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Imports and Exports of Brass Mill Products Rise in February 2012

U.S. imports and exports of brass mill products rose in February 2012 compared with the corresponding 2011 period.

Imports of brass mill products in February 2012 totaled 36,021,612 pounds compared to 33,583,095 in February 2011, an increase of 7.3 percent. Exports totaled 19,347,506 pounds in February 2012, up from 16,429,515 in February 2011, a 17.8 percent increase.

For YTD 2012 through February, imports of brass mill products totaled 76,026,319 pounds compared to 70,671,586 pounds during February 2011 YTD, an increase of 7.6 percent. Exports YTD 2012 totaled 38,146,661 compared to 34,116,802 in the same 2011 period, an increase of 11.8 percent.

Mexico was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in February at 6,954,442 pounds followed by Canada at 6,809,013 pounds, China at 950,846 pounds, Saudi Arabia at 716,905 pounds and South Korea at 526,573 pounds.

Imports from Germany in February 2012 totaled 7,325,443 pounds, followed by Canada at 4,491,628 pounds, South Korea at 4,286,969 pounds, Mexico at 4,273,985 pounds and China at 3,423,058 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 11,121,724 pounds while exports of those products totaled 7,699,821 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 11,819,066 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 4,999,111 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 10,507,006 pounds while exports totaled 4,759,450 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 2,573,815 pounds while exports totaled 1,889,124 pounds.

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

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