



MINERALS IN AVERAGE CUBIC MILE OF EARTH'S CRUST

Substance	Quantity, Short Tons	Prices (\$/T)*	Gross Value (x 1 million)	Years of "Reserves"***
Aluminum	898,000	\$ 682	\$612,000	64
Potash (K ₂ O)	342,000	46	15,700	589
Iron	546,000	122	66,700	0.41
Magnesium	228,000	1,160	264,000	1,640
Manganese	10,090	1,750	175,000	0.94
Zinc	1,420	718	1,020	0.43
Copper	765	1,540	1,180	0.14
Nickel	871	3,380	2,940	1.13

Source: "Understanding Mineral Resources" (Association of Professional Geological Scientists, 1975). Modified.

* Average 1974 metal prices.

** Estimated at present rate of consumption.