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**Imports of Brass Mill Products Fall While Exports Rise in April 2013**

U.S. imports of brass mill products fell in April 2013 compared with the corresponding 2012 period, while exports rose.

Imports of brass mill products in April 2013 totaled 43,472,496 pounds compared to 43,924,245 in April 2012, a decrease of 1.0 percent. Exports totaled 22,532,055 pounds in April 2013, up from 21,624,738 in April 2012, a 4.2 percent increase.

For 2013 through April, imports of brass mill products totaled 155,980,571 pounds compared to 163,471,630 pounds for April 2012 YTD, a decrease of 4.6 percent. Exports for April 2013 YTD totaled 84,358,653 pounds compared to 81,004,136 pounds for April 2012 YTD, an increase of 4.1 percent.

Mexico was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in April at 7,371,592 pounds followed by Canada at 6,931,648 pounds, South Korea at 1,615,011 pounds, China at 1,076,905 pounds and Saudi Arabia at 759,463 pounds.

Imports from Germany in April 2013 totaled 8,752,447 pounds, followed by South Korea at 7,331,009 pounds, Mexico at 4,517,710 pounds, China at 4,467,688 pounds and Canada at 3,484,595 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 11,367,367 pounds while exports of those products totaled 8,914,349 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 16,083,754 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 5,328,695 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 13,029,885 pounds while exports totaled 6,030,686 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 2,991,490 pounds while exports totaled 2,258,326 pounds.

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

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