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Imports and Exports of Brass Mill Products Fall in February 2011

U.S. imports and exports of brass mill products fell in February 2011 compared with the corresponding 2010 period.

Imports of brass mill products in February 2011 totaled 33,583,095 pounds compared to 34,333,993 in February 2010, a decrease of 2.2 percent. Exports totaled 16,429,515 pounds in February 2011, down from 18,944,194 in February 2010, a 13.3 percent decrease.

For YTD 2010 through February, imports of brass mill products totaled 70,671,586 pounds compared to 71,282,502 pounds during February 2010 YTD, a decrease of 0.8 percent. Exports YTD 2011 totaled 34,116,802 compared to 36,129,545 in the same 2010 period, a decrease of 5.6 percent.

Canada was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in February at 5,655,791 pounds followed by Mexico at 5,400,342 pounds, China at 821,939 pounds, Saudi Arabia at 452,179 pounds and South Korea at 402,747 pounds.

Imports from Germany in February 2011 totaled 6,226,379 pounds, followed by Mexico at 4,551,893 pounds, South Korea at 4,164,295 pounds, Canada at 3,301,263 pounds and China at 2,241,417 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 10,287,598 pounds while exports of those products totaled 6,477,534 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 11,557,494 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 3,991,018 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 9,192,666 pounds while exports totaled 3,902,168 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 2,545,336 pounds while exports totaled 2,058,792 pounds.

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

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