

Association & Industry News

Ready Mixed Concrete Production Statistics Updated Through February 2019

The estimated ready mixed concrete produced in February 2019 is 21 million cubic yards, 2% lower than that in February 2018. The estimated production in the U.S. for 2019 through February is 44 million cubic yards, 4.7% higher than that during the same period in 2018.

Ready mixed concrete production is estimated from cement shipments reported by the U.S. Geological Survey. More detail is available to NRMCA members by [clicking here](#).



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Buildings

Utah Hosts Insulating Concrete Forms (ICF) Contractor Training



The Utah Ready Mixed Concrete Association (URMCA) and the Insulating Concrete Forms Manufacturers Association (ICFMA) recently hosted an Insulated Concrete Forms (ICFs) installation training event. With Utah quickly gaining momentum in the construction of concrete structures utilizing ICFs (*see photo here*), local ready mixed concrete producers see the need to increase the infrastructure capacity of local installation contractors. Developers, architects and design build teams have determined that Insulated Concrete Forms (ICFs) are their method of choice for all forms of construction due to ICF attributes such as speed and safe construction, operation maintenance and energy savings, resilience, sound control and building insurance discounts. These benefits are creating ICF project demand, and with the recent groundbreakings of multiple ICF buildings in and around Salt Lake City, this training is delivering a knowledgeable contractor workforce that can augment their portfolios of construction services. Additionally, owners' representatives, architects, engineers, testing firms, concrete contractors and ready mix producers were in attendance, reports NRMCA Senior Director, Building Innovations, Patrick Matsche who also attended the event.



URMCA and the ICFMA successfully promoted the event to a standing room only capacity; interest exceeded the capacity (*see training classroom here*), so please look for a future E-NEWS item for information regarding a future training event.

[Build With Strength](#) has recently partnered with the Insulating Concrete Forms Manufacturers Association to launch ICF contractor training. The training is driven locally by NRMCA state affiliates and targets concrete contractors, framers, masons and other trades who will learn the techniques to expand their construction services portfolio and be more competitive in today's construction

marketplace. As part of the Build With Strength campaign, NRMCA promotes sustainable concrete solutions for buildings.

Photos courtesy of Patrk Matsche. For more information, contact him at pmatsche@nrmca.org or 415-672-5275.

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Engineering

ACI Webinar on Performance-Based Specifications for Concrete Scheduled for May 21

The American Concrete Institute (ACI) will host a Webinar titled *Performance-Based Specifications for Concrete* on Tuesday, May 21, from 1 to 2 p.m. Eastern time. NRMCA's Karthik Obla and Colin Lobo will discuss a general overview of performance-based specifications beginning with a review of the state of prescription in a sampling of project specifications. An approach to implement performance-based specifications consistent with ACI Codes and Specifications will be outlined. The attendee learning objectives are:

1. Relate the requirements in your specifications to industry standards;
2. Understand the benefits of performance-based specifications that support improved fresh and hardened concrete performance;
3. Evolve design office specifications to reduced prescription with alternative performance-based requirements; and
4. Recognize the synergy between performance-based specifications and quality, sustainability and cost.

[Click here](#) to learn more and register.



Calendar

A Look Ahead

**Please note that e-mail and direct links to each event listed below can be accessed from NRMCA's [Web site](#).*

November 11 - 15, Baltimore
Concrete Technologist Training and Certification "Short Course"
Email: Jessica Walgenbach, 240-485-1152

December 10 – 13, Orlando, FL
Plant Manager Certification Course
Email: Jessica Walgenbach, 240-485-1152



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January 14 – 16, Des Moines, IA
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