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Atlanta-Boise King	\$16,000,000	Mackay-Cooper Basin	15,000,000
Banner	3,000,000	Marshall Lake	2,000,000
Bayhorse-Clayton	42,000,000	Miller's Camp-Secesh	500,000
Bear Valley	12,800,000	Mineral City	800,000
Big Creek	400,000	Muldoon	200,000
Birch Creek-Viola	2,500,000	Neal	2,000,000
Blackbird-Cobalt	49,000,000	Newsome-Golden	2,940,000
Blackburn-Little Lost	2,000,000	Orogrande	640,000
Boise Basin	60,000,000	Owyhee	90,000,000
Boise Ridge	428,000	Palouse	340,000
Boise River	450,000	Patterson	10,000,000
Buffalo Hump	540,000	Pearl	400,000
Camas-Hailey GoldBelt	1,000,000	Pend d'Oreille	2,000,000
Cariboo Mountain	1,200,000	Pierce	8,000,000
Clark's Fork	2,500,000	Porthill	4,500,000
Coeur d'Alene	3,845,732,000	Rocky Bar-Pine	6,090,000
Deadwood	1,200,000	Salmon River Bars	2,500,000
Dixie	1,500,000	Seafoam-Greyhound	400,000
Elk City	16,000,000	Seven Devils-Heath	2,800,000
Florence	9,600,000	Shoup	1,900,000
Germania-Livingston	650,000	Snake River FineGold	2,000,000
Gibbonsville	2,000,000	South Mountain	1,900,000
Gilmore	11,600,000	Stanley	400,000
Indian Creek-Ulysses	600,000	Stibnite	53,000,000
Lava-Era	400,000	Thunder Mountain	500,000
Leadore	300,000	Vienna-Sawtooth City	800,000
Leesburg	5,420,000	Warren's	16,120,000
Lemhi	1,040,000	Weiser Mercury	8,000,000
Little Smoky	1,200,000	Wood River	62,000,000
Long Valley	3,500,000	Yankee Fork	12,000,000
Loon Creek	800,000	Yellow Jacket	500,000

Many of these totals are based largely upon reliable sources (usually Bureau of Mines or other governmental compilations), but some are of unknown accuracy. Most lode and dredge production figures are reliable, and almost all Idaho metal production is of those kinds. Less than 2% of the total production of \$4,405,590,000 are from sources of uncertain accuracy. This table must be used with great caution, since mineral prices--even for gold--varied greatly over the century the figures cover. Inflation has weighted the period since 1940 very heavily. Gold and silver prices after 1976 have fluctuated ten or twenty times as much. Boise Basin's gold values, for example, recently have risen to more than one or two billion dollars. Other major gold districts (Elk City, Florence, Leesburg, Pierce, Rocky Bar, Warren's, and Yankee Fork) have increased similarly. Silver prices have varied much more. Assignment of smelting values and federal support prices also affects some of these totals (such as Blackbird) to a marked degree.

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