The statistics of cement output released by Digital Cement this month show that the national output reached 0.147 billion tonnes in April, an increase of 12.9% on a year on year basis.

The clinker output nationwide was 83,849.6 thousand tonnes in April, an increase of 10.74% compared to the same period last year. The accumulated output reached 0.289 billion tonnes, an increase of 11.14% on a year on year basis.

The cement output in April in the northwestern region was 9,234 thousand tonnes, an increase of 19.7% on the previous year, and an increase of 1.36 % from March alone. The accumulated output was 22,770 thousand tonnes, an increase of 23.1% on a year on year basis.

## **Table 1 Cement Output In April 2009**

Region	Output of April	Growth rate	Accumulated	Growth rate yoy(%)
	(thousand tonnes)	yoy(%)	output(thousand tonnes)	
National	146,776	12.9	428,907	13
East China	52,742	6.9	161,200	4.8
North China	16,585	13.2	41,789	7.1
Northeast	16,340	11.8	28,345	16.6
Central China	35,126	18.2	117,039	18.7
Northwest	9,234	19.7	22,770	23.1
Southwest	16,748	19.6	57,765	27.8

Source: Digital Cement (13 May 2009)