

# **Domestic Uranium Production Report Second-Quarter 2024**

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## Introduction

In this report, the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) reports U.S. uranium production from 2000 through the second quarter of 2024. Data in this report are based on information reported on Form EIA-851A, *Domestic Uranium Production Report (Annual)*, and Form EIA-851Q, *Domestic Uranium Production Report (Quarterly*).

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Definitions for terms used in this report are available in EIA's Energy Glossary.

### Second-quarter 2024

U.S. production of uranium concentrate ( $U_3O_8$ ) in the second quarter of 2024 totaled 97,709 pounds  $U_3O_8$ , an 18% increase from first quarter's production of 82,533 pounds  $U_3O_8$ , This quarter's total uranium production occurred at five facilities, four in Wyoming (Nichols Ranch ISR Project, Ross CPP, Lost Creek Project, and Smith Ranch-Highland Operation) and one in Texas (Rosita).

**Table 1. Total production of uranium concentrate in the United States** 

pounds U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>

Facility	Location	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024
	Johnson and Campbell,					
Nichols Ranch ISR Project	Wyoming	560	428	478	201	360
Ross CPP	Crook, Wyoming	2,483	<del>-</del>	<u>-</u>	1,293	362
Smith Ranch-Highland Operation	Converse, Wyoming	4,400	10,825	2,984	5,831	3,309
Lost Creek Project	Sweetwater, Wyoming	<u>-</u>	15,759	6,519	39,229	64,170
Crowe Butte Operation	Dawes, Nebraska	-	-	2,672	-	-
Rosita	Duval, Texas	-	-	-	35,979	29,508
Total production		7,443	27,012	12,653	82,533	97,709

Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration: Form EIA-851Q, Domestic Uranium Production Report (Quarterly)

Table 2. Number of uranium mills and plants producing uranium concentrate in the United States

Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration: Form EIA-851A, Domestic Uranium Production Report (Annual), and Form EIA-851Q, Domestic Uranium Production Report (Quarterly)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Milling uranium-bearing ore

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Not milling ore, but producing uranium concentrate from other (non-ore) materials

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Not including in-situ-recovery plants that only produced uranium concentrate from restoration

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Uranium concentrate as a byproduct from phosphate production

Table 3. U.S. uranium mills and heap leach facilities by owner, location, capacity, and operating status

			Capacity	Operating status at end of						
Owner	Mill and heap leach <sup>1</sup> facility name	County, state (existing and planned locations)	(short tons of ore per day)	2023	First-quarter 2024	Second-quarter 2024	Third-quarter 2024	Fourth- quarter 2024		
Anfield Resources Inc.	Shootaring Canyon Uranium Mill	Garfield, Utah	750	standby	standby	standby	_			
Aimeid Resources IIIe.		Otan	730	Standby	Stariuby	Standby				
		San Juan,								
EFR White Mesa LLC	White Mesa Mill	Utah	2,000	standby	standby	standby	-	-		
Energy Fuels Wyoming		Fremont,								
Inc	Sheep Mountain	Wyoming	725	undeveloped	undeveloped	undeveloped		-		
Kennecott Uranium Company/Wyoming	Sweetwater	Sweetwater,								
Coal Resource Company	Uranium Project	Wyoming	3,000	standby	standby	standby	-	-		

Total capacity 6,475

#### - = No data reported

Notes: Capacity for the second-quarter of 2024. An operating status of operating indicates the mill usually was producing uranium concentrate at the end of the period. Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration: Form EIA-851A, Domestic Uranium Production Report (Annual), and Form EIA-851Q, Domestic Uranium Production Report (Quarterly)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Heap leach solutions: The separation, or dissolving-out from mined rock, of the soluble uranium constituents by the natural action of percolating a prepared chemical solution through mounded (heaped) rock material. The mounded material usually contains low-grade mineralized material and/or waste rock produced from open pit or underground mines. The solutions are collected after percolation is completed, and the solutions are processed to recover the valued components.

