



Copper

Copper - The United States is the world's largest copper producer. Copper is used in the production of some of the most important commodities used in everyday life in developing and developed nations. Copper is a major industrial metal because of its high ductility, malleability, thermal and electrical conductivity, and resistance to corrosion. It is an essential nutrient in one's daily diet, and due to its antimicrobial properties, copper is increasingly important in preventing infection. In 2011, the U.S. produced 1.1 million tons of copper, valued at more than \$10 billion. The states in copper production are Arizona, Utah, New Mexico, Nevada, and Montana – in descending order of production. Colorado does not currently produce copper. Today, copper has many uses, which include: plumbing, electrical wiring, circuits, power lines, TVs, microwaves, transportation equipment, beer brewing, distilling, and in the production of coins and vacuum tubes.

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