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Imports of Brass Mill Products Fall in September 2011; Exports Rise

U.S. imports of brass mill products fell in September 2011 compared with the corresponding 2010 period, while exports rose.

Imports of brass mill products in September 2011 totaled 36,974,658 pounds compared to 40,927,211 in September 2010, a decrease of 9.6 percent. Exports totaled 19,748,315 pounds in September 2011, up from 18,015,067 in September 2010, a 9.6 percent increase.

For YTD 2011 through September, imports of brass mill products totaled 366,442,351 pounds compared to 371,303,084 pounds through September 2010 YTD, a decrease of 1.3 percent. Exports YTD 2011 totaled 180,670,817 compared to 175,822,897 in the same 2010 period, an increase of 2.7 percent.

Canada was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in September at 7,043,765 pounds followed by Mexico at 5,654,171 pounds, China at 1,061,305 pounds, South Korea at 726,400 pounds and Taiwan at 423,638 pounds.

Imports from Germany in September 2011 totaled 7,910,389 pounds, followed by South Korea at 4,639,232 pounds, Mexico at 4,120,126 pounds, Canada at 4,051,605 pounds and China at 2,656,625 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 11,583,167 pounds while exports of those products totaled 8,199,260 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 12,732,105 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 4,260,033 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 10,200,970 pounds while exports totaled 5,089,901 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 2,458,416 pounds while exports totaled 2,199,122 pounds.

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

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