Table 4. U.S. uranium in-situ recovery plants by owner, location, capacity, and operating status

		County, state (existing and	Production capacity (pounds	Operating status at end of				
In-situ recovery plant	In-situ recovery plant	planned	U3O8 per		First-quarter	Second-	Third-	Fourth-
owner	name	locations)	year)	2023	2024	quarter 2024	quarter 2024	quarter 2024
Uranium Energy	Reno Creek ISR Uranium	Campbell,		permitted	permitted	permitted		
Corporation	Project	Wyoming	2,000,000	and licensed	and licensed	and licensed	<del>-</del>	<del>-</del>
		Fall River and						
		Custer, South		permitted	permitted	permitted		
Azarga Uranium Corp	Dewey Burdock Project	Dakota	1,000,000	and licensed	and licensed	and licensed	<del>-</del>	<del>-</del>
Cameco	Crow Butte Operation	Dawes, Nebraska	1,000,000	standby	standby	standby	<del>-</del>	<del>-</del>
				partially	partially	partially		
		McKinley, New	4 000 000	permitted	permitted	permitted		
Hydro Resources, Inc.	Church Rock	Mexico	1,000,000	and licensed	and licensed	and licensed	<del>-</del>	
				partially	partially	partially		
		McKinley, New	4 000 000	permitted	permitted	permitted		
Hydro Resources, Inc.	Crownpoint	Mexico	1,000,000	and licensed	and licensed	and licensed	-	-
		Sweetwater,						
Lost Creek ISR LLC	Lost Creek Project	Wyoming	2,000,000	operating	operating	operating	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Mestena Uranium LLC	Alta Mesa Project	Brooks, Texas	1,500,000	standby	standby	standby		-
Pathfinder Mines		Carbon County,		permitted	permitted	permitted		
Corporation	Pathfinder Shirley Basin	Wyoming	2,000,000	and licensed	and licensed	and licensed	<del>_</del>	<b>-</b>
Power Resources, Inc.								
doing business as Cameco	Smith Ranch-Highland	Converse,						
Resources	Operation	Wyoming	5,500,000	operating	operating	operating	-	-
		<del></del>						
Uranium Energy	Hobson ISR Processing							
Corporation	Plant	Karnes, Texas	2,000,000	standby	standby	standby	-	-
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Uranium Energy	La Palangana ISR							
Corporation	Uranium Project	Duval, Texas	1,000,000	standby	standby	standby	-	-

Table 4. U.S. uranium in-situ-recovery plants by owner, location, capacity, and operating status (cont.)

		County, state (existing and	Production capacity (pounds	Operating status at end of					
In-situ recovery plant owner	In-situ recovery plant name	planned locations)	U3O8 per year)	2023	First-quarter 2024	Second- quarter 2024	Third-quarter 2024	Fourth- quarter 2024	
Strata Energy Inc Uranerz Energy	Ross CPP	Crook, Wyoming Johnson and	3,000,000	standby	standby	standby	<u>-</u>	-	
Corporation (An Energy Fuels company)	Nichols Ranch ISR Project	Campbell, Wyoming	2,000,000	standby	standby	standby	<del>-</del>	<u>-</u>	
URI, Inc. (an enCore Energy company)	Vasquez	Duval, Texas	1,000,000	reclamation	reclamation	reclamation	<u>-</u>	-	
URI, Inc. (an enCore Energy company)	Kingsville Dome	Kleberg, Texas	1,000,000	standby	standby	standby	-	-	
URI, Inc. (an enCore Energy company)	Rosita	Duval, Texas	1,000,000	standby	operating	operating	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	
Uranium Energy Corporation	Burke Hollow ISR Uranium Project	Bee County, Texas	1,000,000	permitted and licensed	permitted and licensed	permitted and licensed		-	
Uranium Energy Corporation	Goliad ISR Uranium Project	Goliad, Texas	1,000,000	permitted and licensed	permitted and licensed	permitted and licensed		<u>-</u>	
Uranium Energy Corporation	Jab and Antelope	Sweetwater, Wyoming	2,000,000	developing	developing	developing	<del>-</del>	-	
Uranium Energy Corporation	Moore Ranch	Campbell, Wyoming	3,000,000	permitted and licensed	permitted and licensed	permitted and licensed	<u>-</u>		
Uranium Energy Corporation	Willow Creek Project (Ludeman, Christensen Ranch and Irigaray)	Campbell and Johnson, Wyoming	1,300,000	standby	standby	standby	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	
Total production capacity			36,300,000						

Notes: Production capacity for the second-quarter of 2024. An operating status of operating indicates the in-situ recovery plant usually was producing uranium concentrate at the end of the period. Hobson ISR Plant processed uranium concentrate that came from La Palangana. Hobson and La Palangana are part of the same project. ISR stands for in-situ recovery. Ludeman, Christensen Ranch and Irigaray are part of the Willow Creek Project. Uranerz Energy has a tolling arrangement with Cameco Resources. Uranium is first processed at the Nichols Ranch plant and then transported to the Smith Ranch-Highland Operation plant for final processing into uranium concentrate. CPP stands for central processing plant.

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Figure 1. Uranium concentrate production in the United States, 2000 to second-quarter 2024

P = Preliminary data

pounds U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>

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