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NEVADA CONTINUES TO BE NATION'S TOP GOLD PRODUCER

Nevada's mines produced 5.47 million ounces of gold in 2016, according to reports compiled by the Nevada Division of Minerals. This total was up 2.4% from the 2015 production level of 5.34 million ounces. The average annual price of gold increased from \$1,160 per ounce in 2015 to \$1,251 per ounce in 2016.

Nevada continues to be the nation's top gold producing state, contributing 81% of the U.S. gold production. Nevada produced 5.5% of the total world gold production, outranked only by the countries of China, Russia, and Australia.

Silver production decreased 6% to 8.88 million ounces from the 2015 production level of 9.50 million ounces. The average annual price of silver increased from \$15.68 in 2015 to \$17.14 per ounce in 2016. Nevada's copper production in 2016 was 160 million pounds. The average price of copper was \$2.20 per pound in 2016.

Industrial mineral production in Nevada in 2016 included aggregates, barite, diatomite, dolomite, gypsum, lime and limestone, lithium compounds, magnesium compounds, molybdenite, opals, perlite, salt, silica sand, and specialty clays.