

Bentonite Output Attains New High

Washington, May 28.—(AP)—Bentonite production in the United States rose to a new peak of 763,889 short tons, valued at \$5,949,586, the bureau of mines reported Friday.

The output was 27 per cent over the previous record, set in 1946 and was nine times the production in 1930.

Wyoming and South Dakota furnished 58 per cent of the total tonnage. The figures: Wyoming 259,084 short tons, \$2,583,235; and South Dakota 186,450 short tons, \$2,070,659.

Major markets for bentonite are the foundry and petroleum industries. It is used for filtering and decolorizing oils, rotary drilling mud, foundry sand bond and other purposes.

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