

# US Q1 BD production, inventories fall year on year

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US butadiene (BD) production in Q1 2014 declined by 11% compared to a year ago, while inventories fell by 44%, according to data released on Wednesday by the American Fuel and Petroleum Manufacturers (AFPM).

Compared to Q4 2013, production in Q1 2014 was down by 9.8%, and inventories fell by 5.5%.

AFPM's quarterly data is based on voluntary reports.

Major BD producers in the US include ExxonMobil, LyondellBasell, Shell Chemical and TPC Group.

## US BD (in thousand lb)

	Q1 2014	Q1 2013	Q4 2013
Production	710,352	799,776	787,338
Inventories	74,433	133,180	78,739

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