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

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

Imports of brass mill products in November 2011 totaled 37,863,824 pounds compared to 44,493,083 in November 2010, a decrease of 14.9 percent. Exports totaled 18,865,437 pounds in November 2011, up from 17,426,658 in November 2010, an 8.2 percent increase.

For YTD 2011 through November, imports of brass mill products totaled 443,522,782 pounds compared to 458,607,938 pounds through November 2010 YTD, a decrease of 3.3 percent. Exports YTD 2011 totaled 221,314,933 compared to 212,691,047 in the same 2010 period, an increase of 4.0 percent.

Canada was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in November at 6,776,608 pounds followed by Mexico at 6,481,425 pounds, China at 930,372 pounds, South Korea at 494,600 pounds and Hong Kong at 475,691 pounds.

Imports from Germany in November 2011 totaled 8,049,162 pounds, followed by Canada at 4,059,561 pounds, Mexico at 3,478,828 pounds, South Korea at 3,472,823 pounds and China at 2,529,091 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 11,438,521 pounds while exports of those products totaled 7,104,568 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 12,879,368 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 4,390,024 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 11,015,021 pounds while exports totaled 5,154,476 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 2,530,914 pounds while exports totaled 2,216,368 pounds.

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

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