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Imports and Exports of Brass Mill Products Rise in May 2012

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

Imports of brass mill products in May 2012 totaled 46,494,895 pounds compared to 43,863,445 in May 2011, an increase of 6.0 percent. Exports totaled 22,278,947 pounds in May 2012, up from 20,988,848 in May 2011, a 6.1 percent increase.

For YTD 2012 through May, imports of brass mill products totaled 209,966,525 pounds compared to 199,831,849 pounds during May 2011 YTD, an increase of 5.1 percent. Exports YTD 2012 totaled 103,283,083 compared to 99,278,347 in the same 2011 period, an increase of 4.0 percent.

Canada was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in May at 8,200,016 pounds followed by Mexico at 7,064,365 pounds, China at 1,186,031 pounds, South Korea at 901,390 pounds and Saudi Arabia at 596,880 pounds.

Imports from Germany in May 2012 totaled 9,253,595 pounds, followed by South Korea at 7,302,023 pounds, Mexico at 5,003,783 pounds, China at 4,760,146 pounds and Canada at 4,271,274 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 14,275,193 pounds while exports of those products totaled 8,679,453 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 16,554,601 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 5,664,740 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 12,178,533 pounds while exports totaled 5,891,439 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 3,486,568 pounds while exports totaled 2,043,316 pounds.

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

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