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

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

Imports of brass mill products in July 2012 totaled 43,718,349 pounds compared to 43,500,945 in July 2011, an increase of 0.5 percent. Exports totaled 19,581,317 pounds in July 2012, down from 20,405,284 in July 2011, a 4.0 percent decrease.

For YTD 2012 through July, imports of brass mill products totaled 298,672,451 pounds compared to 288,961,847 pounds during July 2011 YTD, an increase of 3.4 percent. Exports YTD 2012 totaled 144,938,978 compared to 140,861,614 in the same 2011 period, an increase of 2.9 percent.

Canada was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in July at 7,259,490 pounds followed by Mexico at 6,387,429 pounds, South Korea at 1,075,948 pounds, China at 966,528 pounds and Taiwan at 454,641 pounds.

Imports from Germany in July 2012 totaled 9,272,400 pounds, followed by South Korea at 5,941,633 pounds, Mexico at 4,733,168 pounds, China at 3,681,129 pounds and Canada at 3,550,927 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 12,975,786 pounds while exports of those products totaled 7,668,093 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 16,180,081 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 5,058,197 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 10,366,956 pounds while exports totaled 5,272,508 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 4,195,526 pounds while exports totaled 1,582,519 pounds.

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

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