

significant deposits of natural gas, uranium and peat. The total amount of lignite beneath North Dakota soil is estimated at 350 billion tons, of which some 10 to 32 billion tons are recoverable with current technology. Petroleum has been an important mineral for years. The state is currently estimated to have reserves of 179 million barrels, and recent oil recovery techniques have created a new oil exploration boom in the state.

Although manufacturing has accounted for a relatively modest portion of North Dakota's economy, its importance to the state's overall economic base has increased in recent years. Two major areas within manufacturing are related directly to agriculture: food processing and agricultural machinery manufacturing.

Canadian exports to the state in 1981 were \$565.4 million led by fertilizers, fertilizer materials, electricity, agricultural equipment and motor vehicle parts.

South Dakota

Rich farm and ranch lands are this state's leading natural resources. Agriculture is the state's number one source of income, providing a revenue of over \$2 billion in 1979. Livestock and livestock products provide 74 per cent of total farm income, and field crops account for 26 per cent. South Dakota ranks first in the production of rye and sweet clover in the U.S. and second in flax seed and oats, and it is the third largest grower of durum wheat and spring wheat. With respect to livestock production, South Dakota ranks fifth in beef cattle, sheep and lambs.

The western region of South Dakota is primarily a supplier of mineral resources, including beryllium concentrate, cement, lime, gold, gypsum, petroleum, lignite coal and a wide variety of other minerals. Total value of mineral production is relatively low at over \$100 million.

Manufacturing activities consist mainly of food processing, agricultural machinery manufacturing and wood products production.

South Dakota is Canada's smallest market in the area. Our exports to the state in 1981 were \$55.1 million, consisting principally of live animals, lumber, newsprint, fertilizer and agricultural equipment.