shipments data for all manufacturers were tabulated on an SIC basis, it would be approximately 3 percent higher.

Listed below are the NAICS sectors:

- 21 Mining
- 22 Utilities
- 23 Construction
- 31-33 Manufacturing
- 42 Wholesale Trade
- 44-45 Retail Trade
- 48-49 Transportation and Warehousing
- 51 Information
- 52 Finance and Insurance
- 53 Real Estate and Rental and Leasing
- 54 Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services
- 55 Management of Companies and Enterprises
- 56 Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services
- 61 Educational Services
- 62 Health Care and Social Assistance
- 71 Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation
- 72 Accommodation and Food Services
- 81 Other Services (except Public Administration)

(Not listed above are the Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting sector (NAICS 11), partially covered by the census of agriculture conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the Public Administration sector (NAICS 92), covered by the census of governments conducted by the Census Bureau.)

The 20 NAICS sectors are subdivided into 96 subsectors (three-digit codes), 313 industry groups (four-digit codes), and, as implemented in the United States, 1170 industries (five- and six-digit codes).

#### **FUNDING**

The Census Bureau funds most of the surveys. However, a number of surveys are paid for either fully or partially by other Federal Government agencies or private trade associations. A few surveys are mandated, but all are authorized by Title 13 of the United States Code.

### **RELIABILITY OF DATA**

Survey error may result from several sources including the inability to obtain information about all cases in the survey, response errors, definitional difficulties, differences in the interpretation of questions, mistakes in recording or coding the reported data, and other errors of collection, response, coverage, and estimation. These nonsampling errors also occur in complete censuses. Although no direct measurement of the biases due to these nonsampling errors has been obtained, precautionary steps were taken in all phases of the collection, processing, and tabulation of the data in an effort to minimize their influence.

A major source of bias in the published estimates is the imputing of data for nonrespondents, for late reporters, and for data that fail logic edits. Missing figures are imputed based on period-to-period movements shown by reporting firms. A figure is considered to be an impute if the value was not directly reported on the questionnaire, directly derived from other reported items, directly available from supplemental sources, or obtained from the respondent during the analytical review phase. Imputation generally is limited to a maximum of 10 percent for any one data cell. Figures with imputation rates greater than 10 percent are suppressed or footnoted. The imputation rate is not an explicit indicator of the potential error in published figures due to nonresponse, because the actual yearly movements for nonrespondents may or may not closely agree with the imputed movements. The range of difference between the actual and imputed figures is assumed to be small. The degree of uncertainty regarding the accuracy of the published data increases as the percentage of imputation increases. Figures with imputation rates above 10 percent should be used with caution.

#### **DATA REVISIONS**

Statistics for previous years may be revised as the result of corrected figures from respondents, late reports for which imputations were originally made, or other corrections. Data that have been revised by more than 5 percent from previously published data are indicated by footnotes.

#### **DISCLOSURE**

The Census Bureau collects the CIR data under the authority of Title 13, United States Code, which specifies that the information can only be used for statistical purposes and cannot be published or released in any manner that would identify a person, household, or establishment. "D" indicates that data in the cell have been suppressed to avoid disclosure of information pertaining to individual companies.

### **EXPLANATION OF GENERAL TERMS**

**Capacity.** The maximum quantity of a product that can be produced in a plant in 1 day if operating for 24 hours. Includes the capacity of idle plants until the plant is reported to be destroyed, dismantled, or abandoned.

**Consumption.** Materials used in producing or processing a product or otherwise removing the product from the inventory.

**Exports.** Includes all types of products shipped to foreign countries, or to agents or exporters for reshipment to foreign countries.

Gross shipments. The quantity or value of physical shipments from domestic establishments of all products sold, transferred to other establishments of the same company, or shipped on consignment, whether for domestic or export sale or use. Shipments of products purchased for resale are omitted. Shipments of products made under toll arrangements are included.

**Interplant transfers.** Shipments to other domestic plants within a company for further assembly, fabrication, or manufacture.

**Inventories.** The quantity or value of finished goods, work in progress, and materials on hand.

Machinery in place. The number of machines of a particular type in place as of a particular date whether the machinery was used for production, prototype, or sampling, or was idle. Machinery in place includes all machinery set up in operating positions.

**Net receipts.** Derived by subtracting the materials held at the end of the previous month from the sum of materials used during the current month.

**Production.** The total volume of products produced, including: products sold; products transferred or added to inventory after adjustments for breakage, shrinkage, and obsolescence, plus any other inventory adjustment; and products that undergo further manufacture at the same establishment.

**Quantities produced and consumed.** Quantities of each type of product produced by a company for internal consumption within that same company.

Quantity and value of new orders. The sales value of orders received during the current reporting period for products and services to be delivered immediately or at some future date. Also represents the net sales value of contract change documents that increase or decrease the sales value of the orders to which they are related, when the parties concerned are in substantial agreement as to the amount involved. Included as orders are only those that are supported by binding legal documents such as signed contracts or letter contracts.

Quantity and value of shipments. The figures on quantity and value of shipments represent physical shipments of all products sold, transferred to other establishments of the same company, or shipped on consignment, whether for domestic or export sale. The value represents the net sales price, f.o.b. plant, to the customer or branch to which the products are shipped, net of discounts, allowances, freight charges, and

returns. Shipments to a company's own branches are assigned the same value as comparable appropriate allocation of company overhead and profit. Products bought and resold without further manufacture are excluded.

**Stocks**. Total quantity of ending finished inventory.

**Unfilled orders (backlog)**. Calculated by adding net new orders and subtracting net sales from the backlog at the end of the preceding year.

### HISTORICAL NOTE

Data on inorganic fertilizer chemicals and sulfuric acid have been collected by the Census Bureau since 1941. Historical data may be obtained from Current Industrial Reports (called Facts for Industry before 1959) available at your local Federal Depository Library.