The total value of coal produced in 2006 is estimated to be $974 million.

PRODUCTION
- Colorado is ranked 7th in coal production in the U.S.
- 10 Colorado coal mines produced 35,490,337 short tons of coal in 2006, the 4th best production year ever.
- Over 9.2 million short tons of coal were produced in Delta County in 2006.
- Bowie Mine #3 (Delta Co.), and King Coal Mine (La Plata Co.), set new coal production records in 2006.

COLORADO COAL QUALITY
- Coal produced in Colorado is low in sulfur and ash content.
- Colorado’s “clean coal” can be used at power plants without the added cost of washing.
- Coal produced in Colorado is low in mercury and arsenic.
- Western U.S. coal contains less sulfur than eastern coal.

EMPLOYMENT
- Colorado has 2,060 coal miners: the most since 1988.
- The average coal production is 8.52 tons per miner-hour, one of the most efficient rates in the nation.

Uses of coal
- Electricity generation in power plants
- Cement and steel-making processes
- Coalbed methane and coal gasification

Distribution and consumption
- 65.4 percent of Colorado’s coal is shipped by rail to Tennessee, Kentucky, Texas, Utah, Mississippi, and other states.
- 13 Colorado power plants consumed 19.37 million megawatt-hours of electricity. Most of this coal is from Colorado, but some is from Wyoming.

For more information on coal resources and coal mining visit:
- Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, http://mining.state.co.us/