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### **Imports and Exports of Brass Mill Products Fell in December 2014**

U.S. imports and exports of brass mill products fell in December 2014 compared with the corresponding 2013 period.

Imports of brass mill products in December 2014 totaled 39,110,098 pounds compared to 39,375,221 in December 2013, a decrease of .67 percent. Exports totaled 18,709,058 pounds in December 2014, compared to 19,269,661 in December 2013, a 2.9 percent decrease.

For YTD 2014 through December, imports of brass mill products totaled 526,286,667 pounds compared to 491,867,713 pounds through December 2013 YTD, an increase of 7 percent. Exports YTD 2014 totaled 253,374,164 compared to 260,955,416 in the same 2013 period, a decrease of 2.9 percent.

Mexico was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in December at 6,882,433 pounds followed by Canada at 4,805,175 pounds, South Korea at 1,540,449 pounds, China at 922,059 pounds, and Japan at 480,069 pounds.

Imports from Germany in December 2014 totaled 8,743,331 pounds, followed by South Korea at 6,132,251 pounds, Mexico at 3,791,866 pounds, Peru at 3,068,662, and Canada at 2,896,507 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 12,468,997 pounds while exports of those products totaled 8,549,523 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 11,419,713 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 3,059,784 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 11,610,125 pounds while exports totaled 5,167,051 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 3,611,263 pounds while exports totaled 1,932,700 pounds.

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

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