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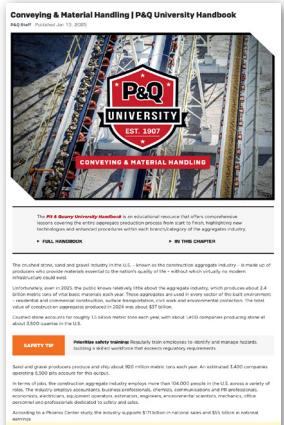
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The Pit & Quarry University Handbook provides clear lessons on the aggregate production process for new employees and anyone interested in crushed-stone or sand-and-gravel operations. It is based on the Pit & Quarry Handbook, first published in 1907 and updated over the years, and is widely used by aggregate producers across North America.

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and the early 2000s saw internal industry growth, as larger companies acquired and merged with smaller producers and multinational ownership appeared. The consolidation of producers continues to this day, with the industry's largest producers pursuing additional growth through acquisitions and diversification.”

Aggregate production hit an all-time high in 2006 at 3.09 billion metric tons of crushed stone, sand and gravel worth an estimated \$21 billion. The workforce at that time was made up of about 121,000 direct employees.

In 2007-08, with the advent of the Great Recession, producers were adversely affected and production fell off sharply as all sectors of the construction industry came, in many areas of the country, to a virtual halt.

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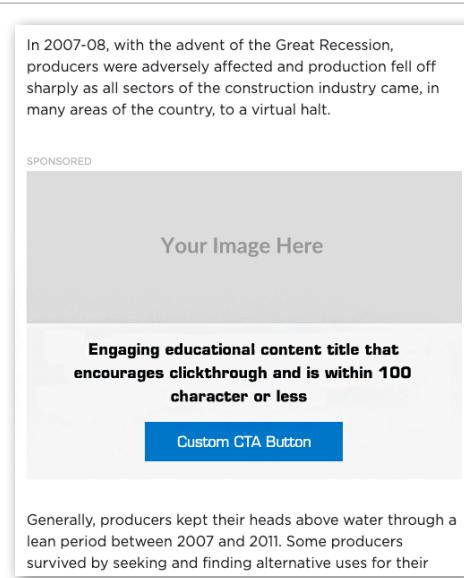
Generally, producers kept their heads above water through a lean period between 2007 and 2011. Some producers survived by seeking and finding alternative uses for their products and by downsizing or reducing production cycles.

Further complicating a recovery from the recession was the inability of Congress to come to grips with reauthorizing a long-term surface transportation program that included a fully funded federal highway system.

The years 2009, 2010 and 2011 were flat for the industry, but in 2012 production began inching up again as a slow recovery from the recession began to manifest itself. The industry's production gains continued year after year until 2013, when crushed stone and sand and gravel output began to trend downward.

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