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Imports and Exports of Brass Mill Products Fall in March 2012

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

Imports of brass mill products in March 2012 totaled 43,521,066 pounds compared to 43,933,141 in March 2011, a decrease of 0.9 percent. Exports totaled 21,232,736 pounds in March 2012, down from 24,044,247 in March 2011, an 11.7 percent decrease.

For YTD 2012 through March, imports of brass mill products totaled 119,547,385 pounds compared to 114,604,727 pounds during March 2011 YTD, an increase of 4.3 percent. Exports YTD 2012 totaled 59,379,397 compared to 58,161,050 in the same 2011 period, an increase of 2.1 percent.

Canada was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in March at 7,241,018 pounds followed by Mexico at 6,836,429 pounds, China at 1,416,237 pounds, Saudi Arabia at 929,338 pounds and South Korea at 607,343 pounds.

Imports from Germany in March 2012 totaled 9,745,015 pounds, followed by South Korea at 5,630,209 pounds, Mexico at 4,445,728 pounds, China at 3,785,946 pounds and Canada at 3,682,751 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 13,596,769 pounds while exports of those products totaled 8,194,503 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 13,348,796 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 5,705,328 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 13,166,253 pounds while exports totaled 5,326,160 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 3,409,249 pounds while exports totaled 2,006,746 pounds.

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

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