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Imports and Exports of Brass Mill Products Fell in December 2015

U.S. imports and exports of brass mill products declined in December 2015 compared with the corresponding 2014 period.

Imports of brass mill products in December 2015 totaled 33,349,348 pounds compared to 39,110,098 in December 2014, a decrease of 15 percent. Exports totaled 16,599,163 pounds in December 2015, down from 18,709,058 in December 2014, a decrease of 11 percent.

For YTD 2015 through December, imports of brass mill products totaled 484,824,885 pounds compared to 526,286,667 pounds through December 2014 YTD, a decrease of 8 percent. Exports YTD 2015 totaled 244,102,732 pounds compared to 253,374,164 pounds in the same 2014 period, a decrease of 4 percent.

Mexico was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in December at 6,813,173 pounds followed by Canada at 4,251,176 pounds, Japan at 573,454, China at 569,386 pounds, and Thailand at 414,588 pounds.

Imports from Germany in December 2015 totaled 7,798,294 pounds, followed by South Korea at 5,170,241 pounds, Mexico at 4,066,248 pounds, Canada at 2,711,909 pounds, and Peru at 2,502,512 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 10,303,637 pounds while exports of those products totaled 6,641,331 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 11,864,163 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 3,118,909 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 7,876,044 pounds while exports totaled 4,730,758 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 3,305,504 pounds while exports totaled 2,108,164 pounds.

Brass mill products are widely used in building construction, automotive products and in electronic and electrical applications.

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