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

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

Imports of brass mill products in September 2015 totaled 37,818,052 pounds compared to 41,725,435 in September 2014, a decrease of 9.4 percent. Exports totaled 18,920,700 pounds in September 2015, down from 20,654,582 in September 2014, a decrease of 8.4 percent.

For YTD 2015 through September, imports of brass mill products totaled 380,938,956 pounds compared to 403,366,658 pounds through September 2014 YTD, a decrease of 5.6 percent. Exports YTD 2015 totaled 188,507,288 pounds compared to 194,197,319 pounds in the same 2014 period, a decrease of 2.9 percent.

Mexico was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in September at 7,408,512 pounds followed by Canada at 5,097,785 pounds, United Arab Emirates at 729,149 pounds, Thailand at 655,895 pounds, and Saudi Arabia at 613,520 pounds.

Imports from Germany in September 2015 totaled 10,013,242 pounds, followed by Mexico at 4,702,747 pounds, South Korea at 4,603,516 pounds, Canada at 3,904,532 pounds, and Peru at 2,762,939 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 13,432,873 pounds while exports of those products totaled 7,160,005 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 12,573,232 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 3,609,230 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 8,034,581 pounds while exports totaled 5,918,805 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 3,777,366 pounds while exports totaled 2,232,660 pounds.

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

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