

Idaho Gold Production 1860-1866

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1960

<u>By Camp:</u>		<u>By Year:</u>	
Pierce	\$3,200,000	1860	\$80
Elk City and Dixie	\$2,700,000	1861	\$2,400,000
Newsome	\$400,000	1862	\$8,400,000
Florence	\$9,200,000	1863	\$9,800,000
Salmon River (bars)	\$800,000	1864	\$10,000,000
Warren's	\$4,500,000	1865	\$8,000,000
Clearwater Station	\$800,000	1866	\$8,000,000
Miller's Camp	\$200,000		
Boise Basin	\$20,000,000		
South Boise and Atlanta	\$800,000		
Owyhee	\$4,000,000		

An 1865 estimate of North Idaho production from the Weekly Mountaineer [The Dalles] was published in the Mining and Scientific Press [San Francisco], December 16, 1865:

Pierce	\$600,000	Warren's	\$750,000
Elk City	\$250,000	Clearwater Station	\$ 200,000
Florence	\$200,000	Salmon River (bars)	\$300,000
(includes Snake and Clearwater)			

An analysis of costs and total gold production at Pierce and Florence during those years (made by Ernest Oberbillig) indicate that at Pierce production costs took approximately 94% of the total yield; Florence, with its higher producing claims, returned a more generous profit of about 14% (with only about 86% of the gold going into costs) as compared with a 6% profit at Pierce.

Source: the production figures in these tables are primarily the work of Ernest Oberbillig and are based upon the investigation for a Nez Perce reservation mining claim. These estimates are a revision of his original Nez Perce report figures based upon a consideration of a similar report for the Indians by Phillip J. Shenon and Roy P. Full and upon subsequent consideration of

the problem. The totals for the three southern Idaho areas are much less reliable than are those for North Idaho and are preliminary in nature.

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