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### **Imports and Exports of Brass Mill Products Fell in August 2015**

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

Imports of brass mill products in August 2015 totaled 38,136,494 pounds compared to 44,747,783 in August 2014, a decrease of 15 percent. Exports totaled 19,892,716 pounds in August 2015, down from 21,367,728 in August 2014, a decrease of 6.9 percent.

For YTD 2015 through August, imports of brass mill products totaled 343,120,904 pounds compared to 361,641,224 pounds through August 2014 YTD, a decrease of 5.1 percent. Exports YTD 2015 totaled 169,586,589 pounds compared to 173,542,737 pounds in the same 2014 period, a decrease of 2.3 percent.

Mexico was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in August at 8,337,142 pounds followed by Canada at 4,937,279 pounds, China at 962,925 pounds, Saudi Arabia at 691,321 pounds, and Japan at 568,868 pounds.

Imports from Germany in August 2015 totaled 9,278,306 pounds, followed by Mexico at 4,747,487 pounds, South Korea at 4,558,458 pounds, Canada at 4,008,922 pounds, and Peru at 2,173,925 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 12,354,702 pounds while exports of those products totaled 7,391,411 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 13,349,168 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 4,330,857 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 9,496,405 pounds while exports totaled 5,764,487 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 2,936,219 pounds while exports totaled 2,405,962 pounds.

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

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