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Shipments of dry common salt by Canadian producers amounted to 92,078 tons in December, 1955, compared with 92,833 tons in the previous month. The December, 1954, shipments totalled 56,816 tons.

Producers' usage and shipments of salt in brine totalled 44,463 tons in December 1955, and 40,777 tons for the month of December, 1954.

Salt Statistics, December, 1955, and Year to date, 1955

| | <u>Produced</u> | | <u>Shipped or used by producers</u> | | Producers' stocks at end of December |
|--|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | December 1955 | Year to date | December 1955 | Year to date | |
| | (Tons) | | | | |
| Dry salt: | | | | | |
| Fine vacuum salt | 32,471 | 430,791 | 33,177 | 429,663 | 10,915 |
| Coarse grainer salt | 23 | 1,248 | 40 | 1,232 | 30 |
| Mined rock salt | 57,540 | 305,142 | 57,542 | 300,623 | 1,292 |
| Salt recovered in chemical operations (*) | 1,541 | 17,756 | 1,319 | 16,005 | 4,286 |
| Total dry salt | 91,575 | 754,937 | 92,078 | 717,523 | 16,523 |
| Salt content of brines used and shipped | 44,463 | 533,052 | 44,463 | 533,052 | - |
| Total salt and salt content of brine | 136,038 | 1,287,989 | 136,541 | 1,280,575 | 16,523 |

| | <u>Month</u> | | <u>Year to date</u> | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|---------|---------------------|-----------|
| | Tons | \$ | Tons | \$ |
| Imports, all grades - November | 50,443 | 247,966 | 333,231 | 1,741,062 |
| December | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Exports, all grades - November | 37,381 | 278,496 | 122,220 | 815,799 |
| December | 24,251 | 184,702 | 146,470 | 1,000,501 |

(*) Shipped to chemical plants and other users.

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