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Imports and Exports of Brass Mill Products Rise in April 2012

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

Imports of brass mill products in April 2012 totaled 43,924,245 pounds compared to 41,363,677 in April 2011, an increase of 5.5 percent. Exports totaled 21,624,738 pounds in April 2012, up from 20,128,450 in April 2011, a 7.4 percent increase.

For YTD 2012 through April, imports of brass mill products totaled 163,471,630 pounds compared to 155,968,404 pounds during April 2011 YTD, an increase of 4.8 percent. Exports YTD 2012 totaled 81,004,136 compared to 78,289,499 in the same 2011 period, an increase of 3.5 percent.

Mexico was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in April at 7,295,264 pounds followed by Canada at 6,915,671 pounds, South Korea at 1,430,016 pounds, China at 836,028 pounds and Saudi Arabia at 661,647 pounds.

Imports from Germany in April 2012 totaled 9,038,417 pounds, followed by South Korea at 6,321,397 pounds, Mexico at 4,051,272 pounds, Canada at 3,753,367 pounds and China at 3,540,235 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 14,217,066 pounds while exports of those products totaled 8,670,319 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 13,731,924 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 5,839,831 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 12,122,339 pounds while exports totaled 4,869,498 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 3,852,915 pounds while exports totaled 2,245,090 pounds.

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

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