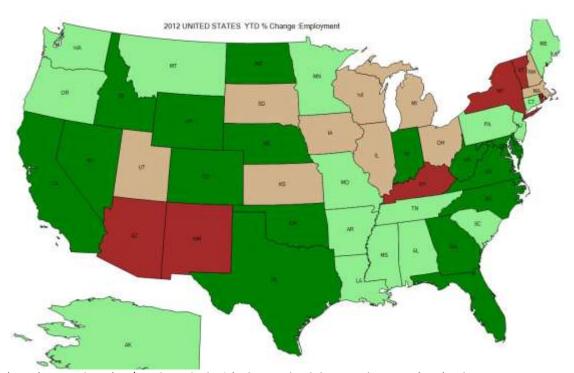
## **DCG Aggregates Forecast Comparison**

While the U.S. economy seems to be slowing down, the employment and construction results for the first half of the year are much improved from last year. Unfortunately winter quarters are frequently impacted by weather anomalies and 2012 fits that mold. The fast start to 2012 will not be sustained through the fall as a slowing world economy impacts job growth at home.

The map shows employment growth for the first four months of 2012. Most states are doing well, even California, Nevada and Florida. This shows that much of the real estate collapse is over. Energy producing states are doing especially well as fracking continues to expand into new gas fields. The decline in New York State is partly caused by new financial regulations and the blocking of new energy development in upstate New York.



Legend: Employment Growth Yr/Yr. Green 3+%, Light Green 1% to 3%, Tan -1% to 1, Dark Red -1% or greater.

Aggregates consumption will closely follow this map with California, Texas, North Dakota and others leading the way. However, things will slow by fall resulting in a flat to down year for aggregates for 2012 and continuing into 2013 as Washington, D.C. gridlock prevents any strong pro-growth policies from being enacted this year. Because our base case scenario assumes pro-growth policies will be implemented in 2013, aggregates growth takes off in 2014, driven mainly by private demand.

Billions of Metric Tons	2010	2011est	2012est	2013est	2014est
Aggregates	1.99	1.97	1.90	1.89	2.08
%Ch. Yr./Yr.	+2.5%	-1.0%	-3.6%	5%	+10.1%

\*DCG values differ a small amount from the USGS values because we add in estimates for a few areas where USGS does not report numbers in order not to reveal competitive information. They enter a W for the state values. USGS: W Withheld to avoid disclosing company proprietary data.

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