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Imports of Brass Mill Products Fall in June 2012, Exports Rise

U.S. imports of brass mill products fell in June 2012 compared with the corresponding 2011 period, while exports rose.

Imports of brass mill products in June 2012 totaled 44,987,577 pounds compared to 45,629,054 in June 2011, a decrease of 1.4 percent. Exports totaled 22,074,578 pounds in June 2012, up from 21,177,983 in June 2011, a 4.2 percent increase.

For YTD 2012 through June, imports of brass mill products totaled 254,954,102 pounds compared to 245,460,903 pounds during June 2011 YTD, an increase of 3.9 percent. Exports YTD 2012 totaled 125,357,661 compared to 120,456,330 in the same 2011 period, an increase of 4.1 percent.

Canada was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in June at 7,754,998 pounds followed by Mexico at 6,383,313 pounds, China at 1,151,663 pounds, South Korea at 1,126,729 pounds and Saudi Arabia at 690,185 pounds.

Imports from Germany in June 2012 totaled 7,247,748 pounds, followed by South Korea at 5,882,744 pounds, China at 5,301,040 pounds, Mexico at 4,738,173 pounds and Canada at 3,815,874 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 12,041,946 pounds while exports of those products totaled 8,498,565 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 16,357,553 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 6,312,700 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 13,397,033 pounds while exports totaled 5,411,636 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 3,191,046 pounds while exports totaled 1,851,677 pounds.

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

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