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

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

Imports of brass mill products in October 2011 totaled 39,216,606 pounds compared to 42,811,771 in October 2010, a decrease of 8.4 percent. Exports totaled 21,778,679 pounds in October 2011, up from 19,441,492 in October 2010, a 12.0 percent increase.

For YTD 2011 through October, imports of brass mill products totaled 405,658,957 pounds compared to 414,114,855 pounds through October 2010 YTD, a decrease of 2.0 percent. Exports YTD 2011 totaled 202,449,496 compared to 195,264,389 in the same 2010 period, an increase of 3.7 percent.

Canada was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in October at 7,434,390 pounds followed by Mexico at 6,371,226 pounds, China at 1,419,959 pounds, South Korea at 762,071 pounds and Saudi Arabia at 572,718 pounds.

Imports from Germany in October 2011 totaled 7,848,938 pounds, followed by Canada at 4,268,247 pounds, Mexico at 4,217,645 pounds, South Korea at 3,686,446 pounds and China at 3,074,165 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 12,654,598 pounds while exports of those products totaled 8,278,213 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 12,732,568 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 4,733,417 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 11,222,320 pounds while exports totaled 5,890,586 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 2,607,120 pounds while exports totaled 2,876,463 pounds.

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

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