

Cuneiform Tablet at the University of Victoria, Brown Collection

Dates to the period of the Third Dynasty of Ur ("Ur III Period"), 2100-2000 BC.

This clay tablet is an administrative account of various copper tools and their weights, items which were issued under the seal of the governor of the city Umma. The tablet is dated to the first year of the reign of king Amar-Suen of Ur. There are a number of related tablets dealing with copper tools known

It is written in Sumerian language, 12 lines of cuneiform script, with impression of a cylinder seal. Nearly complete, with chip off the lower edge. Glossy black patina, unbaked.

Translation:

71 copper hoes weighing 39 $\frac{5}{6}$ minas, 4 shekels;

21 copper tools (weighing) 0.3390 Td (i)Tj 0.284 0 Td (n)Tj 0.503 g